

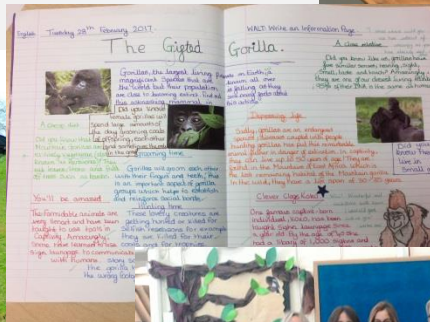


Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It was lovely to see the children dressed as their favourite book character yesterday for World Book Day. It has been an exciting week all round. You may have heard the news that a 'gorilla' has been causing havoc in and around our school. Even the local media, including Points West and West Country News, picked up the news! After interrupting our assembly on Monday and carting me off in a wheel barrow in front of our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children, it visited our Early Years classes - much to the delight of the children. Our children were inspired to produce some wonderful writing ranging from creating Wanted posters; to letters to the gorilla requesting my release; to natural history reports on gorillas and balanced arguments examining whether it is right to keep gorillas in captivity. You can see more images of World Book Day and some of our children's work on our twitter feed and on the school website under Our Galleries.



We have more exciting events planned over the next few weeks...

Science Week

10th March - 19th March is British Science Week. We will be celebrating by carrying out short mini experiments throughout the week on theme 'I see... I think.... I wonder....'



Head Teacher Awards

Cody Derrick Oliver Whittock

Aaron Hulford Reuben Olsen

Declan Coe Georgia Chard

Olivia Lines Kavin Holborn

Eva Merko Rhys Wood

Nikola Mikolajczyk



Gold Awards



For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

- Leo Fricker Immy Isaacs
- Blake Hagan Freddie Wearer
- Abigail Pyatt Jack Phullips
- Flynn George Lewis Gale



Birthdays



- Joe Jones Eva Merko Rose Wood
- Lily Middleton Archie Tamblin
- Aimee Michell Harvey Spencer
- Ella-Rose Bailey

Year 4 Camp

Year 4 go away for three days and two nights 15th March - 17th March for an exciting programme of outdoor activities at Greatwood, in Somerset.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on Friday 24th March. Our Champions of Change have been working hard to plan an exciting fun-filled day. Please see the letter sent home for more details. I had better begin dusting off and rehearsing my best jokes!

Reception Reading/Phonics Workshop

Our Reception teachers are holding a Reading/Phonics workshop on Monday 6th March at 6:00pm.

Trips

School trips and visitors help enhance the school curriculum - inspiring the children, broadening their horizons and leading to better and deeper learning. No child will ever miss out on participating on a trip; however, there was a shortfall of over £500 in voluntary donations over the last year. To put this in perspective, due to budgetary constraints as a result of cuts to funding, our entire budget for English resources last year was £300. As these events depend on additional voluntary donations, we aim to minimise the financial cost to parents but it may be the case that a trip needs to be cancelled if insufficient donations are not received.

Financial constraints on schools

There is wide spread concern about the long term impact of cuts to education funding over the next few years. All the teaching unions, the head teachers unions and UNITE have launched a campaign to persuade the government that these cuts are not sustainable and will impact on children's learning and well-being with not only staffing budgets but curriculum budgets and mental health provision affected. Within BANES, schools stand to lose £6,744,360, equivalent to 181 teachers by 2020! You can find out more information about the scale and the impact of the cuts at <http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk/> . I would like to ask parents to join the campaign by signing a petition <http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk/#/contact-us> .

Thank you for all of your support.
Have a great weekend,
Alun Randell
Head Teacher

Attendance Champions of the week

Joint 1 st	Jupiter	100%
	Saturn	100%
Joint 3 rd	Neptune Mercury Mars	98.3%

Well done everybody!



News



Don't forget that you can catch up with what's going on in school on our twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>

Letters home this week:

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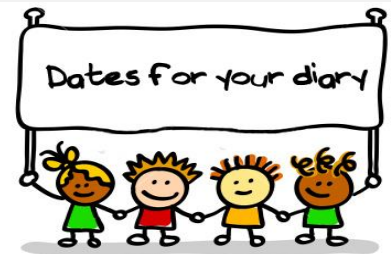
Year 3/4 Roman Baths

Year 3/4 Football Festival

KS1 Dance Umbrella Info

KS2 Dance Umbrella Info

All letters are uploaded to the school website



13-17 Mar Science Week

15-17 Mar Y4 Camp

Thu 23 Mar - KS1 Dance Umbrella performance at Bath Forum

Fri 24 Mar - Red Nose Day

Mon 27 Mar - KS2 Dance

Umbrella performance at Bath Forum

Thu 6 Apr Y3/4 Trip to Roman Baths

Fri 7 Apr - T4 ends