

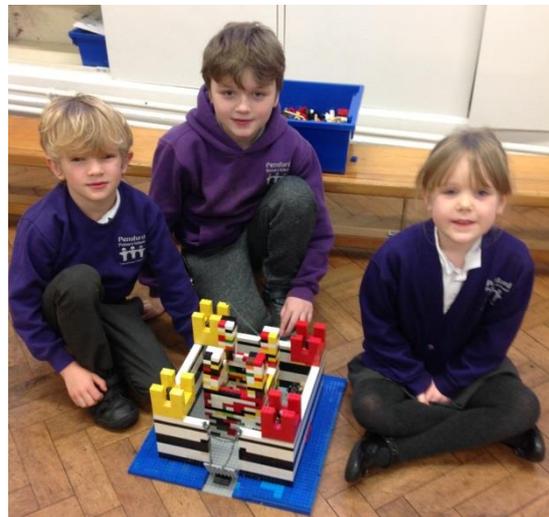
Newsletter – 12th January 2018

We are proud to say...

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stars of the week in Dragonfly are: Oscar and Jack• Star of the week in Otter is: Oscar and Lucy• Stars of the week in Kingfisher are: Devon and Genevieve• Headteacher awards: Alfie S, Lucas and Cordelia• Best class attendance: Kingfisher
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A message from Mr Barton

It's been good so see our plans for the term taking off this week, with all the improvements and adjustments to school slotting in to place. Our new programme of after school clubs has been running and I'm so glad that we are able to offer a range of activities incorporating a range of sports, art, music and now 'Farm Club'. Parents have also been making use of our new start time of 8:30am for those who only need a short amount of childcare in the morning for a lower cost. The club still operates its usual charging from 7:30 and from 8:00 as well. This week the children completed a Lego project, building a castle, as you can see.



It's also been really good to have our secondary Bath Spa Teachers in for the week, observing primary practice as part of their course, training to teach in secondary schools. They've got involved with school and music specialist Miss Lines even took assembly on Tuesday, showing the children a range of instruments. An impromptu piano lesson then took place at lunchtime, which was great!

Our new topics are in place too, and you can find out more about what each class has been doing from their class pages on the website.

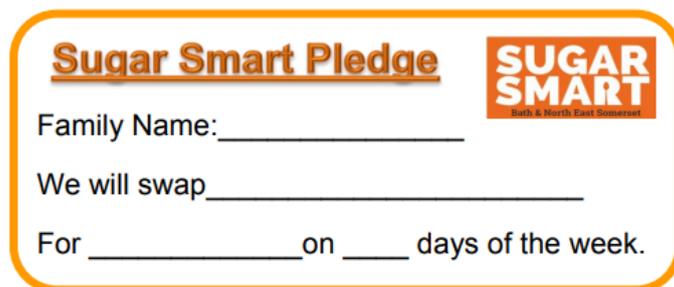
Finally I'd like to warmly welcome three new pupils. Roxanne (Dragonfly) and Finn (Kingfisher) have started this week and we are looking forward to Fletcher starting in Otter on Monday.

Have a very good weekend,

Mr Barton

Sugar Smart

As promised, Mr Barton delivered an assembly about the 'Sugar Smart' campaign. Pensford have joined in with this because under our first value of 'Happiness' we seek to promote healthy lifestyles for mind and body. If your family are up for a Sugar Smart challenge then there are some really good 'swaps' suggested [here](#). You can really help our school become an active part of the campaign by telling us about any sugar-swaps that you or your family members are trying. Children or parents can collect a 'Sugar Smart Pledge' card to let us know what you are doing. As you can see, they're really quick and easy to fill in:



The image shows a 'Sugar Smart Pledge' card. It has a rounded rectangular shape with an orange border. At the top left, the text 'Sugar Smart Pledge' is written in orange. To the right of this text is a logo for 'SUGAR SMART' in white text on an orange background, with 'Bath & North East Somerset' written in smaller text below it. Below the title, there are three lines of text with blank lines for input: 'Family Name: _____', 'We will swap _____', and 'For _____ on _____ days of the week.'

Football – Pensford v Winford

Our football team played their last league game on Wednesday and achieved an impressive 5-1 win against East Harptree. This means that they have played 5, won 3, drawn 1 and lost just one game. Other teams are yet to arrange and play their remaining fixtures so we will await the outcome of the league and let you know how we get on. Congratulations to Mr Miller and the whole squad for another very impressive performance.

Netball – Whitchurch A v Pensford B

We're really pleased that the interest in netball has grown so rapidly this year that we are able to run two teams. Our B team took on a strong team from Whitchurch on Thursday this week. Despite losing the match, the team were a credit to Pensford and have gained a lot from their experience against strong opposition in their first match away from home. Thanks again to Mrs Rawlinson for all the work she is doing for both teams and to the parents involved for their great support. Mrs Rawlinson reported that the team played superbly well and in a very sporting way.

Scholastic Book Fair

The school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the last week of Term 3 where you will be able to stock up on popular titles at competitive prices. More details to follow nearer the time.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Children's cycle skills sessions at the Family Cycling Centre

The Bristol Family Cycling Centre in Hengrove is running a course of cycling skills sessions for children aged 7 to 12 who can already ride, led by British Cycling-qualified coaches. This is in addition to the range of learn-to-ride, disability-friendly and family sessions that take place at the Centre.

The course uses fun games to improve bike handling skills. It is great for those wishing to get more confident on their bike ready for independent riding on the roads as well as would-be racers.

Children will work in two groups, based on cycling experience. Example exercises for Group 1 include weaving through cones, practising cornering, cycling in an ever-smaller space and slow races. Group 2 will do similar games but with more confidence/speed. They may also practise passing things to each other while riding, riding while holding each other's shoulders, drafting and close riding, sprint starts etc. The sessions may also include some fun, handicapped races.

The sessions are run on our traffic-free track and paths. Children can bring their own bike or use one of the Centre's.

The course runs on Saturday mornings (February 3;10;17 and March 3;10;24) from 9am to 10am. It costs £30 (£15 for children eligible for free school meals).

Please book a place via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). More information and links for booking are on our website www.betterbybike.info/familycyclingcentre and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/familycyclingcentre>.

Do get in touch if you have any questions.

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