STEM week
This has been a great success, we’re so grateful to the many parents and relations who came in and spoke to the pupils about their jobs or gave fun and interesting presentations to inspire. The children really have loved it. We’ve had doctors, nurses, paramedics, police, engineers, vets, the list goes on! Many thanks of course to Mrs Ellis who gave up a lot of time to organise it all. The organisation also included a timetable of fun activities for the children to be doing in classes. You’ll be pleased to know the Junior now know how to make slime!!

If ever you think you could offer the school something along these lines, let us know! We’ll make you welcome.

UNCRC Article 36: Your right to be protected from doing things that could harm you

Our value for the month of May is Courage
Dogs
Teachers and parents have voiced their concerns that more dogs are being brought onto the school site in the morning and being tethered to posts and railings. Some are barking at all the children and parents walking past. Please do not bring dogs onto the grounds when pupils are here.

“Can we show you our work?”
On Friday 8th we will have a morning where you can book an appointment to come in and talk through your child’s books—with your child. The teacher won’t be present, so you can take 20mins to relax and enjoy looking through the books together. The pupils are understandably proud of the work they do in school and will no doubt be delighted to point out how hard they have worked! If you are able to make it, you’d be most welcome bring gran and grandad too! It’s a trial so bare with us!

The BIG work day!
We plan to have a big work day on **Tuesday in half term**. The more hands the better. Rain or shine come along. Let’s get a great community spirit happening to improve the school grounds. Even if you can only come for half an hour and clean 2 windows—it really will help. (If you want to do a different day—ASK!!)

GDPR
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Data protection law in the UK is changing in May 2018. Accompanying the newsletter this week is an infographic explaining what schools are doing to get ready for the new rules. This link will take you to a short video that also explains about the changes
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ua_LzUJ_wu8&t=1s

Not much will change for schools as we have strict data protection processes in place already. A lot of the work carried out by the school will not require your consent as it forms part of the daily functions of a school. However, we will require your consent for certain additional aspects and will be in contact over the coming weeks as we work to become compliant with the new regulations. A consent form regarding useful additional features provided by Hwb will be sent home soon.
The Headteachers within the Bishopston cluster are working closely on this. All consent forms you receive in the coming weeks will be the same across the cluster of schools to ensure consistency of approach and in the long term ease of transition to Bishopston Comprehensive School.
Ben’s Climbing Talent
Ben Thompson is a phenomenal climber! He has taken part in competition representing Wales. In the competition Ben came 5th out of the whole of the UK! We got this shot of our future star nimbly working his way across the climbing wall! Pretty impressive.
In the competition for Wales Ben came 1st—YES 1st! He also came 1st in his second competition and 2nd in his third competition. This guy is going places—somewhere very high up—watch this space.

The Website
We’d like your feedback on the school website. A lot of work has gone into it, what are your thoughts? And how could it be improved?
Click here to visit the website
Click here to answer a 5 question questionnaire! 2mins of your time! If you are negative, no problem but please do let us know why... if we can find a solution to issues we really will!

The Calendar
We want to keep improving communication, if you haven’t already, then click this button to get the school calendar on your phone.

Safety reminders
- Please don’t drive up the drive to pick up and drop off unless there is good reason (not extra curricular clubs!)
- If you do drive up the drive PLEASE be slow—too many racers!
- Keep encouraging one another to use the path over the drive
- Please don’t upset neighbours with parking. We’ve been told parents are using terrible language in front of children, falling out over parking in Wellfield Road.
- If your child is in the Infants (not Nursery) and you come to pick them up or drop-off during the day, please go to the main entrance of the Infants, ring the bell and wait until someone has come to take you to your destination. Teachers are understandably concerned that people walking around the place, inside or outside, without a staff member with them.