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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the final week of Term 1 – I just want to say thank you! Thank you to the staff for welcoming me into North Road, their hard work and their dedication to the school. I also want to say thank you to you – the parents and children – I honestly feel like I have been here for years. Roll on Term 2 and Christmas!

Mr Steve Pavey

'STARS OF NORTH ROAD'



This week's 'Stars of North Road' assembly took place this afternoon, our superstars were Abd'Hazim from Pluto, Hallie from Mars Class, Jake from

Neptune Class and Spencer from Jupiter Class. Their reward will be to have hot chocolate and marshmallows with me at 2:40pm on Monday. Very exciting!

WORLD CHAMPION!

Our very own Poppy became a **World Karate Champion** last Sunday. Poppy competed at the World Union of Martial Arts Federation (WUMF) World Championships in London, alongside more than 1,000 competitors from 30 countries around the world. Proudly representing Wales as part of a



three-person team alongside her older sister Bella and teammate Calum, Poppy delivered an outstanding performance, winning Gold and becoming a World Karate Champion! As if that wasn't enough, Poppy also secured a bronze medal in her

individual event, competing in the highest-level category for 3rd Kyu through to Dan grades (brown and black belts). Achieving a podium finish against competitors of such a high standard makes this an especially impressive accomplishment.

This is another remarkable milestone in what a great year for Poppy has already been, having become Welsh Champion back in June. **Well done, Poppy! We are incredible proud of you!**



BELLA – OUR SCHOOL DOG

Bella is a 10-year-old Cockapoo who lives with Mr Pavey, and she's already shown herself to be affectionate, friendly and full of character. She'll begin visiting school for short sessions (starting this Friday) so she can get used to the environment and we can see how well she settles into school life. I've seen first hand how valuable a school dog can be, and research backs this up too. Dogs in school can help with:

- Reducing anxiety and supporting wellbeing
- Encouraging attendance
- Easing exam stress
- Building confidence and responsibility
- Improving reading confidence (dogs make brilliant listeners!)
- Adding warmth and positivity to the school atmosphere

On **Friday 23rd September**, my daughter, Miya, will be bringing Bella into school to walk around and get used to our environment. There will be a baby stair gate on my door to keep Bella in my office. So, please come and say hello to her!

We know that not everyone feels comfortable around dogs, and that's fine. No learner will ever need to have close contact with Bella unless they choose to. ***If your child has allergies or any concerns, please contact Mr Pavey, who will be happy to talk things through.***

ART PROJECT WITH YATE TOWN

Our first art project has been confirmed. On **Saturday 7th November**, we will be taking our children to Yate Town vs Gloucester City. To attend the game, your child needs to make a flag by **Friday 6th November** which includes:

- A School Value
- The School Badge
- Yate Town FC Badge

We will then walk out with players, meet the players, go on to the pitch and wave our fabulous flags. ***Children will be able to attend the match for free, and adults will be half price.***

