

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 23rd February 2024



IT'S OFFICIAL!!



Court Fields School is thrilled to announce the formal approval of plans to construct a cutting-edge, all-weather 3G pitch on its premises. The development has received planning consent and a £737k grant from the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation, in what is a major sporting boost for both the school and the local Wellington community.

The Headteacher, Mrs Polly Matthews, expressed her delight at the green light from the Football Foundation and planners, stating, "We were absolutely thrilled that, following the support from our local community, planning consent was granted at the end of 2023. I'm especially grateful to all the sports groups, parents and community members who took the time to submit letters of support for the application."

Mrs Matthews said "The next step in the process was obtaining final approval from the Football Foundation and I am thrilled to announce that this was signed off last week. This facility will have a significant impact on the quality and quantity of sports and recreational provision in the Wellington community, helping us to develop and improve the sports skills, health and wellbeing of all ages, as they benefit from a much-needed facility in the area."

Mrs Matthews highlighted the positive impact of the forthcoming 3G pitch, explaining, "This all-weather 3G pitch will allow us to cater for the physical educational needs, sports training and recreation of our students and community all-year-round. While the primary goal of the 3G pitch is to increase grassroots football and rugby, it will allow children, young people and those of all ages and abilities to enjoy a wide range of participation opportunities."

The £1.1 million project has secured funding from various sources, including the Football Foundation, Somerset Council, the Bishop Fox's Educational Foundation, Wellington Town Council and capital expenditure from the school. The comprehensive budget covers the construction of the multi-use pitch, equipment for ongoing care and maintenance machinery for the school's grass pitches.

Mrs Matthews emphasised the broader impact of the facility, stating, "The facility is integral to the area's playing pitch strategy and will be available for use during the school day, for sports tournaments and festivals, as well as evenings and weekends for lettings, training and community events. It will help us to not only support children's educational needs, but promote a healthy lifestyle and encourage a wider demographic to take full advantage of this fantastic facility, including increasing female, disability and over 55's participation. I'd like to thank those in the school, the Blackdown Education Partnership, the community and in those external organisations who have worked with us to make this exciting project a reality."

Work on the 3G pitch is expected to commence quickly in Spring 2024, with an anticipated opening in the Autumn, marking a significant milestone for Court Fields School and the Wellington community.

Robert Sullivan, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation, said: "The Football Foundation is working closely with our partners – the Premier League, The FA and Government – to transform the quality of grassroots facilities in England by delivering projects like this across the country."

"Good quality playing facilities have a transformative impact on physical and mental health and play an important role in bringing people together and strengthening local communities."

"This grant award to Court Fields School, towards developing a new 3G pitch at the site is fantastic news for the local community and will help give more people access to a great place to play."



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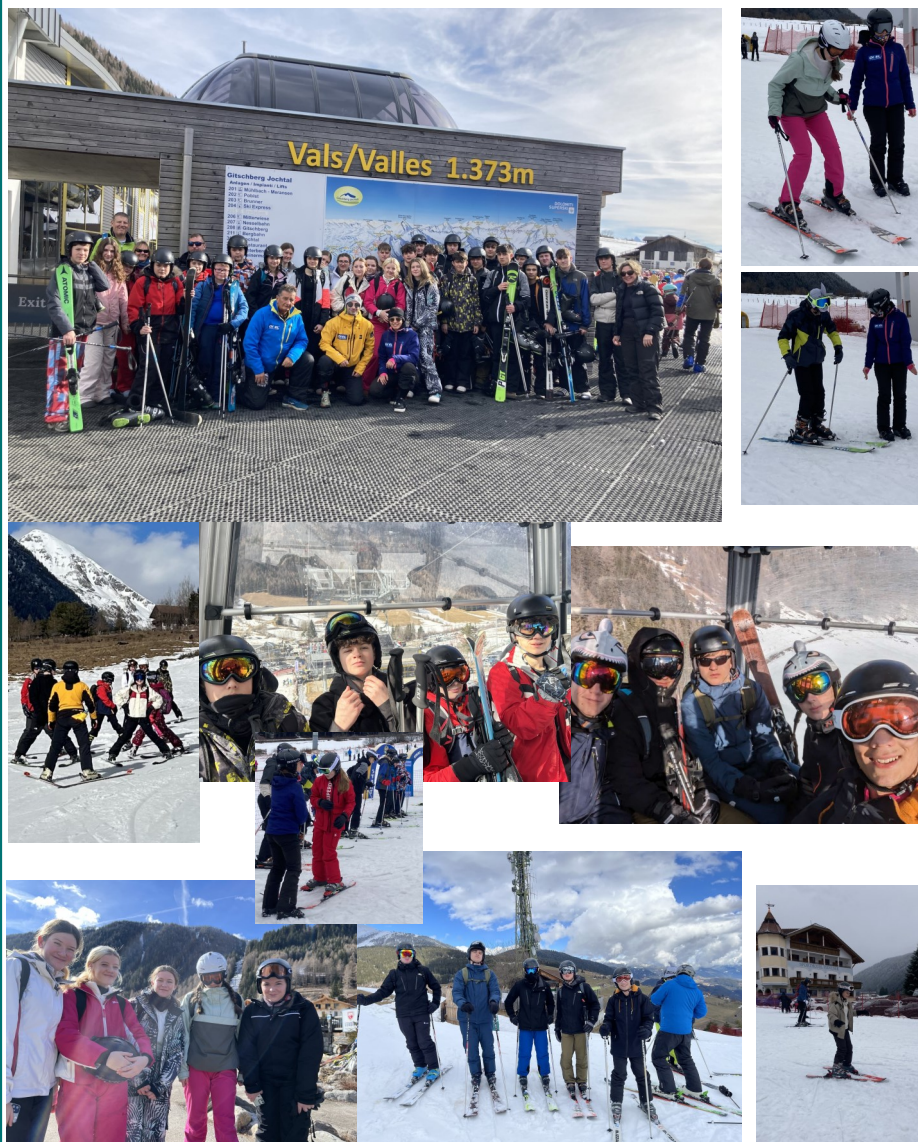
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Ski Trip 2024

Here are some pictures from our Ski Trip to Italy over half term. A wonderful time was had by all!



The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

By Glyn Robbins
Adapted from the book by C.S Lewis

Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy embark on a magical mystery tour to the Land of Narnia through the wardrobe.

COURT FIELDS SCHOOL
March 20th & 21st 2024

Tickets
Adult - £5 Child- £3
Family - £15

Tickets on sale

Tickets are selling fast for our upcoming production of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. Check out the link below or scan the QR Code to purchase yours!

www.ticketsource.co.uk/null/e-zmvobp



Year 11 College Interviews

It's been a busy week with our Year 11 students attending their college interviews with Richard Huish. With "conditional offers" being received, students need to stay focussed and work smart keeping those target grades in sight as that will secure their study programme for September. Our thanks to Charlotte and the team at Richard Huish for supporting our students once again, it's very much appreciated.



DIARY DATES

26th Feb-8th March

Year 11 PPEs

28th February

Year 8 Slavery Trip Band A

29th February

Year 8 Slavery Trip Band B

7th March

World Book Day

14th March

Year 7 Parents Evening

19th March

Parent & Community Group Meeting

28th March

Last day of term

15th April

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