

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

It's been another busy week at Court Fields, with our continued focus on developing the quality of education. Our Faculties have done significant work on developing the curriculum in each subject, particularly at Key Stage 3. This has focussed on identifying the key knowledge and sequencing the learning so that students know more and can remember more. This progression model allows children to develop a breadth of knowledge across the wide range of subjects studied at Key Stage 3. Mr Dudley and Miss Martin have been leading this work, and now we are working on ensuring that these excellent curriculum plans are implemented effectively in the classroom every lesson. We have also worked with the other Castle Partnership Trust schools and our School Improvement Partner to ensure that not only are we developing the very best for our students, but also that we support students' journey from Early Years right through to Post-16.

We have also had the first 3 days of Year 11 PPEs this week, and these continue into next week. Our Year 11 have shown us over the last few years how well they have developed into mature young adults, and I know there has been a significant amount of hard work in the run-up to these PPEs. Of course, there will be another step-up to come as we enter the last lap before the summer GCSE exams, and we will be supporting and directing the students around lesson tasks and revision so that they are as prepared as they can be.

Thank you as always for your support, and thank you for your generosity towards our fundraising over the past few months particularly. I know it will help many people in need, especially children, both locally and abroad. Have a lovely weekend.

Friday 11th March 2022

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
ACADEMIC EVENING

Guest Speaker
ANN DANIELS

Ann Daniels is a world record holder and one of the first women in history to reach the North and South Poles as part of all women teams. Ann is described by The Daily Telegraph as one of the top 25 Great British Adventurers of all time.

This event celebrates the **International Baccalaureate** and gives offer holders, future applicants, and current students the opportunity to meet our Guest Speaker and College representatives.

Join us at the **Quantock Restaurant**, situated on our **Taunton Campus** **Tuesday 15 March, 6pm-8pm**.

Light refreshments will be provided for yourself and up to two other guests.

Booking is on a first come first served basis, so please RSVP at <https://bit.ly/academicibt> or scan the QR code below.



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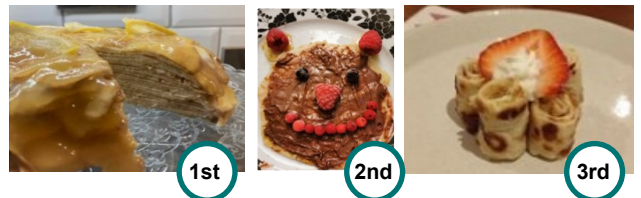
Pancake Competition Winners

Pancakes are a fun and easy way to start cooking, with lots of supermarkets selling the add milk and shake pancakes for Pancake Day, Mrs Kennett wanted pupils to have a go themselves. So, she launched a competition to see who could make the best pancakes and who could make the most unusual ones.

We had a fantastic response from all of Year 7 and 8 with fabulous pancakes. The pupils have all worked so hard, it was hard choosing the winners! Prizes are aprons and kitchen utensils to get them cooking at home.

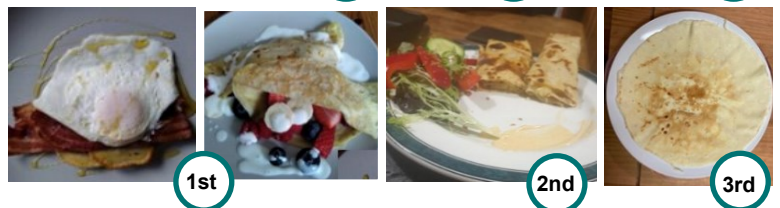
Year 7

- 1st Prize: Florence A - a divine lemon drizzle pancake layer cake
- 2nd Prize: Lester W - a brilliant Nutella and fruit topped pancake
- 3rd Prize: Rosie S - beautifully presented strawberry and cream pancake



Year 8

- 1st Prize: Fraser M - for a savoury and sweet pancake
- 2nd Prize: : Oliver S - for an amazing savoury pancake, salad, and homemade mayonnaise
- 3rd Prize: Jadon P - for the most beautiful, perfectly round pancake



Fundraising total

We raised an incredible £1130 through our non-uniform day on Friday! The proceeds will be split equally between the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal and the Madagascar fund. Thank you so much for your support!



Payment update for non-uniform days

Please note that going forward all non-uniform days will be available to pay for on scopay.com if you wish. This will include Red Nose Day, which is on Friday 18th.



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This Week's Netball Fixtures

We had the Year 9 Netball CVL this week - tough couple of games for our team but a very good experience and lots to apply to our game (Picture far right)

We also had the Year 10 Netball county cup, which saw excellent games played against some difficult oppositions! Lots learnt and ready to take into the CVL at Castle. Well done girls, we're proud of how you've represented us! (Thanks to our furry friend supporting from the sidelines, pictured above!)



Barclays Life Skills

Enterprise was the focus of Barclays Life Skills session. Year 9 students planned and delivered a Community Project to re-generate the Youth Club for young people and the local community to Danielle Haskings from Wilmott Dixon. Two students delivered the pitch, which resulted in feedback from the group's Barclays Bank mentors as "exceptional content". Students are keen to progress this project so watch this space!



Social Networks Made for Children

Most well-known social networks have an age restriction of at least 13, meaning that it can be difficult to teach children how to use social media safely, without the risk of exposing them to unsuitable experiences.

Internet Matters have put together a useful list of social media apps which are child-friendly and they say are 'designed to help children learn how to interact with each other and share safely online.'

Of course, it is vital that parents monitor their children's use of technology, even with age-appropriate experiences, but this list supports families in choosing apps that give children a safer place to learn social networking skills:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids>



Wed 9th - Fri 18th March

Year 11 exams and temporary change to lunch break

Wed 16th March

Year 10/11 Table tennis away vs Castle School

Thurs 17th March

- Year 8 Netball CVL school games
- Year 9 Rugby away vs Holyrood

Fri 18th March

Red Nose Day - Non-uniform day

Wed 23rd March

Year 10 Mock interviews

Wed 30th March

National Apprenticeship Show visit

NCS Session

We had our last NCS Skills Booster Session last week. Students have participated in workshops delivered by the Army, RAF and Skill Up Somerset and listened to sessions on Higher Education, Wellbeing and Living Independently. This week the group were certainly on task. There was a celebratory Domino's Pizza delivery to thank students for their active engagement with the programme. Remember Year 11, it's not too late to sign up to join this year's NCS Summer Programme.



REMINDER

Temporary Change to School Lunch Break

We are making a temporary change to the timing of the lunch break for the whole school from Wednesday 9th March to Friday 18th March. This change is to support Year 11 who will be taking exams during this time.

From Wednesday 9th March to Friday 18th March, lunch will be 12.30 – 13.00 (instead of the usual 13.30 – 14.00). All other times will remain the same.

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