

# Court Fields School

## Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



### Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 25th March 2022

Once again we've had a busy week with a focus on the implementation of our curriculum in lessons, so that students know and remember more, as well as those enrichment activities and wider experiences that make such a difference to our students' lives. This week we've had a range of sports fixtures, our Year 10 Mock Interview Day, a Year 2 Primary Sports Festival (supported by our Sports Leaders), Year 8 Parents' Evening, and a visit to the Mendip Outdoor Centre as part of the Insight into Apprenticeships programme for a range of students in Year 9.



This is all despite the ongoing impact of Covid, which has particularly impacted staffing over the last 2 weeks, with over 15% staff absence. I am so very grateful to our staff who have covered and supported their colleagues to ensure that all Year Groups have been able to remain in school in normal timetabled lessons, as well as being able to experience a wide range of enrichment activities.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and are able to enjoy the sunshine. Take care, Mrs Matthews



### Comic Relief fundraising

The total raised for Comic Relief last week was £639.59! Thank you for all your donations.

### Sporting news



Well done to talented Year 10 sportswoman Georgia on passing her FA refereeing qualification. She is now a fully qualified referee. Fantastic work Georgia!



Well done to the Year 9 Boys football team who booked a place in the semi final of the District Cup with a 3-1 win over Bishop Fox's. Player of the Match - Joseph R.



A really big well done to the talented India in Year 11 for being selected as captain for Somerset girls rugby. A massive achievement - keep up the great work India!

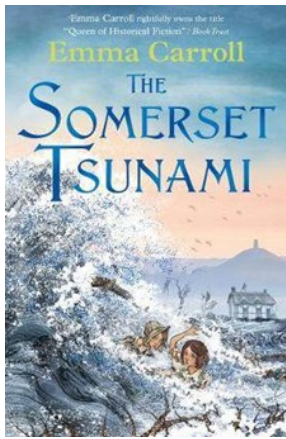


Well done to the Year 11 Handball Team who beat Castle School 16-15 in a very close and competitive game. Player of the Match - Ned O.



This week we held our first local Primary Sports Festival for 2 years, due to Covid. We were joined by around 80 Year 2 pupils for a multi-skills event, supported by our fantastic Sports Leaders. We did unfortunately have slightly reduced numbers due to Covid but it was a super morning! Well done to all those involved.

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### **Book of the week - The Somerset Tsunami by Emma Carroll**

Set in deepest Somerset during the 17th century, Fortune Sharpe is not your average girl. Strong-witted and determined, she sets about making a boat with her brother Gem. It might seem like something fun to do, but Fortune has to leave her home in a hurry when she is spotted rowing the boat on the Sabbath.

Fortune is sent off to find work disguised as a boy, but luckily, she doesn't have to look far before she discovers that Barrow Hill, the local manor house, has an opportunity for her. Yet Fortune slowly realises that this manor house holds many secrets within its walls. When the other children of the house discover she's not who they thought she was, suspicions are raised. And with King James' witchfinders roaming the West Country, will Fortune – a girl in the wrong place at the wrong time – escape unscathed?

This is another glorious example of historical fiction from Emma Carroll: a feisty, female-led adventure that is based on real-life events. It creates a curiosity for history – for the 17th century, the witch trials and the real history of Somerset (the floods of 1607, now considered to have been a tsunami by some), while encouraging girls to be resilient and have faith in themselves.

### **Academic Reports**

We have moved to reporting to parents twice a year in line with The Castle School as our Trust secondary partner. One report includes teacher comments in the Spring Term and one with Tutor comments in the Summer Term. The timings of these reports need to be during the Spring and Summer term to allow enough time for students to make progress and for teachers to comment on this progress. This was in response to parent and staff feedback regarding the Autumn Term reports (the question being how staff could make an accurate assessment of progress over such a short period from September!)



This unfortunately does mean that the reports are published to parents close to Parents' Evenings for some Year Groups (as the Parents' Evenings are spread throughout the academic year).

It is also a point to note that unfortunately the Year 8 reports have been delayed this year because of high levels of staff absence due to Covid.

We appreciate parents' feedback and would welcome your thoughts on the timings of student academic reports, the timing and the format of Parents' Evenings (face to face or phone call) for the next academic year. Please do email any feedback to (school email)

Thank you, Mr Dudley

### **Industrial Cadets**

Our Industrial Cadets have worked really hard this year designing a building that will withstand climate change. The group has their final presentation and interview about their project on Monday. Good luck to Louis T, Sam V, Isaac P, Oliver M, Tallulah P and Charlie W.

#### **Mon 28th March**

Regional Handball



#### **Tues 29th March**

Eden Project trip

#### **Wed 30th March**

Year 10 visit to the National Apprenticeship Show

#### **Thurs 7th April**

Year 11 Parents' Evening

#### **Sat 2nd April**

Exmoor Challenge practice walk

#### **Fri 8th April**

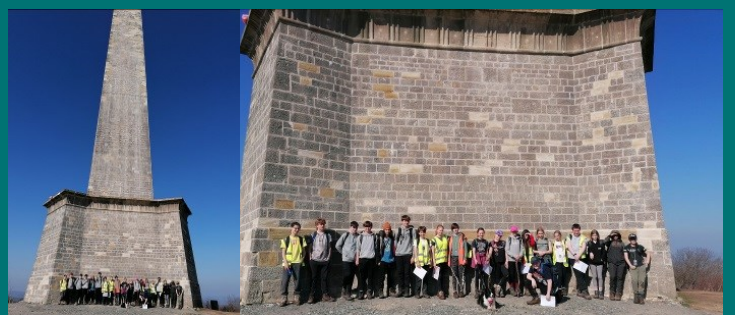
Last day of term –normal finish times

#### **11th-22nd April**

Easter Holidays

### **Exmoor Challenge**

A HUGE well done to everyone who took part in the Exmoor Challenge this weekend! Here are just a couple of snaps from a glorious couple of days.



### **Police Visit**

Latest statistics show the government is 44% of the way towards meeting its ambition of hiring 20,000 additional police officers by 2023. Last week we welcomed PC Brown to Court Fields, talking to our Year 10 students about the many and varied roles in the police force and how to join.



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