

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Thanks to all our staff this week as we continue to feel the impact of Covid on staff absence. Unlike most schools in Somerset we have managed to keep every Year group in school every day throughout this academic year, which has been quite a feat at times. I hope that this can continue next week, but if we have many more colleagues test positive we may have to invoke our contingency plan (4.8 in the Guide attached). Thank you also to our Year 7 bakers (£100.69 raised for Ukraine), Handball and Football Teams, Industrial Cadets, and those who represented the school at the Eden Project and the National Apprenticeship Show. What a busy week!!!

Thanks for all your support. I hope you have a lovely weekend. Mrs Matthews

Friday 1st April 2022



Under 13s Boys South West Handball Finals

This week saw a fantastic performance and attitude from our Year 8 handballers, at an event consisting of the strongest handball schools from all over the South West. Finishing runners up means we will now go onto the Southern Finals in May. A huge achievement for all the boys, who did Mr C and the school very proud!

Group A Stage Results: Court Fields 5-1 Five Acres; Court Fields 3-2 Crypt School; Court Fields 7-0 Hugh Sexey. **Semi Final:** Court Fields 4-1 Downend School
Final: Court Fields 1-1 Crypt School (2-1 to Crypt after Extra Time)



Canteen Update

Thank you for your feedback on our menu changes over the last few months. We're pleased to say that the feedback from staff and students has been positive, especially regarding the range of options, and we're also pleased that we will be looking to return to wider use of the Canteen after May Half Term. We had hoped to do this beforehand, but unfortunately the continuing high levels of Covid mean that increasing the mixing at lunchtimes would just not be sensible.

We have been fortunate to keep our prices fixed for the previous three years but with the rising cost of ingredients, we unfortunately need to increase a few of our prices. We have managed to limit this to just a few of the menu items and the Meal Deal price will not be affected. This will take effect after Easter. Details of the items affected are on our website catering page.

Thank you again for your support and feedback as we continue to develop our food service. It's been great to hear from the students particularly how much they like the new menu options! Mrs Taylor (Business Manager)

Year 9 Insight into Apprenticeships Trip



Last week, in the beautiful March sunshine students were challenged to a morning of team building activities at the Mendip Outdoor Centre, developing communication, team building and endurance skills. They enjoyed a picnic lunch followed by an afternoon of archery, before our journey home.



Singing Lessons

We currently have spaces available for anyone interested in singing lessons, starting after Easter. The cost of lessons is £12 for 20 minutes or £18 for 30 minutes. This can be split with a friend if your child wishes to share their session. If you're interested, please contact the school finance office by Wednesday 6th April. Sadly we won't be able to run these sessions if we don't get enough interest. Thanks, Mrs Chidgey

Somerset Schools Media Challenge

Students recently took part in a knife crime workshop and created podcasts to raise awareness and promote support.

The Somerset Schools Media Challenge public vote is now open and we are a finalist! Please vote for Jess, Asa, Andrei and Lily from Year 10 @ Court Fields School.

You can listen to all the finalists and vote for us at www.collaboratedigital.com/vote

There will be a trophy for the school with the most votes when the poll closes at 5pm on Friday 1st April so please get behind our finalists. Many thanks!



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Girls' Football Success

At the Year 9/10 girls football tournament this week, the girls went unbeaten at Castle for the CVL. They won 3 and drew 1. It was good to get some football time in between netball fixtures! Thank you to Chelsey & Christina for stepping up to play.
Joint Players of the Match: Chloe & Bianca.



Another big well done to the Year 8 girls football team, who went undefeated in their CVL tournament at Castle School. They drew their first game and were a little quiet, but quickly grew in confidence and secured 3 wins with some good team goals. Well done to all involved (pictured left).

Rotary Young Musician

A huge well done to three of our students who recently competed in the Rotary Young Musician competition. Here are some words from the District Organiser Alan Reeve:

"It was good to welcome your three entrants to Young Musician yesterday, and to meet their parents too. They all acquitted themselves well and you can be proud of them. Madison sang quite beautifully, and I liked the way in which she subtly "acted" each of her pieces. Jeremiah was excellent too; once we had arranged his mike by the piano he showed how accomplished he is and his slot was most enjoyable. And then Lily sang her first two pieces with backing tracks and went on to "Scarborough Fair" unaccompanied – when she finished there wasn't a dry eye in the audience and I'm delighted to say that she was awarded the Vocalist Runner Up Award by our two highly experienced adjudicators! This means that she will be eligible for the Regional Final, which covers an area roughly Penzance/Basingstoke/Gloucester so the standard will be quite formidable." Well done all and good luck to Lily in the Regional Final!



National Apprenticeship Show



Year 10 were taken down to Sandy Park on Wednesday 30th March to find out more about apprenticeships and discover some of the employers and providers. Lots of hands-on activities were provided to give students a taste of what on-the-job learning is like!



Football District Cup



A solid performance from our Year 8 team this afternoon beating Danesfield 4-0, and booking a place in the semi finals. Goals from Thiago W, Spencer T, and 2 from Elijah H. Player of the Match - Elijah H.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Mock Interviews

Wednesday 23rd saw Court Fields' Year 10 Mock Interviews take place, co-ordinated by our Careers Advisor, Charity Hunt. The day involved students being asked by respected employers and members of the public self-reflective questions, with aims to provide students with the knowledge of what to expect when faced with an interview process in job or college interviews. Each interviewer chose a student that stood out the most amongst the students they interviewed, and each was congratulated with a trophy. One of the winners, Lucy B said she felt 'it gave me the confidence for future interviews.' Overall the day was a great success, and we will ensure that it continues to be an annual occasion here at Court Fields School.



Eden Project trip

The Year 10 Art and Photography Eden Project trip went well this week. Students used the trip to take photographs, make sketches and learn about the Eden Project. They will be completing their specially made display books about the trip after Easter, and these will be presented as part of the GCSEs in Art and Photography.

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