

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 26th May 2023

Not much space for me today as we get to the end of Term 5, ready for May Half Term, and then the final part of this academic year. We've been overwhelmed by the messages of thanks and congratulations, following our Ofsted 'Good' Report, and we can't wait to build on the work we have done to ensure that we continue to improve our school.

Finally from me it's goodbye to Year 11, as they had their Leavers' Applause from the whole school this afternoon. We will be seeing them for exams and revision sessions after half term. Congratulations as well to Leo H who 'braved the shave' to raise money for the Brain Tumour Charity yesterday—so far over £2000 and counting.

We're also pleased to have confirmed some uniform and other expectations in a presentation for staff, students and parents, which we have sent home with this email. Thank you for your support so we can keep our standards high.

Have a lovely Half Term
Best wishes,
Mrs Matthews



Somerset U15s Girls Chance to Shine Cricket

Tournament Runners Up

A huge well done to our U15s cricketers on a successful day at this week's Somerset Chance to Shine Tournament in Bridgwater, finishing as runners up overall against all the other schools.

The girls did fantastically well, going unbeaten through their group and finishing top, beating Haygrove in the decider to make it through to the final.

They lost very narrowly to local rivals Castle in the cup final.

What outstanding progress these girls have made to see off schools who have lots of club and county cricketers.

What a fantastic day in the sun. Just proves that sport is more than just stepping up, bowling and hitting a ball.



Somerset Schools Cup—U13s Cricket

Lovely day for a bit of cricket in Crewkerne in the Somerset Schools Cup. The U13s came away with a convincing win against a good Wadham side.

This maintains their unbeaten run and keeps them top of the group.

George D led the way, scoring 35 not out and getting 2 wickets. A special mention to Year 7 Matthew T who bowled outstandingly. Well done boys!



Sports Day 2023

We are looking forward to our Sports Day on 18th July. Here is an aerial photo taken last year we wanted to share.



Book of the Week



Shaun, aka MC Growls, wants to be a rapper. Partly because, as he says, 'man's got bars'. Partly for the money. His mum is always saying 'no' and it's tough wearing shoes with holes. When practising for Raptology, a local rap battle, he accidentally livestreams an embarrassing situation and he and his mate Shanks become a laughing stock. Shanks doesn't cope well with all the messages and jokes, and is cut off from Growls, who has no other friends.

Then the council threatens to evict Shaun and his mum and brother from their flat...

All this would get anyone down, and Growls does end up confiding in the school counsellor, and hanging out with an understanding teacher during lunchtimes. Yet his infectious enthusiasm for life, and his hilarious way with words – sometimes intentionally funny, often not – means this is an engaging, positive and heart-warming read. This is an assured debut, written about and for the working class or minority boys who don't see themselves in books and who might be on the verge of giving up reading for pleasure. Perfect for children in Years 7 and 8, particularly those who enjoy funny books.

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BTC Open Events

With the next BTC Open Events just around the corner—14th and 15th June, Nicola came into school to explain to our Year 10 students the importance of attending college open events. If you are interested in seeing all that BTC has to offer, then please register to attend.

Links below:

<https://www.btc.ac.uk/events/june-open-event-taunton-campus-2/>

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Madagascar's Got Talent Auditions

This is a reminder of the new date of **Wednesday 19th July** and that auditions are being held every lunchtime up until half term.

Students will need to sign up with Mrs Chidgey if they would like to audition.



Ski Trip 2024

There is 1 place left on next year's ski trip! Get in touch with Mrs Greenfield for more information—dgreenfield@courtfields.net.



Maths Department News

70 of our best Mathematicians in Year 7 and Year 8 participated in the prestigious UKMT Junior Maths Challenge in April. The results have been announced and we are very proud that our group of students achieved 8 Bronze awards, 12 Silver awards and 3 Gold awards. The 3 Gold medallists - Vikaris, Edith and Luca, will go through to the next round of the national competition in June. Huge congratulations to those three and also very well done to all who participated.



Great to see former student Madi B at BTC. Madi was filming in the May sunshine, building her Film Studies portfolio, which is part of her IB Diploma qualification. It was lovely to see you Madi.

Year 10 visit to BTC Quantock Restaurant

Year 10 students who are studying Food Technology visited BTC yesterday for a masterclass in fish filleting. Hosted at the Quantock Restaurant, students created 4 fillet of plaice, then cooked and served alongside chard, cabbage, long stem broccoli and buttered potatoes. Great session to support the curriculum and thoughts on future careers.

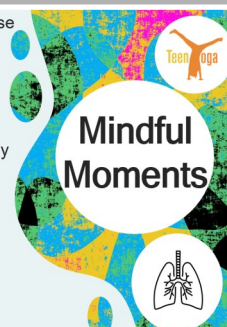


Place your **thumb** on one side of your nose to **close the nostril**. Breathe slowly and deeply in and out through the one open nostril.

Use your **middle finger** to close the opposite nostril. Breathe slowly and deeply in and out through this open nostril.

Repeat a few times on each side.

Notice how each side feels. Is one easier than the other?



Parent Workshops 2023

Here is a list of our upcoming Parent Workshops. Please email schooloffice@courtfields.net should you wish to attend. Times are 4.30-5.30pm.

5th June

Harmful Sexual Behaviour

12th June

Dads, Step-Dads, Grandads etc Reading Workshop

19th June

T Levels & Apprenticeships

26th June

Supporting Numeracy

DIARY DATES

5th June

Return to school

5th June

Parent Workshop

Harmful Sexual Behaviour

W/C 5th June

Year 10 Residential

12th June

Parent Workshop

Dads, Step-Dads, Grandads etc Reading Workshop

19th June

Parent Workshop

T Levels & Apprenticeships

22nd & 23rd June

Inset days

26th June

Parent Workshop

Supporting Numeracy

26th-30th June

Enrichment Week

18th July

Sports Day

21st July

Last day of term—early finish

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