

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 3rd March 2023

What an exciting week it's been with the notification of Secondary School places for September 2023. We are absolutely thrilled to be oversubscribed for our Year 7 intake 2023, and we have worked with Somerset County Council to increase our intake for September so that the children in our catchment area are able to come to their local school. We can't wait to get started on our Transition Programme 2023, which runs from now until the start of the new school year, so that our new students arrive with us at the start of September ready to learn, confident, and happy in their new school. This will start with Mrs Westwood and I visiting the Primary Schools to meet our prospective Year 7s over the next 2 weeks, to say hi, introduce them to our friendly faces and have a brief chat about the transition process. We can't wait!!

If you do not live in our school catchment and you have not been allocated a place at Court Fields, but had expressed this as your preference, please do contact Somerset County Council Admissions Team for information and support regarding appeals.

We also have had assemblies from Avon & Somerset Police's Operation Topaz team, who work to prevent young people being the victims of child exploitation, as well as a workshop for parents/carers to provide practical support to help keep children safe. We have developed a range of workshops over the remainder of this academic year to support parents and families, details of which are being sent out with this Parent Bulletin. You can see our flyer here <https://tinyurl.com/msvzapr3> for full information and how to book.

Finally, I'd just like to say thank you. To be able to be in the situation of increasing our numbers for Year 7 to accommodate our



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local children who, with their families have made us their first choice is amazing. It is also testament to the work we have done together as a team of staff, parents and students, and the support we have from you and our wider community. I'm very grateful and extremely proud. Have a lovely weekend, and Happy World Book Day!
Mrs Matthews



Year 8 Netball

The girls played a triangular tournament v Kingsmead and Danesfield Schools, winning both matches with a total of 9 shots scored! The shooting practice paid off, superb play by all. Well done!



U13 Girls Football

The success continues! The U13 girls are through to the next round in the National Cup after beating Okehampton 3-1! Such potential on display, we're looking forward to seeing how far this squad will go.



Year 9 trip to Hinkley Point C

Last week the Science department arranged for 40 Year 9 students to visit the largest construction site in Europe, the site of the UK's first new nuclear power station in over 20 years. Students were given a presentation on the importance of moving from non-renewable to renewable electricity generation, the importance of the knowledge learnt in Triple Science GCSE and where it is being directly applied by scientists working on Hinkley Point C. The presenter also shared information about apprenticeships available at Hinkley with EDF, some of these being paid degree level apprenticeships, meaning you earn a degree whilst working.

Students were able to visit the interactive visitors centre, where they experimented with testing for radioactivity with



Geiger counters and the most effective structures of turbines, alongside exploring the structure of Hinkley itself. Finally, we visited the construction site by coach and saw both reactors being built and were introduced to the largest crane in the world-Big Carl! If you are interested, you can visit Hinkley Point C as a family, simply contact the visitors centre to check availability.

KS3 & KS4 Badminton fixtures

To top off a super sporty week last week—well done to all who participated in the friendly badminton fixtures v Castle and Tiverton Schools. We hope you enjoyed the occasion, some excellent Badminton on display.



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More U13 Girls Football news!

Court Fields 4 - John Cabot 1

The U13 girls football hosted John Cabot from Bristol. The second half ended at 2-1 to Court Fields, with opening goals from Lola and Orlaith. During the second half, the girls made sure they secured the win by constant pressure and great link up play with another goal from Orla and Darcey, scoring her first goal for Court Fields.

John Cabot gave their player of the match to Lleya for her outstanding performance in midfield with great footwork, through balls and constant attack with her shots. Great team performance from all.



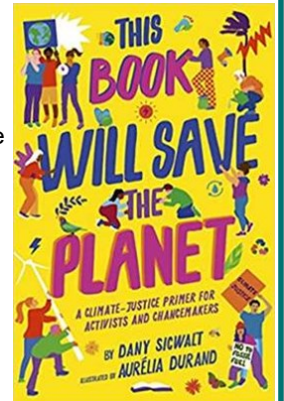
Year 7 Boys Football

A decent evening of football for our talented Year 7 boys, as the team went over to Tiverton High for a friendly CVL. No official scores, however a brilliant performance with lots of goals, fun and learning!



Book of the Week

This informative and powerful book about climate justice makes a real impact. It discusses what is happening to our planet, from melting polar ice caps to raging wildfires, and explores what's causing this devastation, with suggestions about how to effect change, both individually and collectively. The author's fundamental message is that the climate crisis is inextricably linked to inequality, particularly racial discrimination. She argues that, to achieve climate justice, we must first understand the unjust systems that underpin most societies and work together to ensure a better future for everyone. A wealth of topics are covered, including systemic racism, identity and privilege, the role of big corporations and climate tipping points. There are suggested activities throughout the book, for example: keeping a climate change diary to track variations in your local area; understanding how your community uses energy; and thinking of five things that give you hope for a better world.



A comprehensive glossary explains some key terminology and concepts, such as white supremacy and extractive capitalism, and there are suggestions for further reading at the end. Attractively designed with stylish, colourful illustrations throughout, this thought-provoking book is sure to galvanise and empower young people to make a difference.

Operation Topaz

We had assemblies throughout the day today from Child Exploitation Prevention Officer Andri Vai Nicolaou. Operation Topaz is Avon and Somerset Police's response to Child Exploitation. It ensures that they have dedicated policing resources in place to disrupt offenders, engage with victims and undertake prevention work. This was followed by a drop-in session for parents, helping them to support their children and recognise the signs of exploitation. The sessions all included practical strategies for students and parents and will help our students to stay safe online and in person.



Year 9 Netball

Debut in the new dresses, the girls finished on a high despite narrowly losing out to a strong Heathfield side 15-10. Training continues, we keep building. POTM- Olivia D



Our last two non-uniform days were very successful, thank you so much for all of your kind donations, here is what we raised:

Heart Charities

HEART HEROES



£685.48

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal



£562.35

Notice:

-  5 things you can see
-  4 things you can feel
-  3 things you can hear
-  2 things you can smell
-  1 thing you can taste



DIARY DATES

27th February—10th March

Year 11 PPEs

17th March

Non-uniform for Comic Relief

20th March

Parent Community Group

21st March

Years 8 & 9 HPV mop up

22nd March

Year 10 Mock interviews

30th March

Last day of term

31st March

Inset Day

31st March

Duke of Edinburgh expedition practice day

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