

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



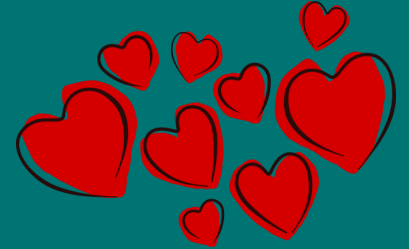
Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 14th February 2025

Valentine's Day traces its origins back to a Roman priest named Valentine, martyred in the 3rd century for defying the Emperor by continuing to perform Christian marriages. Fast forward nearly two thousand years and we celebrate with cards, chocolates and flowers, generating an estimated £2 billion in spending in the UK alone.

However, romantic love is just one aspect of the love we can celebrate today. Whether it's the love for family, friends, pets, or the natural world, it shapes who we are and how we interact with each other and our surroundings. Love is the foundation of empathy and compassion, teaching us to appreciate differences and move forward together. Our school value of 'belonging' is rooted in that care, kindness and thoughtfulness for each other and continues to be a focus through the curriculum and wider personal development, as we support our students to be successful, happy adults, equipped to develop connections and help shape a better social future.

Have a lovely Half Term. Thank you for all your support. Mrs Matthews



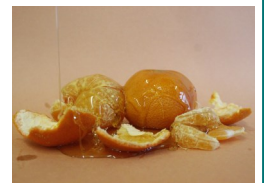
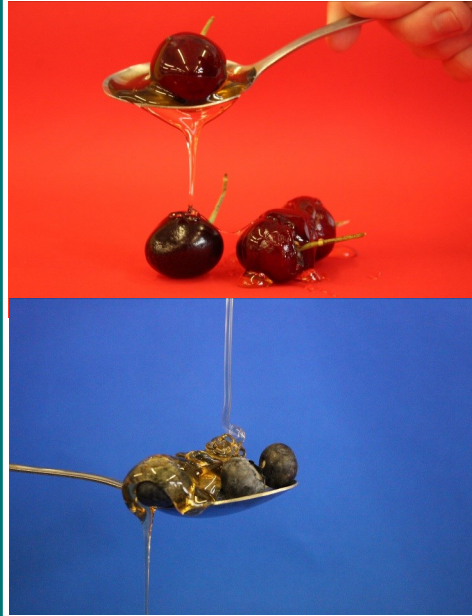
Exmoor Challenge

A huge well done to everyone who took part in our Exmoor Challenge practise walk on Saturday. We walked up to Culmstock Beacon and back, arriving home ahead of schedule due to the children's brilliant pace! We look forward to the next one on 29th March.



Year 10 Photography Work

This is Year 10 responding to photographers work on the theme 'colour'. We are super impressed with how they have applied their prior learning in creating these stunning images. These are unedited.



World Book Day

World Book Day this year is on 6th March!

Dressing up

We will be holding a non-uniform day this year and would love to see as many children dressing up as possible on the day! We're asking for a £1 optional

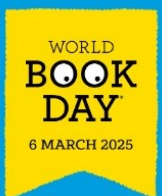
donation that will go towards books for our library and our performing arts programme.

Reading Challenge

Tutors have also launched an 'Extreme Reading' challenge for over half term. Students and staff are being encouraged to take a photo of them reading in any obscure / challenging / random places and email to Miss Stephenson (pstephenson@courtfields.bep.ac).

Book tokens

Children will also be coming home with book tokens this week and these can be spent in bookshops from 13th February.



National Apprenticeship Week

It's National Apprenticeship Week and we have welcomed lots of visitors throughout the week including University Centre

Somerset, BTC, Albert Goodman and the Army, to meet with the children and run assemblies and workshops. Full details of each visit can be found over on our Facebook page.



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Storytelling Week

Last week the English department celebrated 'National Storytelling Week' by encouraging their KS3 students to 'reimagine their world'. Take a look at some of our fantastic Year 7 entries focusing on reimagining their world through the lens of a Gothic writer.



I'd walked past it so many times before, but today something seemed different. I edged closer and saw a deep, bloodthirsty scratch, right down the centre of the door. No 27 had never had an occupant, yet many previous investigations had led to the heart of the building. I never normally question it, with the vines swooping over the dilapidated bricks. But now, those vines had been slaughtered. Someone, or something, had sliced them to the ground. But not in a clean cut, but a desperate attempt to survive.

I look up to the windows. Shattered. The roof tiles. Cracked. The hedgerows. Shredded. Everything, from one fence to another, had been demolished. The gate shrieked as I opened it, possibly telling me to turn back. I wish I had listened.

My hand reached out the knocker, which had been crafted into the shape of a fox. My fingers met the surprisingly smooth metal creature and wrapped around it. Raising it, I was about to knock when its mouth opened. My eyes widened, but the fox knew what it wanted. Its silver teeth sunk into my finger. The pain throbbing throughout my body, I wrenched my hand away, but the damage was done. With half a finger less than when I had arrived, I scrambled off, the fox slyly returning to its cunning position.

Ruben S (Y7)

The security camera's light flickered even though no one was looking through it. The mossy walls of the post office were strangled with vines and bricks that were crumbling and falling out. The glass was smashed from thieves breaking in. Shards of glass covered the floor. The inside of the building was no better. It was empty except beat up shelves with opened tin cans. The walls suffered layers of graffiti and mould. The entire building looked like it was one flick away from crumbling down, disappearing from memory. The signs around looked like they hadn't seen paint in hundreds of moons and were covered in thick moss. Every building was the same as that Post office. Abandoned, forgotten and untouched.

Paige P (Y7)

House Competition



Here are the wonderful cakes that were made by staff & students today for our last day of term **House Competition**.

The cakes were then sold, with the money raised going to our CPA department.

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Temporary Change To School Lunch Break

We will be making a temporary change to the timing of the lunch break for the whole School from Monday 3rd March to Friday 14th March inclusive. This change is to support Year 11 who will be taking exams during this time.

From Monday 3rd March to Friday 14th March, lunch will be 12.35 – 13.15 (instead of the usual 13.35 – 14.15). All other times will remain the same.

UPDATE

DIARY DATES

17th-21st February

Half Term

24th February

Return to school

26th & 27th February
Wizard of Oz Production



3rd March

Oxford University Trip for Inspire/Aspire students

6th March

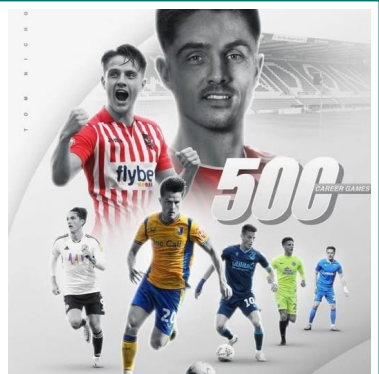
World Book Day

7th April-18th April

Easter Holidays

21st April

Bank Holiday



Success For Ex Student

Huge congratulations to former Court Fields student Tom Nichols on achieving an amazing 500 professional football appearances! A career that has included scoring in the 2016 FA Cup v current Premier League leaders Liverpool. Well done Tom!

Academic Insights Day

It was a pleasure to take students to the Academic Insights Day at Exeter College last week. Listening intently to the presentations on A Levels, International Baccalaureate Diploma, University of Exeter and the variety of enrichment as well as gaining both first and second place in the college quiz.



Year 9 Futures Interviews

Year 9 students have been amazing this week during their college interviews, conducting themselves with maturity and confidence. Go Year 9! Our thanks to BTC, PETROC and Richard Huish, we couldn't have done it without you.



Year 11 Interviews

We always like welcoming visitors to Court Fields and last week there were many! Richard Huish College staff popped across to interview Year 11 students which resulted in lots of happy students feeling secure in their Post-16 choice. Thanks to the staff at Richard Huish for their support.



Year 9 Futures Assembly

Year 9 heard all about what Richard Huish has to offer in this week's assembly, an important part of the Year 9 Future (Options) programme. The presentation will be shared on the school website by the end of the week.



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