

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Messages from Mrs Matthews & Mr Dudley

Thank you as always for your support over the last week, and for your continued positive feedback as we navigate lockdown and what happens next. I have written a letter to all parents today, which outlines our response to the Prime Minister's announcement last Sunday, and the ensuing detail regarding schools. In brief, the message is the same. Our school remains closed, except for the children of key workers and our most vulnerable students, who cannot remain safely at home. All our students will continue with their Learning@Home.

Year 10 students only, in line with the Government's direction, will be offered 'some face to face contact' with school staff after the 1st June. This option for Year 10 will only be if the Government's 5 conditions for easing the lockdown further are met by 28th May.

I know that this is a worrying time for us all. Please be assured that the safety of our students, staff, and all their families is our priority, and is key in our planning for the coming weeks. Thank you for your support. Please do keep safe and keep in touch with us. Mrs Matthews

Progress Reports

Progress Reports for Year 7, 8 and 9 children have been sent to parents today in the post. These reports reflect the learning and progress children made in the Autumn and Spring term this academic year before school closed. In line with the letter Mrs Matthews has sent today, Year 10 parents will receive their child's progress report as part of their child's tutorial pack which will be sent out before half term. I do hope you find these reports useful and if you need any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor in the first instance. Best wishes, Mr Dudley

Origami Challenge!



We are doing an Origami Challenge, it's a great opportunity to try your hand at this ancient art form. Create a sculpture out of paper and email the results to your maths teacher. Parents are welcome to take part as well. A good starting point for inspiration is YouTube videos. You can start by looking up beginners origami and see where your journey takes you. Details have been emailed to students on their Gmail accounts along with some links for videos to get you started.

Mrs Hutchinson



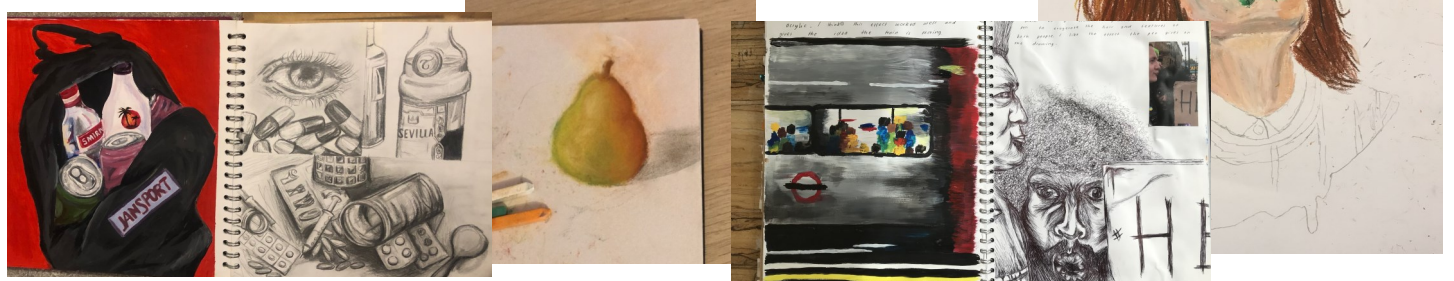
Homemade soap for the NHS

Well done to Rowan S who has been making homemade soap to sell to raise funds for the NHS. To date, he has raised £135 and is still making more soap. Rowan has been a volunteer for Abbeyfield in Wellington since he was 9 and has raised lots of money for different charity's in his years as a volunteer, 2 years ago he won a rising star award for his work with Abbeyfield! Fantastic work!

More Great Art work!

Mrs Binmore and Miss West have received some more great art work from our students. Here are some more fantastic pieces sent in to us by our talented students.

Please keep sharing!



Modern Foreign Languages

Year 8 students who currently study **both** French **and** Spanish will shortly be asked to choose which language they would like to continue into Year 9 (and into KS4, if they wish). Mr Piper will be sending a letter with more details to those students via ClassCharts, and via their school email soon. Parents should please take the time to discuss this with your son or daughter. The deadline for submission of responses is **Friday 29th May**. If no response is submitted, we will assume that a student has no preference either way.

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Sumdog Maths Challenge



Students in years 7 - 10 competed in the Sumdog Somerset Maths contest from 24-30 April against the 105 classes from other schools in the county. Unfortunately we didn't win this time (we thought we'd let another school take the trophy this time, since Miss Stephenson's 8a1 class won the previous contest in February!)

Special mention must be given to Miss Harrison's 7a1 class, who came 7th overall, Mrs Ware's 8b1 class who came 11th and Mrs McCarthy's 7a2 class who came 12th with a tremendous performance in the closing 24 hours. Leona H in 9b2 came 8th in the whole county which is a fantastic achievement.

We must also recognise the hard work of Jake B (7a1) who came 21st, Grace AI (7a1) who came 22nd and Evie T (8a1) who came 23rd. It was fantastic to see so many students so engaged in the competition. Well done!! Miss Stephenson

Learning Star

We would like to thank students for all their submitted work. We are blown away by the commitment and standards you are showing. Last week we awarded 88 Learning Stars, which is amazing. Please keep an eye on your Class Charts, as staff will be giving rewards. For work directly shared on Class Charts teachers can directly feedback. Keep up the great work! Mrs Westwood



Covid 19—Update

Further information including today and last Monday's update letter to parents, relating to Covid 19 (Coronavirus) has been added to our website. You can also find information about the *Government Recovery Strategy* and the details for *Parents and Carers about the wider opening to Nurseries, Schools and Colleges from 01 June*.

There are also useful links relating to careers, STEM and National Literacy Trust. Website link <https://courtfIELDS.net/coronavirus-guidance/> PDF link: <https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/smartfile/528b8fa449cd5b297e9adbddaf143512/uploads/2020/04/13125428/STEM-Online-activities-and-resources-for-kids.pdf>

Thank a Teacher day—May 20th

National 'Thank a Teacher Day' will take place on May 20th. This special day will celebrate teachers across the country. If you have a favourite teacher, one that you miss seeing every day, who is a star teacher, why not share a message of thanks with **Thank a Teacher** before the 20th May. Further details can be found here <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher-day/>. As this system unfortunately does not recognise the fantastic contribution of our wider support staff (only Teachers and TAs), please email any nominations to 'Thanks our Support Staff' to the usual school email (sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk)



SEND Resources

Each week we are adding more resources to our SEND resources section of the website. These can be found in: Welfare: SEND; SEND Resources. If you have any queries relating to SEND and home learning; please email me via the email address: htowler-williams@educ.somerset.gov.uk and either myself or one of the Learning Support team will get back to you. Thank you, Helen Towler-Williams (SENCO)

LRC News. Books of the week

Recommended websites, with lots of book reviews and activities:

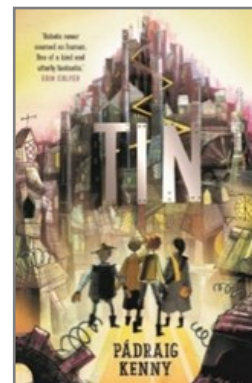
www.booktrust.org.uk
www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk
www.goodreads.com
www.worldbookday.com

Reviews, activities and competitions:

www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk

Shadow the shortlist. Enter the competitions!

This week's new exclusive video interview. Chris Mould discusses his Kate Greenaway shortlist book 'The Iron Man'



National literacy trust 'Zone in', for all year groups www.literacytrust.org.uk This week's special guest is Rose Gallagher Listen to David Walliams www.worldofdavidwalliams.com reading a chapter of his books each day. Lots of other authors are doing the same on YouTube and on their websites. Search your favourite author to find out more! Look out for National Shelf Service for daily recommendations!

BBC-Bitesize: Don't forget courtfields.net. Lots of links including to our Reading Cloud site and AR. Post your book reviews and do your AR quizzes!

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