

# Court Fields School

What's Happening: Information for Parents, Carers & Families  
07<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019



## A Message from Mrs Matthews

Not much space for me this week – there's so much going on!! I'll just use it to say thank you to parents, carers and our community for all your amazing support. I have been hearing such positive feedback about our school, and this is inspiring our team to keep on improving. Together with you, we will continue to make our school better and better. Thank you. Please follow us on Twitter so you can keep up with even more of our good news and information!

## Swan Lake!

Well done to Lily C who auditioned for a place and was given a role in the ballet 'Swan Lake Dreams', to be performed at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth. Lily had to compete in an intensive process and at the end of September heard the exciting news that she had been chosen to perform on stage next year, with company dancers of the Birmingham Royal Ballet. Lily's family are very proud of her achievement as are all of the staff here at Court Fields. Well done Lily and we hope you enjoy your time with the Birmingham Royal Ballet!



## Celebrating Football Fixtures

Girls from Court Fields had two football fixtures, both of which were against Huish Episcopi. Both teams were a mixture Year 7's and 8's and both teams won 4-0! Both matches were well deserved win's and with over 20 girls available to play it was a huge success, the girls should be very proud. Huge congratulations to Chloe P and Ella M who celebrated women of the match! More year 7 & 8 fixtures coming soon.



Boys from Court Fields had a great football match with Stoke Damerel in Plymouth, as part of the English Schools FA Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Round, where they achieved a fantastic result; Court Fields 6-0 Stoke Damerel! We are very proud of our football team as not only did they play a great game but they have also put Court Fields into the hat for round 2. Huge congratulations to Sean C who was man of the match, leading the way with 5 goals! Well done

## Year 11 Careers Trip – 09 October

We are running a Year 11 Careers trip on Wednesday the 9th of October. All students are to attend please. Letters from the website or from Miss Murphy in A1. There is a £3 cost to cover coach costs – help is available for this. We leave at 9am and are back for 11.30am. All students must have their Back to School Packs returned before attending, as these contain their EV5 consent forms.



## Maths Interhouse Competition

The Maths department is running an inter-house competition next week. We will be setting challenges through Hegarty Maths. Each class will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, each gaining important points for their houses. Please encourage your children to dust off their revision notes and make the most of this chance to prepare for their end of term test.



## Delphi the Dolphin



The Art Department would like to introduce Delphi the Recycling Dolphin who lives in C Block. Delphi has been created in order to encourage Court Fields Students to deposit their single use plastics into the dolphin, in order to show how much single use plastic exists so that eventually Delphi will not have to swallow it. Delphi says *"I am very fragile like my friends in the sea, who are consuming plastic, so students have been asked to be very gentle with me!"*



## Hello Yellow – World mental Health Day

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health Day. As well as opening our new wellbeing hub, we will also be encouraging students to wear either yellow socks, a yellow scrunchie or yellow belt to help highlight and support this important cause. The remainder of the students' school uniform is to stay the same please.



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## **Climate Strike**

There was a Climate Strike in Taunton on the 20th September in which some students from Court Fields were involved. This was one of many climate protests globally, inspired by the activist Greta Thunberg. Climate change is an issue that should be close to everyone's hearts. This is our lives, our air and our futures. I and a group of other pupils took it into our own hands to make our voices heard. We know that we may seem like just a few children but together along with all of the other people we walked with we felt unstoppable! We were really helping the planet! This issue is something all seven of us felt so passionately about.



We all took the bus to Taunton (because public transport is more environmentally friendly than cars) armed with our protest banners and strong will to make a difference. There were lots of people and it was reassuring to know that many others cared about the environment. Protesters gathered outside of Clarks in Taunton but there were so many people that we had to re-group on the Castle Green.

We had our voices recorded for the Gazette. We explained why we were there that day. This certainly made us feel like we were getting our message out there. We protested from 11am until 1pm. It was an amazing and inspirational day. We are so happy with the support from our school and hope that we can all make an effort to change our ways to benefit the future of our planet. Jasmine & Lily J.

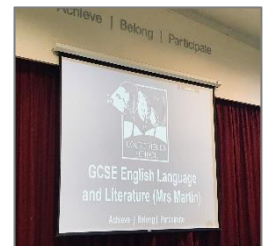
**"We showed that we are united and that we, young people, are unstoppable."  
– Greta Thunberg UN Youth Climate Summit, New York City, 21 September 2019**

## **Use of Court Fields School Driveway**

A gentle reminder that that all students, other than those with a disability or with an injury that impacts mobility, should be dropped off outside the youth club. Parents have been driving up the main entrance and this has been causing issues with access. Also, a reminder that students who walk or cycle should use the designated footpath and not walk or cycle up the main drive. Thank you.

## **Year 10 Curriculum Evening**

Thank you to those parents and students who attended the Year 10 Curriculum Evening this week. This was a great opportunity to learn more about the new GCSEs and to learn how parents can support their child in the key subjects of English, Maths and Science. All the resources from the evening can be found on the school website and we hope you find them useful.



Please check and save the schools email to your 'safe senders' as some parents did not receive the letter we sent out via email. We will also set as 'homework' on ClassCharts when whole year group emails go home to make sure that all our parents are kept well informed.

## **Year 11 Exam Success Evening - Wednesday 9th October in the school hall at 6:00pm**

All Year 11 parents, carers and students are invited to the curriculum evening on Wednesday next week. We will be discussing vital information to help your child be successful in their GCSEs and provide some vital revision strategies and resources. There will also be an opportunity to speak to local Sixth Form Colleges. If you would like to come to the evening please do let us know you are coming by following the link on the website and book a place. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday!

## **Parent workshop: anxiety, resilience and school refusal**

A very useful workshop will be held at the Wellington Rugby Club, from 9.30am until 11.30am on Tuesday 15th October, please see the website for full information. We would strongly recommend this to any parents and carers whose children experience any of these difficulties.

## **Events This Week and Coming Soon**

9<sup>th</sup> October                      Year 11 Curriculum Evening  
24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October        Inset Days (students not in school)