



Court Fields School

What's Happening: Information for Parents, Carers & Families 18th – 24th November 2019

A Message from Mrs Matthews

Absolutely no room for me this week. Remembrance Day commemorations, Anti Bullying Week and the Christmas Fair were fantastic events. Thank you to all the staff, students and parents involved.

Remembrance Day



On 11th November students, staff and members of the community, including British Legion Wellington

gathered together to honour those who have served, and still serve. The commemoration took place at our Remembrance Tree, and Gareth S played the Last Post. A number of our students also represented the Scouts, Guides and St John's at the commemoration, proudly wearing their uniforms. The Art Department and students from Yr7 & Yr8 worked extremely hard to create our Remembrance Tree at the front of school and we are very proud of their achievement.



The Diana Award Wellbeing Badge



We're very pleased to announce that *The Diana Award* have awarded the school the Wellbeing Badge. The award is to recognise the hard work Court Fields School has done relating to anti-bullying activities, the opening and operation of the new wellbeing hub and the sensory garden. The Diana Award is a charity set up in the name of Diana, Princess of Wales, and the charity focusses on young people and the ability to inspire change in their lives. You can learn more about the charity here <https://diana-award.org.uk/> A huge thank you to all of the staff who have made this happen, especially Mrs Westwood and the Wellbeing Hub team.

Anti-Bullying Week and Wellbeing workshop

We've had fantastic support this week with students and staff to raise awareness of bullying and how we can support ourselves and others. We've had Anti-Bullying work completed in Personal Development lessons, made blue ribbons to show our support, sold merchandise and our Anti Bullying Ambassadors have been in the hub each lunch, speaking and giving advice to students peer to peer. Anti-Bullying's not just addressed during this week, we want to raise awareness and provide support every day. If your child is, or knows someone who is, experiencing unkindness or bullying please report to us. This can be done via the tutor,



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Wellbeing Hub, Head of Year or on our online platform Safe which can be found on our website. As a school we will continue to combat bullying and support students to feel happy, safe and secure in school.

Court Fields School Christmas Fair

Thank you Wellington! We had an amazing day on Saturday! Also a massive thank you to all the stall holders, staff, parents and students who made the Christmas Fair possible. The day raised over £2,500 for our school charity *The Madagascar Development Fund*, money which will go towards our next project. Court Fields School has already raised more than £30,000! This has paid for three water projects, a school which able to be extended this year and we've helped rebuild a preschool. These projects wouldn't have been possible without the time, hard work, compassion and generosity of everyone involved. We're very proud of the difference we have all made to the harsh daily lives of the people in these villages in Madagascar. We're hoping that our Christmas Fair will become an annual event as we continue to help Madagascar. Please contact the school if you would like any information or can offer any help or support for our fundraising.



Wellbeing Workshop



On Tuesday 12th November we held our 2nd wellbeing workshop. We would like to thank both the parents who attended and Young Somerset for providing their support. Parent feedback was that it was great to speak with other parents and share experiences as well as gaining new strategies to support their children. When we added up the ages of the children the parents and Young Somerset staff had we had over 161 years of experience of parenting in the room so it was great to share with each other. There will be another workshop run early next year so please look out via our website and bulletin for details.

A Bug Club visitor!



Last Friday the students and staff at the school met a special visitor. Our Science Technician, Mr Etherington, brought Charlie the Python in to school. He met students and staff in the AFA, who had the opportunity to hold and ask more questions about the reptile. As well as a tour of the AFA base, Charlie also spent some time in the main office meeting the admin and reception staff too!



OCR Information Technologies

Revision sessions for OCR Information Technologies will be taking place for students preparing for their Year 11 Exams, every Wednesday after school. These sessions will run until January. Students or parents who require further information can contact Mr Hold.

Events This Week and Coming Soon

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| 02 December | Ski Evening meeting |
| 12 December | Year 9 Parents Evening |
| 16 December | Student Christmas Lunch |
| 20 December | End of term early finish at 12.45pm |

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