

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Thank you once again for your support as we near the end of this Half Term. I can't believe that it's nearly Half Term, and that it's nearly 2 months since we saw all our students in school. We really miss them, but are so grateful to all our parents, carers and families who are helping support their online learning alongside our staff. If I was able to award a Community Learning Star to all of you I would!! Please don't forget that next Friday is an INSET Day, so the students do not have lessons, and we are closed to all students. We are supporting a national initiative to address wellbeing and mental health as part of our work for Children's Mental Health Week, and would like to propose that next Friday is a Screen-Free Day, and I hope that you can all spend some time together away from those computers, laptops and mobile phones! In the meantime, have a lovely weekend and keep safe. Mrs Matthews

Online Learning

A huge well done for another fantastic week of online learning. As you know, we had some visitors last week who spent time looking at the work students have been producing as part of their online learning and the feedback was superb. Children's hard work and effort over this difficult half term was recognised and it was lovely to be able to show off everything that has been done. As always, a big thank you to parents who are instrumental in ensuring such high quality learning happens. Below is some of the superb work completed over the last few weeks.

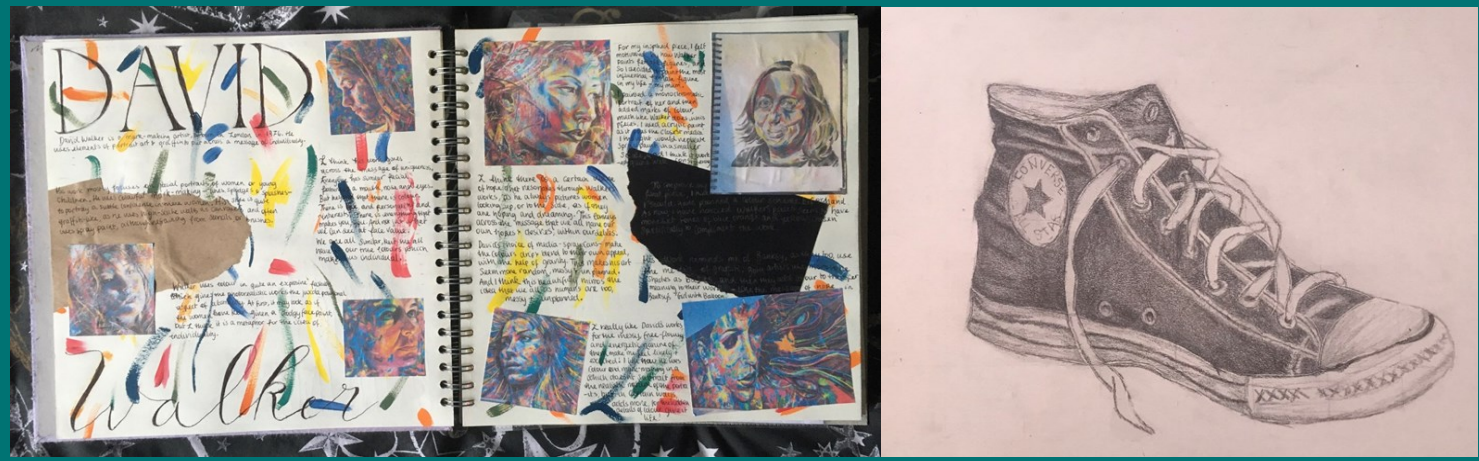
"Access the extent to which primary effects are more significant than secondary effects" (9+3 spag)

In 2015 on April 25 Nepal had a devastating earthquake the earthquake reached a magnitude of 7.81 This was the biggest in 81 years.

The primary effects of this humongous earthquake created landslides and avalanches in the Himalaya mountains and not just that many multi story buildings collapsed in Kathmandu the capital of Nepal. This caused 9,000 deaths and 22,000 were injured. This was significant because many people lost their families not just that Nepal lost loads of income many businesses were destroyed which meant people lost jobs and had to repair all the damage that was done. And many people were homeless and were living on the streets with their starving babies.

The secondary effects caused people to want to sleep outside they didn't want their houses to collapse or set on fire whilst their sleeping, this is due to the cracked gas mines. 1.7 million children were driven to open spaces to be safe from any after cause. Two years after the earthquake the country was still struggling nearly 70% of the affected people are still living in shelters.

In conclusion I think that the primary effects overrun the secondary effects due to how many people had died also the injuries as well. The long-term effects from the primary



Children's Mental Health Week

To continue our work around mental health and wellbeing, and to mark "Express Yourself" week, students have taken part in activities and been signposted support and guidance. We have provided an assembly and PSHCE to allow time to reflect on ourselves, be empowered to express ourselves and be proud of who we are. We have used our social media to share activities to get involved in, as well as signpost the external support for children and families. We are extremely proud of the hard work and resilience our students are showing at this tough time. The PE and CPA faculties have launched some exciting competitions and we have been overwhelmed by the entries so far. All competition details are on Class Charts for any students yet to enter. Please remember if your child needs any support they can contact their tutor via the courtfields.net email.



Year 11 Monday Mindfulness
3.15-4.00

Wellbeing tip:
In line with the theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week, "express yourself!", take a moment to consider how you enjoy expressing yourself. Have a kitchen disco, find a pocket of time to draw, cook a new recipe, sing in the shower, wear your best outfit to the supermarket, write a poem, take some photos. Just make a little time to do what you love and makes you feel good.

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Book of the Week - A Pocketful of Stars, by Aisha Bushby

A Pocketful of Stars is a sad but heart-warming tale of finding hope in the past to help survive the present.

Thirteen-year-old Safiya is an avid gamer with a big imagination, who feels both misunderstood and distanced from her mum since her parents split up.

But when she suddenly falls ill, it's up to Safiya to use her gaming skills of following clues and building stories to uncover the truth about her mum's history and find the things about her that will bind them together forever.

A beautifully written and page-turning read, set in London and Kuwait, that deals with changing friendships, family dynamics and learning how to say goodbye. A good read for those interested in stories around world-building, magic and dealing with bereavement.

LRC News

Have a look at the following websites for lots of book reviews and activities

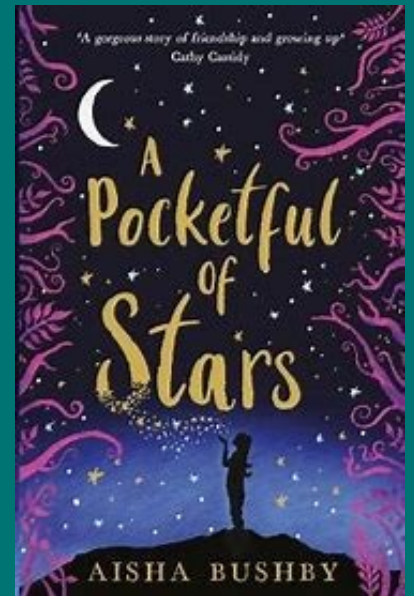
www.literacytrust.org.uk, www.booktrust.org.uk, www.worldbookday.com,
www.lovereading4kids.co.uk
www.goodreads.com

Loads of authors are on YouTube reading their books and on their websites. Search your favourite author to find out more! **Don't forget courtfields.net** has lots of links including to our Reading Cloud and Accelerated Reader. Post your reviews and you can still do your quizzes.

Remember your log on is the same as when you use the school computers and your password is your date of birth.

For lots of resources and ideas have a look at the following websites:

Students under 12: wordsforlife.org.uk **Students 13+:** wordsforlife.org.uk/zone-in



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11th January https://tinyurl.com/ycsqk9px	12th January https://tinyurl.com/ybnzvcyo	13th January https://tinyurl.com/yddrvan3	14th January https://tinyurl.com/y7o8ty9a
18th January https://tinyurl.com/ybqycttc	19th January https://tinyurl.com/y9ow5q2m	20th January https://tinyurl.com/yauazbtc	21st January https://tinyurl.com/ydgg7cgu
25th January https://tinyurl.com/yd25pj7h	26th January https://tinyurl.com/ycbx4nrb	27th January https://tinyurl.com/y995k9x4	28th January https://tinyurl.com/yagmkafr
1st February https://tinyurl.com/y9d4tpjl	2nd February https://tinyurl.com/y7dxtjx	3rd February https://tinyurl.com/y7vuw9jo	4th February https://tinyurl.com/y7wz6ofz
8th February https://tinyurl.com/yaeatrcz	9th February https://tinyurl.com/ybejvw2b	10th February https://tinyurl.com/yccpcq3u	11th February https://tinyurl.com/yab97kgf

Updates from the Finance Office

Oliver! Refunds - If any parents still have their tickets for the cancelled shows in March 2020 please send them in to the School in an envelope marked for the attention of the Finance Office. Please also supply a phone number or email so that Finance can contact you for the details needed to process the refund.

Music Lesson Credits carried forward from last year - If you were owed money for the cancelled Music lessons during March 2020 you will soon be contact by the Finance Office so that the monies owing to you can be refunded.

YR8 Celebration Trip - The payments that were made last year for the current YR8 Trip have been held in the hope that the Trip will be possible this year. As this is now unlikely, arrangements are being made to refund all money paid. If you have paid for the trip, please contact financecourtfields@educ.somerset.gov.uk for further information.

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