

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 21st May 2021

Thank you as always for your support at the end of this busy week. Our Year 11s have finished their PPEs and are geared up for their final week of work in lessons. This will help support our teachers in finalising their Teacher Assessed Grades, alongside the PPE results and their work during Year 10 and 11. We are pleased that our students have been so mature about the process, given the difficult situation that has resulted from the Covid pandemic. In line with the Government guidance and the requirements from the exams regulator Ofqual we will be putting in place an early Finish on Friday 28th May.

The Government has given strict guidelines for teachers with regards to Year 11 Teacher Assessment Grades and the process takes a considerable amount of time. This includes all the marking, moderation and standardisation that normally is undertaken by the Exam Boards. Therefore, Governors have agreed that the school can close at 1.30 pm on Friday in order to allow teachers to submit their final marks, which will be followed by further moderation and standardisation during and after half term. School Transport will be notified. Free School Meals students should collect their lunch at break time, as the Canteen will not be open at lunchtime.

We hope this may also give families an opportunity to leave a little earlier if you are planning to go away over the half term. I hope you have a lovely weekend. Thank you for your support. Mrs Matthews



Grand LRC Re-Opening

We are delighted to announce that our LRC will be open and trading again following half term. This will mean that all KS3 students will have time in the LRC as part of their English lessons, and that books can once again be loaned. It will also mean that our year 10 students benefit from a quiet and well resourced study area in the run up to their PPE's.

We want every student to borrow and read at least one book between half term and the end of the year. Details of our inter-tutor reading competition will be announced shortly, along with details of our longer term 'reading awards.'

Madagascar Week

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who have supported our annual Madagascar Week this year. The total raised so far is £1,223.71. During the week we have had various fundraising activities, which included lots of cake sales! We have also been walking, cycling, swimming and running to Madagascar as a group, virtually of course! We have managed 6,199.33 miles through the month of April. This has smashed our target of 5,716 miles! We are hoping to be able to hold our annual talent show later in the year if restrictions allow.

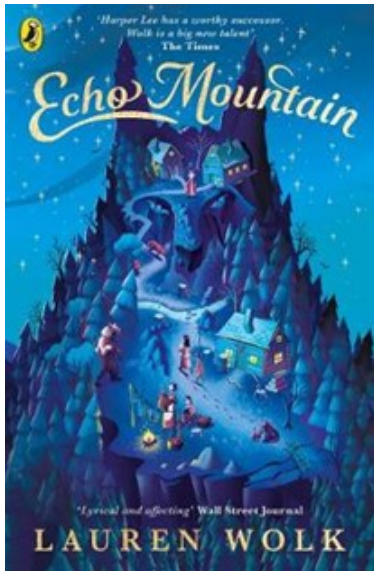
The money raised this year will make a massive difference to the people in Madagascar. During the past few years we have put in 3 clean water projects. Which has meant hundreds of people in three villages have access to clean fresh water. We have also built a school, which was originally for primary aged children but in 2018 we were able to extend the school in order to accommodate older children. In 2019 we helped to build a preschool. The money raised this year will be for another needed project in Madagascar. Court Fields School works with the Madagascar Development Fund so when we have a final amount we will discuss with MDF as to what is needed the most at the moment.

We really can't thank you enough for all your help and support! This is an amazing achievement and we are committed to continue to make a difference.



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Book of the Week: Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk.
Shortlisted for the 2021 CILIP Carnegie Medal. Also available on SORA our EBooks

1933. When Ellie and her family lose everything, they flee to Echo Mountain. Ellie runs wild, exploring the mountain's mysteries. But the one she can't solve is who's leaving the gifts for her: tiny wooden carvings of animals and flowers, dotted around the mountain for her to find. Then Ellie's father has a terrible accident. When she sets out to find a cure for him, she discovers Cate, the outcast witch, and Larkin, a wild mountain boy. From them she learns about being a healer, being brave - and how there can be more to a person than first meets the eye.

Echo Mountain follows in the footsteps of *Wonder* as a book that is perfect for use in schools to teach about the power of kindness, tolerance, perseverance and friendship, and the importance of looking beyond a person's outward appearance.

An unforgettable novel from the award-winning author of *Wolf Hollow* and *Beyond the Bright Sea*.



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Year 11 donations

If any Year 11 parents have revision guides they would be happy to donate, it would be very much appreciated. These can be dropped in to our front office any time. School uniform donations would also be very welcome from our Year 11s, after 28th May. These can also be brought to the office or spares handed to tutors on the last day. Thank you!

Year 7 Football v Holyrood

The talented year 7 boys finally got their chance to proudly represent Court Fields on the sports field after such a crazy year. They welcomed an equally talented Holyrood group for a fantastic football spectacle. Both schools had two teams who pitted their wits against one another.

The game on pitch one was a very close affair, with Court Fields winning a 5-4 thriller. The game on the other pitch was closer than the 7-2 scoreline to Court Fields suggested. Well done to all involved, the future is certainly bright!

Game 1: Court Fields 5 - 4 Holyrood (Elijah x2, Oliver A x2, Thiago W).

Game 2: Court Fields 7 - 2 Holyrood (Fletcher J x4, Owen P, Luciano E, Charlie T).



Prom Tickets

The deadline for buying your Year 11 Prom ticket is the end of the month! Tickets can be purchased via Scopay or by bringing in cash/cheque. The Prom is booked for Friday 9th July at Oake Manor Golf Club. Tickets are £32.



Forward diary dates

31st May - 6th June - Half Term (finish at 1.30pm)
24th & 25th June - Inset Days

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