

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

22nd January 2021

I hope that you and your families have been ok this week. I know it's seemed hard for lots of our community, as we continue with the lockdown restrictions and the ongoing challenges for families of online learning, working from home, coping with family illness or just the day to day worries of this difficult time.

I would just like to say a massive thank you from all our Court Fields Team, for all your efforts to support our students and our community. The engagement of our students in their live and online lessons has been super, and we are so grateful for your support. Please do have as relaxing a weekend as you can, thank you, take care and keep safe. Mrs Matthews

Amazing Lockdown Work

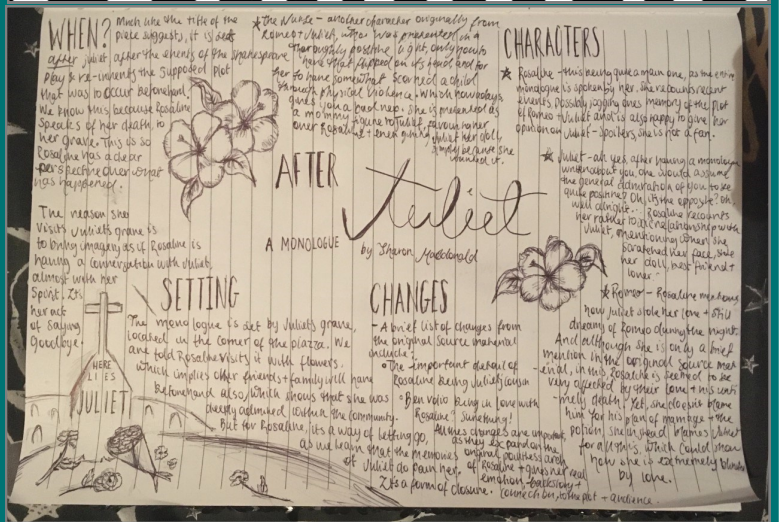
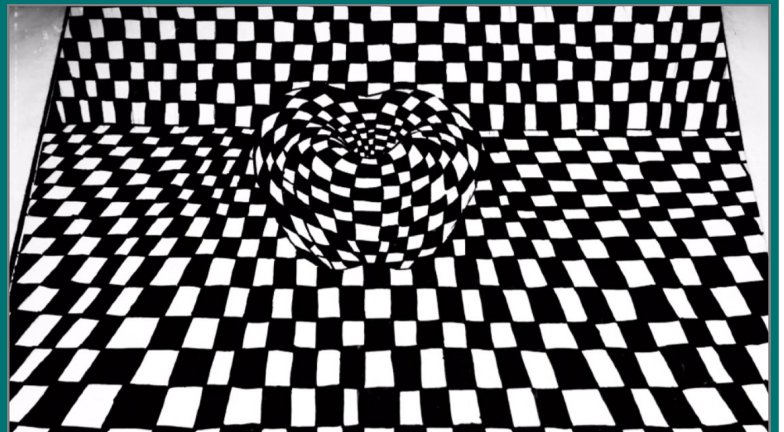
Mr Keitch has just started a new Tech project with Y9 at Court Fields School designing and making clocks based on a design movement/style. Following some initial research, last week he asked them to draw two apples based on a design style.

This was the fantastic design that Year 9 student **Madi S** produced! This amazing work in an optical art design style was based on the work of Bridget Riley in the 1960s. Madi will be receiving a Headteacher Commendation. Congratulations Madi!

Madi B in Year 10, who we know is a talented artist, produced this amazing work on the theme of Romeo & Juliet, as part of her Performing Arts course.

A Headteacher Commendation will be coming your way in the post shortly. Congratulations and well done Madi!

Well done to these and all our super Court Fields students! In the last 3 weeks our staff have awarded a massive **34,708** ClassCharts Reward Points. Well done to everyone in our Court Fields Team!! If only we could give them to parents too!!!



Year 9 Futures Programme

Our Year 9 Futures (options) programme will be taking place over the next few weeks to help prepare our students to make their GCSE subject choices for Key Stag 4. The programme, includes tutor activities and workbook for students, information for parents, a virtual Futures Evening, and a 1:1 Futures Interview for all children. This will ensure that our students are well prepared for their Key Stage 4 courses.

Year 9 Parents & Carers will have been emailed details of the programme, including the activities and events that students will be involved in over the next few weeks. The programme also provides information to support your child and help them to access the materials if required. All resources for the programme will be available through ClassCharts as per our learning at home programme.

If you have any specific Futures (Options) questions please do not hesitate to contact the school using the Futures@courtfields.net email. **The Deadline for Year 9 Option Choices is Monday 1st March 2021.**

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Book of the Week - The Girl Who Speaks Bear, By Sophie Anderson

Yanka has always felt like an outsider – found in a bear cave when she was a baby and raised by her foster mother Mamochka, she's always wondered where she came from. But when something very unusual begins to happen to her, it's the push she needs to leave her village on a quest to discover her family, her origins and who she really is. Sophie Anderson's follow-up to *The House with Chicken Legs* is another wonderful adventure, drawing heavily on Russian folk tales to bring us a gripping tale of dragons, bears and magic.

As Yanka's quest unfolds, young readers will not only be captivated by the peril and dangers she faces, but also by the underlying themes of friendship, identity and family. And it's impossible not to root for Yanka, who is growing and learning as she goes, making some valuable discoveries along the way.

Marvellously-drawn characters and a timeless style of prose – along with the inclusion of traditional folk tales, all related to Yanka's story – come together to make *The Girl Who Speaks Bear* almost impossible to put down



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.lovereadings4kids.co.uk
www.goodreads.com

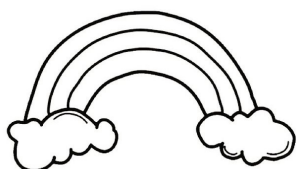
Loads of authors are on YouTube reading their books and on their websites. Search your favourite author to find out more! **Don't forget courtfields.net has lots of links including to our Reading Cloud and Accelerated Reader. Post your reviews and you can still do your quizzes.**

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

Weekly wellbeing tip: The mindfulness rainbow

MINDFULNESS RAINBOW



British think tank, the New Economics Foundation, proposes there are “5 ways to wellbeing”: connect, be active, take notice, keep learning and give.

This week's wellbeing tip encourages you to take notice. This grounding technique is great for a moment of calming mindfulness and is particularly useful for bringing heightened feelings back under control. A great exercise for all ages.

Simply look around you and identify one (or more) objects for each colour of the rainbow; red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet. For the most impact try the mindfulness rainbow activity outside.

**Year 11 Monday
Mindfulness
3.15-4.00**



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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