

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin

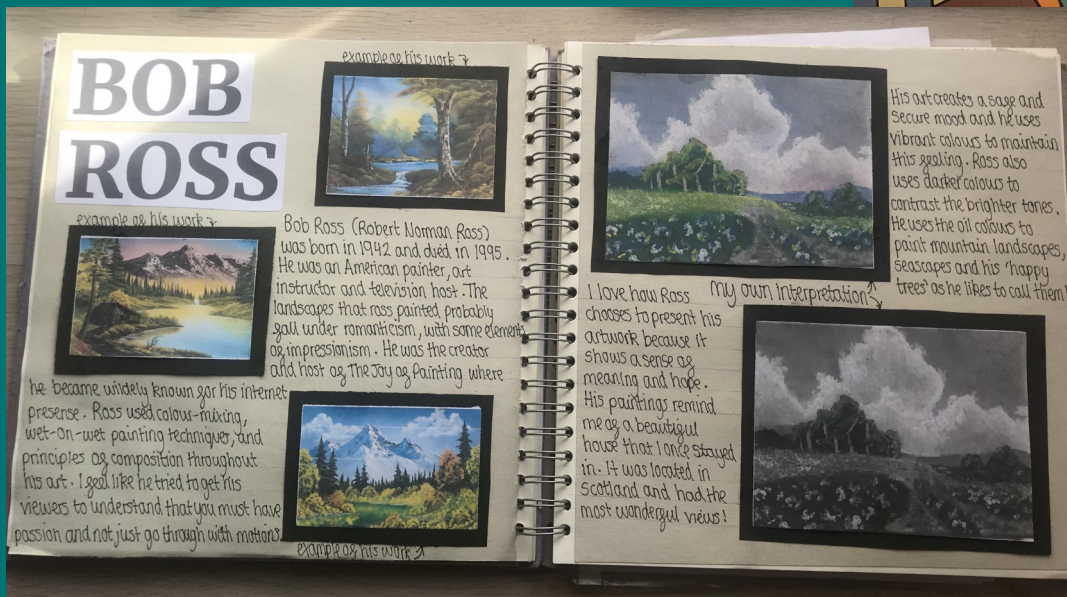
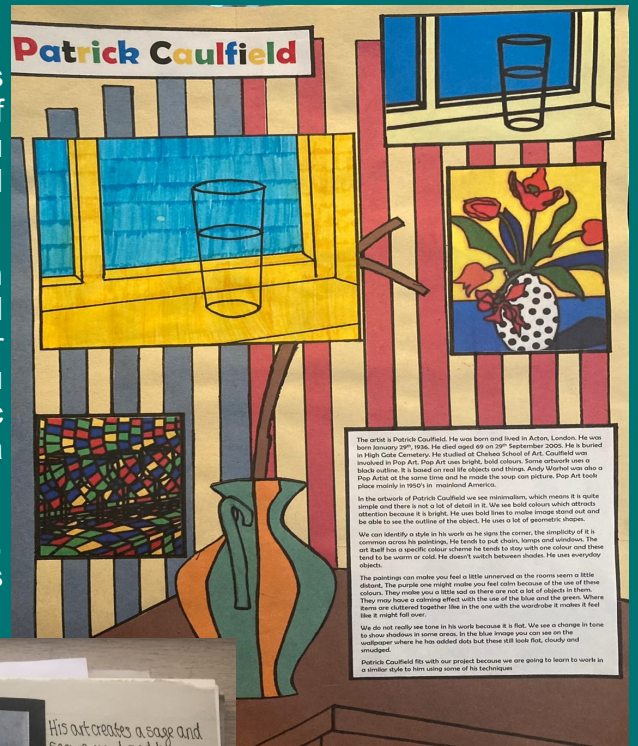


Message from Mrs Matthews

I was so pleased yesterday afternoon to speak with Mrs Watson, the Trust CEO, and to be offered the role of permanent Headteacher at Court Fields School. As you can imagine I was absolutely over the moon and accepted immediately!!

Over the two days of interviews I was able to give such compelling evidence of the improvement in our school, and in particular the impact of our work with parents and our wider community. That is due in a significant part to you all, your willingness to listen and to get behind the strategic direction of the school, and help us to make our school a better place.

I am so excited to be able to continue to lead this journey, and to work in partnership with you over the coming months and years. Thank you so much for all your support.



I hope you are able to have some relaxing time over the Half Term with your families. Of course I will update you as and when I have any further information from the Government regarding a return to school.

Take care and keep safe
Mrs Matthews



Safer Internet Day

We hope the students managed to watch the virtual assembly we shared on Class Charts on Tuesday. We also shared some parent advice guides to support navigating the ever-changing world of the Internet and apps. During PSHCE on Wednesday tutors also talked about this topic with students.

We are extremely proud of our students and understand they are spending more time at a screen than ever. If any students or parents have any concerns about Internet use or safety online you can report via our 'Safe' Platform on the school website, email the tutor or email safeguarding@courtfields.net.

Ditch the Device Day!

As the students are not being set work from school on Friday 12th February, we would like to promote Ditch the Device Day! Our students have spent many hours at a screen online learning, so why not spend a day away from the screen? We have shared many ideas via Class Charts and attached to the Parent Bulletin, for students and families to do away from the device. We hope the activities shared will allow the chance for students and families to do things away from online learning and have fun that does not involve a screen. Enjoy!

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Book of the Week - Deeplight, by Frances Hardinge

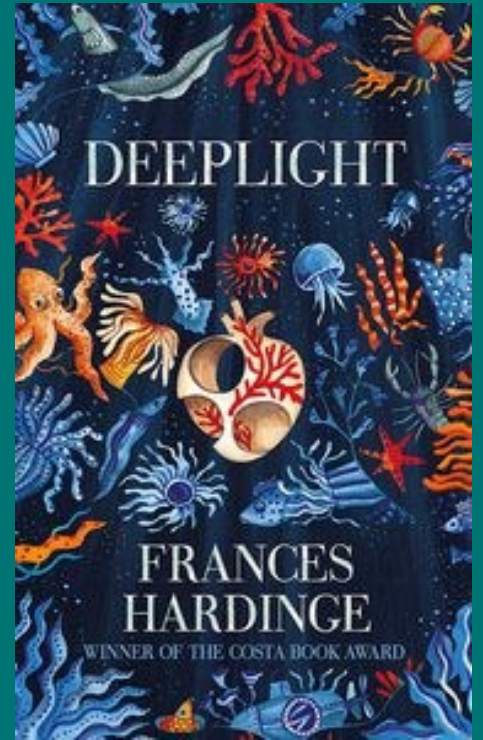
Hark and his best friend Jelt are scavengers on the strange island of Lady's Crave, obsessed with getting their hands on valuable and magical "godware": the physical remains of the terrifying gods that used to dominate their world before they tore each other apart around 30 years ago.

But everything changes when Hark gets arrested and sent to the neighbouring island of Nest, a sanctuary for retired priests. Then, after diving into the Undersea, Jelt starts to transform.

This breath-taking story is so richly imagined and described that it fills the reader's head with startling visions, particularly the visits to the Undersea and the super weird and scary dead gods, including The Hidden Lady, The Glass Cardinal and Greymantle. Also notable is the wonderful character of Selphin, a girl who cannot hear due to being 'sea-kissed'. Indeed, the whole book has its roots in a letter sent to the author asking if she'd ever thought of including a deaf character in her stories. Selphin is brave and resourceful, and takes a joint hero role with Hark during the second half of the book.

This is not an easy read and therefore would be most suitable for readers over 12, although not because of any unsuitable content. Sophisticated or adult readers may see political allegories reflected in the eyes of the bloated, distorted gods and all the myths about them, but the story also works as a thrilling adventure.

Truly a multi-layered masterpiece, full of heart and soul – and the world-building is to die for.



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

Wellbeing tip:



Cold exposure can have powerful impacts on your mental health and circulatory system, improving focus and sleep, reducing inflammation, and increasing metabolism. Try finishing your usual shower with 2 minutes of cold water, or leave bath water to cool overnight for a refreshing morning dip. To find out more check out <https://www.wimhofmethod.com/>

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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