

HEADLINES



As the Easter Holiday approaches it signals two thirds of the school year has passed, so it's a good opportunity to look back at what has gone well and look forward to what we hope to achieve before the end of July and also to begin planning for the new school year in September.

OFSTED went very well.....China Link still strong.....Christmas events were really enjoyable.....Celebration Evening was very well supported.....Sixth Form continues to grow and enable students to successfully gain employment. Out of all the highlights through the year so far, and there have many others, large and small, it is the news of a student/s leaving us and successfully gaining employment that brings the most joy and satisfaction for everyone at Combe Pafford. Everyone appreciates jobs are hard to find, especially getting that first one which hopefully represents 'the first rung on the ladder'. A job brings so much more than just a pay packet - (which of course is very important!!), but it brings a sense of worth; a reason to get up in the morning; often it helps develop a social life; and a transition from school to adulthood.

This is why we have been so pleased for the following students who have recently left us.....India Dowell - Apprenticeship Kiddi Caru; Jo Ingram - Apprenticeship C/P Animal Care; Jack Baldwin - Apprenticeship C/P premises; Leon Mager - employed Torbay Contract Services; Amelia Savage - employed Fermoy's; Matt Adams - supported internship Paignton Sec.....Congratulations and good luck to each one.

So looking forward.....we are hopeful several others, who are very close to securing jobs will do so before the end of July.....that finally we get planning permission granted for an artificial pitch.....that the sun shines all summer.....and that everyone gets lots of Easter Eggs and enjoys the holiday !!

Mr Lock
Head Teacher



Visit to Lower School News Parliament

5M and 5E had a wonderful time on their London trip. We were lucky enough to have a trip on the London Eye and see all of the amazing landmarks that we have been learning about in class. After this we walked across Westminster Bridge to the Houses of Parliament and met our local MP, Kevin Foster, who took us to the terrace and answered our questions. We had a tour around Parliament and even got to sit in on a live debate in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Finally we went to McDonalds and then travelled back to our accommodation on a double decker bus which we were all very excited about.



4G's visit to 'Oriental Touch' to try some Chinese food as part of our topic on China. The children attempted to use chopsticks!!

Mrs Gardner
4G



Exeter Cathedral and Mosque

Year 7 had a fantastic day out to Exeter Cathedral and Exeter Mosque. We are currently learning about Christianity and Islamic beliefs and comparing them. The trip allowed pupils to visualise the differences. We explored all the areas of Exeter Cathedral and all of the pupils couldn't believe how big it was. We explored the history of the Cathedral and looked at the art work on the walls and in the stain glass windows. We had a look at the Cathedral bells and had a chance to recreate the tune using hand bells. The pupils also had the opportunity to dress up in the choir's uniform and as a Bishop. We finished by exploring the different areas around the Cathedral. We then went to the Mosque. When we arrived the first thing we did was all take our shoes off and go into the community hall with Imam to have an introduction to the mosque. He spoke us through their beliefs and the teachings of the Quran. We were then able to sit at the back and observe their noon prayer. It was here that the pupils learnt that the men and women pray separately. After the prayer the Imam recited to us how they are called to prayer. We were also able to see the washing areas that are used by members of the mosque. All pupils commented that they enjoyed the Mosque as it was a very peaceful relaxing place.

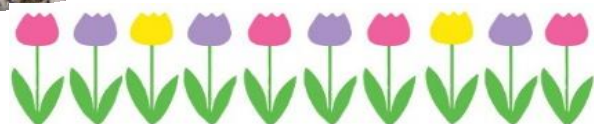
We all enjoyed ourselves and had lots to talk about in our RE lesson the next day. Well done Year 7!

Miss Blackler



Year 8 at Escot

On Monday 14th January, Year 8 went to visit the living histories Saxon village at Wildwood Escot in Ottery St Mary. We had a fantastic day learning about how the Saxons lived; how they made and foraged food, how they made tools and toys, how they made coins and paid for things, and exploring what their houses and shelters were like. We made bread in the cob oven and a clothes pin in the forge. We also got to see some amazing animals including wolves! There are 6 wolves at Escot who have come from Sweden. We were really lucky to get up so close to them.





WORLD BOOK DAY



This year our World Book Day celebrations were a huge success.

During World Book Day assembly it was fantastic to see favourite book characters being brought to life when pupils and staff dressed up for the day. There were so many wonderful characters to look at and talk about! Magical Harry Potters, powerful superheroes and an array of funny characters from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory were all a big hit. Dr Seuss characters were also popular as were many fairy tale characters ranging from Snow White to Goldilocks. Last but not least, we also had some scary Demon Dentists from the fantastic author David Walliams.

The library was also 'dressed' up for the day with special World Book Day bunting and a selection of colourful book posters showcasing new and exciting reads. Pupils had the opportunity to design their own book cover and take part in other book activities.

Classes shared stories with one another and spoke about the importance of spending at least ten minutes a day reading. We have all agreed that you can read anywhere and everywhere from breakfast to bedtime!

Thank you all for making World Book Day a special day.
Happy reading!

Mrs J Platt
Library Manager



Upper School Success Stories

There have once again been some fantastic success stories happening through Upper School during this term.

Pupils have already completed their BTEC course in IT and are now working towards a higher qualification. Well done to Kieran Blake, Callum Williams, Lauren Walsh, Kai Eggbeer, Tommy Cresswell, Chloe Hart, Jasmine Kellett, Phoebe Nosworthy, Adam Prosser, Barrie Setchfield, Charlie Wilson and David Leese. A special well done to Kieran, Callum, Lauren and Kai who exceeded their target grades!

All Year 10 and 11 pupils following our Learning for Life option now have a personal 'job' responsibility in school.

Some pupils have been commended by staff for their excellent attitude, perseverance and punctuality in these job roles and have already received 'payment' in the form of a two-course dinner at the Yellow Frog Café! Well done to Matthew Roberts working in the IT Suite (making sure the suite is in good order and tidy), Ellie Jackson working in 4G (making sure the book corner is tidy and ready for pupils) and Nathan Johnstone, Aimee-Jo Slade Duley and Tyler Degowan working in the Yellow Frog Café.



Matthew Roberts



Ellie Jackson

Our Year 11 pupils did brilliantly well in their interviews for joining the Sixth Form in September. Mr Thompson (Head of Sixth Form) and Mrs Milner (Careers Advisor) were extremely impressed by how the pupils conducted themselves and gave special praise to the mature answers given by Adam Prosser, Devon Smail and Jake Vizard.



Charlotte Bullock, Aimee-Jo Slade Duley and Sterling Kuhn have completed their work on Lexia, an online-based program to develop reading skills in six areas (phonological awareness, phonics, structural analysis, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension). Andrew Carter has also achieved completion of the Alpha to Omega intervention which supports reading, writing and spelling.

Many Year 11 pupils have achieved their Entry Level Award qualification in Maths. Well done to Damon Barlow, Tommy Cresswell, Lauren Walsh, Amy Weston, Ellie Walker, Phoebe Nosworthy & Kieran Binmore.



Tommy Cresswell

Finally, Tommy Cresswell has made exceptional progress in reading and achieved a brilliant score in his Functional Skills reading paper. Well done Tommy!

These are just some of our fantastic successes this term and I look forward to many more next term from your hardworking children.

I wish you all a lovely Easter break!
Mr B Dowell

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the sudden death of Alice Sloman last term. Alice was a year 10 pupil, known by many staff and pupils across the school for her very vibrant and bubbly personality.

Alice's Throne



Pupils within the Upper School were keen to create a lasting tribute to their friend Alice and knowing her love for the library, suggested a piece of furniture to be placed in this space. Chunky Monkey Furniture, based in Exeter, were commissioned to create a bespoke, hand-made reading throne as a fitting tribute to Alice, a proud library monitor. Year 10 chose to engrave the chair with the quote from Alice in Wonderland, 'It's only a dream...'



The throne was unveiled by Alice's parents, Mr and Mrs Sloman, during a remembrance assembly attended by Years 10 and 11. It now sits proudly at the entrance of our school library.

We hope that the reading throne will be enjoyed and used widely by staff and pupils for many years to come.

Jenny McVeigh



Business and Enterprise Week

This year's Business and Enterprise Week and Fair was another great success with the majority of classes making a profit (except Mr Davies who seemed to be the only class teacher who made a loss!). Perhaps Mr Davies isn't destined to be the next Alan Sugar! There were a variety of stalls selling all sorts of crafts and delicious treats not to mention a great selection of games to take part in too. The fair had a real buzz and it was lovely seeing the children so passionate about what they had created in the classes. It just shows what a benefit this experience has for our children. I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of the staff for all those parents and carers that came to the fair.

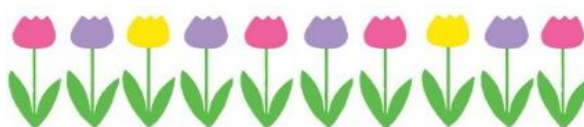


Lower school made a grand total of £106.68 profit which will be donated to the Blue Cross charity. The winning class was 7J who made £27.10.

Middle school made a grand total of £216.50 profit which will be donated to P.A.T.H. The winning class was 8P who made a whopping £57.48.

Both classes received a class reward and will be presenting the money raised to their charity in recognition for their amazing selling effort.

Mrs Bradfield (Head of Lower School)



Above: Some of the fantastic work that got put into the fair!

Just a reminder:-

School Uniform is now being sold by Riviera School Days

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If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please ring the school on: 01803 327902 by 10.00am.

We are rigorous about attendance; please visit our school website for further information.

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Some of Combe Pafford's Sixth Formers received welcome news after returning from the Christmas holidays. Since the start of 2019, five students have gained jobs or apprenticeships and there are more in the pipeline!

The aim of the Sixth Form is to help get these young adults into meaningful employment, their tailored pathway link to their vocational interests and includes two days every week working in their chosen sector with a business partner linked to the school, many employers are impressed by their hard work and reliability and are keen to offer them permanent positions or apprenticeship opportunities.

Amelia Savage has now left school and has taken up employment at Fermoys Garden Centre; Leon Major has been taken on by Torbay Clearance Services; Jo Ingram has been successful after applying for an Animal Care apprenticeship, as has Jack Baldwin as an apprentice in Premises Maintenance. Two other students, Shannon Gendall and Tom Houghton are just awaiting final offers before they will also be employed. Several other students have gained part time work which fits alongside, continuing to attend their sixth form course and see it as a step towards finding a suitable job.

As part of our commitment to youth employment, we have created ten apprenticeship posts at Combe Pafford and many of our ex apprentices have left and are now employed in posts across the Bay.

We expect more of our students to be successful in this way before the school year ends

We have also just heard that India Dowell has just been offered a childcare apprenticeship at Kiddi Karoo, she is due to start next week!our first child care apprentice success!!

The school itself received recognition of this recently, when we were shortlisted by Exeter College for their annual 'Apprentice and Employer Awards 2019' and attended the awards ceremony on the 8th February. Exeter College work with 964 employers, so we were delighted to win the 'Medium Employer of the Year Award', especially as the independent judging panel included South West Water; Mercedes-Benz SW; Ikea; MB Areospace; and South West Comms.



MUSIC NEWS

Q19 Percussion duo visit Combe Pafford School

Pupils were excited to recently have a visit from Iolo and Luke as part of the LiveMusicNow project bringing live music into schools.

They performed on a range of percussion instruments including the marimba playing music from Disney's The Lion King to music by Phillip Glass as well as the ever popular Baby Shark!

Some pupils were able to take part in performing on the instruments trying to beat Luke on his marimba time to get from one end of the instrument to the other.

Charlie said "it made music come alive"

If you know of any musicians who would like to perform in school please get in touch.

By Miss Puffett, Music Teacher



Combe Pafford school pupils meet the African children's choir.

A small group of singers recently had the opportunity to meet children from Uganda who are members of the African children's choir. The choir has been touring the UK since November and has been spending time in Plymouth performing in various locations.

We were invited to meet the African children's choir at Hands2gether in Plymouth, as part of a paint your own pottery workshop. Pupils had the opportunity to paint their own pottery mug and informally chat and sing with the African children's choir. It was great to see how confident our pupils were with the children from Uganda with Kiemera and Natasha even volunteering to sing in front of the whole group

There was a moment when all the children joined in singing songs from The Greatest Showman while painting which was amazing to listen to and watch.

Pupils came back to school having made some new friends and memories that I know they will cherish.



Food For Life Silver Award

Combe Pafford School has been awarded the Food for Life Silver award for its healthy and climate-friendly food culture.

The school is working with Food for Life to transform the school's food culture and that of its local community by connecting the children with climate-friendly and healthy food.

In its quest to achieve the Food for Life Silver award Combe Pafford serves school meals on plates, not flight trays and has a range of free range, local organic items on the menu. Pupils get to cook and eat the produce they have grown in school. Parents and the wider community get involved too through food themed events such as the annual Combe Pafford School Food Festival.

Combe Pafford is now working towards the Food for Life Gold Award – the ultimate award that recognises schools which use practical learning experiences to reconnect young people to the food they eat following the journey from field to plate.

Rhiannon Alcock, School Nutrition Lead, explains "We are thrilled to have been awarded the Silver Food For Life Award. By joining the Food For Life scheme, we have been able to support our pupils, and parents and carers in understanding the benefits of a balanced and healthy diet, as well as enabling our pupils to have access to a high quality of food within school. Our pupils have been involved in suggesting and implementing changes to the dining hall and the menu, and have the opportunity to learn important life skills linked to growing and harvesting produce and cooking."

By Miss Alcock

School Nutrition Action Group Lead/Year 9 Teacher.



Year 10 Visit to the House of Marbles

This term Year 10 pupils have been finding out how sharing experiences with young children can help them to learn. As children learn through **investigation**, **experimenting**, **exploring** and **observation**, we took a trip to the House of Marbles in Bovey Tracey to do just that!

We **investigated** how marbles and many other glass ornaments are made in the Glass Works, and **experimented** with the buttons on the different marble runs which make the marbles go around the run, which we then **observed**. We completed a brass rubbing trail and **experimented** with the different crayon techniques to find the best way to complete the rubbings and we **explored** the House of Marbles garden to find a giant marble, giant games, and a marble well to throw marbles into. We **experimented** to find the best way to throw the marbles into the well to make them spin in a circular motion, and **investigated** the Games Museum to find out which toys and games were the oldest. We **explored** marbles of all shapes and sizes to decide our favourites, and had the opportunity to buy some at the gift shop before we took the minibus back to school.



Sports Roundup

Swimming

8 pupils from Combe Pafford attended the annual SEN Swimming Gala held at the WESC School in Exeter on the 20th March 2019. This was the first time Combe Pafford had entered a team for some years and it was a great success. Morgan Quinn started a very nervous team off with a 4th place in the 25m Boys Backstroke, followed by Leah Harris coming 2nd in the Girls Backstroke. Charlie Oldham and Jacob Hughes followed Leah's 2nd place with a 2nd of their own in the u15 and senior backstroke.

In the breaststroke, Anya Mae King logged a 4th place, with Jake Brimicombe coming 3rd in the boy's race. Charlie Oldham followed up his success in the backstroke with a solid 2nd place in the seniors breaststroke with Luca James, swimming up an age group coming in 4th in the same race.

Jake Brimicombe swam his heart out in the boys freestyle and was rewarded with a 4th place finish, with Leah Harris finishing 2nd, her second of the day in the girls race. Jacob Hughes finished the freestyle racing off with a 3rd place in the under 17 race.

The relays proved successful with Combe Pafford securing their first win of the day in the u15 mixed race, followed up by a second place in the u15 boy's race and the second 1st of the day in the 15 and over race.

The races turned to fun races later in the day and Combe Pafford's team did not disappoint. Growing in confidence Chelsea Walters, Leah, Morgan and Luca followed up their success' in the relays with a 1st place in the shopping trolley collecting race, where 3 pupils collected various objects and brought them back to their basket.

The girls, Leah and Anya completed the sunken treasure race finding objects underwater, coming 2nd. The final race of the day was the taxi shuttle run, where two children had to transport another 2 passengers from one end of the pool to another on a huge mat, Combe Pafford completed the day with a 1st place to round up a highly successful day.



Well done to all children who were involved and a special mention to their team work and support of one another throughout the full day.

Swimmers... Jake Brimicombe, Leah Harris, Anya Mae King, Morgan Quinn, Jacob Hughes, Charlie Oldham, Chelsea Walters.

Football Tournament at Exwick



Combe Pafford attended a football tournament at Exwick Sports Hub in Exeter. Two teams made up from 10 boys; Brandon Sherratt, Joseph Francis, Liam Slack, Andrew Carter, Jason Wilby, Owen Hall, Corey Pollard, Morgan Quinn, Liam Hyde, Leo Moxhay, Jordan Orchard Barker.

The boys played in a tournament style competition split into two teams, year 8/9 and 9/10. The year 8/9 team played well over the course of the day, losing 6-1 to Tiverton High school and losing to Brunel Academy 9-1, before winning 8-2 against the Lampard School. Corey Pollard scoring 4 goals in this match. Year 9/10 team played well but lost their first two games against Barley Lane and heavily against Marland School, before improving in their final game, conceding 2 late goals to Southbrook School, losing 2-1. Jason Wilby securing the only goal.

Both teams should be proud of the way they conducted themselves and how they played in good sporting spirit and not giving up. Well done all.

Ten Tors Update

Ten Tors training is fully underway. Three walks now completed with great success, children are now becoming faster and more confident walkers. I am now in the process of sorting the teams out before we go to the north moor for the actual Jubilee Challenge routes. Over the next two sessions it is important children attend to ensure they get an idea for the route and understand the obstacles and navigation included. More details will follow for these walks.



The event is on the **11th May 2019** with the overnight stay on the 10th May. Children will leave around lunchtime on the 10th and head to Okehampton via minibus to the camp which will be set up by Mr Wallace and Mr Thompson on Thursday.

Parents of walkers are invited to attend the event on the 11th May, arrival should be from 12 noon onwards, with the first group usually back by **13:00-13:30pm**.



Auschwitz

I have just been fortunate enough to participate in a very important visit to Poland with two of our sixth form students, Eddy Hoyte and Rupert Masters. This visit was organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust as part of their 'Lessons From Auschwitz' project. This project aims to educate students about the Holocaust and its continuing relevance. The project has four separate parts to it; an orientation seminar, a visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau, a follow up seminar and then a 'Next Steps' project. So far we have completed the first two parts of the project and are due to attend the follow up seminar on Sunday 24th February.

The visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau on Wednesday 13th February started very early with a check-in at Exeter airport at five in the morning. We were all a little bleary eyed but pleased to be on our way. We boarded our flight full of other students from various schools in our region and took the opportunity to read some of the information the Trust had given us. We were all interested in how the day would proceed and aware that it might be a day that was shocking and emotionally draining.

Our first stop in Poland was in the town of Auschwitz. We visited the town square and were given the information that before World War II 58% of the population were Jewish. Now there are no Jews. Of course, it is no coincidence that the town is located right next door to the Auschwitz work and death camps. It was poignant to hear about the thriving Jewish community that had been such a large and important part of this community since the 15th century, simply disappearing to nothing.

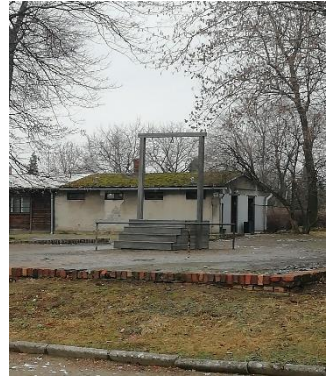
We set off then with some trepidation towards the Auschwitz work camp. Here we walked beneath the words 'Arbeit Macht Frei' and made our way inside. We visited a number of the buildings here and saw sights that were

unimaginable. Our guide talked to us about some of those who had gone there to work, many surviving only two months in the savage and inhumane conditions. We saw suitcases with names emblazoned on them, shoes and glasses piled high-all belonging to those who had been killed. These were unforgettable sights.

Our final destination of the day was Auschwitz-Birkenau. This is the site where roughly 1 million Jews were killed. Much of the site now lies in rubble either destroyed by the Nazis as the Allies came closer at the end of the war or fallen to ruin as time passes. We were able to stand at the sorting area, knowing from our guide that many left here and walked straight to their deaths in the gas chambers. We were able to stand by the ruins of a gas chamber and crematorium. We saw pictures rescued from the debris of prisoners who had undoubtedly been murdered at the site. It is an utterly bleak and desolate place.

We have two more parts of the project to complete. I am certain that both Rupert and Eddy will treat these with the same maturity, thoughtfulness and respect as they treated everything they saw on that important day in Poland. Our message and the message of the Lessons From Auschwitz Project is that those that perished should never be forgotten. To remember them is to ensure it is never allowed to happen again.

Vicki Monnington
Sixth Form Tutor

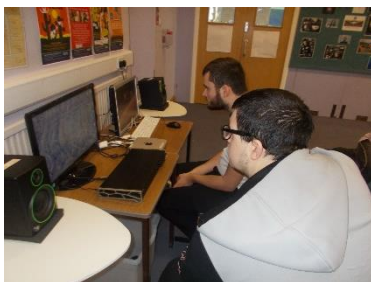


Project @ Seale Hayne



Three of our Sixth Form students, Eddie Hoyte, Mikey Simmons and Robert Macmillan have attended bespoke pathway programmes at The Illusion Shed via The Key based on the old Seale Hayne grounds at Newton Abbot. At the Illusion Shed this term they have developed their communication skills and social skills with others whilst enjoying composing sounds and music from instruments and environmental sounds around them. In addition,

they have learnt how to set up appropriate sound recording and musical equipment. Some have learnt how to edit and record sounds using computers. They have created stop motion video films, using props, creating sounds, organising sound tracks and creating credits at the end of the film, all whilst working as part of a team. In addition, they have also learnt how to set up a production set for a music gig working together. This has enabled those who have the technical knowledge to share this with peers. It has also enabled one of the students Robert



Macmillan to develop volunteering experience to encourage others to work together as a team.

Ms V Hulbert
Sixth Form Job Coach



Maths Success:

Congratulations to Thomas Houghton, Emily Cockayne, Richard Cozens and Jack Baldwin in W1 for securing a Level 1 qualification in Functional Skills Mathematics this term. All 4 pupils have worked incredibly hard in their Maths lessons to achieve this and are now focused on working to achieve the Level 2 qualification.

Mrs Cocker
Maths Teacher

Sixth Form celebrated the success of the students who are out on work placements, by holding an employer celebration evening in the Yellow Frog Cafe. Employers attended from across South Devon.

Leon Mager, who has recently left to start work with Torbay Clearance Services, talked about his journey through Combe Pafford and his employer spoke about how he had become involved with the school and the benefits it had had to his business.

Sixth Form students helped prepare and serve a two course dinner to 49 guests. The highlight of the evening was probably was the chocolate sponge pudding served with cream and frozen berries...it was delicious!

Many of the sixth form students were recognised for their achievements out in the work place. It was great to see four of our recent successes, Amelia, Jo, India and Leon who left us this term to start either work or apprenticeships.

Mrs C Milner
Careers Advisor

HAPPY EASTER



Summer Dates 2019

Pupils return: Tuesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May (inc)

Term Ends: Friday 19th July