

Summer Term 2021

At the end of what has been a very difficult year, it is really sad that the last two weeks of this term has been overshadowed by so many adults and children needing to stay at home and isolate and miss out on what is usually a time of celebration, sports days, trips out and general enjoyment as everyone looks back on the year past and looks forward to the summer holiday ahead. Instead, three classes of pupils and numerous individuals, together with over 30 adults, have ended the term off school and needing to stay indoors..... I hope that once the periods of isolation are completed, that the weather stays warm and that everyone stays healthy and has a really good summer holiday.

Despite the difficulties and restrictions everyone has faced, the newsletter is full of some of the activities we have been able to continue with, from building bridges to welcoming the new ducklings from sixth form success to healthy eating; from trips to Escot and Battlefield Live.....the term has been full and varied and staff and pupils have made the most of what it has been possible Hopefully, a more normal school year lies ahead and we can plan for and enjoy some of the activities we have not been able to offer this year.

Looking ahead, our new music room will be completed and ready to rock when we return, new instruments have been ordered, (along with some ear defenders as its near my office!); some of the lower school classrooms are being redesigned, with walls being removed and more space being created; and our new horticultural classroom and plant sales area being built, so much to look forward to when we return.

In September, we intend to make registration from 8.45 to 8.55, we will be refining drop off and pick up information for those parents delivering and collecting children, during this year we have needed those children being collected to miss the last 15 minutes of lessons each afternoon to ensure we haven't ended up with traffic chaos, we think we have a better solution to this and all pupils will now finish lessons at 3.25, further details will follow in a separate letter.

To finish, I would like to say a very big thank you to all the staff for their work over the last year, without the 'extra yard' you wouldn't be reading such a long newsletter !

I wish everyone a really enjoyable summer holidays.....see you in September!

Mike Lock

4N & 5P trip to Goodrington Sands

5P and 4N's topic this term is 'Under the Sea' so they decided to visit Goodrington to explore the rock pools! A Coast and Countryside ranger met them there and taught them about different kinds of shells, seaweed and animals. They started off by looking on the shoreline for different types of shells and tried to identify them.



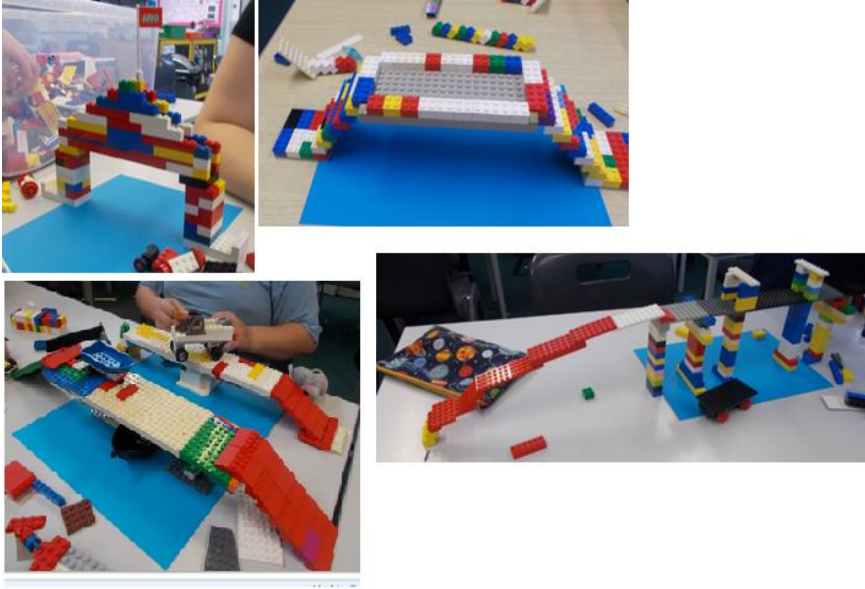
Then, they went across the rock and explored the pools. They had to get wet and get stuck in.

Lifting the rocks and rummaging round for anything they could find. They managed to find a variety of crabs, fish, starfish and lots of other animals you would expect to find in rock pools. They all had a fantastic trip!



6B – Have been finding out about Brunel

Here are some photographs from 6B. We have been finding out about Brunel this term. As part of the topic, the children have designed and made some impressive Lego bridges.



Thank you to all who have
contributed towards our raffle and
online auction.

We have raised £646 in the auction
and just under £200 in our raffle.

Lower School star reader

Freddie Luscombe in 5P has been working hard on the new reading programme, See and Learn, since September with Miss Lee and Miss Penford. He has gone from having books read to him to recognising sounds and blending. He now has a new confidence with reading and has read over 180 books in Year 5! Freddie is lower school's reading star of this year!

The photo shows Freddie surrounded by 120 books in the library, which was kindly organised by Mrs Platt. Congratulations Freddie, you have shown that hard work and determination can bring success! Thank you to all the parents who support their child's reading at home.



Year 7 Production



During this term, Year 7 have been focussing on writing and producing play scripts in English. Each class has researched a well-known fairy tale in order to identify the features of a play script. Using this template, children were able to adapt the script through changing characters and settings; recreating their own version of the play. 7K twisted the Gingerbread Man into the G-Man, 7D modernised Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs into Jasmine White and the Seven Robots and 7E followed the story of Little Ted Riding Hoody instead of Little Red Riding Hood. Each class were able to create their own props and paint their own scenery to perform their productions outside to Lower School classes.

Humanities Educational Visits



In Year 7 throughout this term, we have been looking at rivers and coast. We have enjoyed finding physical features and discussing whether they are man-made or natural. In spite of Covid, we have been able to go to a variety of local coasts and rivers including Dawlish Warren and Dartmoor.

Music news – Summer term

There has been lots of focus in music this term on singing and developing rhythm skills.
Have a look at what some pupils have been up...

Sea Shanties – 5R and 5P

Pupils in 5R and 5P have been exploring action songs and developing their rhythm skills through performing sea shanties this term.

In 5R, they have learnt to perform shanties such as Drunken Sailor, Chicken on a raft and Wellerman whilst raising the sail. A highlight for Mr Dowall has been 5P singing sea shanties whilst sailing inside and outside of the class on their imaginary pirate ship! Nick has particularly enjoyed the time and is always in good spirits.



Pbones – 7K and 7E



We have been lucky to have been able to use a set of pbones (plastic trombones) from Devon and Torbay music education hubs this term.

Pupils in Year 7 have been learning to perform Shark Attack and We Will Rock You. There has been fierce competition to see who can perform the longest note and it is very close between Aiden, Cody, Liam and Callum – 25 seconds is the record!

Guitars – 7D

7D have learnt how to play a handful of songs on the guitar.

Mr Dowall is impressed with Matthew for his high level of interest shown. He plays each day in school and asks him to show how to play different songs. Well done 7D!



Ocarinas – 4N



Pupils in 4N have been singing songs using actions before learning how to play the ocarina. Mr Dowall is delighted with Jessica and Maliki for being really expressive, always joining in and enjoying the songs each week!

Outstanding performers in Lower school this term:

Jessica and Maliki in 4N for being really expressive in their performances.

Nick in 5P for his Sea shanty performances.

Billy in 5R for his ability to understand the difference between pulse and rhythm whilst performing sea songs.

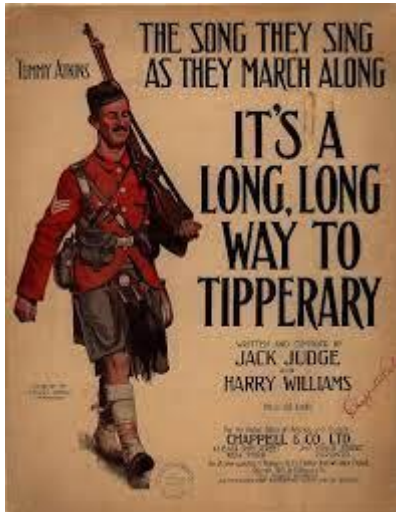
Matthew in 7D for fantastic guitar playing.

Marian in 7K and Oliver in 7E for fantastic performances on the pbones. Well done all!



DJ skills – Year 9

Year 9 pupils have been developing their music mixing skills this term using soundboards and IT apps to support them. I have been really impressed by their ability to mix sounds and choose where and when to add effects.



Songs of the Trenches – Year 8

Pupils in Year 8 have been heard around the school this term singing songs from WW1 such as Keep the home fires burning, It's a long way to Tipperary and Pack up your troubles. They have had to multitask at times with singing, marching and playing instruments. Some classes have even performed two songs at once with one group singing Pack up your troubles whilst the other sings It's a long way to Tipperary. I am very proud of their achievements this term.

Outstanding performers in Middle school this term:

Connor Adams and Nathan in Year 9 for creating a fantastic Rock band performance – I look forward to seeing how this develops more next year!



Amberlea and Kaven in 9A for their guitar riff skills.

Tom in 9A for his DJing skills.



Olivia in 8P for her confident singing skills.

Brandon in 8C for his performance of From Now On for Sing up day!

Music Events

Summer sounds live music festival

Pupils have had access to online music concerts this term including the Summer Sounds live-streamed interactive music event featuring a range of musicians based in Devon and Torbay. You can watch this back by visiting <https://youtu.be/mFmdzqlidNA>



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Bournemouth Symphony orchestra and the Arts Award Discover

This term pupils have had access to a livestream concert from the Bournemouth symphony orchestra featuring members of BSO Resound, the world's first disabled led ensemble. They were introduced to the instruments of the orchestra and some well-known pieces of music such as Saint-Saens Carnival of the Animals and Bernstein's Mambo from West Side Story. As part of this, some classes are now working towards gaining an Arts Award Discover by completing additional activities linked to the concert.

Sing Up Day

To celebrate Sing Up Day this year I asked pupils and staff to send in clips of themselves singing – I was really impressed with the response and put a video together of their performances, which was shown, in school on the day.



Well done to all those pupils and staff involved you should be really proud of yourselves, it takes a lot to sing in front of others.

8P sang A Whole New World for others to hear during Sing Up Day.



Are you a musician with skills to share?

Do you know any musicians who would like to perform?

We are looking to make links with any local musicians who have time to come into school for mini performances during the Autumn term. (Covid dependent)

Please get in touch with the office and ask for Miss Puffett.

Year 8 Memorial Visit

This term Year 8 have been learning about World War 1. As part of our study, we have researched the role of local soldiers and the role of the Devonshire Regiment. We decided to take the children to visit some war memorials in Torquay to see where these men are remembered.



8S visited Torre church to look for a memorial to remember the men who were lost in the Great War that had attended Tor School as boys. The memorial's location is hidden from view and few people may know of its existence. It sadly had a large broken down lorry blocking it further but 8S honoured the memory of the soldiers by reading the names, noticing those with the same surnames and recognising that it was very possible some men were related to one another.



We then met up with all other Year 8s at the Torquay Memorial at Princess Gardens who had all visited various other memorial locations.

Year 8 showed excellent empathy, understanding and respect at all times. We were very proud of them.

8S Following their golden rule by being kind

In RE this term, 8S have been looking at how people of different beliefs and religions are kind to one another, and creating their own Golden Rules as a class. 8S are following some of these rules by raising money for the charity MIND through Run4David. Run4David is a GoFund page set up by a local young lady called Charlotte Smith who is running a 26 mile marathon around Torbay on the 7th September in memory of her dad. So far 8S have been making fidget toys to sell, doing a sponsored run and organising a bake and cake sale – all of which have gone really well. They have also planned more cake sales with Flapjack Friday coming soon and Waffle Wednesday! Well done 8S!



Mr Lock, one of our first customers.



Some of the fidget toys made by 8S



8C – WW1 Memorial Garden & Healthy Eating Week

8C have been reusing and recycling whilst making our commemorative Poppies for our garden, we have landscaped the area and planted some meadow flowers along with green beans and tomatoes. We researched the names of fallen soldiers in our area and as a mark of respect, we created a plaque in their memory and honour. We then journeyed to World war memorial places in Torquay where we investigated and paid homage to those lost and fallen heroes.



8C decided to use vegetables to create yummy cakes. We made courgette, beetroot and parsnip cakes (separately) we used oil instead of butter and veg to create the sweetness, a dusting of cocoa powder and lickity split we have a yummy cake.

Year 8 – trip to Escot

During Humanities in the spring term, Year 8 learnt all about life in Anglo – Saxon England. Earlier this month we visited Escot for a living history day. Here the students got hands on experience of what it was like to live in this historical period. Some of the activities they took part in were:

- Bread making
- Wood sculpting
- Foraging
- Metal forging



We also had some very brave warriors who took on the drop slide!



Exeter Chiefs Rugby Training Day

On the 18th June 2021 I took eight Year 8 pupils to Topsham Rugby Club for a rugby festival held by the Exeter Chiefs community coaches.



The day involved lots of mini games in segregated bubbles where the children could explore different aspects of rugby, understand the game, hone their skills and most importantly, have fun. Those in attendance were Sam Kelly, Tyler Von Elson, Ryan Smith, Billy Owens, Bleay Prior, Luke Feltham, Harley Clements, Tyler Vickers.



The boys were an absolute delight to take to the event, their behaviour was impeccable and they received high praise for their efforts from the coaches, with Sam being advised to join a rugby team – who knew he was so quick and agile!

A highlight of the day was watching all the children engage so well, give their all and it was a pleasure to see them enjoying a sport that they have not been able to do this year.

Huge praise for the 8 boys who are now Rugby Rounder's experts and represented the school so well.

Well done.



Sports day 2021 – Lower School

2021, we finally got to hold a sports day on the astro turf! I don't know who was more excited, the children or Mr Davey and I! On Thursday 8th July Lower School pupils in Year 4-6 took part in sports day which was the first event held on our 'new' astro turf, in a week of turbulent weather the conditions held and were perfect for a morning of sporting

activities. The teams, The Green Hulks, The Blue Thors, The Red Ironmen and the Black Panthers were ready and excited to take part, in what was for some, their first sports day here at Combe Pafford School.

Sports day this year took part over lessons 1 to 4 which is a change to the usual afternoon which lower school usually receive, the change allowed for more time on events and further enjoyment in the activities which was clear to see. The children took part in 8 events with an additional relay race at the end, the eight events were as follows: 1 Lap race, long jump, shot put, javelin, speed bounce, high stepper hurdles, bean bag target throw and the ball relay.



Years 4, 5 and 6 came down with real enthusiasm and after being given the information and hyped up by Mr Davey on the loud speaker, all children ready, it was time to start the event! During the first part of the morning, the scores were neck and neck with 3 points separating 3 of the teams with the Red Ironmen slightly trailing in 4th place. Break time ensued and the children received a well earned break.

After the break, something changed with the Red Ironmen, point after point brought them back into contention as they started the second session brimming with confidence and new vigour, with two events left to go the competition was very tight and points were as valuable as gold. The Blue Thors and the Black Panthers were neck and neck, The Green Hulks trailed by 1 point and the resurgent Red Ironmen had made up a huge amount of ground, hoping momentum would carry them to victory.

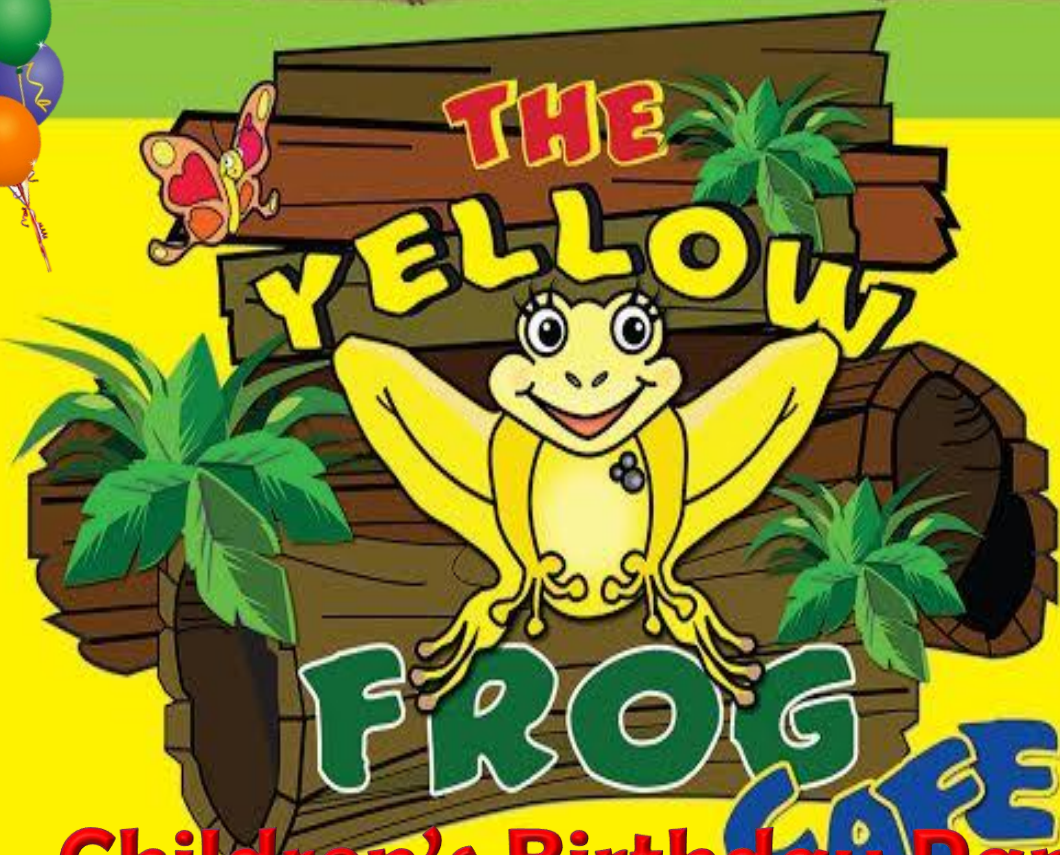
Relay time, double points! This was a relay with a difference... ALL 7 competitors from each team would take part in the 1 lap relay and it was tense, ever changing and resulted in a sprint finish. I have never seen such grit and determination from Freddie Luscombe and Dylan Hole as the Blue Thors took the victory in the relay and all 8 points.

The final standings at the end of the day were: Blue Thors: 148, Black Panthers: 147, Green Hulks 146, Red Ironmen 140.

Congratulations to the Blue Thors
who, as a team,
won the 2021 Lower School
Sports Day.



Parties in the Yellow Frog Café



Children's Birthday Parties!

Choose from:

Football

Includes a football training session and match with our sport coach to show you how it's done!



A chance to learn some martial arts skills and play exciting games with a martial arts expert!



A 'show and tell' and animal handling session with an animal care expert! Are you brave enough to hold a snake?

Animal Show!



Curl and plait your hair, paint your nails with our beauty expert!



Due to COVID-19, we have been unable to host children's parties in our Yellow Frog Café. Now restrictions are lifting, we hope to host birthday parties in September (depending on government guidelines)



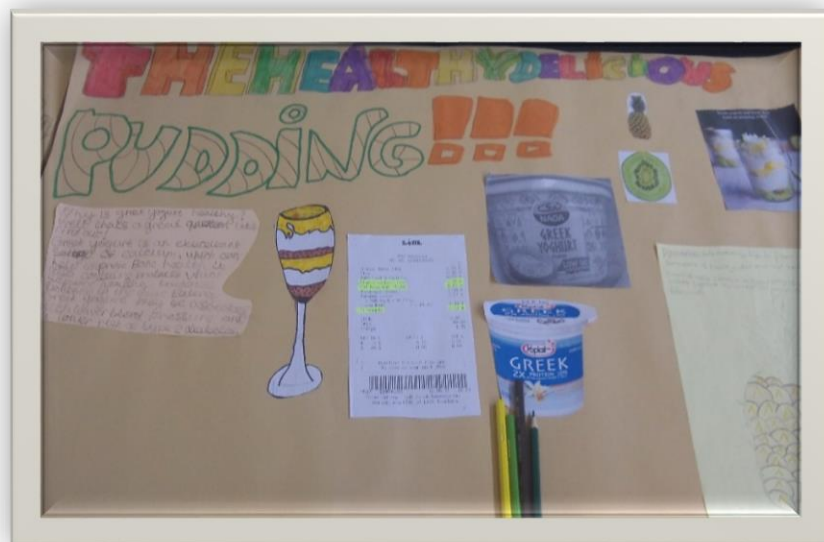
Healthy Eating Week 2021

This year we celebrated National Healthy Eating week slightly differently due to covid restrictions, but the children still produced some incredible healthy dishes as part of their learning during the week.

Instead of our usual food festival to celebrate all things healthy, pupils were set a Ready Steady Cook challenge to complete in their classes. Teachers had a budget of £5 to purchase some healthy ingredients and then the children had to create a delicious healthy recipe to make with the ingredients.

Not only did every class produce a delicious and well-presented dish, some classes created a whole 3 course meal! It was a tough job to judge the winners but eventually we crowned 5R and 8P as the winners of the challenge.

Hopefully next year we will be able to welcome you all back to celebrate with us!



Year 9's trip to Go Ape

Last week, Year 9 were treated to a fantastic activity day at Go Ape in Haldon Forest. After checking in and listening to all the safety information, the students were able to independently explore the obstacles at ground level. Once they had built confidence, they were invited up amongst the tree tops to conquer their fears by crossing wobbly bridges and other rather challenging obstacles. The pupils were all amazing and all tried their hardest... even when they thought it was going to be too hard.

In total, there were three different courses to complete of varying length and difficulty. The end of each course required pupils to zip line all the way across a clearing in the forest. It was a nerve racking time for some pupils but everyone who had a go thought it was amazing!! It was an experience that many of them have said they would love to do again. What a great day out!

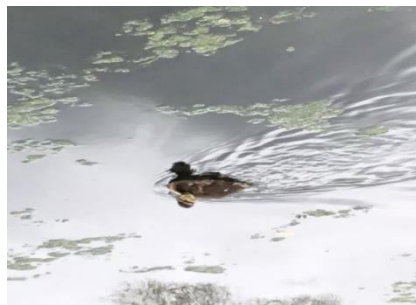


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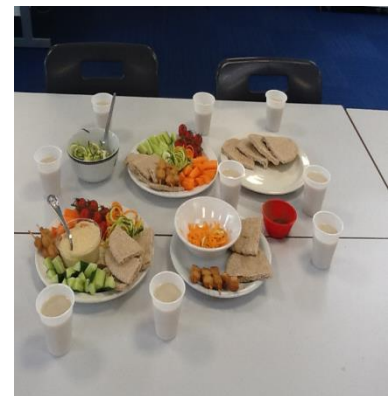


We are all very proud of Peter Criss-Healy, who, of his own accord, had his hair shaved completely to raise money for cancer research. He took his sponsor form round to adults in the school and raised £100's of pounds in days. Well done Peter!

For BTEC Science in year 10, we took a trip to Cockington to sample and identify the diversity of living things. The pupils took photographs and samples of petals and leaves to identify back in the lab. They demonstrated excellent respect to wildlife, teamwork, attention to detail and fantastic photography skills.



During food week, 10B made a list of healthy foods they enjoyed and spent £5 on ingredients to make a healthy dish. They worked together in a production line to make a banana milkshake and a decorative platter of salad and dip.



10D – English



This term, 10D have been working hard in our English lessons. We have been studying Romeo and Juliet whilst looking at the type of language that was used in Shakespearean times which are still used today. Did you know these were terms first used by Shakespeare?

- We have seen better days.
- Cruel to be kind.
- He hath eaten me out of house and home. He ate so much there was nothing left. ...
- The be-all and the end-all. ...
- Foregone conclusion. ...
- The world is my oyster. ...
- Wild-geese chase.

During our unit of work we have also focussed on writing newspapers, letters and diary entries. Angel wrote a particularly fantastic letter challenging Romeo to a duel after turning up to a party uninvited. She even used a brilliant range of Shakespearean insults to really get her feelings across. There were some particularly excellent newspaper articles written by Cameron showing that could comfortably be a journalist with his superb writing and linguistic skills. A fantastic year of hard work by all in 10D. Well done!



10K – Debating Skills and Healthy Eating

We have had a busy end to the year. As a class we have been working on our debating skills in tutor time and were very pleased to win class of the week twice for our discussions in RE and PSHE. We also enjoyed getting to spend some time together as a class for Healthy Eating Week. The Hospitality and Catering students in the class shared their knowledge of knife skills with the class, so that we could prepare some exotic fruits. We all made our own fruit kebab and tried pineapple, mango, papaya, Sharon fruit and nectarines. We all had definite favourites but everyone tried each fruit.



10M Gambia project

In preparation for our assembly this term, 10M learnt about children in the Gambia that are less fortunate than them. We reflected on what makes people happy and debated the effect being grateful can have on happiness.

10M would like to ask for any old shoe donations. Any shoes will be gratefully received and sent to the Gambia via Gambian Projects UK (a registered charity).



A photo of a 3 year old Gambian child's foot

We would also like to appeal for certain seeds that we are collecting to send out to the Gambia. The seeds that we are looking for are: Pepper seeds, chilli seeds, mango stones, lemon seeds, orange seeds and grapefruit seeds. The seeds just need drying on a paper towel and can be collected in a plastic food container or envelope. These are seeds that we

would often throw away but would grow really well in the Gambian climate and provide valuable food to families.



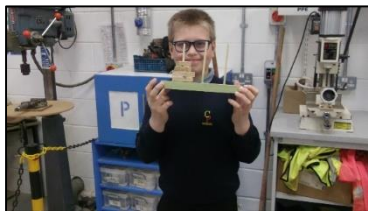
10M enjoyed eating some peppers and oranges and collecting seeds to send!

Vocational



It has been a fantastic year in vocational skills. We have covered lots and lots of interesting skills and have had fun taking part in a range of activities such as learning skills used in the house building industry. Does this mean we will be building houses soon? Pupils have been thinking about all the skills that are needed to build a house such as planning, designing, measuring, different shapes, strong shapes and weak

shapes, construction techniques, perseverance and independence skills. In other areas we have been making toys from timber and have thought about how to measure and mark materials accurately and how to cut things so that they look neat and tidy.



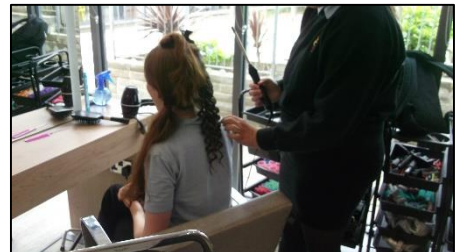
Higher up the school we have been thinking further about jobs and what those jobs mean to our lives.



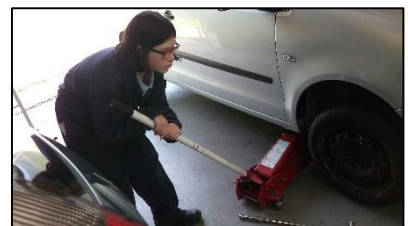
Not only have we been making toys for ourselves but, we have thought about our furry friends and have been making toys for the animals out of recycled materials.



We have been discussing the need to have a job and what benefits a job can bring to our lives.



We have discussed tax, renting and mortgages and have tried a range of different jobs such as plumbing, painting and decorating, carpentry, hairdressing, mechanics and hospitality, I am looking forward to more excitement and learning next year.



Well done everyone.
Mr Spooner

National On-line Safety information



National
Online
Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday



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Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE, BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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PLAY AGAIN?
YES NO

How does this game/app work?
Can I play?



SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT, BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.

Do you know what your personal information is?



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.



Art competition

The Rotary Club of Tormohun has organised a competition for local schools to help raise awareness of single use plastics.

This competition is part of a campaign to reduce society's reliance on single use plastics and the resulting crisis which impacts on our environment, rivers, oceans, and marine life, in particular the grey seal population across the Southwest Coastline.



This competition is also linked to the Seal Project in Brixham, who support seal conservation.

The winners of this competition from Combe Pafford School, were Liv Avery 8C, Amberlea Reynolds-Boyd 9A, and Riley Parsons 9A got a special mention.

Winners will receive a £100 and a pack full of goodies to help reduce the amount of single use plastics, and a certificate.



Year 11 Activities week

Activities Week for Year 11 started well with a trip to Stover Country Park. We were met by Del, a warden of the Park, who would be our guide for the day. She showed us around and took us on a walk of the grounds around the main lake. We had the opportunity to feed the ducks and learn more about the local wildlife that visit. As well as the ducks we were lucky enough to see ducklings, cygnets and even a rat!

We walked to an area of the Park set to one side for school groups and began our shelter building activity. Del showed us how to build the frame for our shelters and taught us a couple of knots that we could use with the rope. We quickly separated into groups and the competition began! Logs and twigs were gathered and everyone really immersed themselves in building the best shelter possible. All groups ended the session with something that could offer some form of shelter (I'm just not sure how water tight they all were!). A pleasing display of teamwork and perseverance by the groups and not even the rain could dampen our spirits.



Lucy Cocker (11C Tutor)

Day 2: Battlefield Live!



Cover me! Cover me! What a great day Year 11 had at Battlefield Live in Churston!

On arrival we were sorted into two teams and handed our weapons...I have never seen Year 11 so excited on a Tuesday morning!

We arrived on the battlefield and both teams split up, hiding in long grass, behind burnt-out cars and in derelict buildings. The pupils enjoyed targeting each other and building up a history of laser 'hits' to gain a team win.



The final battle was Staff vs Pupils ... fortunately the staff were so scared that we managed to hide for long enough for the battle to finish!

Following the battlefield event, Year 11 pupils had the choice to take part in Footgolf. This gave everyone the opportunity to relax and chat in small teams whilst having fun. Others chose to chill in the sunshine with friends and watch from the safety of basecamp.

An exhilarating day enjoyed by all!

Miss Moor (Year 11 Class Tutor)

Day 3 - Woodlands Wednesday: A Wet and Wild Way to Finish



Prior to our visit to Woodlands, I was inundated with advice from people telling me to pack extra clothes. Looking somewhat bemused, I checked the weather forecast to see it was likely to be 20degrees plus and virtually zero chance of rain. What on earth were these people thinking telling me to pack spare clothes?

Well, within about 10minutes of being in the park, I understood why!



Most groups made a B-line for the fun and chaos that are the Woodlands Waterslides. I parked up by a table, told everyone to drop their bags; they would be safe there for them to return to when they needed anything. And there I remained for the next two hours, watching pupil after pupil take on the deathly climb to the top of the towers, to be hurtled down one of the three slides at break-neck speed.

Fortunately, we were blessed with some beautiful weather and so a very wet group of Year 11s quickly dried out as they rampaged through the park, testing every ride to its limit.

I'd better put one thing straight; whilst I may have made it sound like the pupils were running riot, the entire group were brilliantly behaved from start to finish. It had been a pretty busy week already and it was only Wednesday! But following trips to Stover and Battlefield live, energy was already on the down turn. Consequently, the journey to Woodlands, whilst longer than hoped, was very relaxed.

In the park itself pupils were grouped up and each pupil was a credit to their member of staff. One group were allowed to be independent and managed to make every roll call through-out the day. Well done to you guys! Well, almost every roll-call. With a final meet time of 2pm, Megan and Bradley thought they'd add a little extra stress to the day by turning up 10minutes late. So, after dropping my bag, and turning my hat backwards I went on a light little jog around the park in search of them. Obviously, when I returned, there they were questioning why I was late!?

What a wonderful way to finish off what had been a difficult year for the group. They were excellent on this trip and it is one I will not forget in a hurry!

Mr James – Year 11 tutor

Goodbye Year 11

On Friday 25th June, at the end of our Year 11 Activities Week, we organised a celebration assembly in our Yellow Frog Café. Our Year 11 tutors - Mrs Cocker, Miss Moor and Mr James spoke affectionately about their class pupils and some pupils received Subject Prize rewards and vouchers for their splendid efforts.



Additional special certificates (with more expensive vouchers!) were also given to the pupil who staff agreed as 'Most improved' and for two pupils winning 'Pupil of the Year'.

Congratulations to Megan Johnson for 'Most Improved' who was described as 'Making a phenomenal turnaround and transforming her attitude completely. She worked very hard to avoid distractions towards her GCSE exams'.

Congratulations to Karl Hackett for 'Pupil of the Year' who was described as 'Always being polite and thoughtful. He is a calming influence in and out of the classroom and he has a fantastic work ethic and always strives to do his best.'



Pupil of the Year – Karl Hackett

Congratulations to Luca James for 'Pupil of the Year' who was described as 'Worked so hard to achieve some amazing results. He is always prepared for his lessons and has noticeably completed additional revision to improve himself. Luca is always so polite to both staff and pupils and goes out of his way to make people feel happy.'

We were then all treated to a 'through the years' montage of photos (many cute ones from yesteryear!) of the Year 11s made brilliantly by Mr Stevens. I can vouch that there were not many dry eyes in the café.

Pupil of the Year – Luca James

This certainly has been a particularly tricky time for our Year 11s. Not only have many had to work at home through online learning with Google Classroom during lockdown but many have also had to sit timed assessments under controlled conditions in the hall which are being used as evidence towards their grades this summer. They also have missed out on a residential to China, a Celebration evening at the Spanish Barn and had less opportunities to go on work experience. However, through all these obstacles they have risen to the challenges and been a credit to themselves; their recent work experience week was a particular success which included 3 pupils gaining employment! Fantastic!

I wish every one of our Year 11 pupils the best of luck. In September they will start the next part of their education and work towards that first and all important step on the employment ladder.

Finally, a BIG thank you to all the parents and carers for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming back those pupils joining our Sixth Form in September. Enjoy the summer!!

Mr. B. Dowell
Deputy Head and Head of Upper School

Animal Care News!

Chick update

Our chicks are growing nicely and are still very cute! Soon we will be able to identify which are hens and cockerels and therefore which we will be able to keep.



A newly hatched chick



The chicks now along with the mother hens and cockerel

Daisy and Doris

The new ducks have been named Daisy and Doris although we are a little unsure as to whether Doris may actually be a Donald! They are now fully grown, they just have further feathers to develop. They are very messy and funny and are real characters. We have all enjoyed watching them grow.



The ducklings when they were a few weeks old



The ducks now

Sixth Form Summer Term News Report

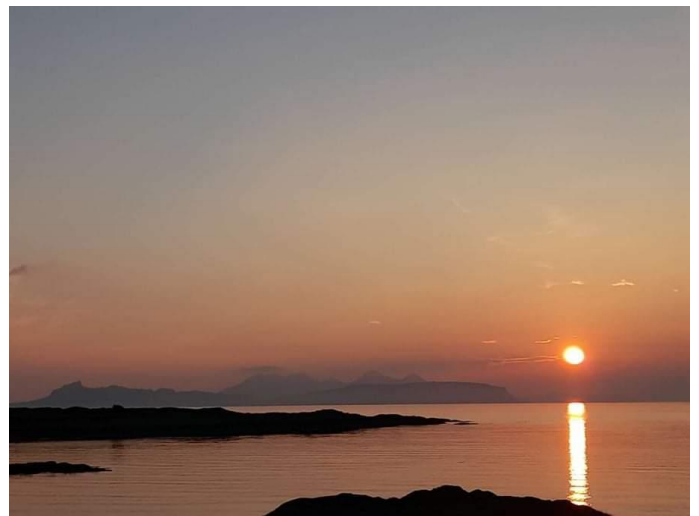
Thomas back from trip of a lifetime!

Thomas Hocking, who recently left the sixth form, has safely returned from his travels to Scotland where he attended a two-week outward bound course at Loch Eil outward bound centre near Fort William. Thomas successfully applied for a bursary worth around £1500 from the Sir Francis Chichester Trust in Exeter to attend the course, and grabbed the opportunity with both hands. Thomas travelled alone from Newton Abbot to Glasgow Central, changing in Birmingham and Carlisle, then stayed in a Premier Inn before meeting the coach laid on to take him to the centre the following morning. All went according to plan, and judging



Thomas rock climbing in Scotland

from the photos I've seen, Thomas has had an absolutely amazing time and made lots of new friends. He is now focused on resuming the selection process for entry to the Royal Marines, a lifelong ambition. Another sixth former, Joe Weiss, travels to the Lake District before the end of term for a similar course at the Ullswater outward bound centre.



Dusk at Loch Eil



You're in the army now!

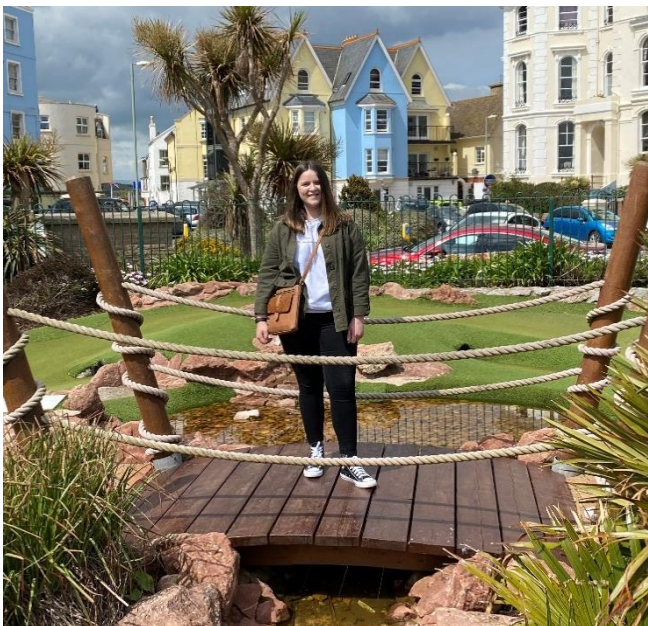
Jessy Motteram, who successfully completed his basic training two years ago, has transferred from the now defunct tank regiment to logistics. By all accounts Jessy is getting on really well and remains one of our huge successes. Jessy was one of three sixth form students who completed the Three Peaks Challenge in 2018, climbing Snowdon (Wales), Scafell Pike (England) and Ben Nevis (Scotland) in a weekend. He is also a veteran of the Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge, gaining Bronze, Silver and Gold medals. Other students in bygone years who have successfully joined the army are Chris Cude, who served in the first Gulf War, and Jon Tandy. Several other students have at various times done taster weeks at Okehampton Army Camp, the most recent of these being Rupert Masters.

Goodbye and good luck!

We have lost two popular members of staff this term, and are losing a third! Louise Davey, who has been at Combe Pafford for over 15 years, most recently in the sixth form as a teacher and also teaching the Horticulture pathway in Key Stages 4 and 5, has left to take over an exciting post at the Greater Horseshoe bespoke provision nearby. Following in her footsteps is Rosie Underhill, who spent two years in the sixth form as an apprentice Learning Support Assistant and Job Coach. Both were hugely popular with both students and staff and will be sorely missed – we wish them all the very best for the future. More recently, Sami Choudhury has decided to 'retire' at the youthful age of 37 to concentrate on his private counselling work and his garden. Sami has been hugely popular with students and has been a force for good in his role as pastoral support for sixth form students. He also helped out on Ten Tors training for many years, and led teams on the day of the event itself. He will be sorely missed.



Mrs Davey alongside personal message from students written in the sand on Teignmouth beach



Apprentice Rosie Underhill, who has gone on to pastures new, on a day out with the P groups

Popular figure : Sami Choudhury



Work-ready students excel on Mock Interview Days

Students of both W1 and W2 excelled on recent mock interview days that were set up to put into practice what the students have been learning about in employability lessons. Research shows that employers start to form an opinion of candidates and their suitability for the position within 2-3 minutes of an interview starting, and a first impression can take as little as 30 seconds; so with this in mind, students had a minimum of 3 interviews with different employers during the day and students in W2 also had the opportunity for a virtual interview with an employer who was at their normal place of work. The students didn't disappoint and when employers fed back to the group as a whole, it was obvious that they had been really impressed



with what they had seen. Since the interview days took place, Liam Slack has picked up a summer job at KFC and Amy Weston has been accepted onto the Aspires programme at Torbay Hospital – both were in the list of award winners below. All winners gratefully took home a £10 Love2Shop voucher for their efforts!!

Students from W1 with employers Chris Meade from the Department for Work and Pensions, Jackie Redfern (former school nurse and governor), and Hannah Bryant from Winners Gym.

Best Dressed

- 1st Sam Whittaker and Cameron de Groot
- 2nd Lily Rodaway
- 3rd Amy Weston
- 4th George Turner

Best Interview

- 1st Connor Johnson
- 2nd Ben Barker
- 3rd David Leese
- 4th Liam Slack

Of the other award winners, Lily Rodaway is leaving to pursue hairdressing at South Devon College, Connor Johnson is now employed full-time by Kenmart Building Services, and Ben Barker is at an advanced stage of the selection process to become a Stagecoach bus driver. The other students are continuing in the sixth form next year.

Student Voice group gathers views of students

The enthusiastic Student Voice group meets every half-term under the guidance of Rosemary Dolan and continues to work hard to suggest ways of improving the sixth form – at their most recent meeting for example, they highlighted the need to improve the toilets in the sixth form. Other items they would like to purchase are a fish tank, table football and a table tennis table, and are prepared to participate in fundraising activities in order to contribute to these. We have already begun to furnish the new sixth form social area and make it look more inviting, and we have subscribed to the i-newspaper and various magazines as well.

Students pass motorcycle proficiency test

Earlier this term, three eager students spent the day at Newton Abbot race course where they underwent professional training for competency to ride a motorcycle, provided by JC Motorcycle Training. Two of the students were successful and came away with their CBT certificate of safety which allows them to ride a 50cc motorcycle on public highways. Cameron de Groot, who lives on Dartmoor, was one of the students who



passed and he is hoping to be on the road soon, just awaiting for his bike registration to clear with DVLA. Bradley Lander from Brixham also passed, has now left sixth form, and I've heard that he is already mobile! Both students are hoping this is going to make them much more independent which will in turn make it easier for them to look for jobs, and get to and from work and/or sixth form. Well done to both!

Bradley Lander during the training, and the boys having an introduction to the bikes they were about to use



Activities Week a big hit with students



There was sadly no European residential this year because of the pandemic but students were able to partake in an activities week instead which saw them take part in a range of activities including archery, shooting, walking, ten-pin bowling, mini-golf and visits to Woodlands, Teignmouth, and Dartington. This culminated in a day at Meadfoot green with games and BBQ for all the sixth form on what was the last day for those students who were leaving. The behaviour of students was exemplary and all were appreciative of the opportunity to get out into the fresh air after the restrictions of lockdown. A leavers' lunch in the Yellow Frog café a week before had also given those leaving the chance to say goodbye. All in all, activities was a massive hit with the students!

Sam Whiteaker and Connor Roberts enjoying one of the water slides at Woodlands

More fun on Activities Week!



The P groups enjoying the mini-golf on Teignmouth seafront

Students enjoying the fresh air and sun on Meadfoot green



Mr Bell on BBQ duty at Meadfoot green – miraculously no one got food poisoning!

Looking forward to September

Despite the problems and uncertainties caused by the pandemic, we have still had a very successful year in the Sixth Form and can celebrate that many students still managed to get jobs despite a very difficult job market. We're very grateful to Mrs Curzon for filling in as P2 tutor when Mrs Davey left, and we welcome Miss Moor to the sixth form team in September as tutor for P2 and W3. Next year looks like being another very busy year with the sixth form full to capacity (60 students), and (fingers crossed) able to resume our full range of activities as we return to 'normal'. Let's hope so!

Edward W Thompson (Head of Sixth Form)

REPORTS FROM STUDENTS

Retail

Our year in Retail at Sainsbury's is coming to an end and we have now completed our Level 1 certificate in Retail Skills! We may be a little sad, but we are also looking forward to new opportunities, knowing that we feel ready for employment. This year, despite COVID 19 and the Government lockdowns, we have been able to complete training on the checkouts, in high risk food safety and general health and Safety.

We have worked extremely hard and now feel confident working on the tills serving customers. We have also both been in high risk food areas, Liam on the pizza and hot chicken counters and Cameron in the bakery. We have worked in many different departments on the shop floor and understand stock rotation, all about manual handling and safe working practices.

Next year we hope to experience a different placement to give us extra skills to complete our Customer Service qualification. We hope to be able to get part-time employment through the summer holidays and earn some money.



Liam and Cameron W2

Woodlands

We left school around 9.00am and we arrived at woodlands around 10.00am. We split ourselves into small groups and we were given a map of the park to navigate ourselves around the park. There were lots of different rides at the park for example, pirate ship, waterslides, bumper boats, high flyer and also the death slides. The reason why we went there was part of our enrichment week as we didn't go on our residential to Italy. Many people enjoyed the waterslide because one, they were fast and two, we could go in pairs and get soaking wet!!! At the end of the day we had smiles on our faces because we all had a great day.

By George Turner and David Leese

Mock interview success

By Jake Vizard (W1)

A triumphant success for sixth formers during their mock interview week! 3 employers came to Combe Pafford Sixth Form for the pupils to take part in a pretend job interview. In order for the sixth formers to get some training and experience, so that they feel much more confident when they apply for a job.

All 3 of the employers were quite surprised in how brilliant they all were. The sixth formers were very expressive, well-mannered, very cheerful and above all showing great initiative. A massive congratulations to all of the sixth formers for attending and giving it their best effort dressing up for interview day looking very sharp and proper.

UPCYCLING NEWS by Linda Sampson

Sixth formers have continued their good work upcycling school furniture, this time it was the turn of a garden bench donated to the school in 2002. As the bench lives outside Mrs Cole's class, she requested red, white and blue to go along with the British theme for 8C's world war one garden.

The bench needed some repairing and was then undercoated ready for the twins, Phoebe and Mia to work their magic and show off the painting skills they have developed over the past year. It wasn't an easy job, trying to keep the areas where the different colours meet looking neat and remembering not to lean on the finished slats with the other hand, as this normally had wet paint on it!



I took some time but now it looks amazing. Next year the bench will be 20 years old, it's now weather proof for another 20!





COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL

TERM DATES 2021/2022

Autumn Term 2021

First Day	Tuesday 7th September
Half Term	Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October (inc)
Last Day	Friday 17 th December

Spring Term 2022

First Day	Wednesday 5 th January
Half Term	Monday 21 st February – Friday 25 th February (inc)
Last Day	Friday 8 th April

Summer Term 2022

First Day	Tuesday 26 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
Half Term	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June (inc)
Last Day	Friday 22 nd July

Non pupil days

- 6th September 2021
- 4th January 2022
- 25th April 2022
- 25th & 26th July 2022

ROUND TWO UNIFORMS

In 2013, we created a second hand uniform shop, in response to a parents/carers/school consultation and this is still up and running well.



We have many items in stock including sweatshirts, t-shirts, trousers, skirts and P.E. kits.



A quality check is in place and prices are very low, starting at £1.

In order to generate a variable stock, we would like any donation of your child's unwanted or no longer needed uniforms and P.E. kits.

Your contribution is very much appreciated.

Please contact Mrs Pitocco at Combe Pafford School.



A big thank you to Sue Petford and Amy Millington who enabled every youngster to receive some goodies from Poundland Paignton..... a very kind gesture and one which was much appreciated and enjoyed!!





WS HAIR DESIGN

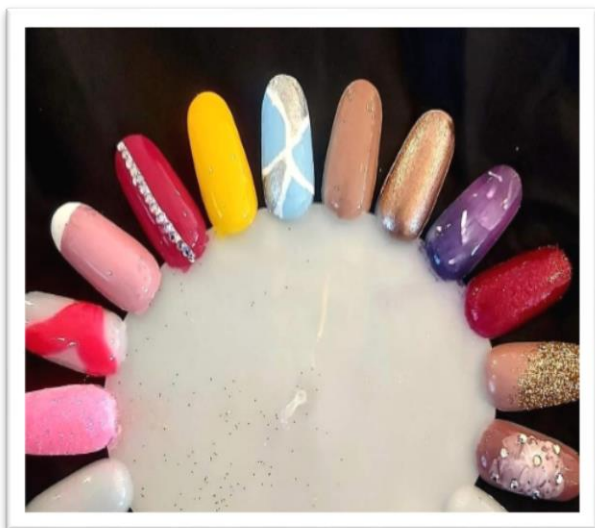


WS Hair Design are hoping to welcome everyone and offer all services in September once the government restrictions have lifted.

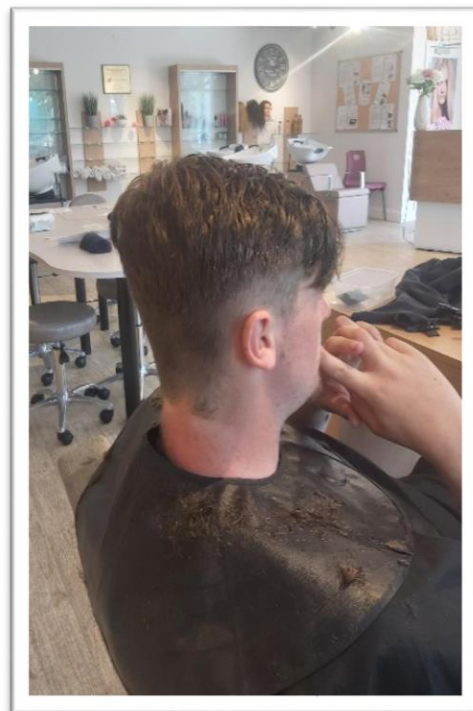
Family members and friends are welcome to make an appointment for basic hairdressing and barbering skills such as washing, blow-drying and styling, and nail skills such as nail painting, filing and nail art.



These appointments will be beneficial to our pupil's as it allows them to gain experience, not only in hairdressing and nail painting, but also in social and communication skills whilst having a clear understanding of the running of a hairdressing salon.



All of these valuable and transferable skills will help towards the pupil's assessment level for their qualification and in their future working life. This will all be done under the strict supervision of our hairdressing tutor who has many years of experience as a hairstylist.



For more information and appointments see our page on Facebook [WS Hair Design](#) or call our hairdressing tutor Tracey on 07875411379

Experienced Stylist Needed

WS Hair Design are looking for an experienced hair stylist on a chair rent basis (very competitive rate). This is an exciting opportunity in an up and coming salon in Watcombe.

For further information, please message on [WS Hair Design](#) Facebook page or call 07875411379.





We look forward to seeing you in
September