



Combe Pafford School



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BULLETIN

Autumn Term 2022

Headlines

Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter, I hope you were able to join us for one of our Christmas events, the Panto, the Carol Service and/or the Christmas Fayre, each one helps to start the festive season here at school, which always completes a very busy term. As you will see as you look through the pages, whether pupils and students are 8 or 18 years old, a lot has happened both inside and outside of the classroom!!

Of particular note is the section on the Sixth Form, where you can see the work our older students undertake in preparation for the world of work, there are some real success stories to read about.

I would also like to point out some of the charity work pupils have been undertaking, we have raised significant sums through cakes/rowing/Children in Need etc so a big thank you to everyone who has supported these ventures

We are now planning for the term ahead, as members of staff, we have been reviewing the curriculum we offer and are slowly redesigning and updating our website – this was something mentioned to us in a recent parent survey, ‘could more information

about what each year group is taught in each subject be added?’. Over the coming weeks this will grow and develop and we hope enable everyone to better understand and support children with their learning at home.

The other item from the survey was for us to make the paying of money into school easier, so we have introduced ‘School Money’ to pay for school meals, residential (which are presently being planned) and other items, I hope that as you become familiar with it you will find it a real help.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Combe Pafford!
Mike Lock



6P & 5R

In November we visited Torquay's Tourist Information Centre



We went because our key question in Humanities was 'What is special about Torbay?'

In particular, we wanted to find out why people like to come on holiday to Torbay. The ladies in the Tourist Information centre told us that most people love to visit Torbay's beautiful beaches. They also get lots of

questions about getting the bus to Paignton Zoo. We had the opportunity to have look around the harbour and along the seafront. We saw lots of signs for boat trips around the Bay – another fantastic thing for visitors to do whilst on holiday! We bought postcards from a shop on the harbour to write once we were back at school. Interestingly, we found a postcard with a picture of Agatha Christie. This inspired us to find out who she was. Once back at school, we found out that she is a very famous author. Her books have sold more than any other, except Shakespeare and the Bible! She was born in Torquay – another thing that makes Torbay a special place.



We found out why people like to visit Torbay on holiday and we learned that people love the beautiful beaches and a very famous author called Agatha Christie was born there.

Mayor's Civic Carol Service at the Palace Theatre, Paignton

On Friday 9th December a group of pupils from Years 7-10 went to the Palace Theatre in Paignton to take part in the Mayor's Civic Carol Service. Pupils sang Little Donkey brilliantly with some of them saying it was the first time they had ever performed on a stage in front of a large audience. I am super proud of how all the pupils represented the school, not only in their performance, but also in how they supported other performers during rehearsals and the performance itself.



Well done to Helen, Olivia, Sienna, Corina, Rebecca, Ellie, Dylan, Jack, Mia and Daisy!

Miss Puffett

Animal Care



Tim the Rankins Dragon

Unfortunately the term started with having to keep the chickens and ducks inside because of the rapid spread of avian flu (bird flu). But my classes have been working on treats and puzzles to give them to stop them getting bored or missing out on their worms!

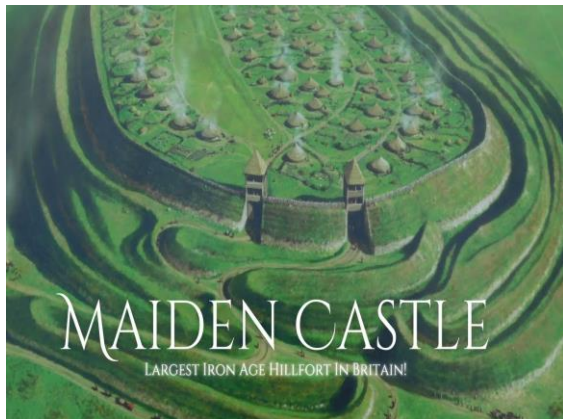
We welcome Tim, a Rankins Dragon who is extremely cute and very friendly and he is already a firm favourite of most of our pupils here.

Have a great break and our animals wish you a Merry Christmas!!

7D & 7C – Maiden Castle Iron Age Hill Fort, Dorchester

In November Classes 7D & 7C visited the Maiden Castle Iron Age Hill Fort in Dorchester. The wind nearly blew them over when they got to the top of the hillfort.

The banks (ramparts) and dips were huge. Everyone enjoyed climbing to the top of them to see how high the banks were.



8B Earlier this month, we visited Home Bargains and Boots.



We went shopping as part of our Life skills lesson.

We looked at a range of products to aid personal hygiene and chose some items for our 'pamper lesson' next week.

We had a budget to stick to and calculated the items on our sheets to stay within budget. We found that Home Bargains was cheaper!





Horticulture News

Autumn has been busy. The year 10 and 11's have worked hard clearing the vegetable beds and preparing them for green manure seeds, this has earned them units towards their qualifications. The seeds will hopefully produce some lovely winter flowers before they are cut back and turned into the soil to add nutrients for next year's plants.

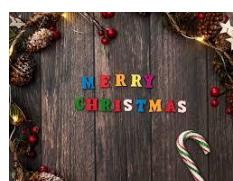


The sixth form and year 10's made some lovely planters for another unit. These were sold at the school fair along with some other smaller planters and bulb bowls produced by sixth form.

Everything on the stall sold, making a total of £55!



Our horticulture apprentice goes from strength to strength. Callum is making his own decisions about which jobs need doing and developing spaces around the school including landscaping and choosing plants.



Music News

It's been a busy term in music with pupils in Year 9 celebrating Black History Month by learning about the music of Black musicians and performing some of their pieces on a range of instruments as well as developing their tuned percussion skills.

Year 8 have learnt a song about the Romans and now know the date 43AD as when the Romans came from overseas. Their confidence in singing as part of a group has grown alongside their knowledge of performing with instruments in a larger group.

Vivaldi's Winter has been a popular piece with Year 7 classes this term and pupils have adapted it to compose their own music. They have also been learning about music from the 1950s to the present day and found out some interesting facts.

Pupils in 6P have focussed their skills on singing, learning about the parts of a song and different songs around the world from Innay Capuana in Australia to the Mexican hat dance.

4N and 5R have been using body percussion sounds to recreate the sound of the weather. They have also been developing their performance skills on the ocarina and are becoming more confident at performing simple melodies.

Musicians of the term

Lower School

Naomi and Livvie for fantastic effort at writing their own song lyrics and singing as part of a group.

Middle School

Preston – for excellent drumming skills and developing his confidence performing in front of others.

Sienna – for her amazing effort in music lessons as well as supporting younger pupils in the Lower School music club.

Upper School

Helen – for continuing to develop her singing skills in her own time and having the confidence to perform on a stage in front of others – well done Helen

Live Music Now concert – Lockilay

This term we were pleased to welcome Live Music Now musician Lockilay into school to perform a concert. He used his guitar, voice and loop pedal to produce a performance which left pupils and staff in awe of how he created his unique sound. Pupils sat transfixed by the effect of his music.



He was very inspiring and a brilliant role model for pupils to see performing. We look forward to welcoming him back again in the future.

Live Music Now – Musical Christmas celebration with Edward Robinson and Rachel Fright



Pupils joined other schools around the Southwest for an online musical celebration with Live Music Now baritone singer Edward and keyboard player Rachel to explore some famous opera pieces as well as Christmas songs. Pupils enjoyed joining in with creating animal sounds as well as singing a variety of songs.

Drummers

Some of the pupils who have regular drumming lessons at school recently performed for pupils in Middle School assembly to share their skills. They shared a range of beats and it was great to see the progress they have made – keep going!

Christmas Fayre Singing

Well done to Olivia, Helen and Elizabeth for singing at the Christmas fayre entrance this year. They chose the songs themselves and took responsibility for practising together. The songs included Hallelujah, Silent Night and Merry Christmas. Lots of people stopped to listen on the way in to hear them sing.

Fundraising at Combe Pafford School

We have had a busy term at Combe Pafford fundraising for various charities and good causes, finishing off with a fantastic Christmas Fayre at the end of last month

CHILDREN IN NEED

Pupils dressed up in their spots and stripes for Children in Need or



blue to denote Anti bullying week and joined in a fun assembly held by Mr Davey who made sure he played tricks and jokes on staff members. Pupils voted for the staff member they wanted to have a forfeit....these included standing in wellies full of baked beans and trying to catch raw eggs without them cracking on them. At break Pudsey biscuits were on sale....these went very quickly as they were so delicious! 6th Form pupils and staff celebrated Children in Need day too which you can see in their write up in this newsletter. In total we were able to send a cheque to Children in Need charity of £632.82



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

In October we had a cake baking competition and Auction to raise funds for Breast Care awareness. We had a selection of stunning cakes and children were able to vote for their most popular cake. Staff were able to bid for the cake they wanted to buy and the highest bidder won, every cake was so well made that there was a lot of bids on all the cakes. Again we had a cake sale at breaktime where we sold home made cookies, cakes and biscuits. Cake Maker of the School was named as Ellie

Clark....Well done Ellie. We raised a fantastic amount of £540.82 which we sent off to the Breast Care Charity



Thank you to Bradley's Estate Agents for supporting our Christmas card competition.

6th FORM ROW TO FRANCE

One of the 6th form groups decided they wanted to 'row the Channel' with all money raised going to the Salvation Army. More details about this event is within the 6th form news in this newsletter, in total they raised £402 to send to the Salvation Army.



COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our 1st Christmas Fayre since before COVID was at the end of November and what a success it was. There was a real Christmassy feel in the School Hall with children queuing to see Santa in his grotto, loaded fries and hot dogs being sold and plenty of games to play and items to buy. The raffle was spectacular with so many prizes to be won. We were very lucky to have received items that we could auction both online and on the day of the Fayre. We are extremely grateful to you for supporting our Fayre so well, we managed to raise over £2,700, this is an awesome amount and the most we have ever raised....thank you so much for your support.



Special thanks go to the following who kindly donated items for our auction and raffle:

Tibbs Greengrocers in Teignmouth* *Cary Arms in Torquay* *Nails by Levi

Yelverton Golf Club* *Sovereign Tattoo shop

Emma Danks for Dainton Golf voucher

Amy's Cupcakes* *H2O Swim School* *Tolchard Brewery

Home Bargains* *Pets @ Home* *Winners 2000* *Passage House Hotel

Exeter Chiefs* *The Lavender Room* *Babbacombe Theatre

Beverly Park holidays* *Yum Sing* *Boots Torquay* *Pinocchio's Trago Mills

IBounce* *Torquay Museum* *Model Village* *Fables Bookshop

Prentice the Butchers* *Lovells Sweets Babbacombe

8P News



In Humanities this term, pupils have been learning about the Romans and Anglo-Saxons. As part of their Roman topic, pupils dressed up as Romans and recreated the Roman Colosseum with plasticine.



For Remembrance Day, pupils painted conkers to create some artistic poppies and learnt the poem 'In Flanders Fields.'



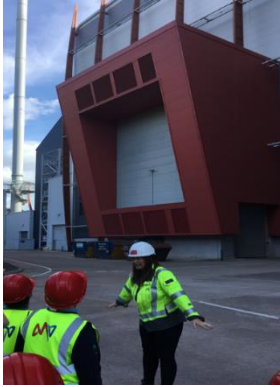
Pupils enjoyed showing off their odd socks as part of Anti-bullying week.

For Children In Need, 8P decided to see how many goals they could score against Miss Puffett. For every goal scored Miss Puffett gave 10p to Children In Need. They had a great time and also raised money for charity.

8P have also been helping create Sustainability videos to keep staff informed of how to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle at school. Keep up the great work!



Year 8 visit to the Energy from Waste Centre in Plymouth.



We were welcomed to the Energy from Waste (EfW) centre in Plymouth by Jade who gave us lots of information about recycling at the plant then took pupils on a tour. There was lots to see.

8B travelled to Plymouth Recycling Centre. When we arrived, we all watched a video about what the centre does. Then, we completed a quiz and won a pencil made from recycled old pound notes. We put on our high visibility vests and helmets then we went on a tour of the recycling centre. We saw the control room and a huge fire that burns rubbish to generate energy (this was our favourite part).

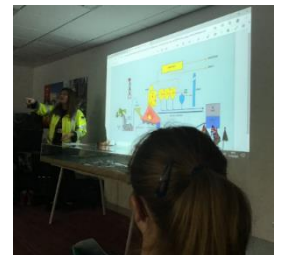


8N particularly enjoyed looking in the furnace at all the rubbish burning and we enjoyed looking at the computers in the controller chair. We learnt so much about how things can be recycled and have got much better at recycling in our classroom since!

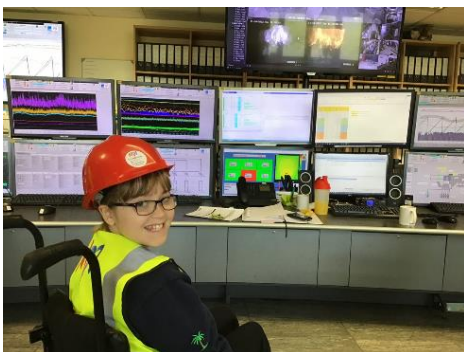
8C thoroughly enjoyed the Trip to Plymouth power plant, their expectations were exceeded by the plant and how they deal with our daily waste. Their business runs seamlessly and takes all waste and turns it into power for various different business's & places. 8C were thrilled by this and by the sheer size of the plant. They have learnt & gained experience about our wider community, they thoroughly enjoyed the trip, so much so they want to go back!



8P found out lots of interesting facts about recycling at the plant and realised that they did not waste anything. Pupils took part in a quiz and discovered that 200, 000 tonnes of waste from Plymouth, Torbay and parts of Devon is sent to the Plymouth EfW plant each year - this is the same weight as 1, 053 blue whales! Pupils were given a pencil made from three old £5



notes if they answered questions correctly. They were very impressed with the "£15" pencil!



8S had a fabulous time at Plymouth EfW CHP finding out about where all our non-recyclable waste goes. Lots of children and adults still thought that lots of our waste went to landfill sites. We were really surprised to hear that not one bit of rubbish goes to waste and that the ash from burning process is used as aggregate for our roads! The children loved the viewing platform where we could see the grabber collecting and depositing the waste in to the funnel for the fire and also seeing the fire itself. The fire could reach temperatures of 1000 degrees – as hot as lava!

Library news.

In the library, not only have we been reading our fantastic selection of books, we have also been busy playing chess! The chessboard is now set up permanently in the library so has been attracting much attention from pupils and adults alike. We have even had a number of nail biting matches between Year 4 and Year 10 pupils! Our chessboard is a great addition to the library as chess increases concentration levels and memory power, as well as bringing pupils of all ages together

A selection of our fabulous Christmas books.



The library is now looking very festive as we have displayed all our Christmas books. This year we are lucky enough to have over sixty books ranging from the 'Christmas Story' to classics such as 'The Snowman' and 'The Polar Express'. We have also had the opportunity to once again make Christmas cards for Torquay Library for their Happiness Hub. In addition to our wonderful books and card making we have Christmas Lego where we have built Christmas trees, parcels and snowmen!



Charlie Lawlor and Alfie Brown reading Christmas books



Jessica Davies making a Christmas card for Torquay Library.

COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL - TERM DATES 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

First Day Tuesday 6th September
Half Term Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October (inc)
Last Day Friday 16th December

Spring Term 2023

First Day Wednesday 4th January
Half Term Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February (inc)
Last Day Friday 31st March

Summer Term 2023

First Day Tuesday 18th April
Bank Holiday Monday 1st May
Bank Holiday for King Charles III Monday 8th May
Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June (inc)
Last Day Friday 21st July

Non pupil days

- 5th September 2022
- 3rd January 2023
- 17th April 2023
- 24th & 25th July 2023

From us all at the library, we wish you a peaceful and restful Christmas.



8C have been working really hard in Life-Skills to learn new skills.



This term we have been doing a lot around the home and learning about personal hygiene for themselves and the home... We have been learning a lot about laundry, washing, drying and ironing!! We then went off to the laundrette to learn how to use public facilities... Then off we went Curry's to find out how much equipment costs...



Lower School Nativity

All of Lower School performed the Nativity at St Mary the Virgin Church in St Marychurch.



Although many pupils were pushed out of their comfort zone, performing in front of a crowd, they all excelled and were amazing, every single pupil give it their best.



Sports news

This term, the girls in Lower and Middle School have taken part in a range of sporting activities. This included a Girl's Football Festival where they had the opportunity to participate in a mixture of games and compete against a variety of schools. This term Combe Pafford Girls also competed in a Football match against Orchard Manor and were able to grab the victory with a score of 4-3 at full time. A special mention to Liv Avery for scoring a hat-trick, well done girls!



Basketball

On Thursday 8th December we welcomed Orchard Manor School for a Basketball game. The game was the first basketball match to be played in over 4 years and with the majority of the team having only played in games in PE. 11 children from year 10 participated in the game and did themselves proud winning the game 30-32 and being commended on their sportsmanship by the Orchard Manor staff.

We played the game in 10 minute quarters with Orchard Manor winning the first two quarters 8-6 and 10-8. The third quarter saw Combe Pafford School come flying out the traps into a 14-0 lead, finishing the quarter 6-14 and taking the lead overall. A close final quarter resulted in 6-4 win for Orchard Manor, taking the overall score to 30-32.

Players of the match – Sam Kelly and Harley Clements.

MVP as voted by the opposition – Santiago Rodrigues

Football

Mixed football match Lost 8-0 to Orchard Manor School.

Combe Pafford School took on Orchard Manor in a football match. The team consisted of boys and girls from year 10. For some of the team it was their first ever game of football. Despite the scoreline I have to say I am very proud of all of them, and how they conducted themselves. The team never gave up and we kept trying to score until the very last minute of the game. Well done to Santiago Rodrigues who was awarded man of the match by the opposition with a very impressive defensive display in what was his first ever football match.

Combe Pafford School attended a football tournament at Coach Road, Newton Abbot. Two teams spanning 4 year groups took part in this event, a year 8/9 team and a 10/11 team.

In a very competitive event, Combe Pafford come 3rd overall in the year 10/11 team and 2nd overall in the year 8/9 team. Congratulations to all that took part.



Year 10/11 Results: –

CP Vs Marland 1-1 draw.
 CP vs Orchard Manor 2 -1 win.
 CP vs Shoreline 2-1 loss.
 CP vs Ontrack 1-1.
 CP vs Marland 1-0 win.
 CP vs Orchard Manor 1-0 win. CP vs
 Shoreline 3-0 loss.

CP vs Ontrack 1-0.....
 3rd place playoff – 1-0 win vs
 Ontrack.
 Played 9, Won 5, Draw 2, Lost
 2
 Bronze medal position.
 Goal scorers: Leo (6) Ollie (2)

Year 8/9 Results: –

CP vs Orchard Manor Blues 0-0 draw.
 CP vs Barley Lane 5-0 win.
 CP vs Orchard Manor Yellows 7-0 win.
 CP vs Orchard Manor Blues 1-0 loss.
 CP vs Barley Lane 1-1 draw.
 CP vs Orchard Manor Yellows 6-0 win.

Final: Lost 2-0 to Orchard Manor Blues.
 Silver Medalists.
 Played 7, won 3, Draw 2, Lost
 2
 Goal scorers: Leon (11), Keegan (6), Liam
 (1) Nick (1)

Mr Wallace

Second Hand Uniform

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.

10K news

We have had a busy and rewarding first term of Upper School; everyone has made a fantastic start to their new lessons and is enjoying their option choices. At the beginning of the year, Mrs McVeigh set each class in Upper School the challenge to prove they were the best role models in the school. We thought very hard about what we could do to prove it was us. As well as always trying hard in all our lessons and behaving sensibly and kindly around school, we decided to work with a Y7 class so that when we were in Y11 they would already have friends on the astro at breaks and lunchtimes and not be scared. Every Tuesday for the first half term, we went to the 7C classroom to read with the class for 20 minutes. We really enjoyed getting to know the class and sharing stories with them. We had such a good time, we did not even realise we were practising our communication and literacy skills at the same time!

We were very excited to find out that we had won the challenge and spent a few PSHE lessons practicing our budgeting skills as we decided what to spend our £30 reward on. The class consensus was that we wanted a pizza lunch so we compared the cost of pizza delivery and cooking our own. We worked out that if we went to the supermarket to buy our own we would have money left over to buy ourselves some extra treats. We even budgeted some of our money to buy 7C a thank you treat of cookies. We all set off one Friday to Asda to order our fresh



pizzas and choose our treats. We went practiced our money skills at the self-checkout before coming back to school to cook and share our pizzas. It was really lovely to spend time together doing something different and a well-deserved reward for everyone's hard work.



Upper School Role Models

This Autumn Term we ran a Role Model Challenge across all Upper School tutor groups. Pupils were encouraged to consider the fact that as some of the oldest pupils in the school, they are watched closely by younger pupils and as a result, their conduct should reflect how we'd like our whole school community to behave. Pupils were encouraged to think of a challenge to set their tutor group throughout September that would have a positive impact on relationships, the school environment or behaviour. There were many great ideas including: creating a break time rota to support Lower School breaktimes, running a lunchtime movie club for younger pupils and supporting MTAs within the Dining Hall. A £30 cash reward was the prize for the class that could demonstrate not only the most positive impact but also reflected Role Model behaviour whilst moving around the school.

The winning tutor group was 10K through supporting a weekly reading session with pupils in 7H. 10K pupils kept up the reading sessions beyond the month of September, worked well as a team and left the teaching staff redundant as they led and managed the reading sessions so successfully!

Miss Christie, Year 7 teacher, nominated the class with the following email, "I just wanted to nominate 10K for best role models in Upper School. They've been reading with 7C for 20 mins every Tuesday, and it has been so lovely to see. Everyone was nervous at first but both classes genuinely enjoy it and are really excited to read together. They've started to build friendships as well, and 10K have taken their role really seriously, bringing coloured pens to use as pointers when reading the books, helping to sound out tricky words, and praising good reading. Everyone is always on task and so independent that they actually tell us that the adults are a hindrance, not a help (which actually does appear to be the case sometimes). I think they deserve recognition for all of their hard work."

10K used their £30 to buy supermarket pizzas and puddings and used their Maths skills to spend every penny wisely! They held a special lunch for themselves and even used some of the reward money to buy 7H some sweets! What brilliant Role Models!?

Mrs McVeigh



Upper School Pupils of the Term

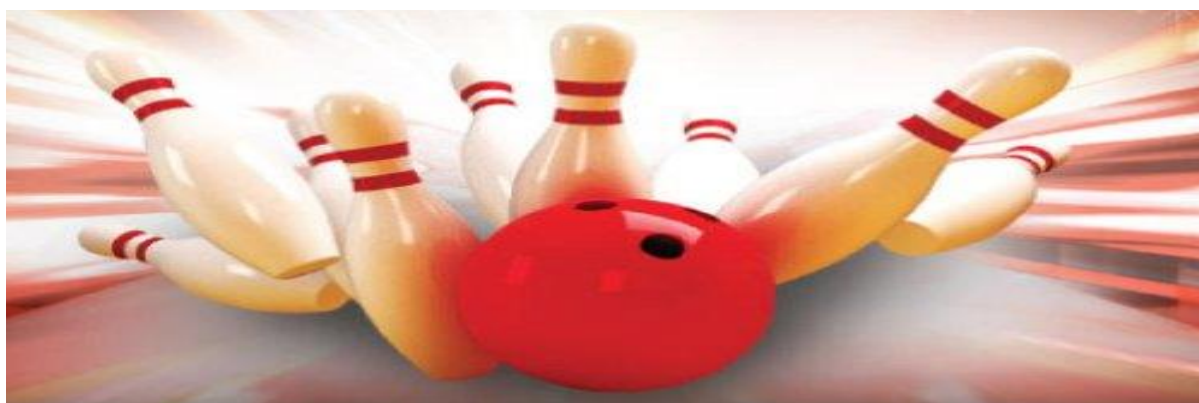
Here at Combe Pafford School, we feel it is important to recognise and reward the excellent behaviour demonstrated at our school. Along with daily and weekly rewards using Pafford Points or Pupil of the Week certificates, one 'Pupil of the Term' is selected termly by each class tutor. Pupils of the Term stand out among their peers for demonstrating excellent work ethic, have demonstrated particular resilience or have been consistent in their positive behaviour for learning.

Pupil of the Week

All Pupils of the Term received their certificates in assembly last week and should feel very proud of themselves for this recognition of their efforts. As a reward, each Pupil of the Term has received a Love2Shop voucher and were treated to a game of bowling at AMF Bowling on Wednesday 14th December.

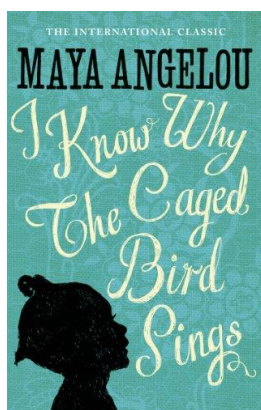


Well done to the following pupils: Kieran Rhodes 10L, Olivia Osborne 10W, Willow Stone 10K, Sam Kelly 10B, Victoria Mansukhani 11J, Connor Adam 11C and Ryan Booth 11M. This term, we also wanted to recognise 'Rising Stars' that have demonstrated excellent persistence (our Upper School Target this term). These pupils also joined the bowling trip and should feel very proud of their efforts. Congratulations to: Alex Forrester-Finney 10L, Harley Clements 10W, Louis Stevenson 10K, Ryan Smith 10M, Liam Dance 11J, Alix Beadle 11C, Jake Rawles 11M.



Mrs McVeigh

10L News

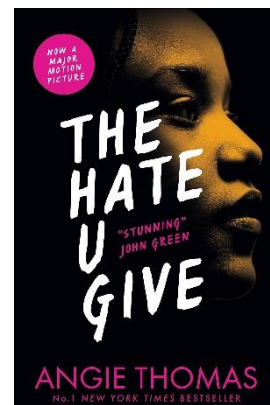


10L have been working extremely hard across all subjects; they have particularly enjoyed their vocational lessons this term, taking part in lessons on Motor Vehicles, Drama, Animal Care, Independent Living Skills and Construction.

In PSHE they have been learning about money and how to budget for their lives beyond education, they have really enjoyed planning budgets for different scenarios.

In English they have been looking at Black History and The Civil Rights Movement, they have created some fantastic pieces of writing inspired by their research and by literature by Angie Thomas and Maya Angelou.

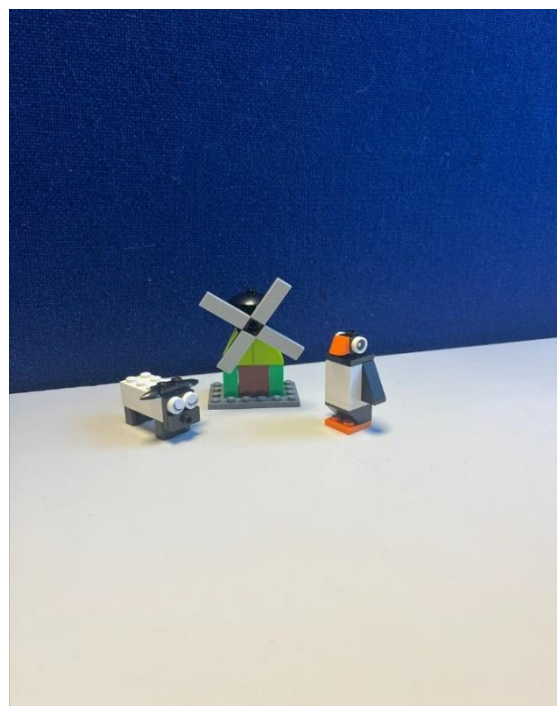
10L have had a fantastic term and are looking forward to the New Year with much excitement.



Lego Based Therapy at Combe Pafford

This term we have been using an all new assessment grid throughout the school for Lego Therapy to cover social, emotional and speech and language needs for all pupils. There are three stages to achieve: STUDENT, APPRENTICE and MASTER BUILDER, gaining more teamwork skills and independence as pupils work through them.

There are many children doing well working towards their Student Builder certificate but a big congratulations go to: Tiggy, Cayci-Lea, Liv, Brandon and James of 9K. They have achieved the first stage so now working towards their Apprentice Builder awards. We are looking forward to more Lego builds in the New Year! And if you get any Lego for Christmas, Miss Dunne would love to hear about it.

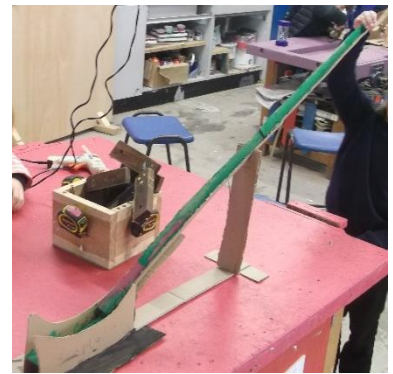


Vocational Skills

Here we are, at the end of another term in vocational skills and what a varied and busy term it has been for all of the classes. All the pupils who come to vocational skills have worked so very hard this term and have made great progress with a range of skills such as plumbing, carpentry & engineering.

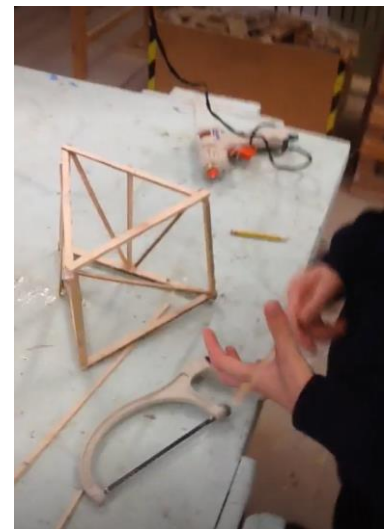
Within their projects pupils have been using scissors to cut string and cardboard and then they have been using hot glue guns safely. Pupils have been measuring and cutting copper pipe and using blow torches to join copper using solder, to make wind chimes and copper coat hooks.

Pupils have been practicing using tape measures, try squares and saws to measure, mark and cut shapes from timber for their projects.



Some pupils have been thinking about strong shapes such as triangles and have then been challenged to build a platform out of quite thin timber which will carry a very heavy weight. I must say, they all succeeded and the weight stayed up.

Some pupils have been using their imagination to plan and build cardboard marble jumps. I lost a lot of marbles during the testing process but it all went well and the pupils produced some interesting jumps.



Some pupils have been learning how to use battery operated drills safely and then putting their learning into practice to help them with their projects.



Throughout all of this we have been continuing our learning about Health and safety, keeping ourselves safe and what different coloured safety signs mean.

Within our lessons we have also learnt about

- Wanting to do a good job
- Working alongside others
- Patience and perseverance
- Problem solving
- How our services such as hospitals are paid for and why we pay tax.



Well done to all pupils in Vocational Skills.

Year 11 Work Experience – November 2022

Year 11 undertook their second work experience in November and there were some real highlights from the week. We had a range of successful placements with both old and new employers. As always, we would like to thank all of our employers that make this possible. In this article, I have selected some of the pupils that went to new placements that really stood out.

Me and Mrs Jones – Connor and Matthew

One of our new employers this years was *Me and Mrs Jones* which is a lovely little deli in Wellswood. The team in the deli headed up by Penny and Chloe were absolutely fantastic with our two budding chefs. They had some fantastic feedback from their employers and both pupils really enjoyed the week.



Aquator: William and Tom



This year we sent two of our most keen Animal Care pupils to *Aquator* which is an independent, family run exotic pet shop that specialise in tropical and marine fish, reptiles and invertebrates and a small selection of birds. Tom said that he loved his placement and 'it was amazing.' He reported that everyone was so nice and gave him work to do independently such as cleaning the birds, feeding the fish, cleaning tanks and restocking the shelves. Sounds like a fun-filled placement that we hope to use again!

City Beats Disco - Nathan

Nathan had a very exciting week working with *City Beats Disco* where he helped to prep and support at a number of Disco events including one Saturday night event where he was on the decks till after 9.30pm! A very real work experience opportunity in an area that Nathan would like to pursue in the future.



Torquay Boys' Grammar School – Connor Adam



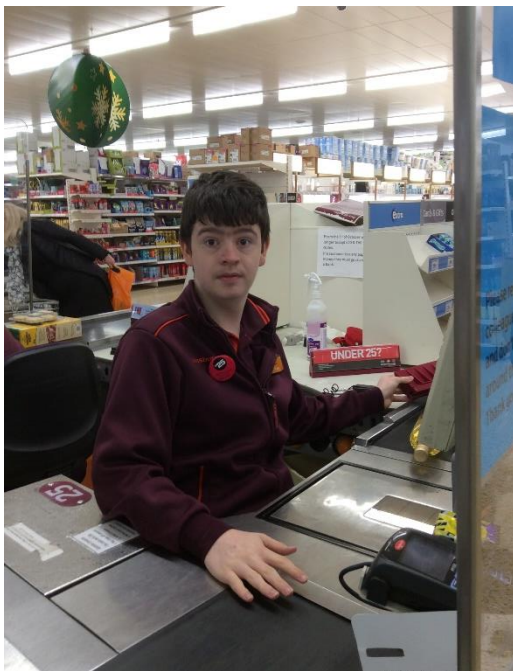
Another new employer and another fantastic impression made. When I walked into the kitchen at TBGS, Connor had no idea I was there. What I saw really made me smile and made me feel very proud! I didn't see a pupil on work experience. What I saw was Connor fully integrated as part of the kitchen team getting on with his task at hand, completely independently. So dedicated to his work was Connor, that I was able to stand there for a whole 5 minutes before he noticed. 'Chef', who runs operation in the kitchen had only positive things to say about Connor and how independent he was.

There was a moment of concern when Connor got asked to attend the Head Teacher's office (for most of us something to be worried or nervous about). Not for Connor. The invite into the Head's office to offer a big congratulations and thank you for doing such a good job! Again, thanks to Connor, this is a new employer that will happily have Combe Pafford pupils back in the future.

Sixth Form Autumn news report 2022

School year gets off to a soggy start

We generally have fine weather in early September for our teambuilding days on Dartmoor, not this year! Both days were dampened somewhat by more-or-less uninterrupted downpours of rain. On the first day, the conditions made the River Dart at Huccaby impassable as the stepping stones were almost completely submerged so we had to turn back. On day two, we were lashed wherever we went, so looked like the proverbial drowned rats by the end of the day. It didn't however put a dampener on spirits within the group, and everyone made the best of it to get something out of the day. It was great to see students helping each other over the slippery terrain, and exercising a great deal of common sense in the process. **Ben Waymouth** is pictured here during a very brief respite from the rain, standing by the Ten Commandments stones near Buckland Beacon. Well done to all who survived the day and lived to tell the tale!



Retail students shine with their in-store training The new intake of retail students has hit the ground running with their in-store training at Sainsbury's. The trio, consisting of **Oliver Taylor**, **Riley Tooley** and **Logan Aldworth**, have taken to it extremely well, so well in fact that all three have been offered paid part-time hours in the lead up to Christmas. This is a fantastic achievement after only a term of training and bodes well for their future career prospects. In addition to their till training, there are several departments within the store they have to train on as well so that, if needed, they can be called upon to

help out anywhere in the store. All the students successfully got through their induction, which includes a considerable amount of background information and detail about store procedures. You never know, you may just go through their till when you are doing your last minute Christmas food shopping!



Logan Aldworth (below) and **Riley Tooley** (right) replenishing the shelves at Sainsbury's at the Willows in Torquay and putting into practice all their training.



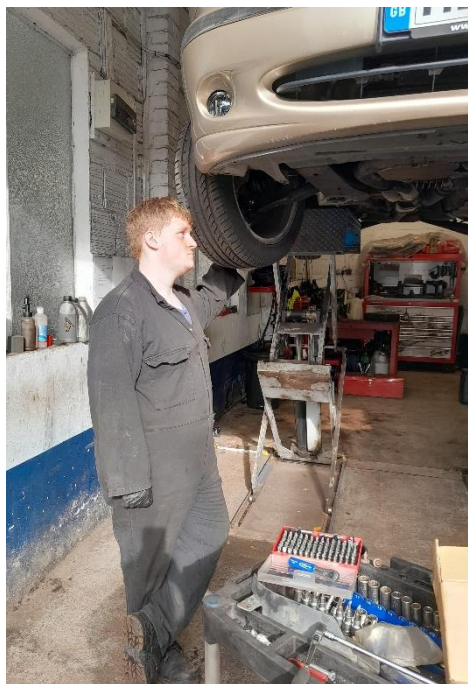
The students will be hoping that if they do well in the lead up to Christmas, it may lead to being offered more paid work at Easter and beyond. It would be great if one of them could join the ranks of several former students who work there.

Work-ready students up to the mark

A number of work-ready students have already made a very good impression on their employers and showing much potential for the future. **Harvey Barnes** (below), who has been getting the train from Torre to Totnes independently to get to his work placement at the Rare Breeds Farm, has been doing particularly well and is much valued by the staff there. Harvey is very reliable and can be trusted to

do the animal care duties to a good standard. As a result, he has been given some paid hours in school over the Christmas holidays to look after the school animals. Well done Harvey!

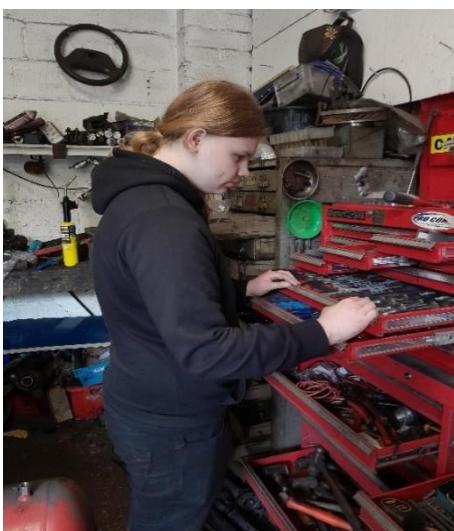




A group of four Motor Vehicle students, all working in different garage settings, have been working well and making good progress with their employers. **Ryan Knapman** (left) is at Sherwell Valley Garage in Chelston, **Charley Ross** (right) has made a great start at TTS Tyres and Exhausts in Totnes, **Karl Hackett** is now in his second year at Westcliff Garage in Dawlish, whilst **Thomas Ralphs** (below left) is working with his father in the family Landrover business.



Another group of six students are performing well working in the care sector, but because of confidentiality restrictions, there are no photos available to show off their good work. **Natasha Mildren** is in her second year working at Southernwood Nursery whilst **Chelsea Walters** (Shiphay School Nursery) and **Megan Mace** (Highweek School Nursery) have had a really confident start to their new placements. In addition, **Keisha Brookes**, **Bibi Thomas** and **Sam Redclift** have been working really well with our own pupils in Key Stage 2.



In the Hospitality and Catering sector, **Teddy Pritchard** (below left), who used to work in the Cary Arms Hotel, has had a successful stint at the No Limits café in Newton Abbot, whilst **Morgan Quin** (right) has been drawing rave reviews from his employer at Ocean Leisure in Exmouth where he also works at the weekend. Both students show a great deal of promise that we hope will translate into employment at some stage.



P students show the way forward

Three students on the Preparation for Working Life pathway have taken the initiative by working two days per week with an employer, which is a fabulous achievement. **Joe Francis** has been working with SWISCO's horticultural team for several months now, and has received glowing reports of his work ethic and willingness to learn. Joe now has his provisional driving licence and hopes to pass his driving test as soon as possible in order to be in a good position to secure a permanent position with them.



Luke Marks (left) is actually employed by MacDonald's on Paignton ring road two days per week, taking orders out to customers in their cars, and clearing and wiping tables, as well as taking orders in the kitchen. Luke is highly valued by the staff there.



Bisi Williams (right) meanwhile, has been working at the Living Waters church in Preston where her father is the minister, serving refreshments to mums who take their children to the popular play group there. When the church finally opens its new café in the spring, Bisi is set to take a lead role in serving customers, using the till and making sure everyone is fed and watered!



Dawlish Gardens Trust still popular

Students from W1 and W3 are benefiting from sheltered work placements with Dawlish Gardens Trust, and DGT remains as popular as ever with them!



Pictured left is **Jake Brimicombe** tending to some planting, whilst **Logan Taylor** (right) can be seen driving the 'Mule' vehicle around the site. Students enjoy the variety and scope of the work there, not least the new challenges it brings.



Work Skills challenges bring out the best in students

Students on the Preparation for Working Life programme have been working with Groundworks at Westerland Valley on a regular basis now for well over a year now. The projects have been many and varied and have included filling planters, planting fruit trees, and dealing with drainage issues related to Clennon Brook itself. The overall aim of the project is to improve the valley and enhance the surroundings to encourage community use. So far the students have done a brilliant job in all weathers!



Dealing with a drainage issue (below)



The students filling planters with soil (above)



Luke Putt (left) fastening a wire shield to one of the fruit trees the students have planted.

Luke and **Brandon Breen** (right) by one of the fruit trees they have planted and protected with wire shields.



Sixth Form students set sights on passing driving test

No fewer than nine students have this term been to the Devon Drivers' Centre at Westpoint to undertake an assessment with Nick Grant from Grant's School of Motoring to establish their readiness for driving lessons. I'm pleased to say that several of these students were deemed ready to embark on lessons, either on a manual gearbox or an automatic, and have already begun lessons or are about to. Passing your test is such a key milestone for our students as it opens up wider opportunities for employment and training. All the students referred to here have already obtained their provisional licences and are aiming to get going as soon as possible. Pictured is Nick's car in which they have done their preliminary assessment.



Students take advantage of Fitness and Leisure opportunities

Our Fitness and Leisure programme is aimed at exposing students to physical activities available in the community that they may not have had the opportunity to try, with a view to encouraging them to take up healthy lifestyle choices when they leave school. This term the groups have opted to do certain activities from a list that has included tennis, cycling, indoor rockclimbing, swimming, golf, olympic gymnastics, and gym work.



Bradley Kersey and Jake Brimicombe on the treadmills at Venture Fitness



Jordan Orchard-Barker (above) on the step machine at the gym



Logan Taylor (above) working out at the gym

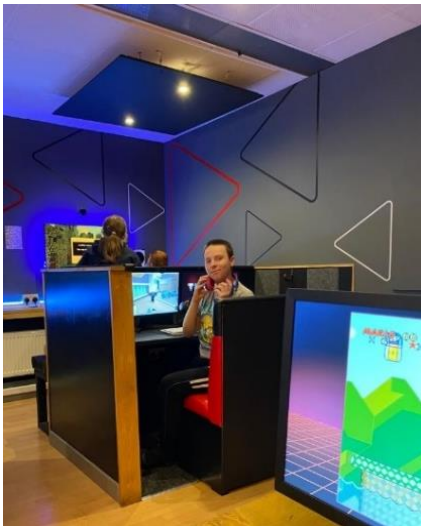


Declan Harvey (left) and Martha Minchinton (right) rock climbing at the Boulder Bunker in Torquay



Social event at Tubers proves a big hit

No fewer than 28 sixth formers (a record) attended the most recent social event which was an evening at Tubers, the video, computer games and virtual reality facility. This was the first event of its kind for us, and presented the first opportunity many of our students have had to visit. It proved to be a great evening for all concerned, and no doubt will be repeated by popular demand later on in the year! Our social events are run after school once every half-term to give students the chance to socialise away from the classroom, and are becoming more and more popular. Earlier in the term we went to AMF Bowling in Torquay for a game of ten-pin bowling – this was also well attended.



Students raise money for good cause

Sixth Form students raised £50 towards Children in Need in November by paying to dress up for the day to mark the occasion. Many also took the opportunity to pay 50p to soak Mr Thompson by throwing wet sponges at him! I'm always surprised by how popular this activity is!!



Bradley scoops award

Earlier this term, Bradley Kersey, who worked at the Devon Bay Holiday Park in Paignton in the summer, picked up the Employee of the Month award for August for 'Outstanding Performance, Service and Dedication'. The holiday park is part of the Hoburne group and clearly wanted to recognise all Bradley's hard work – well done Bradley! Since then Bradley has been

making an equally good impression on his employers at his current work placement, Coyde Construction. He has been working at various construction sites including a new build estate at Ashburton. He has also picked up a few days of paid work with a local builder which is a great achievement after only one term.



Ben makes the right kind of impression



Ben Waymouth (left) was outstanding in Sainsbury's at the Willows in Torquay last year; this year he has transferred his wonderful customer service skills to his new work placement at Fermoy's Garden Centre where he has been working in the café. So impressed have the staff been with Ben that his supervisor has given Ben a permanent one day contract which he works at weekends. We have known for some time that Ben was highly employable, and now he is starting to provide us with the evidence to prove it!

Ben is not the only student to have obtained paid work during the course of this term - a number of students have paid work at weekends or seasonal work in the holidays to earn some money. **Chelsea Walters** works long hours at weekends at the MacDonald's on Torbay ringroad, whilst **Ryan Knapman** works at Primary in Torquay to earn some cash. Others, such as **Luke Marks**, **Bradley Kersey** and **Morgan Quin**, have already been featured in this newsletter. We hope more students will gain sufficiently in confidence over the coming months to follow in their footsteps.

Students row to France (and back)!

When students in P1 and P2 had the idea of 'rowing' to France using a rowing machine to raise money for the Salvation Army, it seemed a tall order. With a little help from staff however, and a team approach to taking turns on the rower, the group not only rowed the 21 miles to France, but they rowed back again, raising **a whopping £402.24!** This fantastic achievement, all achieved within the school day one Tuesday, is testament to the students' staying power. Following the mammoth effort, the group then went out and



spent every single penny they had raised on toys for the Salvation Army appeal for needy children. A few days later, they



were able to present the toys in person to a grateful officer from the Salvation Army. Well done to everyone who took part – simply amazing!



**HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE– SEE YOU BACK IN
SIXTH FORM IN THE NEW YEAR!**



Edward W Thompson
(Head of Sixth Form)

Maths Christmas Puzzles From Mrs Cocker and 11C

Each picture below has a value shown in the boxes below.



Work out the total of each horizontal and vertical line of the puzzle.

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Work out the answers to the facts and then use the code breaker below to find the right letter and crack the code!

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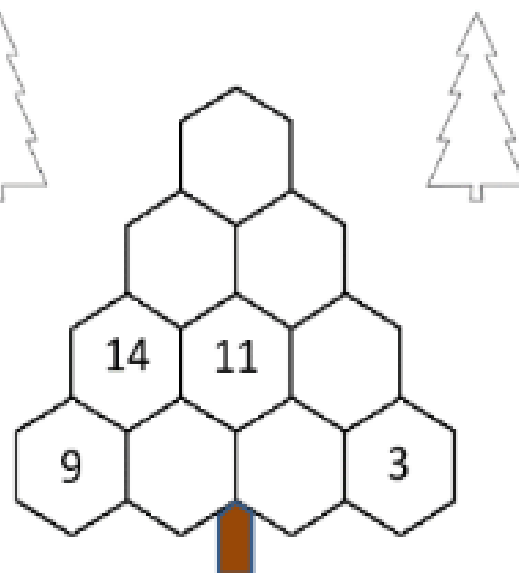
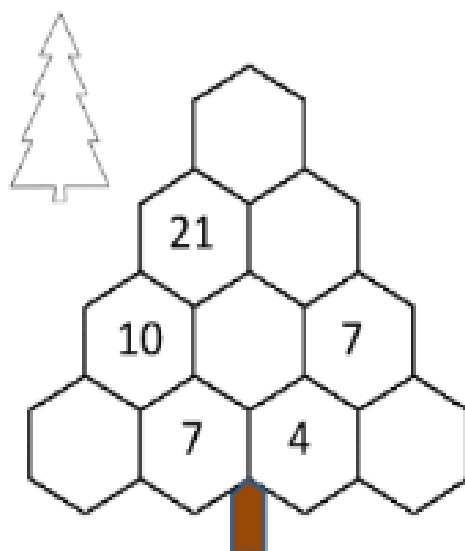
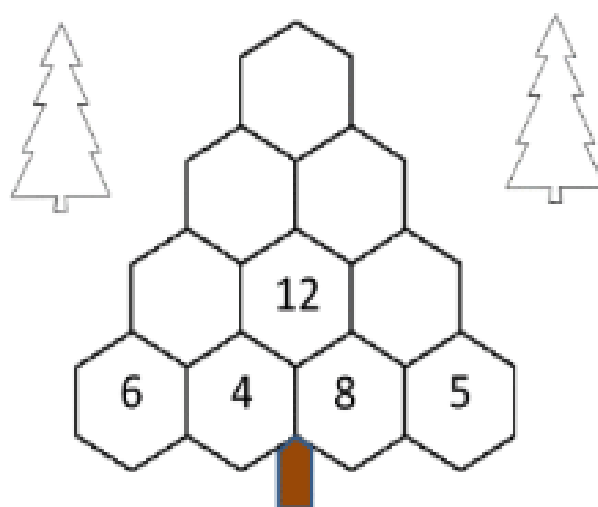
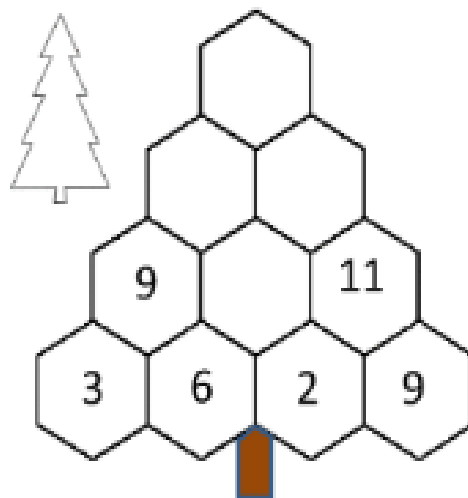
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- Each number is the total of the two numbers below it.



COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL MENU					
w/b 2nd Jan, 23rd Jan.					
SCHOOL DINNERS £2.00 FOOD ALLERGIES & INTOLERANCES IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF. LOCAL BUTCHER LOCAL VEGETABLES FREE RANGE EGGS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	CHICKEN CURRY Lightly spiced chicken curry served with boiled rice.	BEEF MEATBALLS Home made beef meatballs, served in a tomato sauce with pasta.	ROAST GAMMON Local butcher's gammon served with creamy mashed potato and gravy.	THREE CHEESE PIZZA V. Thick base pizza topped with tomato sauce and three cheeses.	BATTERED COD Oven baked cod served with chunky chips and curry sauce.
	VEGAN BOLOGNESE V.G Vegan Quorn Bolognese served with pasta.	SWEET POTATO AND LENTIL CURRY V.G Lightly spiced sweet potato and lentil curry served with rice.	JENNY'S VEGGIE ROAST V. Stuffing, vegetables and Quorn sausages wrapped in crispy puff pastry served with creamy mashed potato and gravy.	QUORN HOT DOG V.G Quorn hot dog served in a bread roll with chips.	CHEESE OMELETTE Fluffy free range egg omelette served with chunky chips. V.
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	JAM AND COCONUT SPONGE	CHOCOLATE COOKIE	FRUIT CRUMBLE AND CUSTARD	CHOCOLATE MOUSSE	FRUIT JELLY
 					

COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL MENU					
w/b 9th Jan, 30th Jan.					
SCHOOL DINNERS £2.00 FOOD ALLERGIES & INTOLERANCES IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF. LOCAL BUTCHER LOCAL VEGETABLES FREE RANGE EGGS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	BEEF BURGER Local butchers beef burger served in a bap with home made crispy wedges.	CREAMY CHICKEN PIE Chunks of chicken cooked in a creamy sauce topped with pastry served with boiled potatoes.	SAUSAGE AND YORKSHIRE PUDDING Sausage and Yorkshire puddings served with gravy and mashed potatoes.	THREE CHEESE PIZZA V. Thick base pizza topped with tomato sauce and three cheeses.	FISH FINGERS Battered cod fish fingers, served with chunky chips, mushy peas and bread and butter.
	CHEESE AND ONION QUICHE V. Homemade cheese and onion quiche served with homemade crispy wedges.	MAC AND CHEESE V. Cheesy creamy mac and cheese baked in the oven with a crispy breadcrumb top.	JENNY'S VEGGIE ROAST V. Stuffing, vegetables and Quorn sausages wrapped in crispy puff pastry served with creamy mashed potato and gravy.	FISH PIE A selection of fish cooked in a creamy white sauce topped with mashed potato and baked in the oven.	VEG BURGER V. Homemade veg burger served in a bun with chunky chips.
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COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL MENU					
w/h 16th Jan, 6th Feb,					
SCHOOL DINNERS £2.00 FOOD ALLERGIES & INTOLERANCES IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF. LOCAL BUTCHER LOCAL VEGETABLES FREE RANGE EGGS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	HOT DOG Jumbo sausage served in a bread roll with homemade crispy wedges.	CHICKEN HOT POT Chicken chunks cooked in gravy topped with sliced potatoes baked in the oven.	ROAST PORK Local butcher's loin of pork served with creamy mashed potato and gravy and apple sauce.	THREE CHEESE PIZZA V. Thick base pizza topped with tomato sauce and three cheeses.	BATTERED COD Oven baked cod served with chunky chips and curry sauce.
	VEG SAUSAGE ROLL V. Quorn sausage wrapped in puff pastry baked in the oven served with homemade crispy wedges.	QUORN AND BEAN CHILL V.G Vegan Quorn mince cooked in a lightly spiced tomato sauce with mixed beans served with rice.	JENNY'S VEGGIE ROAST V. Stuffing, vegetables and Quorn sausages wrapped in crispy puff pastry served with creamy mash potato and gravy.	QUORN LASAGNE V. Layers of Quorn Bolognese, white sauce and lasagne sheets baked in the oven.	CHEESE OMELETTE V. Fluffy free range egg omelette served with chunky chips.
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