

Combe Pafford School

BULLETIN

Spring Term 2023



I would like to begin by congratulating all the pupils in Years 8 and 9 for their Easter Service at St Marychurch recently, if you were one of the parents or carers lucky enough to be able to attend, you too will have been equally impressed!

Easter brings with it, not only eggs, but hopefully better weather and the opportunity to undertake trips and visits to enrich the curriculum experience we can offer to pupils. As I write this, 34 year Year 8 pupils are in Portsmouth on a residential visit, visiting some really interesting historical sites and staying in an old fort, this is the first of our residential visits this year and I am delighted so many youngsters took the opportunity as over the past couple of years we have not been able to offer many opportunities to do so. Further visits are planned next term to Wales, Dartmoor, Bristol, London, Paris and Barcelona meaning every pupil has been offered the opportunity.

Beside visits, this term we have had visitors, one in particular struck a chord with adults and pupils alike, Catherine Omanyoo the Head Teacher of Imprezza Academy visited us and told us of her amazing journey from homelessness to Head Teacher and MP for her region. She started up and now runs the school in Kenya, on the Uganda border, for 260 pupils, many of whom are orphans,

without Government funding. As a response, several pupils and members of staff have created some fund raising projects to raise money to provide some much needed support. We have a shopping list of needs from Catherine and at the moment we are raising money for some chickens, goats and a cow. To date, we have just over £600 which is about ¼ of the cost! We will continue fundraising next term and any help you can give, will be gratefully received.

We are saying farewell to Cathy Cole, after 19 years of service and support to Combe Pafford. Cathy has a real feel for working with pupils with needs on the autistic spectrum and each and every one she has worked with will have benefitted from being in her classes. We wish her the best of luck in the future.

I wish you a happy Easter
M. Lock



4N

The RSPB says 'Well done' to our Wildlife Heroes in 4N!

This half term, as part of their Thrive lessons, 4N have been getting outside in all weather and experiencing the positive effects of nature on their mental health.

Being out in the windy weather made some of the class feel excited, while rainy weather and sunshine made the class feel calm and relaxed!

4N have been experiencing nature with their eyes and their noses too! The class had lots of fun becoming nature detectives, looking for signs of wildlife using their magnifying glasses. They also mixed up fallen leaves and petals with water to create smelly cocktails! They all enjoyed taking turns to smell each other's creations and were amazed by what they had made!

The class have also been helping nature during their outdoors Thrive lessons! They have been creating homes for wildlife on the school grounds, including planting herbs for butterflies, a home for hedgehogs to hibernate in, and a mini pond for frogs and

other pond life! 4N have impressed the adults in school with how respectful they have been to nature and to each other, whilst exploring nature at school.

In recognition for all their kindness to nature and for being brave and trying new things outside, 4N have been awarded the Bronze Wild Challenge award from the RSPB!

And if you in the fun and help nature with your family, you can sign up to the RSPB Wild Challenge from home. It's free to join, and there are lots of activities to choose from- a great incentive to get outdoors and enjoy nature in your local area. Scan the QR code to find out more and to get inspired to go outdoors!



would like to join



Year 7 - Stepping into the rainforest

All of Year 7 got to experience the climate of a real rainforest on our trip to the Eden Project in Cornwall. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to put their learning into context and to experience what a rainforest is like.



By Mrs Bradfield & Mr Allen-Wicks

Our tour guide helped reinforce to the children why rainforests are so important. The children completed work on which plants could be used for food, water and shelter. Furthermore, they enjoyed experiencing the hot and humid rainforest climate, being in the clouds and walking along the wobbly bridge. A memorable day was had by all.



Year 7 News



Year 7 followed Brunel's South Devon Railway from Starcross to Teignmouth on Thursday 16th March. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to see the works of a local engineer as part of Science Week. We saw Brunel's atmospheric pumping station and noticed his bridges, tunnels and tracks on our journey. In addition, we got to appreciate the stunning scenery we have in our locality.



Art

David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation Global Canvas Competition

Global Canvas children's art competition is an annual international art contest run by David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF), to encourage creativity from young people, to display thought and concern for our planet's environment and the incredible wildlife that inhabit it. The 2023 Theme is "Biodiversity – the complex web of life".



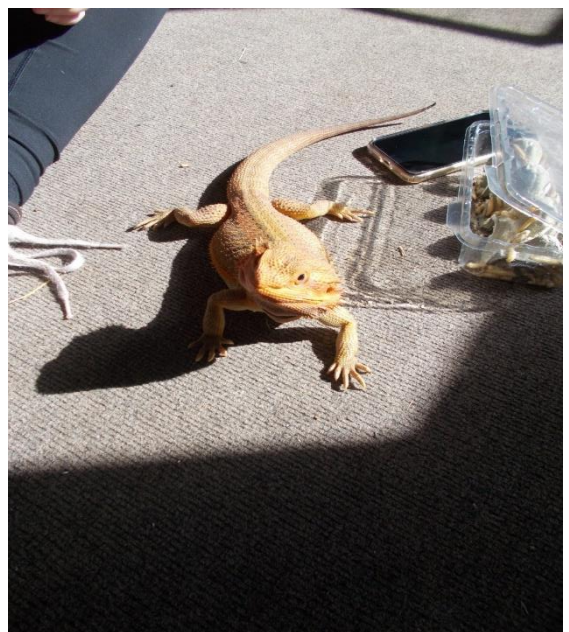
KS3 pupils at Combe Pafford wanted to recreate the 'burst of life' that happens when lifting a log in the back-garden of our own homes! Each year group created their own insect wildlife in their art lessons and collected them together on a giant log to create this eye-catching display. The piece now lives in the office area to inspire visitors to think about the fragile theme of Biodiversity. We await to hear the winning entry in July 2023



Animal Care

This half term we said goodbye to the ducks; Donald, Doris and Daffy! They have gone to live in Totnes with a large field and pond to keep them occupied! They have also made 25 new chicken friends!!!

With the glimmer of sunlight we have been able to start putting the animals outside for short periods of time to ensure they get their vitamin D. Hopefully as the temperatures improve you will be seeing more of them wandering around their outdoor enclosures. Year 11 are rapidly approaching the end of their course and then we will be welcoming the EQA to visit.



Music news Spring term



It's been another busy term in music with pupils in Year 9 developing their understanding of Film Music which included creating some horror music that made some of the teaching assistants very scared! They really enjoyed learning how music can affect mood and were able to compose music for a variety of emotions and film genres. They completed this topic by composing their own music to represent the story of the Titanic linking to their humanities work.



Year 8 have explored a piece of music called *Earth* by Hans Zimmer and recreated part of his music. They were very good at creating a shimmer effect using soft instruments and could control the dynamics of the music to great effect. They have also been developing their rhythm skills

this term through African drumming and have been having a competitive competition between classes to see which class is the quickest at passing a sound around the drum circle. It is currently close between 8C and 8S with them able to pass the sound around in 0.6 seconds!

In Year 7, pupils have been learning to play the guitar. They have been able to play short motifs or riffs related to known songs and also learnt how to read guitar tab.



Pupils in Year 6 have learnt how to use their body as an instrument to create sound. Following inspiration from the piece *Connect It* by Anna Meredith they created and performed a body percussion sequence as part of a group. They have also been composing their own rhythms through African drumming and are starting to use musical notation to record their ideas.

Pupils in 4N have been learning to play Boomwhackers to familiar songs and tapping along to a melody. They then moved on to learning to play a range of Samba instruments.



Musicians of the term

Lower School -

Gabriel - he has come a long way with how he can listen to music, singing and instruments in class. He now will complete all lessons, enjoy picking songs and plays any instrument for the duration of the lesson. Which is such a huge improvement!

Middle School -

Riley (9K) - for composing some inspiring pieces of film music to represent different moods and feelings. He has demonstrated a high level of musical quality when performing on the keyboard and shown a good understanding of how to structure a piece of music.

Upper School -

Harley - for fantastic effort in his drumming lessons each week.

We look forward to hearing you in an assembly again soon!

Sound Communities Sea Change project



A group of pupils had the opportunity to work with Sound Communities to explore and learn about digital music. Pupils created a DJ track and developed their music technology skills.

Xie Davies, young musician visits Combe Pafford.



16 year old, Xie Davies came to perform for pupils in Middle School assembly on the 28th February. They performed a range of songs, including some they have written themselves.

Xie shared how music helps them express how they are feeling and

how it helps them in their lives. Xie then told pupils about Sound Communities and Ocean Youth radio where they host "Xie's Corner". Pupils were inspired by Xie's singing and keen to try writing their own songs.



Live Music Now concert We will also be welcoming Live Music

Now musicians

Small Town Jones to perform a Spring concert to pupils in Lower school at the end of this term



LEGO THERAPY

This term has seen lots more pupils achieve their first Lego Based Therapy certificate – Student Builder Award! This means the children can work in a team, have good manners, use awesome vocabulary to describe bricks and where to put them, as well as lots of other things, with a bit of support! Next, they will be working on using those skills more independently to achieve the Apprentice Builder stage.

Our Student Builders this term are:

- Millie 7E
- Louie 7D
- Jack 7D
- Jake 7D
- George 7D
- Filip 8C
- Logan 8C
- Reuben 8B
- Callum 8B
- Kara 8B
- Phoebe 8N
- Brooke 8N
- Riley 9K
- Liam 9K
- Lucy 9K
- Callum 9S
- Alex 9S
- Susan 9C
- Jaycee 9C
- Jacob 9C

Our Apprentice Builders this term are:

- Noah 8C
- Preston 8C
- Billie 8C
- Oakley 8C
- Harry 8C
- Tyler 8C
- Cole 8C
- Matthew 9S
- Liam 9S
- Luke 9S
- Oliver 9S

AWESOME!



This half term in the Library was the Easter themed Lego challenge to make colourful Easter Eggs and other activities. The winner of the Easter egg challenge was Oliver L in 7M! He won a real chocolate Easter egg and Easter theme Lego set for his cute and colourful Easter Egg and animal! The runner up, also winning a chocolate egg was Alfie in 7E!

In other Lego news, Louie in 7D had his own display stall at the Plymouth Brick Festival. He met lots of other Lego enthusiasts (including Miss Dunne) and got to show his fantastic, gigantic Titanic build!





Left: Brandon & Liv worked with James this half term to complete a Pizza van as part of their Lego Based Therapy sessions.

Below: Louie looking proud with his Titanic at the Plymouth Brick Festival on 18th March 2023.



Bottom Left: Oliver with his winning Easter Lego Library challenge builds

Bottom Right: Alfie was the runner-up with his colourful Lego Easter Egg



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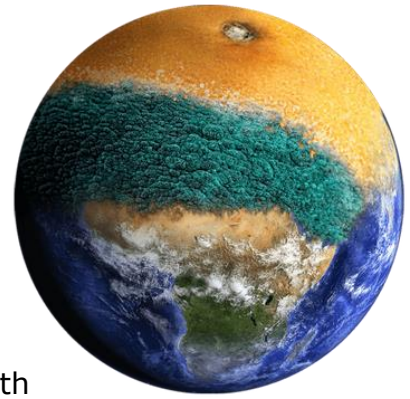


8P News

Food Waste Action Week

As part of their Humanities work to discover ways to sustain the planet, pupils created a video to remind staff and pupils to reduce food waste at home and at school/

They spoke to some members of staff around the school about what they do to reduce food waste and came up with some top tips.



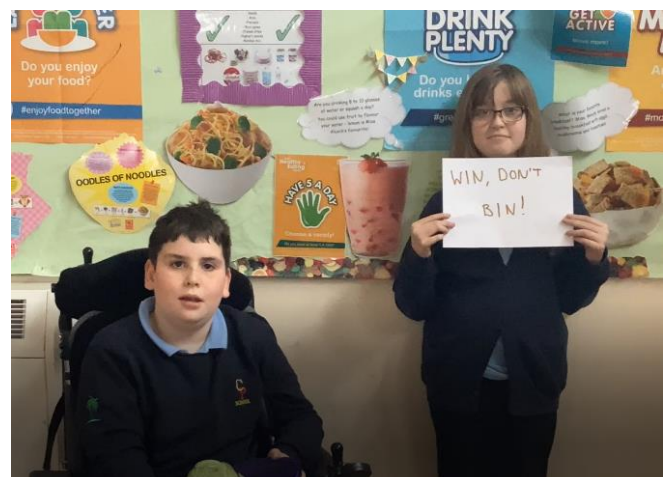
8P's top tips

At school:

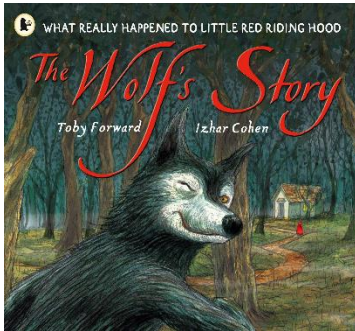
- Try and eat most of your food
- If you don't want a big plate of food ask for less
- Don't throw away a full plate
- Speak to Jenny in the kitchen if you want something different

At home:

- Try and eat most of your food
- Give leftover food to animals
- Create a compost heap
- Put it in the fridge for another rainy day
- Grow some food yourself
- Plan your meals
- Eat your food in the right order. Your old food should be eaten first, then your new food.
- Put your food in the freezer so you can reuse it
- Keep bananas out of the fruit bowl.
Do you know why? Look it up!



8P Enjoyed reading new books from our Reading Spine this term.



The Wolf's Story

We have been reading lots of books from our Reading Spine this term and chose The Wolf's Story to act out as part of World Book Day.

Pupils dressed up as different characters and filmed their version of the story. Everyone had a role to play. Jake

was the location scout choosing areas around the school for filming. Freddie directed and told everyone what to do which he really enjoyed. Beth was a fantastic Red Riding Hood with her basket of sticky toffees.

Shynelle played Grandma and got put in the cupboard by the wolf, luckily Callum the woodman was there to rescue her with his axe.

Our favourite moment was when Finley, playing the part of the wolf tried to put a shelf up but he put it up the wrong way and everything fell down!



8P's Thrive Party



As part of their Thrive lessons during Spring 1, 8P planned a party for some of their friends. They choose the theme of a games party, made invitations, created a music playlist and chose food within a given budget. Callum enjoyed being the DJ at the party and made some great music choices for some karaoke.

9S Puppet Theatres



9S finished off their work on The Tempest with a week of speaking and listening activities.

The pupils got very creative designing their own puppet theatres and making puppet characters in order to recreate key scenes from the play. They enjoyed adding sound effects to create atmosphere and watching back the clips we recorded.

Upper School News

We have had a busy Spring Term within the Upper School. Most recently, our Year 11 pupils have embarked in their final work experience opportunity. Many pupils had extremely positive experiences and some made such a positive impression that they have been encouraged to apply for weekend and holiday work! Well done to all involved.

We have also recently celebrated Science Week as a Phase by completing STEM projects in assembly and within tutor groups, developing our teamwork and communication skills. We were also lucky enough to pay a visit to the Explorer Dome to watch a Space demonstration.

In February, our Year 10 Construction class visited Waterside Holiday Park to see construction in action. They were able to observe a number of trades in action and recognise the various Health and Safety measures being adhered to.

All of the Upper School visited the Apprenticeship Show at Sandy Park in Exeter earlier this term. As well as bags full of pens, keyrings and other exciting freebies (!), many pupils returned to school feeling inspired about future pathways. Pupils had conversations with a number of different exhibiting companies and providers and represented our school extremely well.

As we now approach the Summer Term, we have a busy and focused time with approaching coursework deadlines. It is vital, more than ever, that pupils feel well supported with their studies. Having routines around sleep, breakfast, a good attendance and arriving in full school uniform really does help set pupils up for a positive day. Please do ask your children about how they are progressing within their various core subjects and vocational options. If you would like any updates, please do contact class tutors via Dojo or the School Office.

Upper School Pupils of the Term

Congratulations to all of our Pupils of the Term in Upper School! Pupils of the Term must demonstrate consistency both in effort and demonstrating courtesy around the school. To recognise their achievement, all selected pupils have received a £5 voucher, an Easter Egg and a trip to Hollywood Bowl.

Well done to: Kaylib Neal (11M), Tia Mitchell (11J), Tom Cozens (11C), Myles Bird (10L), Bleay Prior (10M), Olivia Osborne (10W), McKenzie Hassanein (10K)

Year 11 Key exam dates

We are fast approaching the Summer Term and our Year 11 pupils have been working hard to complete necessary coursework units and preparing for final assessments.

Some of our pupils are due to sit external exams in the form of GCSEs. Please take note of the following key dates.

Friday 19th May AM Maths Edexcel Paper 1
Monday 22nd GCSE Art Grades Deadline
Tuesday 23rd May AM Chemistry AQA Paper 1
Monday 5th June AM English Language AQA Paper 1

Tuesday 6th June AM Maths Edexcel Paper 2
Monday 12th June AM English Language AQA Paper 2
Tuesday 13th June AM Chemistry AQA Paper 2
Wednesday 14th June AM Maths Edexcel Paper 3

World Book Day 2nd March 2023

This year for World Book Day Years 4 to 8 received some fantastic new books for their class. The books were carefully chosen to include a selection of traditional tales, modern stories and non-fiction titles. The books are a special addition to our already great book corners and have proved extremely popular with the children.

To coincide with the arrival of the new books, pupils were invited to dress up as a character from one of the titles which everyone enjoyed. And that was not all! We also ran a competition to design a triangle of bunting based on one of the new books. It was incredibly hard to select winners as all the entries were fantastic but in the end prizes were awarded for the most imaginative designs.

Finally, this year, rather than give out World Book Day tokens to every pupil we arranged for the books to be delivered to school. This was so successful that we will be now be doing this every World Book Day.

We hope all the pupils had a fantastic World Book Day and thank you for your continued support in always making the day special.

World Book Day Books waiting to be collected from the library



A selection of competition bunting



Ten Tors

Ten Tors training is in full flow, we have now completed three walks of varying difficulty. Over the next two weeks we will move onto walking the distances required for the event. The next training session is the 2nd April 2023 and we will be walking in Okehampton.

The Ten Tors event will be held on the Saturday 29th April 2023, with the overnight camping on Friday 28th April 2023 prior.

Torbay's Healthy Holidays

What is HAF? HAF is a national scheme funded by the Government to ensure that children have access to food and activities over the school holiday periods. Local Authorities are required to deliver x4 hours per day for x4 days per week in one week in the Easter and Christmas holidays and x4 weeks in the summer holiday.

Who is it for? The programme is aimed at children and young people who are attending primary or secondary schools (aged 5-16 years) who are in receipt of benefit based Free School Meals (FSM). The main aim of HAF is to reduce isolation and 'holiday hunger' for children and young people when schools are closed.

Having fun Enjoying food Making new friends Learning new skills Keeping active Being creative



HAF (Holiday Activities and Food)



Also known as 'Healthy Holidays'

How does it work? Torbay Council commissions a variety of projects run by different organisations across Torbay. These are then advertised and parents or carers are asked to book the available places for their child/children. Each project is required to provide a hot meal, a physical activity, and an enrichment activity.

Where can I find out more?

Healthy Holidays - Torbay Council

www.torbay.gov.uk

<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-years/healthy-holidays/>

Or contact

sarah.pengelly@torbay.gov.uk HAF

Project Lead for Torbay Council

On the next page is a list of activities taking place around the Bay

Find booking instructions on
www.playtorbay.org.uk

Kinetic Sports Group

Location: Watcombe Primary School, Moor Lane, TQ2 8NU

When: 9am to 3pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th April

Age group: 5 to 16 year olds

Number of places: 57 places

Book via website www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk

Kinetic Sports Group

Location: Upton St James CofE School, St James Road, TQ1 4AZ

When: 9am to 3pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th April

Age group: 5 to 16 year olds

Number of places: 29 places

Book via website www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk

Shear Soccer

Location: Barton Cricket Club, Barton Road, TQ2 7NY

When: 10am to 3pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th April

Age group: 5 to 14 year olds

Number of places: 36 places

Find booking instructions on
www.shearsoccer.co.uk

Nova Street Torquay (Love Enterprise Group CIC)

Location: The Echo Building, St James Rd, Torquay TQ1 4AZ

When: 12pm to 4pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th April

Age group: 11 to 16 years old

Number of places: 11 places

Please email bookings@glotorbay.co.uk or ring 07733 612733 Nova Street bookings can also be made via @novastreetuk on facebook or insta

Play Torbay

Location: Barton Cricket Club, Barton Road, TQ2 7NY

When: 10:30am to 2:30pm - 4th, 6th & 11th, 12th April

Age Group: 5 to 16 year olds

Number of places: 19 places

Sporty Stars

Location: Abbey School, St Marychurch, TQ1 4PR

When: 8:15-12:30pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th April

Age group: 5 to 11 year olds

Number of places: 29 places

Please see www.sportystars.co.uk for information and <https://bookwhen.com/haf-torbay> for direct booking

Achieve4All

Location: Sherwell Valley Primary School, Hawkins Avenue, TQ2 6ES

When: 9:30am-1.30pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th April

Age group: 5 to 14 year olds

Number of places: 32 places

Book via website: www.achieve4all.co.uk **Tel:** 03337 722844 **Email:** info@achieve4all.co.uk

Turning Heads

Location: Windmill Centre, Hele, TQ2 7QR but will take place outdoors on Windmill Hill

When: 10am-2:30pm - 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th April

Age group: 7 to 16 year olds

Number of places: 22 places

To find out details: Turning Heads Facebook page or by phone – Windmill Centre 01803 314876

Paignton

Great Parks Community Centre

Location: Great Parks Community Centre, QED, TQ3 3YS

When: 9am-1pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th April

Age group: 5 to 16 year olds

Number of places: 25 places

To book, please contact Julie via WhatsApp, text or call 07450332473

Nova Street Paignton (Love Enterprise Group CIC)

Location: Unit 5, Victoria Square, TQ4 6PE

When: 5pm to 9pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th April

Age group: 11 to 16 years old

Number of places: 43 places

Please email bookings@glotorbay.co.uk or ring 07733 612733 Nova Street bookings can also be made via @novastreetuk on facebook or insta

Beach Club Paignton (Love Enterprise Group CIC)

Location: Paignton Beach

When: 9am to 1pm and 2pm-6pm -11th, 12th, 13th, 14th April

Age group: 8 to 16-year-olds

Number of places: 22 places

Please email bookings@glotorbay.co.uk or ring 07733 612733 Beach Club bookings can also be made via @lovesportsproject on facebook or insta

Shear Soccer

Location: Torbay Leisure Centre, Clennon Valley, TQ4 5JR

When: 10am to 3pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th April

Age group: 5 to 14 year olds

Number of places: 49 places

Find booking instructions on www.shearsoccer.co.uk

Kinetic Sports Group

Location: Sacred Heart RC Primary School, Cecil Mews, TQ3 2SH

When: 9am to 3pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th April

Age group: 5 to 14 year olds

Number of places: 36 places

Book via website www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk

Kinetic Sports Group

Location: Hayes School, Hayes Road, Paignton, TQ34 5PJ

When: 10am to 4pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th April

Age group: 5 to 14 year olds

Number of places: 57 places

Book via website www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk

Play Torbay

Location: Wild Fox, Smallcombe Road entrance, TQ3 3SP

When: 10:30am to 2:30pm 3rd, 5th and 13th, 14th April

Age group: 5 to 16 year olds

Number of places: 17 places

Find booking instructions on www.playtorbay.org.uk

Imagine Torbay Multicultural Group

Location: St Pauls Church Hall, Locarno Ave, Preston, TQ32DH

When: 9:30am to 1:30pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th April

Age group: 5 to 16 year olds

Number of places: 22 places

To book, please contact Roni on 07780512745

Brixham

Play Torbay

Location: Indigos Go Wild, Packhall Lane, TQ5 0EQ

When: 10:30am to 2:30pm - 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th April

Age group: 5 to 16 year olds

Number of places: 30 places

Find booking instructions on www.playtorbay.org.uk

Shear Soccer

Location: Brixham College, Higher Ranscombe Road, TQ5 9HF

When: 10am to 3pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th April

Age group: 5 to 14 year olds

Number of places: 18 places

Find booking instructions on www.shearsoccer.co.uk

Kinetic Sports Group

Location: Brixham C of E Primary School, Higher Ranscombe Road, Brixham, Devon, TQ5 9HF

When: 9am to 3pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th April

Age group: 5 to 16 year olds

Number of places: 36 places

Book via website www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk

Sporty Stars

Location: Brixham Rugby Club, Astley Park, Rea Barn Road, TQ5 9ED

When: 8:15-12:30pm - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th April

Age group: 5 to 11 year olds

Number of places: 29 places

Please see www.sportystars.co.uk for information and <https://bookwhen.com/haf-torbay> for direct booking

<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/children-and-families/childcare/easter-holidays/>

National Girls and Women in Sports

Middle School and Upper School



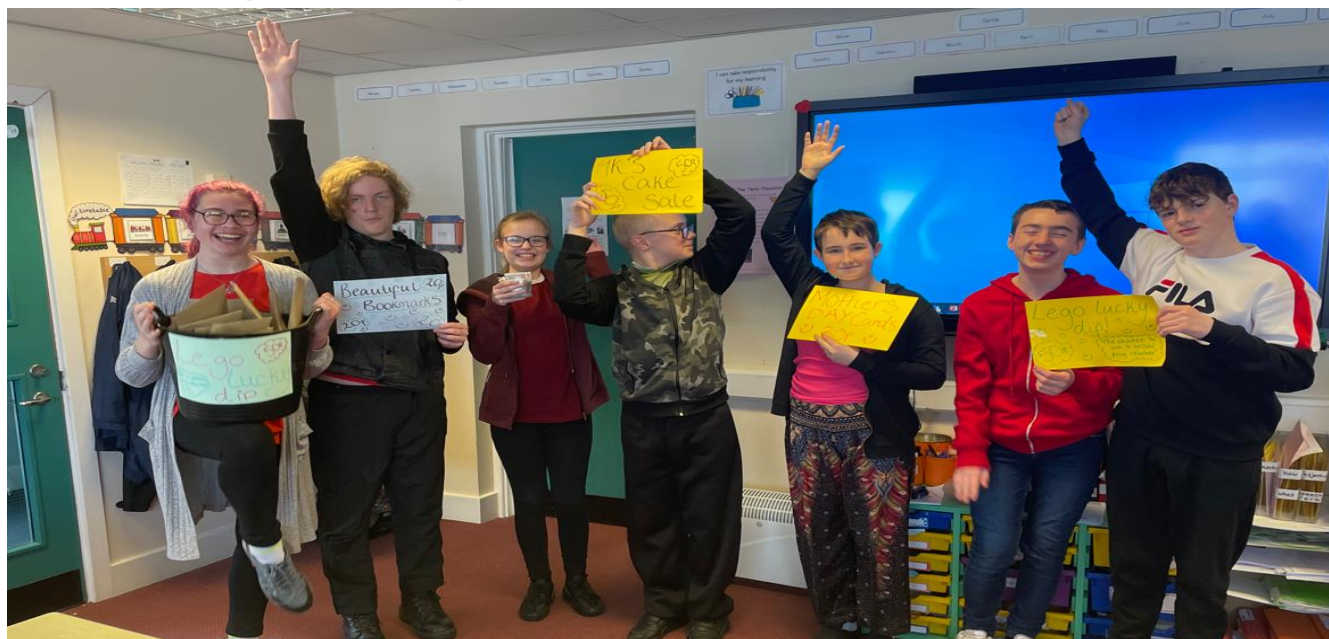
This year, all the girls at Combe Pafford School celebrated National Women and Girls in Sports Day. An assembly was delivered to the whole school in order to understand the importance of the day. Middle School and Upper School girls then took part in a range of sporting activities throughout the day, starting with the choice of a basketball tournament or a dance and fitness session. Specialist instructors then came in to deliver dance and yoga which the girls thoroughly enjoyed and the final sporting activity, taekwondo, was delivered by the current taekwondo world champion!

Lower School



The Lower School girls were very lucky to go offsite to celebrate National Women and Girls in Sports Day. At Torbay Leisure Centre the girls enjoyed an upbeat street dance session with a specialist instructor. In the afternoon the girls enjoyed taking part in a range of circuit activities and sporting games in Torbay Leisure Centre's sports hall. All girls were praised and gifted with a certificate at the end of the day!

9K's shop for Imprezza



This Term, 9K have been working extremely hard to raise money for the school 'Imprezza' which is based in Kenya. Catherine, who is the Head teacher of Imprezza, came to Combe Pafford to talk about school life in Kenya. 9K were desperate to help and raise money to support the school and the children of Imprezza. They created the 9K shop where they sold a variety of products including; homemade cakes, toys from home, handmade bookmarks and created a lego lucky dip activity. In giving up three of their break times, 9K raised a whopping £80.60.



Thank you to the Watson family who kindly donated their time and disco equipment free of charge to enable our older pupils to have an afternoon disco. We charged pupils £3 with all proceeds from the afternoon going to Operation Imprezza, a charity helping to support self-sustaining equal access education in rural Western Kenya.

10W

In 10W this term we have continued to work hard, a much improved term all round and the pupils starting to show more maturity in their learning. We have built bridges out of paper straws and ice-cream sticks during science week which resulted in one of our entries holding the most weight – over 7kg. Bryn won the award for best team work during the task.

Pupil of the Term is Olivia Osborne, who continues to set the example on behaviour and effort in lessons, she is always polite and engages well with adults and peers. She continues to set the standard.

Rising Star of the Term is CJ, a much improved term, doing lots of positive things in school, taking part in Ten Tors training, fantastic effort in PE, renewed attitude in the majority of lessons and has engaged well with both adults and peers.

10W are now looking forward to residential week in June and we are researching the areas in London we will visit.



Vocational Skills

Here we are again almost at the end of another term and what a term it has been within vocational skills. We have covered so many different subjects and discussion points, even been talking about taxes and how taxes are used to support all the services that we enjoy in our country, such as hospitals, the emergency services and the social care that we are so proud of as a nation. Within all these very important discussions, pupils have been experiencing a range of different subjects and have been encouraged to use a range of different tools and equipment.

Year 4 have been thinking about strong shapes and why strong shapes are used in construction, such as tall buildings and bridges. The class have been challenged to build a bridge and not just any bridge, but a bridge out of spaghetti. The pupils have worked so hard to follow templates to make the sides of their bridges out of bundles of spaghetti and hot glue. The pupils then used lasagne to put the bridge roadway on so that a small wooden car could pass across it. This has not been an easy task as pupils have found out that spaghetti is brittle! We have to be proud of all pupils in year four as they have persevered and showed that they want to do their best at this job.



Year 5 and year 6 have not been idle as they have been challenged to build more independently this term and one of the projects was to build a vehicle which would travel down a zip wire and carry a plastic egg without, it falling to the ground. I must say, we have had some fantastic machines built out of scrap wood and cardboard fixed together with a little bit of hot glue. It's great to see pupils taking the initiative and trying their best to work independently and have independent choices on how to put these vehicles together. Well done year 5 and year 6.



Year 7 have been learning about how the world needs its insects and birds and, how we as human beings can adapt or provide things for our insects and our birds to thrive. Pupils have been encouraged to design their own bird boxes or, their own insect hotels. Pupils then learned about the importance of using a cutting list to help them decide what needed to be cut next. Pupils were then encouraged to be independent in choosing timber to use for their project and the tools and



equipment that they needed to build it. I have seen some wonderful independent work within year 7 and I must say that all in all, we have had a very good time.

Year 8 have been challenged a little more to show increased independence and to be more creative with their practical work. Pupils have been learning about how children have fun and, how children and, adults, learn from fun and the importance of playing games to interact and learn new skills. To do this year 8 have made some children's toys and have had the opportunity to make toys from timber or plastic and have been encouraged to work as independently as possible. Year 8 also got the chance to make a clock with a working clock mechanism attached to it and I must say it has been fantastic to see the creative designs that pupils have come up with within this clock project. Well done to year 8.



This has been a fantastic term with lots and lots of varied work going on within the vocational room and lots and lots of information being thought about jobs, life skills and practical work. I am looking forward to the summer term. Thank you. Mr Spooner

Year 11 Games



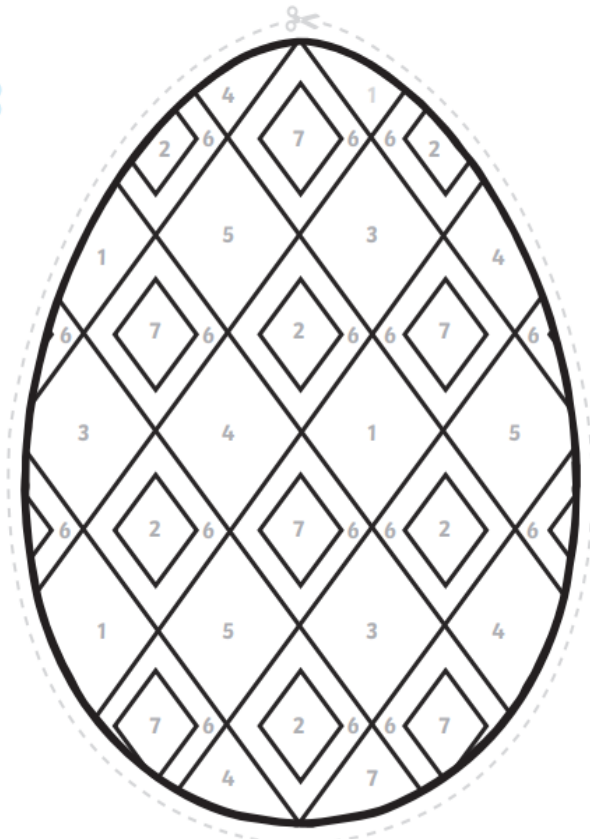
This Term's activities have been extremely successful with children signing up to attend both the boxing and steps class sessions as after school activities! We hope this continues as we continue to take part in range of activities across the year.



This Term, Year 11 have continued to attend a range of leisure activities in the local area, as part of their games sessions. These activities have included; golf at the driving range, boxing, a dance class and a steps class. Children have been able to try out a range of sporting sessions to identify which ones they enjoy the most, with the hope that they can then continue to take part in these activities outside of school to encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Mrs Cocker's Easter Maths Puzzles

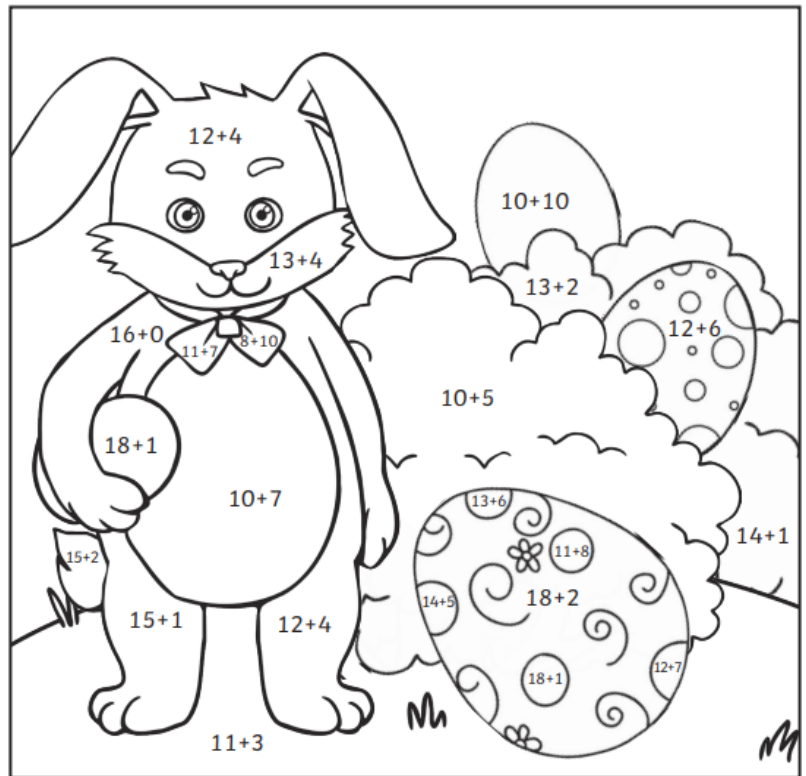
Easter Egg Colour by Number



Easter Bunny Addition to 20 Colour by Calculation

Work out the answer to the addition questions and colour the picture using the key.

Key



Easter Emoji Puzzle 1.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Bunny} + \text{Bunny} + \text{Bunny} &= 24 \\
 \text{Chicken} + \text{Bunny} + \text{Bunny} &= 19 \\
 \text{Chicken} + \text{Bell} + \text{Bell} &= 17 \\
 \text{Chicken} \times \text{Bunny} + \text{Bell} &= 31
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Bunny} &= \\
 \text{Chicken} &= \\
 \text{Bell} &=
 \end{aligned}$$

Easter Coordinates

Instructions:

Draw coordinate axes from $0 \leq x \leq 18$ and $0 \leq y \leq 20$.

Plot each pair of coordinates in order, joining each of them up with a straight line as you go along. Then, colour each section in the given colour.

Green

Start: (12, 5), (11, 3), (10, 2.5), (9, 2), (8, 2.5), (7, 3), (6, 5), (7, 4), (8, 5), (9, 4), (10, 5), (11, 4), (12, 5), **End**

Orange

Start: (12, 5), (12, 7), (11, 6), (10, 7), (9, 6), (8, 7), (7, 6), (6, 7), (6, 5), **End**

Start: (9.5, 13), (8.5, 13), (9, 12), (9.5, 13), **End**

Purple

Start: (12, 7), (12, 9), (11, 8), (10, 9), (9, 8), (8, 9), (7, 8), (6, 9), (6, 7), **End**

Yellow

Start: (11, 8), (11, 10), (10, 11), (10, 12), (11, 13), (11, 14), (10, 15), (8, 15), (7, 14), (7, 13), (8, 12), (8, 11), (7, 10), (7, 8), **End**

Blue

Start: (10, 15), (10.5, 15.5), (12, 15), (11.5, 17), (10, 16.5), (9, 17), (8, 16.5), (6.5, 17), (6, 15), (7, 15.5), (8, 15), (9, 15.5), (10, 15) **End**

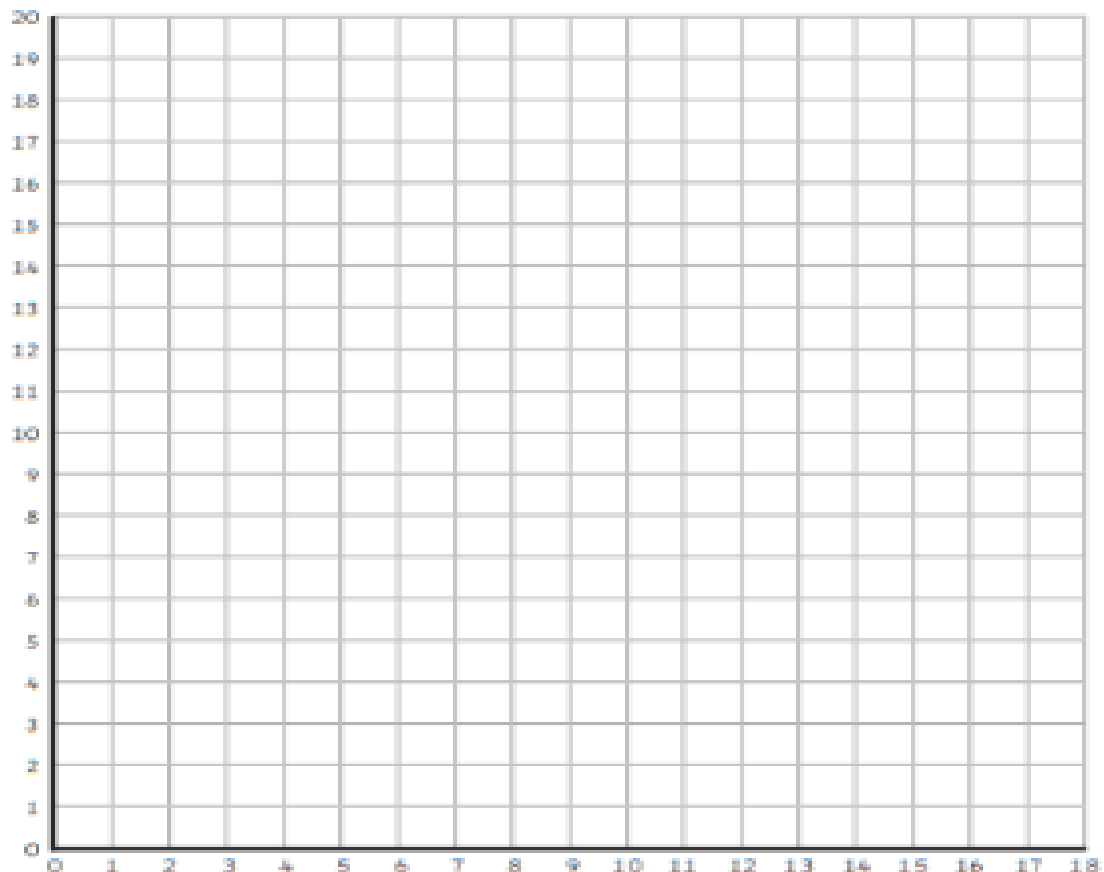
Red

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Grey

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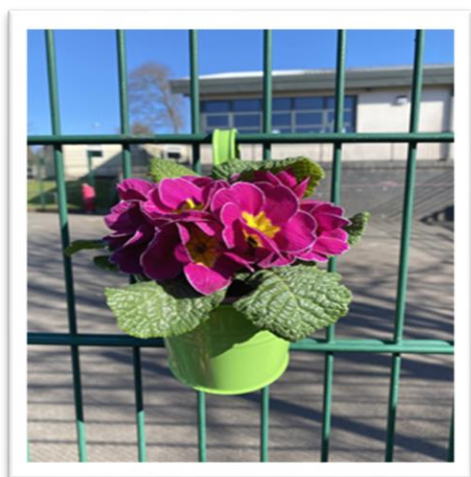
Draw two black dots at (8.5, 14) and (9.5, 14)



Ellie Watson 11M



Ellie Watson (11M) has been working hard in her spare-time to gain further experience and qualifications. Ellie is interested in a career in 'Care' and is thinking about this for the future. After attending Play Torbay herself, she is looking forward to now working there to support younger groups during the summer holidays. In order to help her with this she has completed a 'Playtime' course which she has spent time working on during her own time in the evening. Alongside her work experience placement at Torbay hospital, where she is also hoping to secure a volunteer work experience placement, Ellie has put herself in a great position for her future career path. Well done Ellie!



To celebrate Mothering Sunday the sixth form horticulture group sold Primroses in little buckets. The team worked really hard to set the stall up and make it look nice which paid off as all the plants sold.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

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The children got together in the hall wearing red and mufti whilst the adults in school had to complete challenges.

It was great we could celebrate such a worthy cause together as a phase!
The school raised £287.42 for Comic Relief.

Year 11 Work Experience Finale!

Year 11 embarked on their final work experience placements of their school careers from March 20th – March 24th. The hope is that, by their final placement, pupils are working at their most independent level yet. This work experience was a brilliant success due to the fact that many pupils challenged themselves to work beyond their comfort zones and demonstrated a strong determination to succeed. Of course, the success of any work experience week is always down to the kindness and willingness of employers to engage with and support our pupils. Once again, we would like to thank all those that were able to support this effort. Below, we have highlighted just some of the success stories that came out of the week.

'Cary' On Jake

One work experience placement that deserves significant recognition is that of Jake Rawles who went to the Cary Arms to support with the grounds and maintenance team. The first reason that this placement stands out is that it was found and secured by Jake and his family. These placements always have a high likelihood of success because they have the backing and support of all stakeholders involved. The second reason that this placement deserves recognition is that when I turned up to visit Jake he was working as hard as any pupil I've seen work; scouring tables by hand, in very cold and wet conditions. An outstanding effort Jake, well done!



Me and Mrs Jones (and Riley and Tia)

Riley Parsons and Tia Mitchell went to Me and Mrs Jones Deli in Wellswood for the week. Having only used this employer for the first time in November, they are quickly becoming a very cherished and trusted employer. Every pupil that comes back from this placement comes back with a beaming smile, speaking highly of the staff that have supported them and talking proudly about the work that they have done. Tia managed to complete this placement wholly independently, making her own way to work each morning and afternoon. Riley enjoyed his placement to such an extent that he is considering changing his pathway following Year 11. Excellent work from both pupils!

Finding Their Way

I am extremely happy to share that in this round of work experience, we have managed to secure work experience placements for two pupils in the NHS as Wayfinders. For those that don't know, this involves waiting in the foyer of Torbay Hospital and directing visitors to the correct area of the hospital. The pupils that undertook this placement this time were Matthew Welsh and Ellie Watson. Following their introductions on Tuesday (having had their first day cancelled), both pupils came back elated at how the day went. As the hours and days went by, they became more confident and independent and both pupils were told that they might be able to work there again later in the year.

Top of the Deck!

Work experience placements are not always smooth from start



to finish. However, sometimes the best placements are ones that show progress and improvement throughout the week; allowing pupils to demonstrate true development. One such case was that of Morgan Hall at Discount Decking. Morgan is a very capable young man, but found some of his new environment quite challenging on the first day. Following a conversation with the employer, all staff and parents tried to support Morgan into his second day. As the days went by,

feedback from the employer got better and better. An excellent example of how our pupils can manage and improve in alternative environments. Well done Morgan!

Fishing For Success!

For one pupil this time, work experience was a really crucial event in which their placement was going to guide them as to whether they were going to consider a particular career path or not. Kaven Driver, 11C, has always talked about fishing and saying that he is keen. However, without much experience in the field, we were sceptical as to whether it would be a good fit. Fortunately, we managed to place Kaven with the Brixham Trawler Agency where he could experience what a life in the industry might be like. Kaven went on to have a fantastic week, receiving glowing feedback from everyone he worked with - even after a 6.30am start one day! This has led to Kaven deciding he would like to strongly consider the fishing apprenticeship at South Devon College. Good luck to you, Kaven! Well done.



Do you, your family or friends know anyone who runs a business or any local companies that would take pupils for work experience placements?

If so, please contact Steph Morgan our Careers Advisor by email:

smorgan@combepafford.torbay.sch.uk

Steph can arrange all Health and Safety visits and ensure the placement is suitable for our pupils

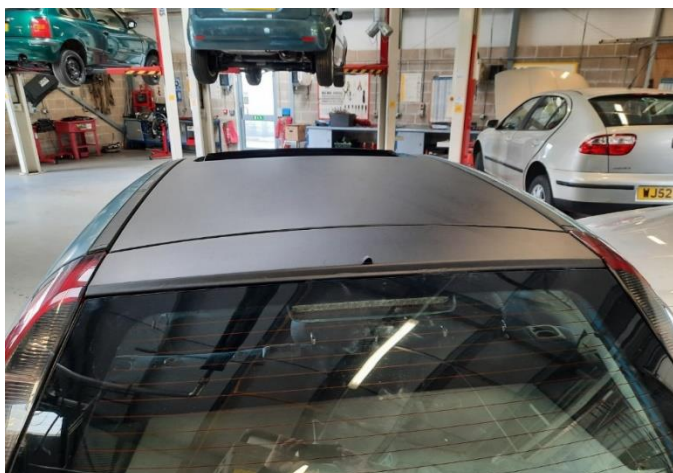


It's the Fashion!

One moment that will stick with me for a very long time to come, is the moment I asked Victoria how she was finding her placement in the British Heart Foundation store and, with a huge smile, said she had loved it, and felt really at home there. Victoria did well on her last placement in a café, but realised it wasn't for her. Consequently, I was so delighted to hear that this placement had been right for her. She spoke so passionately about working with clothes, talking about clothes and enjoying the tasks that she was assigned. Hopefully, Victoria now feels she has some direction moving forward and I don't doubt she will have plenty of success, whatever she may choose!

Overall, it has been a pleasure to watch our current Year 11s mature and develop into fine workers ready for the world of work. In this article I have highlighted only a small amount of the success stories. It is worth noting that every pupil made a real good go of every opportunity that they were given. Well done Year 11.

Vocational Skills - Motor Vehicle



The paintwork on the roof of this Vauxhall Corsa was looking shabby as the lacquer was peeling off.

The year10 motor vehicle pupils flatted it back and wrapped it with textured vinyl. We think they did a great job.

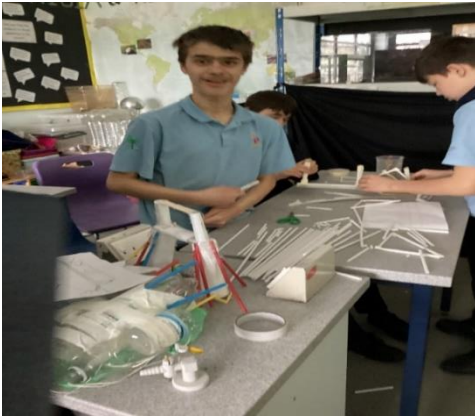
Combe Pafford has an electric car!

It is a 2015 Nissan Leaf electric vehicle (EV). It has a 400 volt Lithium-ion 24Kwh battery which charges in 27 minutes on a fast charge or 8 hours if charged from a normal household mains socket. When slowing down, electrical energy is produced to help charge the battery. The range on a full charge is between 80 and 100 miles. The safety rating is Euro NCAP five stars.



The car will be used to enhance our Motor Vehicle accreditation, for EV awareness and to ensure our pupils have the opportunity to keep up to date with this ever-improving technology.

Science week 2022



Wow, what an action-packed Science week this year.



Lots of engineering projects, team work, trips, science clubs and competitions. Our theme was 'connecting to science through engineering', with a focus on Brunel.

Pupils made connections to the local area through enrichment trips - Key stage 2 went on a trip to the Paignton - Kingswear steam train line, Years 7 and 8 went on the Starcross to Torquay great Western line and year 9 went to visit the Prince Albert Bridge in Plymouth.

All pupils got to experience a science show in the wonderful extra-large dome, including Space, under the sea, volcanoes and the changing Earth.

The pupils completed an engineering project in class that required valuable teamwork skills. One pupil per class won a prize for demonstrating that they could work and communicate with others and work through any problems



11M

Thomas Wood (aka Woody) of 11M, has always been a keen steam train enthusiast. We were all delighted to hear the news that he had secured himself a volunteer job at South Devon Railway at the weekends.

Thomas has been part of building a new track and has even driven the miniature steam train. Pictured is the track that he helped to complete, and his work pals. Thomas will be there for some of the Easter holidays, working hard, and would like to encourage anyone that likes trains to take a trip to Buckfastleigh and visit the Railway, he would love to see you there!



SIXTH FORM SPRING TERM NEWS REPORT 2023

Apprenticeship show stirs interest

A group of sixth form students, along with a large group of students from Key Stage 4, ventured to Sandy Park, home of Exeter Chiefs, in January to take in the National Apprenticeship Show. This is a popular event with students and introduces them to a wider audience of colleges, employers and training providers than they would normally come across. The trip, organised by Mr James, came hot on the heels of our own Post-16/18 Information event for parents in school organised by our Careers Adviser, Steph Morgan. The aim of these events is to raise students' awareness of the opportunities out there for them once they leave the sixth form. It certainly generated a lot of interest!



Trip to concentration camps proves life-changing

For the first time since the pandemic we were able to nominate students for the Lessons from Auschwitz project, a unique scheme run by the Holocaust Educational Trust designed to inform young people about the impact and legacy of Nazism in the Second World War. We were fortunate enough to have four students accepted onto the project, and on a cold morning in early



February, **Ryan Knapman**, **Logan Taylor**, **Ben Waymouth** and **Jake Burston** met with Mr Lock at Exeter Airport for an early morning flight to Krakow for what proved to be a life-changing experience.



It is difficult to relate in words what the students experienced during their short stay, but suffice it to say that the visit to the Auschwitz and Birkenau camps contained much to focus the mind. There was an inspirational talk by a rabbi on the subject of love and hate (see left), there were collections of personal possessions confiscated by the Nazis, and displays depicting images and names of millions of Jewish people who lost their lives.



Having prepared thoroughly for the trip the students have, since their return, focused on their role as 'ambassadors', feeding back on their experiences to different groups – the sixth form, Key Stage 4 and finally the school governors. All four students deserve credit for their mature approach and the way they handled the experience.

Retail students flourish

Our retail students continue to flourish as they work towards their vocational qualification and simultaneously gain the competencies necessary for working in a busy retail outlet. **Logan Aldworth** (pictured below working on the till), **Riley Tooley** (below left on soft drinks) and **Oliver Taylor** all picked up paid seasonal work at Christmas at the Sainsbury's store at the Willows in Torquay, and are now building up their knowledge



and skills across the whole range of departments in-store. This will put them in a great position if any part-time paid positions become available in the coming months. If successful, they will follow in a long line of former students to gain employment in the store including Matthew Carpenter, Coral Nelson, Ffion Shore and Francesca Pym. Retail remains one of the best occupational sectors for our students to gain jobs in – long may it continue!





Another of our retail students, **Ben Waymouth**, who excelled at Sainsbury's last year but now has his work placement at Fermoy's Garden Centre. He has been adding barista skills to his portfolio of experience – a real advantage if he ever wants to apply for work at Costa Coffee, Café Nero or Coffee one. Ben's outstanding customer service skills have been rewarded with paid work at weekends at Fermoy's which he has been doing for several months now. Another ex-student, Amelia Savage, works in the same café.

Students gain paid work

Around a dozen sixth form students do regular paid work in their own time. **Chelsea Walters** and **Luke Marks** (pictured below with his Employee of the Month award) already both work at Paignton McDonald's, whilst **Charley Ross** (below right) has recently been offered Saturday work with his work placement employer, TTS Tyres and Exhausts. On top of this, **Ben Waymouth** (Fermoy's), **Bradley Cox** (a club in Newton Abbot), **Bradley Kersey** (Hoseasons Holiday Park) and **Morgan Quin** (Ocean Leisure) all have regular part-time jobs. Some of the students have got these jobs as a



result of performing well on their work placement, whilst others have independently gone out and applied for vacancies they have found.

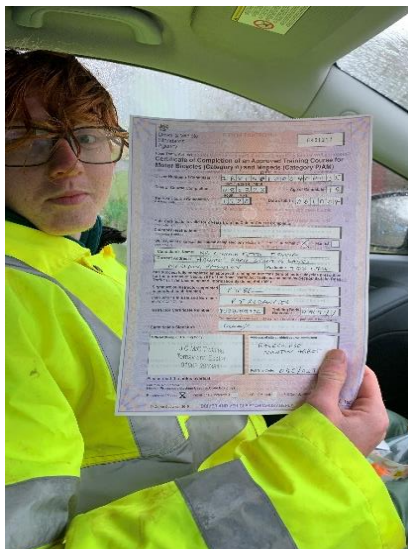
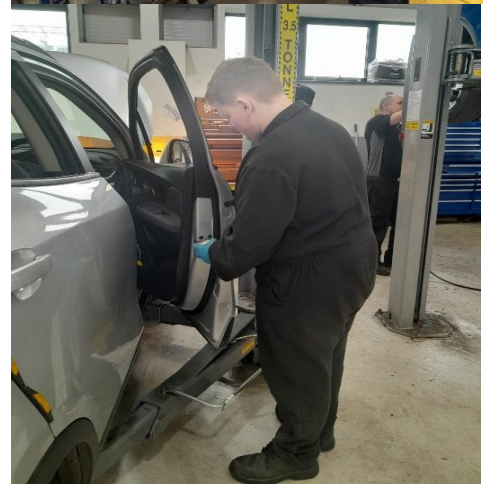
We would ask all parents to consider whether their son or daughter is ready to take on this important step, and if so encourage them to keep their eyes open for suitable opportunities. It would be an amazing achievement if we could get half of the sixth form into part-time paid employment!

New work placements show promise

A number of sixth formers have got new work placements that they are attending, and the early signs are that things are going very well indeed! **Jordan Orchard-Barker** (below left) has settled in very well at Jewson's, while **Cameron Fraser** (below right) has made a positive start at the Co-op in Dawlish. Other students embarking on a new challenge are **Bradley Cox** (bottom left) at Somerforde Residential Home in Newton Abbot and **Ryan Knapman** (bottom right) at Eden Vauxhall in Torquay.



Well done to all students who are starting something new – hopefully they can build on their experiences in the coming months to become old hands.



Connor gains CBT certificate

Connor Irving recently spent the day at Newton Abbot Racecourse on a 50cc motorcycle training and assessment course, and passed with flying colours. As the proud owner of a Compulsory Basic Training certificate, he is now legal to ride a machine of that size on the road.



Students love going to Dawlish

A dozen students on sheltered work placements have benefited from regular attendance at Dawlish Gardens Trust this term, and from having a go at the huge range of practical tasks on offer there. From Animal Care to Horticulture, from tractor driving to weeding, and from arts and crafts to small projects, there isn't a spare moment to be had and the students have been actively engaged throughout their stay.



Clockwise from top left are **Cameron Avery** preparing animal feed, **Teddy Pritchard** potting, **Logan Taylor** driving the tractor and **Matt Roberts** pruning. In the centre is a wishing well made by Tilly Collett.

WELCOME TO DAWLISH GARDENS TRUST



Partnership with Groundworks yields fruit

The Preparation for Working Life students going to Westerland Valley in Paignton to volunteer with the Groundworks organisation have been instrumental in completing a number of exciting and worthwhile projects this term.

Corey Pollard (right) is pictured with a spade digging the first layer of turf up for which finished up as a large hole in which to plant a tree.



A group of Work Skills students checking out the work that needs to be done in future at a new site at Oldway Mansions in Paignton.



Some of the students laying down black sheeting to act as a barrier for weeds (right)



Corey Pollard and class mate getting stuck into assembling a community picnic table which can be seen finished right.



Social events well supported by students

Sixth Form social events continue to be well supported by students. Record numbers paid their money and turned up for the Chinese buffet evening at the Oriental Touch restaurant in Plainmoor earlier this term. More recently, a minibus full of students travelled to the Theatre Royal, Plymouth to see a highly entertaining and fast-paced performance aimed at young people called Birds and Bees, covering issues such as consent, gender and social media. Students are benefiting hugely from these opportunities to socialise with their peers and widen their life experiences.



Care students host elderly folk

Our care students have been busy this term hosting elderly residents of a local care home on Friday afternoons. The first event consisted of a lunch of fish and chips in the Yellow Frog Café, followed by a game of bingo with coffee and cake for refreshments. Following up on the success of this event, a pamper session consisting of a hair wash and hand massage followed by a high tea was arranged. **Natasha Mildren** and **Sam Redclift** are pictured chatting to some of the visitors. The care pathway in the sixth form now includes a qualification in caring for the elderly alongside the course for caring for children as there are many jobs available working in this sector. Some of our students are very well suited to working with the elderly.

Ryan set for adventure of a lifetime!

Ryan Knapman, who has not long returned from his trip to Poland for the Lessons from Auschwitz project, will be on his travels again soon – this time to the wilds of Scotland! Ryan applied for a bursary from the Sir Francis Chichester Trust to fund him attending a two week Outward Bound course at the Loch Eil Outward Bound Centre in July. Ryan, who applied last year but was unsuccessful, has been rewarded for his persistence by gaining the bursary second time around.



Because of the distance involved (nearly 600 miles from Torbay), Ryan will have to travel by train independently from Newton Abbot to Glasgow Central, changing at Birmingham New Street, and then stay overnight in a Travelodge before meeting up with the other course participants at Glasgow bus station the following morning.



Ryan will be meeting up with other young adults of a similar age and can look forward to a whole raft of outdoor problem solving challenges, water sports, rockclimbing and the highlight of the trip which is a self-planned camping expedition with his group in the Scottish mountains.

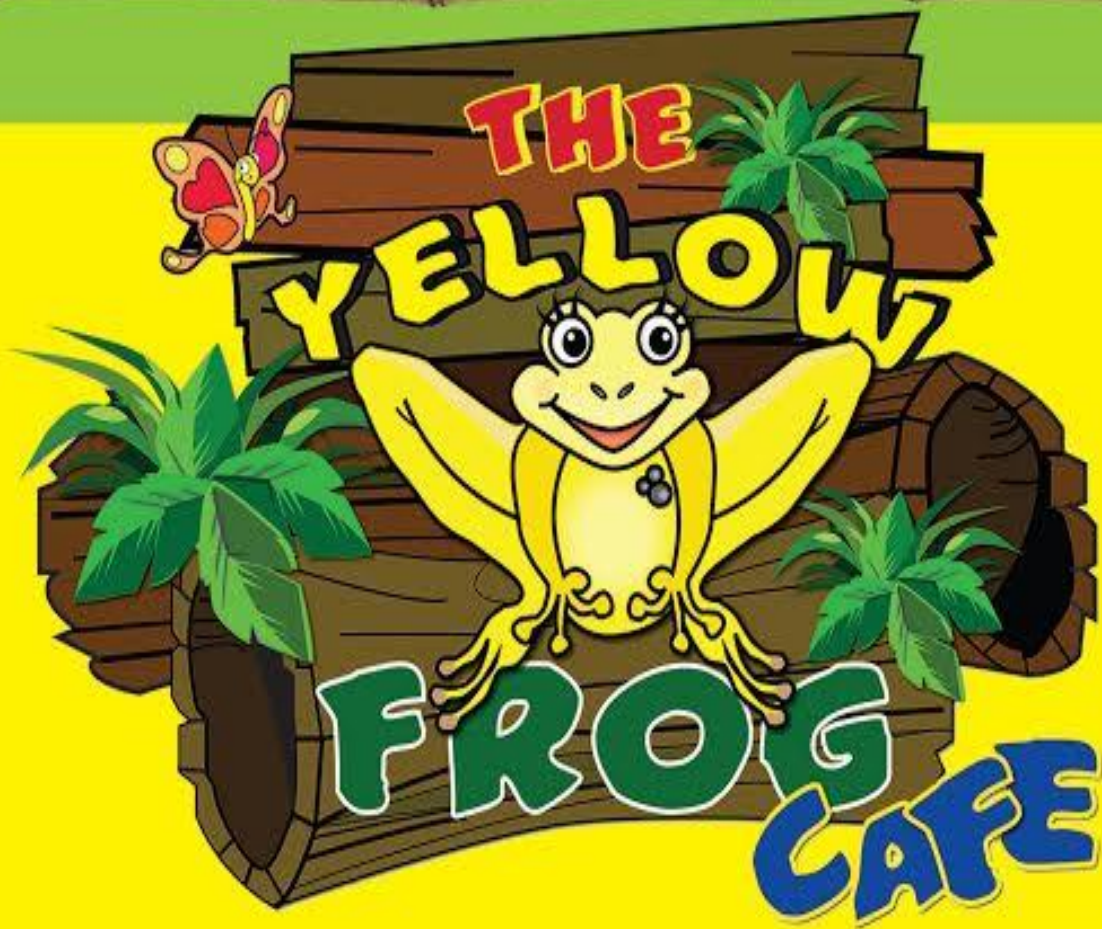
This is such a fantastic opportunity and we wish him all the very best of luck. Have a great time Ryan!



HAPPY EASTER TO ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

Summer term starts on TUESDAY 18TH APRIL

- Students in P1, P2, W2 and W3 please attend sixth form as normal
- Students in W1 – **PLEASE GO TO YOUR WORK PLACEMENT AS NORMAL**, unless you normally come to school first for a lift



Yellow Frog café is a training cafe for our pupils and pupils from other schools which allows them to gain valuable experience in a working environment and for some it enables them to gain a qualification in Hospitality and Catering. Which hopefully leads them into employment.

The café has a selection of animals on display like snakes, terrapins, piranha, bearded dragons and lots more. All of this set in our amazing jungle themed cafe.

We have a varied menu and daily specials, so please pop in for a morning tea or coffee, full lunch, or quick cake and coffee before you pick your children up from school.

We are open 8am-4pm Monday–Friday throughout term time. Please follow us on Facebook for regular offers and updates. Hopefully see you all soon.

Please quote YFC APRIL for a free tea or filter coffee between 2:00-4:00 until the end of April.

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