

# Combe Pafford School

# BULLETIN



Spring Term  
2024

## Headlines

**Welcome to the Easter edition of our school newsletter, which as you will see records the activities of another busy term.**

You will have received news that Governors have appointed a new Headteacher who will take up the post in September. Mrs Sally Banfield will be joining us in school at various times during the next term to ensure we have an effective handover and that the school continues to run smoothly during this period of change.

The new building is on track to be completed in mid-August in time for the start of the new school year. There will be a new entrance and reception area visible on entering the school site, new school offices, together with much better boys PE changing facilities and a purpose-built animal care centre. Governors have also recently been able to release funds to refurbish new toilets for the older pupils and this work will also be carried out in the summer holidays.

Next term sees the start of the residential visits programme, always an exciting part of the year, first up is the Year 8 and 9 visit to Belgium, then year 7 to Wales, Years 5&6 to Dartmoor, Year 10 to London, Year 11 to Paris and finally, the Sixth Form visits to Gran Canaria and the Isle of Wight. I am very grateful to all the staff who volunteer to attend these visits, it does require a lot of staff to give their time to ensure they go ahead and are successful.

I hope those parents and carers who were able to attend the open evening we held recently, enjoyed the opportunity to enjoy walking around the school in a relaxed manner. Thank you to those who put their names forward to be part of a Parents and Friends Support Group, we will be in contact after the Easter break via an online meeting to identify how parents can support our plan to raise funds for a new mini bus without having to attend lots of meetings, if you would like to become involved, please send your details into school for the attention of Jane Clements.

A new minibus costs in the region of £40,000 and to date £17,000 has been raised towards this.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the read, have an enjoyable time over the Easter holidays and enjoy the eggs!

Mike Lock





## 5R

5R really enjoyed all the fantastic activities during Science Week, they designed and built some amazing junk model robots and also followed instructions to build solar powered robots!



## 5R and 6J

5R and 6J have been learning all about extreme weather. As part of our learning, we went on a trip to Dawlish and Dawlish Warren. We looked at the new sea wall, which has been constructed to protect the vital railway link to the Southwest. On the day of our trip we experienced some quite extreme weather ourselves and were caught in the wind and rain along the coast!



## 6J



6J have been on a learning journey with our end goal to be great at team work! As a class we have been working at taking turns, and have had lots of practise, playing games, and working in groups. 6J are now working towards being great listeners, another Key Skill for team work.



The class have been practising looking at the person who is talking, and speaking one at a time. We have practised this skill in all of our lessons, including maths when doing partner work. We have almost mastered this skill, and hope to have achieved it by the Easter holidays.

Our next skill to master is being able to celebrate and support our friends to succeed. When we have mastered this skill we will have reached our end goal, and will be amazing teamworkers!





## The Eden Project

On Wednesday 21st February Year 7 travelled down to the Eden Project to explore the rainforest biome as part of our Humanities topic. The children all enjoyed taking part in the Chocology challenge workshop, finding out about the story of chocolate. They all did really well working in teams to complete the tasks and claim their prize.



## 7B Mayan Mask Making



As part of our Mayan topic in Humanities 7B researched a selection of the gods and goddesses that were worshiped by the Ancient Mayans. They then used this information to design their own celebration masks. Celebrations were a huge part of their religion. As you can see by the finished outcomes we've got some creative pupils in 7B.





## Year 8 Bikeability

This half-term, 8A have been working on Bikeability Level 1 with Mr Burwood on the school playground. This has been completed over three sessions. The children have learnt how to control their bicycle – or tricycle. This has included setting off, slowing down, braking and stopping. Furthermore, the children have been practicing how to pedal without wobbly feet or being out of control. In addition, they have learnt how to be aware of their surroundings. They have had to look out for each other – as other cyclists - as well as cycling around courses on the playground. The class have enjoyed their Bikeability sessions and they have hugely benefited from this experience.



## Year 8

8W have been doing lots of team building and problem solving in their Thrive and Talkabout sessions as they have been getting to know their new tutor, Miss Hughes. We made a papier mâché volcano to learn about how our feelings can bubble under the surface and erupt if we don't talk about them. We also worked in teams to create the sturdiest structure using only three items: spaghetti, masking tape and marshmallows. We learned that we had to lean on our friends to help us, and that we can succeed better when working as a team!







# Middle School

## WELL DONE YEAR 9

A **BIG** congratulations to the Year 9 pupils. They've all been working very hard, completing practise exam papers and readying themselves for the Entry Level 3 IT Functional Skills exam.

All Year 9 pupils entered for the exam passed with the following pupils achieving full marks:

- **Ellie Clark**
- **Jack Slater**
- **Riley Wilson**
- **Caitlin Bennet**
- **Jasmine Sheppard**
- **Corina Fortune**
- **Jacob Wilson**
- **Filip Slomka**



A special shout out to **Freddie Luscombe** who worked incredibly hard and scored an amazing 38/40.

A very well done to all of the Year 9 pupils. We're all very proud of you. They all enjoyed one of Mrs Cooper's waffles as a well-earned reward.

## Sustainability



### Five sustainable changes at Combe Pafford

- Reduced laminating
- Considered changes of display boards.
- Year 11 BTEC pupils planting wild flowers and trees
- Lighting being upgraded to LED and pupils actively turning lights off when not needed.
- Daily Homemade bread offered with school lunches rather than bought in packaged bread.



9L

This term in 9L, we have been studying Shakespeare. I was very impressed about how much the students got involved with the subject, really getting to grasp with the characters. We wrote some amazing plays and theatre reviews, proving that we were very confident with the format.



I would recommend this to my brother, because he would find it funny.

I didn't like the love scene in the Tempest. It wasn't needed.



## GOODBYE COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL

It is also time for me to say goodbye to Combe Pafford School, as I will be moving on for the next term. It has been a wonderful time teaching here and this year's Middle School has blown me away. I depart with some fond memories I shall never forget. Thank you Combe Pafford School, especially 9L.



For Science Week, me and multiple Year 9 classes made some videos that we put into reverse speed to learn more about time and forces. The results were surprising, amusing and quite satisfying to watch. It was a great way to spend Science Week.



9A

9A have been studying Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest' in their English lessons.

It is a play that incorporates, love, revenge, magic and humour. Since January, pupils have explored Shakespearean language, created character descriptions and written newspaper articles all linked to the characters and events within the play. We ended this topic, with a speaking and listening week of activities. Pupils got to recreate their favourite scenes from the Tempest using puppets and puppet theatres. We then filmed the final performances. Please take a look at our amazing puppet theatres!





10W

What a half term from 10W, two of the weeks we have been awarded class of the week which is a testament to their teamwork and pulling together. The attitude of all pupils has been excellent, we have had great success in lessons, notably from Jayden in English and Cody, Marian and Dan in Maths

11M

### Congratulations!

A massive well done to Garron Hartley- Galvin and Louis Stevenson for passing their Entry Level 2 Maths Exam this Term. A big congratulations to Santiago Rodrigues for passing his Entry Level 3 Maths Exam. They have all worked incredibly hard.

### Walkie Talkies!

The lovely Walkie Talkies are a walking and talking group (as their catchy name suggests!) that walk three break-times a week together. The group consists of Mrs Knights, Connor Gooding, Lucy Davies, Emily Downing and Louis Stevenson often joined by Keiran Rhodes, Robbie Homewood and Joseph Finneran. They have walked, an estimated, incredible 100 laps of the school this term. Not only is the group great for fitness, it is also brilliant for mental health. Well done all of you, you're amazing!

## Menin Gate Competition winners



After the Easter holidays, many of our Year 8 and 9 children will be travelling to Belgium to visit the WW1 battlefields.

One of our visits involves the Menin Gate ceremony. The Menin Gate remembers the allied soldiers that lost their lives in Ypres but have no marked grave. Every evening the road is closed and people gather to hear the Last Post. We have permission to lay a wreath during the ceremony and are allowed 3 pupils to participate. To decide who should have the honour, we set a research homework and asked pupils to produce something based on family history or an element of WW1 that interests them. Congratulations to our three winners: Will (8A), Charlie (8N) and Jack (9S). The winners were selected as they featured personal family links to WW1 and time, effort and care had been put into their final pieces. Photos of their involvement at the Menin Gate will be shared in the next newsletter!



# Sixth Form News

## Motor Vehicle

Charley Ross in W2 has been doing really well at TTS Tyres in Totnes, after Nick the owner offered Charley paid part time work in October last year he has gone from strength to strength with his knowledge, confidence and customer service. So much so Nick is happy to have Charley for an extra day after the Easter holiday and going forward looking to employ him on a part-time basis, well done Charley!!!



## Conquer your fears!

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March some of the Sixth Form pupils visited The Boulder Bunker as part of their fitness session. On arrival it appeared that we had some VERY confident climbers alongside some VERY unconfident climbers. Jake Broddish was extremely unsure of the activity and claimed to have a fear of heights. As the session progressed, Jake started to set himself small challenges and by the end of the session he had completed the ladder climb to one of the highest ledges in the room. Well done Jake!



## English Functional Skills

Sixth Form students have been preparing and delivering some fantastic presentations for their Functional Skills English Levels 1 and 2 qualifications.

They have covered a wide range of topics including Rap Music, The Incredible Hulk, Work Placements, and Family Businesses! The students' enthusiasm has shone through and they have been extremely professional at all times, aiming high themselves but also supporting their class mates.

After several months of applying for jobs and many interviews, we are delighted that Cameron Fraser has been successful at interview with Sainsbury's.

He has accepted a position at Sainsbury's Dawlish as a trading assistant, working 3 days a week. Cameron has always been positive and motivated to find a job, despite a number of setbacks, and it is his positivity which has really stood out. Cameron has also actively encouraged his peers to keep focussed when looking for employment. Cameron, you are amazing!

## Successes!

Recently Lyamba Hornby learnt how to ride a bicycle. Through her persistence, repeated practise and trying hard, her efforts were rewarded. With help from Tamsin and Clinton she can now ride a bicycle and is looking forward to cycling as part of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. "Lyamba was particularly good at looking all around her before starting cycling to make sure there was enough space, and also showed great observation during her cycling," said Clinton.



## Successes!







# Sixth Form News

## Grooming the guinea pigs and rabbit!

This half term, the sixth form have been doing a variety of grooming activities to include bathing the guinea pigs and bearded dragons and brushing the rabbit. They have specifically been working on maintaining the animal's health and safety. They have been working in pairs to keep the animal and themselves safe throughout the process. There has only been a few splashes to the pupil's faces!!



## YMCA Sheltered Job Placement 2024

With spring term came a new placement for the D groups. The local Paignton YMCA charity shop works in partnership with us, helping to teach the pupils the ins and outs of running a successful business.

They have been fantastic at sorting, pricing and stocking any and all donations made to the shop.

## Hadleigh Court

D1 and D2 began their community project at Hadleigh Nursing home, the task was to weed the extensive gardens and driveway. The home welcomed the school, providing us with drinks and cake. All D1 and D2 students worked hard making good headway and improving the appearance of the areas they worked in. The home was very grateful and was also impressed with the students, Talking to the management of the home, they are keen to form a relationship with the school and the possibility of having our students gaining work experience at the home. This turned out to be a very positive community project.



## Motor Vehicle



One of our own minibuses had developed a fault where one of the head rests had become detached from the seat. With the seat removed, Josh and Oscar set to work to repair the frame and rebuild the seat. It was then returned back into service.



# Sixth Form News



## 6th Form sheltered placement at Jacks Patch Garden centre.

Some of the students have had the opportunity to learn different aspects of horticulture. Their tasks have included re stocking sections of the plant area and general tidying tasks.

The manager and his team have commented on their hard work. Well done to Brandon, Morgan and Luke.

### Successes!

Thomas has been working at Jack's Patch as part of his sheltered placement programme and they were so impressed with his attitude and enthusiasm that they offered him paid employment on Saturdays and Sundays. Here are some photographs of the displays that Thomas created on his first weekend at Jack's Patch.

We are very proud of you Thomas – well done!



### YMCA A Group

Three pupils from A1 attend the Y.M.C.A charity shop every Friday. Here they learn a range of skills from stock rotation, arranging new stock, labelling items and dressing the display mannequins. They all enjoy volunteering at the Y.M.C.A. Emma the Y.M.C.A shop manager is extremely pleased with their attitude and quality of work.



### Motor Vehicle



A parent has very kindly donated a car for us to use in our Motor Vehicle training section.

As with all used cars there are things that are not quite right. Our 'new to us' VW Beetle convertible had a problem with the rear window that had become detached.

Tom Wood has removed the sticky tape holding the glass into the convertible hood and is cleaning up the residue ready for it to be rebounded.



# Sixth Form News

Jordan has successfully passed his CSCS Examinations. CSCS is the leading skills certification scheme within the UK construction industry. The card provides proof that individuals working on construction sites have the appropriate training and qualifications for the job they do, thereby helping to improve standards and safety in UK construction.

Jordan has worked really hard to prepare for this certification and shown great resilience and determination after not initially reaching the levels required. His attitude towards this professional qualification has been rewarded with employment opportunity with DB Civils who have a number of sites in the southwest, which will provide Jordan with employment for the foreseeable future.



## Successes!

Tom Ralphs has been working at Highwell Landrovers as part of his work placement programme in the Sixth Form whilst completing his Level 2 Certificate in Vehicle Component Fitting. He has now secured a full time job working for Highwell Landrovers and will be leaving us at February half term. A fantastic achievement Tom – well done!

## Italian Gardens

As part of A1 work skills they have been working at the Italian Garden in Ippelpen. The students designed and constructed a path. All of A1 student worked very hard as a team to start this project.



## Successes!

Bradley Kersey and his journey into paid employment is testament to his hard work and his range of employability skills. Bradley has always had an excellent work ethic, seeking and gaining employment for a number of years. His time spent with Hoburne at Devon Bay working with the maintenance department, as a work placement, has allowed him to show his new employers that he is a skilled and valued member of the team and this led to his successful application to become a full time paid member of the Food and Beverage team at Devon Bay. Staff here at Combe Pafford are delighted that Bradley has gained this employment which is our ultimate goal for all our students.



# Vocational News

Here we are again almost at the end of another term in vocational skills. As always, we have covered a range of relevant discussion points from names of simple tools to what a wage or, what tax is? We have spoken about angles, circles, measuring and, learnt some tricky technical language. Pupils have again used the time to develop and practice some useful skills such as painting, measuring, sketching, cutting and joining different materials.

Thank you. Mr Spooner, Mrs Macintyre

## Year 5

## Year 6

Year 6 Pupils started the term designing and making zip wires, they tested their designs in class and found that different materials and the angle of the wire created less friction making their designs zip down the line quicker. Since half term pupils in year 6 have been building on their carpentry skills using them to measure, mark and cut timber in order to create iPad holders. All pupils have become more confident and accurate in their skills. They have really enjoyed using the tools and equipment in the workshop for this project.



In year 5, pupils have been learning through play to create some really exciting projects. They began this term learning about types of bridges before building their own and testing how well they could bare weight. Currently they have been learning about puppet theatres before designing their own theatre to stage their own productions on. Pupils are currently completing their theatres so they should be arriving home soon. A couple of pupils in this group have also working on their own projects. Ozzi has created a troop of Henry Hoovers out of junk modelling, which are so creative, great work!

## Year 7

In year 7 pupils have been increasing their independence of carpentry skills to make wooden birdhouses. Pupils have had to measure, mark and cut very accurately following a work card to construct the designs. They have also had to research British birds in order to design the correct opening for the birds they wish to attract.



## Year 8

In year 8, pupils used their skills to produce some fantastic work that really shows off their determination, planning skills, organisational skills and, their ability to stick to a job until it is completed to a high standard. Pupils have completed a clock, providing opportunities for pupils to discuss time in the context of our country and the whole world and, to use their imagination to create some really lovely bespoke clocks.



## Year 9

Pupils have been taking part in rotations of our vocational subjects. This is a bespoke timetable which allows all pupils from year 9 to experience at least four weeks of each vocational option subject that is available from year 10. This experience offers pupils the opportunity to decide which subject they would like to follow as an option choice to support their future life aspirations.







# Library Lowdown

The Spring Term has certainly been a busy one in the library! We have maximised the space with some reorganisation over Christmas; now in addition to clearer signage throughout making it much easier for everyone to be independent in finding the resources they want, there is a specific area for books more suited to the older students



Huge thanks to Mr Waring and the students in construction who have upcycled some old encyclopaedias to create this amazing chess table!



## Reading for pleasure

Did you know that reading for pleasure is not only the single biggest indicator of a child's future success, but is also proven to establish higher levels of self-esteem and a greater ability to cope with difficult situations? Skills we definitely need for everyday life!

We often have a monthly theme in the library that focuses on Reading for Pleasure. In January, we focused on having a choice of what to read and having help to choose books. We had prompts such as:

- A book that helped me learn something new
- A book someone else recommended to me
- A book that surprised me

It really opened up conversations amongst students and staff to discuss their opinions about the types of things they liked to read.

## Blind Date with a Book



In February, a selection of books were wrapped to hide any information on the cover. Classes read a cryptic clue to decide which book they wanted to open and take back to their class for the week. They left a review for others to read when they returned it.



We of course celebrated World Book Day on 7th March. There was certainly a book buzz around school as students were challenged to collect the titles of as many of the staff's favourite books as they could. Well done to Lilly (Y5/6), Kellie (Y7), Alfie and Katherine (Y8) and Corina (Y9) who got the highest scores in their year groups and won a prize.

There was a treasure hunt for classes to complete in the library. Students had to work out the title of a well-known children's book from a picture clue or silhouette. There was some super teamwork within classes, however Joseph in 11M needs a special mention for the knowledge and leadership he showed - well done! 8A were the overall winners so well done to you also! How many would you get right?

## World Book Day



## World Book Day

Graphic novels are a really popular choice of books, so we have increased our stock of these this term. Look out for some of our new titles next time you're in!



Year 5+

They sound like the Bad Guys, they look like the Bad Guys... and they even smell like the Bad Guys - A hilarious graphic novel that will have you laughing your socks off!



Year 8+

A heart-warming series about friendship, compassion and finding your kindred spirits - A secret society for the anxious and alone, this graphic novel is about a club for people who think they don't belong.



Year 10+

An authentic and poignant young adult graphic novel, about finding the strength within when your whole world changes in an instant.

Remember, you can also join your local library where there are not just books and other resources to borrow, but also activities to get involved in and community support - and all for free!

Enjoy the holidays and happy reading!  
Mrs Bindon (Library Manager)





# YFC News

## Hospitality & Catering

It's been a busy time in the yellow frog cafe celebrating lots. This term we have got involved in national pasty week. Lucky for us we have a Cornish man working in the kitchen now, who made and sold at least 40 pasties!

Our favourite week was national pie week. Giving the students a chance to be creative and make a different pie each day. From chicken and leek pie to vegetable balti pie to a sweet apple pie.

National book day was also celebrated throughout the school and we got involved with our own take on Bruce Boggtrotters chocolate cake from Matilda. Green eggs and ham was also served up from the well know book.

Mother's Day cake boxes were sold to show the love for all the mums out there.

Next up was Red Nose Day. Cakes and biscuits were sold in their hundreds throughout the school to raise money for the charity.

A hugely popular national black pudding day was celebrated with some yummy homemade black pudding scotch eggs being made. These were definitely sampled by a chef or two!!!

And here we are now heading towards Easter. With lots of chocolate mini egg brownies being made for the cafe counter and Easter bunny flapjacks.


Each of these goods were helped to be created by the fantastic Hospitality and Catering classes. Each getting involved in the creations, through developmental stages, as well as the final products.

Thanks again for all your custom in the cafe, keep your eyes peeled for some more.


-The Bearded Cherubs









Science week 2024 kicked off with pupils immersing themselves into the VR world by exploring the Solar system from the cold spaces of Neptune to the canyons of Mars and ending up in the hot flares of the sun!




We then had many budding and enthusiastic scientists dissect Owl pellets to find out what they had been eating. Finding skulls, ribs and collar bones, pupils were able to identify the species of rodent. Luke Stevens and Miss Dunne found that one owl had eaten 3 whole rodents!




Mr Stevens delivered a marvellous magic science show, taking care of sick eggs to the point of explosion and using centrifugal force to spin a cup of water without spilling. Pupils loved Mr Stevens's presentation skills, he should definitely be a children's entertainer.



Nerf gun science club was enjoyed by all who took part, we are hoping to make this a future feature of physics investigations. Pupils discussed the ideas of springs, energy transfer and forces before deciding on the correct trajectory to shoot at targets.



On the final day, pupils were treated to a 'reaction time' circus. Feeling the elastic pull of the bungee run, using unbalanced forces to knock each other down on the gladiator podium and working out how the didi cars worked without putting a foot on the ground. This probably was the favourite of most pupils and adults.



In class pupils were able to explore past, present and future through the context of movies and complete collaborative science activities. Building solar robots, growing plants, making amber slime, exploring dinosaurs, making rockets, building robot hands to diving into the dystopian STEM challenges.

Pupils behaviour and engagement was excellent throughout the week, I can't wait to start planning science week 2025!





# Other



Year 8 have composed music over the 'One Man Band' film short and learning to play the djembe drums



Year 7 and Year 9 have all been learning to play the keyboards using iPads and/or sheet music

## Music

6J have been exploring music around the world and playing the ocarinas



5R have been working on creating music as a samba band



Spring Term has been a busy one in Music with the arrival of our new Music Lead, Miss Hughes joining Mr Dowall on the Music team! We have been playing lots of musical quizzes like 'Guess the song and artist', 'Guess the song by emoji' and 'Finish the Lyrics'. It has been great to see confidence and engagement increase week on week - children and staff included!



### Hinduism and Sikhism: Combe Pafford Explores Faith

On Wednesday 28th February, Combe Pafford School were lucky enough to welcome Muhitiny Sivasothy AND Saranjit Kaur to our Whole School Assembly to talk about their faiths.

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By request from our guests, the assembly began by asking the audience where they came from. The responses were... entertaining to say the least! We had guesses from Italy to America to Scotland to India!

Our guests finally revealed where they were from; Muhitiny comes from Sri Lanka and is of the Hindu faith. Saranjit, to the surprise of our audience, announced that she was born in London. She did explain that her family heritage is Indian but this did demonstrate to pupils that in the UK we have a wide range of cultures to celebrate!

Muhitiny shared with pupils how worship is done in the Hindu faith. She talked about how different Hindu gods are worshipped which often includes having a shrine in the family home which is worshipped like a living breathing thing. One of the most amazing parts of the assembly was when Muhitiny led a meditation to end the assembly.

Saranjit discussed how Sikhs consider themselves, and are considered, as warriors, because they must be willing to defend their faith and what is right. Saranjit talked the audience through items that an initiated Sikh must wear which included a bracelet (Kara), a comb (Kangha) and a dagger (kirpan).

We want to thank the guests very much for visiting us from Plymouth; engaging with different cultures like this provides a new dimension to our pupils' education!





# Fitness

## National Women and Girls' in Sports



On Wednesday 7th February the girls at Combe Pafford took part in 'National Women and Girls in Sport' Day! This day is to celebrate the sporting successes of our female staff and pupils. The day then consists of a host of activities to develop girl's engagement in sport and allow our pupils to try a range of activities. After such a successful day last year we knew we had to make it bigger and better.

Lower School began their day at school and took part in fitness activities within school. The girls then visited Torbay leisure centre to take part in a street dance class lead by a professional female instructor which they thoroughly enjoyed. This was followed by a virtual body balance and a Taekwondo session which was the highlight of their very busy day! A small group of pupils from Middle and Upper School volunteered to support Lower School pupils and act as a mentor for the day so a big thank you to; Cayci- Lea Hendricksen, Lucy Newton, Jessica Davies, Ava Gwilliam and Carina Fortune.

Middle School and Upper School girls remained on site with a range of activities which filled the day! In the morning girls had the choice between a competitive football match and a fitness to music session which girls fully engaged in and really enjoyed. We were fortunate to have professional female instructors deliver sessions such as Dance and Yoga, alongside staff members who lead Rugby and Boxing activities. This was another extremely successful day as some girls have gone on to take part in clubs outside of school, due to the activities trialled on 'National Women and Girls in Sport' Day. Sapphire Ross is an excellent example and she now attends a boxing club outside of school which is fantastic news and a great achievement! It's safe to say we had a lot of sore legs and fired bodies the next day but we all had an extremely enjoyable day!

Miss Kvesio



## Bikeability

Mr Burwood has been busy delivering the Bikeability Level 1 qualification to year 8 this term. This has been a successful addition to our wider PE offer, which has culminated in pupils from years 9, 10 and 11 having completed at level 1 and level 2 depending on ability. Superb efforts from Mr Burwood and all the staff and pupils involved.

Additionally, 6J and 5R have been learning to ride a bike and improve their confidence whilst riding. Massive shout out to Owain and Maliki who have faced their fears and have progressed from the Tricycles and are now able to ride a bike unaided in a straight line!



# Fitness

## Rookie Lifeguard awards

This academic year we have introduced a new opportunity to a variety of year groups. Rookie Lifeguard is a program which teaches the skills needed to perform a water rescue, as well as learning how to keep yourself safe through self-rescue. Currently we have had a group from year 7 begin this award, able swimmers in year 10 and 11 have successfully completed up to the Silver award, with groups from 6<sup>th</sup> form completing the Bronze award. Living in close proximity to open water areas this essential skill is something we as a PE department are extremely pleased to deliver for the pupils at Combe Pafford.

## Year 11 off site activities.

Year 11 have been experiencing activities and sports in the local area in their PE lessons. In the Autumn term we took the pupils to Cary Park to take part in tennis and putting activities which were extremely engaging. We have also completed a block of swimming where 18 pupils completed their Rookie Lifeguard Bronze award, with 12 completing their Silver award.

This term we have been attending Kings Boxing Gym, Torbay Golf Centre where we have been exploring golf and foot golf and Mr Davey's group have been swimming. All pupils have engaged extremely well and their efforts have been second to none. Well done year 11 on a successful term in PE.

Pictures: Boxing at Kings Boxing Gym, Kingsteignton.



## Ten Tors training sessions

Ten Tors training is well underway with three walks under our belts. Pupils have engaged superbly and we have strong teams entered into both the 11 mile and 15 mile teams. Next time out on Sunday 14th April (last week of the Easter break) we will be welcoming along Daniel, who is challenging himself to walk the 7.8 mile route with the use of his walker and free walking. The final walk will be on the 28th April 2024, both will take place in Okehampton completing the walking routes we will do on the event.

Please donate via Daniel's Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/daniel-boosey>

The event is fast approaching on the 10/11th May which will entail an overnight camp on the Friday night with all pupils needing to be on the start line at 7:30am on Saturday morning.

Some pictures of the most recent walks:



## PE update

Upcoming events for the Summer Term.

1<sup>st</sup> May SEND Cricket Festival

10<sup>th</sup> May SEND Football Tournament

21<sup>st</sup> May Neon 2K/5K Run

6<sup>th</sup> June Girls SEND Football Festival





# Lifeskills



Year 11 Lifeskills have been practicing our travel training as part of our safety outside the home unit. We've practiced lots on the bus but on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of March we were lucky enough to be hosted by Great Western Railway as part of their 'Try a Train' scheme. We were met at Torquay station by 2 members of GWR staff who began by explaining Train Station safety. After this we went to the ticket office and all had a chance to buy our own tickets, which were kindly paid for by GWR. We then learnt about asking for stopping pattern sheets so we could track our journey on the train and how to read the information boards before boarding the train to Dawlish. After lunch we went back to Dawlish station where we learnt about Ticket offices that weren't manned during all opening hours, how to buy tickets online and practiced using the Ticket Machine. We also learnt about and practiced using the help buttons that any rail user can use to ask for help and the emergency buttons that can be used to alert staff of an emergency such as someone or an animal being on the track. The pupils used the information they had learnt to get us onto the correct platform for our journey home.

**A great way to spend your holidays and work on being independent is by helping out with some chores around the home. Make sure you have permission first but you could try...**

- **Doing the washing**
  - washing
- **Folding clothes**
  - Ironing
- **Tidy your bedroom**
  - Hoover
  - Wash Up
  - Cooking



This half term has been all about safety outside the home. Year 10 Lifeskills have been busy learning about and practising road safety and using public transport. Pupils have been learning how to use apps like google maps to plan journeys, and putting this into practice finding routes in our local community. This has given pupils the opportunity to practice road safety in preparation for when they are out and about independently. They have also been learning about how to follow bus timetables and use the Stagecoach app. They have planned a variety of local journeys and are getting much more confident in working towards being independent when riding the bus.



## Here's a fun Easter recipe to make!



## Little Chick Lemon Tarts



### Ingredients

- 1 cup white sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup fresh lemon juice
- Zest of 2 lemons
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- Frozen mini tart shells
- White sweets for the eyes
- Orange sweets for the feet and beak
- Yellow sweets for the wings

### Equipment

- Baking tray
- Glass bowl
- Whisk
- Metal spoon
- Fine mesh sieve

### Method

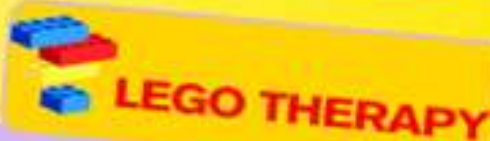
1. Place the frozen tart shells on the baking tray and make holes in the bottom of them using a fork.
2. Bake in the oven according to the instructions.
3. Whilst the tarts are baking make up the rest of the ingredients.
4. Combine the white sugar, eggs, lemon juice, lemon zest and butter in the bowl.
5. Whisk them all together until smooth.
6. Heat in the microwave 1 minute at a time. Stir after every minute.
7. The lemon filling is ready when it starts to cover the back of a metal spoon.
8. Pour the lemon filling through the sieve.
9. Pour in the lemon filling and leave to set.
10. Finally, use the sweets to decorate your chick.



# Other news

## Super Spring Term

This term in Lego Based Therapy sessions some of the students used their teamwork skills to create builds around a theme. Those included Chinese New Year, under the sea, Easter, wild animals and more. The display shelves in Miss Dunne's room looked great!



## Award Winners



Lots of students have been working toward their Student Builder Award and many are very close to achieving this so might get their certificate soon!

Those who have achieved it this term: Jasmine 9A, Emily 7B, Toby 7B & Carly 7B. Gaining the next level, Apprentice Builder Award, are: Josh 9A, Caitlin 9A & Callum 9A.

Well done to all the children who take part in Lego Therapy interventions, working hard on their communication skills in their teams - keep it up!

## Animal Care

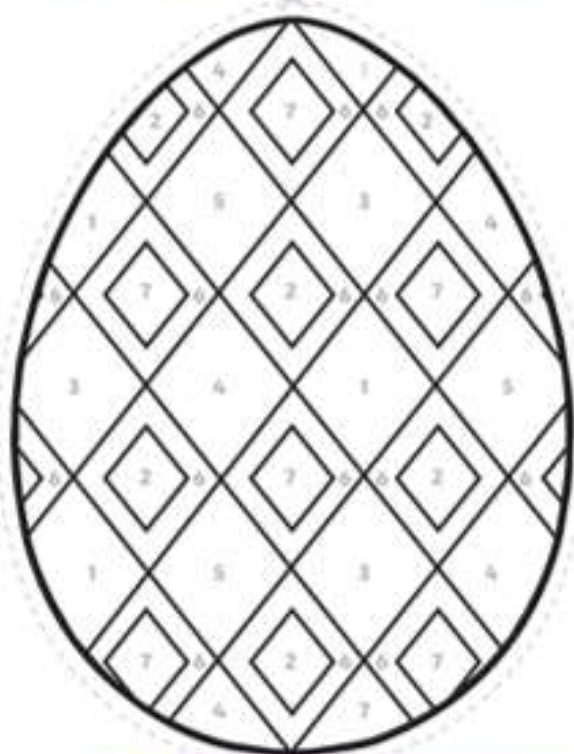


This month we have had some new animals join us! We have Monty the Moorish gecko, Freddie the Argentinian horned frog and a group of Bynoe's geckos that Mr Lock got for us. We have begun to see some sunnier weather which means you will be spotting the animals out and about for some vitamin D! This term we have focused on grooming the mammals looking at the benefits of grooming and how to keep ourselves and the animals safe!





## Easter Egg Colour by Number

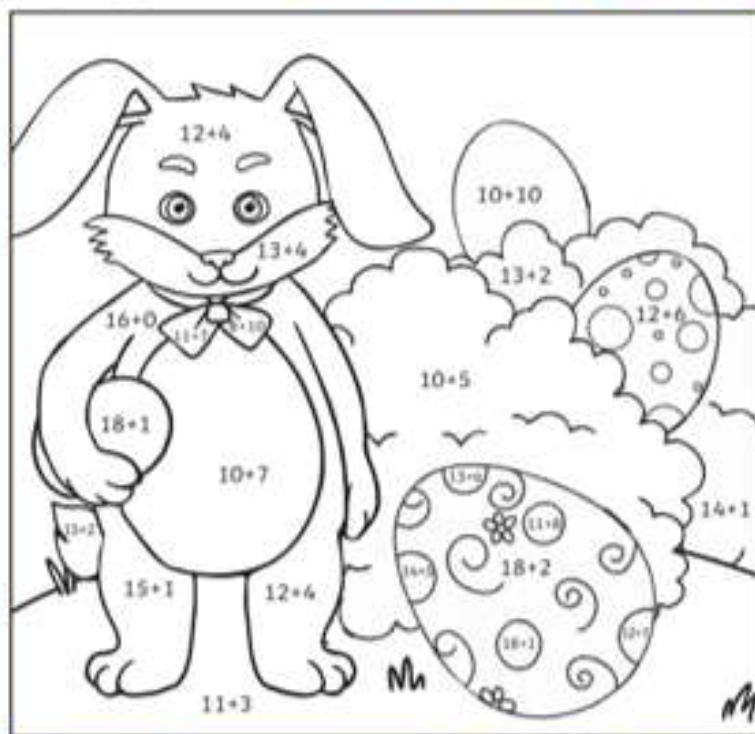


## Miss Attwood's Easter Maths Puzzles

### Easter Bunny Addition to 20 Colour by Calculation

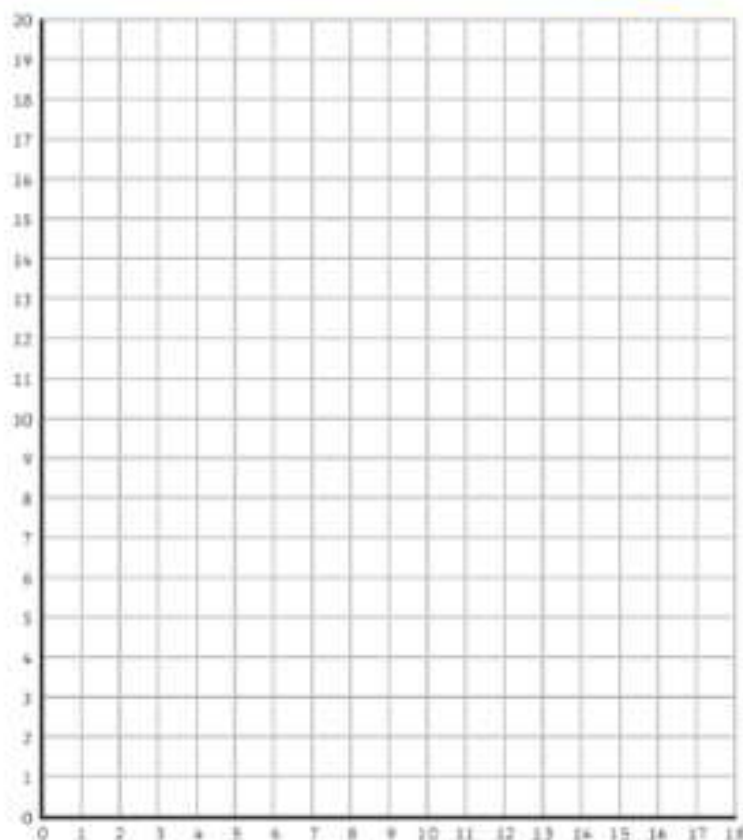
Work out the answer to the addition questions and colour the picture using the key.

Key





## Miss Attwood's Easter Maths Puzzles



### 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

Start: (11.5, 17), (10, 19), (9, 18.5), (8, 19), (6.5, 17), End

#### Grey

Start: (10, 19), (9, 19.5), (8, 19), End

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

