

Important Dates;

04 Jan 2022

WEEK 1

INSET DAY

05 Jan

Yrs 7– 11 Lateral Flow Testing
in school, no lessons

06 Jan

Students return to school

12 Jan

U14s Girls' Somerset Cup, away

Yr 9 Boys' Football v Frome

College, away

13 Jan

Yr 11 Parents' Evening

18 Jan

Yr 12/13 Music Recital

27 Jan

Yr 12 Parents' Evening

02 Feb

DofE Training Afternoon and
Parents' Information Evening

04 Feb

Yr 13 Psychology Residential
Trip, London

10 Feb

Yr 9 Options Evening

16 Feb

Yr 8 Music Recital

17 Feb

Harry Potter Night

18 Feb

END TERM 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start this newsletter by thanking you for your support over what has been another challenging time for schools. While we have been able to experience something approaching normality in school this year, the shadow of Covid has remained with us and a significant number of students have had their education interrupted for a period of time. As a school we took the decision quite early in the year to require students and staff to wear face coverings in communal areas. We then extended this to classrooms and the response from parents was overwhelmingly supportive of the school in taking this step. You have also responded brilliantly to requests for your children to be tested before returning to school and to the government's vaccination programme. In doing so you have played a very important part in ensuring that we have been able to ensure that your children have had as normal a school experience as possible over the last two terms. I very much hope that I do not have to write you over the holiday period regarding any changes to the COVID-19 guidance for schools but will do so if anything that affects our provision next term is announced by the Department of Education.

Reflecting back over the last four months what has particularly struck me is how well our students have transitioned back to a normal school experience and how well they have settled back into their learning. I have also been delighted to see so many involve themselves in the wider life of the school in clubs, activities and events. There are many examples of this, with many students involved in school sports teams, the largest number of Year 9s I can remember participating in the Enterprise Challenge and large numbers performing in the Christmas Concert earlier this week. I could go on but this would be a very long list indeed! Of course none of these extra-curricular or enrichment activities could happen without staff involvement and I am very grateful to our staff for making these opportunities available.

We are saying goodbye to some staff at the end of this term. Richard Richardson is leaving to teach science at Hardenhuish School, Krisztina Kovacs is returning to Belgium, Sofia Villaran is leaving after 8 years working at the school as a lunchtime supervisor. Laura Gospill is leaving our SEND Department and Ruth Badahur, our school nurse, is also leaving at the end of this term. We wish them all the best for the future.

I am sure that you are very much looking forward to the holiday and wish you and your families all the best over the festive period.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Steven Mackay, Headteacher



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Christmas in the Library! Our librarian has once again excelled in themed displays.



NOTICE BOARD

Updating details – general and medical

Please ensure you keep us up to date on where you live and contact numbers and email if they change. Also, if your child suffers from a medical condition then we need to be informed of any changes. Please do so by emailing enquiries@oldfieldschool.com

Christmas Card Competitions Runners Up

Ella Hamnett, Year 10



Lucy Gleave, Year 10



Mo Kennedy, Year 8

Christmas Card Competition

Well done to all those students that entered our Christmas competition this year, there was a very high standard as can be seen by the runners up entries. And congratulations to the winner, Romilly Cardiff, for her beautiful design.



Romilly Cardiff, Year 9

Drama Club!

Drama club is open to any students in KS3 or 4 who want to build their confidence and come along and meet new friends. We have created and performed some lovely pieces over the last few terms and look forward to continuing next term.

Anyone is welcome – just bring your lunch along to the Drama Studio on Monday lunchtimes.



Warning Allergies

Many of our students suffer serious nut and sesame seed allergies. Therefore, please remember not to include these in your child's packed lunch. We are a nut free school.



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award has once again begun for pupils in Year 9 and Year 10. Students have already been going above and beyond in their extra curricular activities including community litter picking, animal care (saltwater crabs), cooking at home and burning their calories with the physical section.



I hope you have a great Christmas and well done to all who have made a great start across the three sections. Before you know, it will be our summer expedition!

Nadolig Llawen. Mr John, Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

Thank you to all of those that made it to the Christmas Fair this year—it was a great day and there were some Enterprise Challenge stalls from the Year 9 students.

Congratulations to the winners of the hampers and other raffle prizes.

We were also very pleased to support the Music Department’s Christmas Concert this week with mulled wine and mince pies.

If you want more information or would like to join the committee please email OSA@oldfieldschool.com.

Once again thanks to all those that help out with the various events, wishing you all a very happy Christmas!



Getting to know the committee. This month a word from Gaynor Williams

I have been volunteering with OSA since 2016. I have four children. My eldest left Oldfield this year and my other three are currently in years 12, 11 and 9. It is a privilege to be able to support the school and volunteering is a great way to feel part of the Oldfield community. This September I am delighted to have the opportunity to serve as the new Chair. I am well supported by a fantastic team of parents and staff. This year key roles on the committee include Deb Cottle, treasurer; Catrin Yeoman, secretary; Zena Hermon and Suzanne Young, uniform; Nic Clements, refreshments and Kate Sweet; publicity. I am also tremendously grateful to our regular volunteers who faithfully turn up for every committee meeting helping to shape and improve the work we do.



If you want more information or would like to join the committee please email myself or Catrin at OSA@oldfieldschool.com.



Sixth Form Information Speech

Following on from our Sixth Form Information Evening at the start of this term, I have now recorded a version of my presentation for anyone who couldn't attend the evening or would like to listen to my speech again.

You can view the speech on our website here: www.oldfieldschool.com/sixth-form/

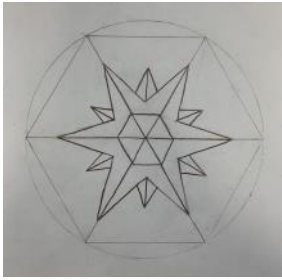
Change of date for Sixth Form Applications

A number of parents/carers have mentioned that they would like their son/daughter to have received feedback from their examinations before choosing their A level options. Due to this, we have decided to extend the deadline for applications until **Monday 10th January**.

Once again, if you have any questions about Oldfield Sixth Form, please contact me via enquiries@oldfieldschool.com



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Maths Workshop “Christmas Constructions”

On Thursday 2nd December, 50 Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed an evening of “Christmas Constructions”. We created some festive art work using our mathematical skills.



Mrs Eason-Blake, Maths Teacher



Year 10 Food Tech

This term Year 10 GCSE Food students were able to learn how to cook mussels in a Thai broth. The mussels were kindly donated by Fowey Shellfish through the Fish Heroes program. Mussels are a very sustainable source of protein, their shells catch carbon, the mussels also clean the water around them, they create an eco system for other creatures and the mussels don't need to be fed, unlike most other farmed fish. Mussels are currently in season in the UK and ours were rope grown off the coast of Cornwall, so had low food miles.

It was a great experience, as the students were able to cook and eat something that they may not have tried before. *Miss Evans*

“I can and I am” Bus Visit

The motivational wellbeing charity ‘I can and I Am’ visited the school a few weeks ago, to inspire and motivate students across a range of year groups. The project provides wellbeing sessions to secondary schools in Bath and Wiltshire with a specific focus aimed at giving young people the tools to learn how to keep their “balloons of self-belief inflated after the impacts of Covid-19.”

What makes this project unique is that the sessions are run on a converted London double decker bus. Students had a presentation on the bus, and then moved onto small group workshops. The bus also has a fully fitted kitchen and students learnt how to make pizza and bread. The workshops were based around the charity's three core pillars of Belonging, Growth Mindset, and Multiple Intelligence.



Staff were also treated to a wellbeing session on-board the giant double decker bus which included making pizza and having time for a good old chat!

Mr John



Senior Maths Challenge Success

On Wednesday 10th November, 19 of our Sixth Form mathematicians sat the Senior Maths Challenge. This is a national competition organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT).

We are delighted to congratulate Arthur Colyer who achieved a Gold Certificate and has qualified for entry into the Senior Kangaroo. This is a wonderful achievement, and we wish him luck for the next round.

We are very proud to report silver certificates awarded to: Henry Court, Tate Hopkins (Best in Year), Thea Moyle, Ben Gascoyne, Lucy Key and Joseph Peabody as well as bronze certificates to: Molly Lander, Maddie Rawcliffe, Isaac Warren, Zoe Burr, Alfie Harold, Paula Ifrim, Rosie McLain and Lucy Woodward.

Well done to all of the students who took part.

Mr Spence, Maths Teacher



Our Year 10 students are busy preparing for their February performance of Romeo and Juliet at the Tobacco Factory Theatre in Bristol.



On Thursday 2nd December, they had the opportunity to take part in a workshop with professional actor and director Alice Lamb who taught our actors some vocal and physical techniques as well as developing some ideas for some scenes.

We will let you know as soon as the performance date is confirmed and when the box office at the Tobacco Factory opens. We also hope to perform the play to Year 9 students at school in the new year – watch this space.

Miss Bloomfield, Head of Drama



Bronze Arts Award Success!

Congratulations to twelve students who have achieved their Bronze Arts Award Certificates. This is a national qualification where students have to complete tasks based around their interest in the arts. They have to participate, evaluate as an audience member, research their arts hero and teach someone else an arts skill. Our students explored their creativity in a range of disciplines including drama, music, visual arts, dance, film, animation and more. Much of the work was completed when school was locked down and we are really proud of the students who collected their reward reflecting all their hard work; Brooke Bazley, Charlie Box, Michael Butler, Kiera Collingbourne, Dexter Grimshaw, Ella Hamnett, Jacob McLean, Maizie Phillips, Rosie Sandison, Amy Tarling, Solomon Vodden, Eddy Warner.



House Dance Competition

The annual Year 7 House dance competition took place on Monday 13th December. Year 10 GCSE dancers choreographed and taught dances to each of the 8 tutor groups and the morning was spent enjoying learning new moves to a variety of Christmas Music.

Each dance was based on the idea of a snow globe- we saw some wonderful formations surrounding the dancers and then lots of actions and gestures to show the snow as it moved and fell.

By lunchtime 4 tutor groups had been chosen to represent each house- 7B for Minerva (with some additional dancers from 7D), 7G for Apollo, 7L for Neptune and 7T for Maia.

With Mr Mackay as Head Judge, joined by each Head of House, the 4 tutor groups performed their dances. The scoring was very close between Apollo and Minerva, but in the end Minerva were victorious in retaining the trophy for another year.

Well done to all Year 10 GCSE Dance students- Holly, Amelie, Gemma, Maisey, Sayo, Elleena and Amelia- for great choreography and leadership, and a huge well done to all Year 7s who took part with such enthusiasm.





Music Department Christmas Roundup

It has been absolutely wonderful to be able to host our Christmas events again this year. I have never been more proud of Oldfield students – they have come back from an 18 month break and have shown the most incredible determination to make music to the highest standard they can. Never before have I made more copies of parts, at the request of students, for them to take home and learn! I am sure you agree that their hard work paid off.

The music in the service at Weston All Saint Church was just stunning, it was, for me, the perfect way to start the Christmas period and more than one member of staff told me they felt very ‘Christmassy’ after attending the service.

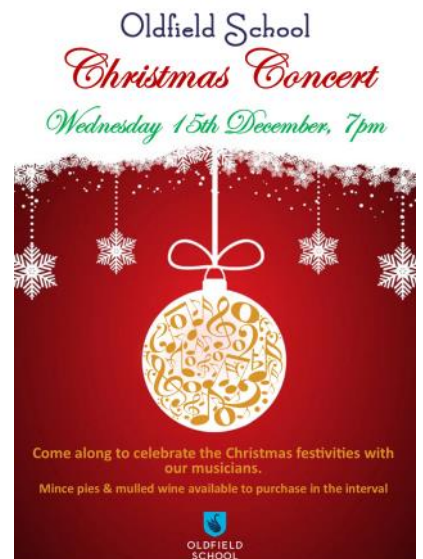
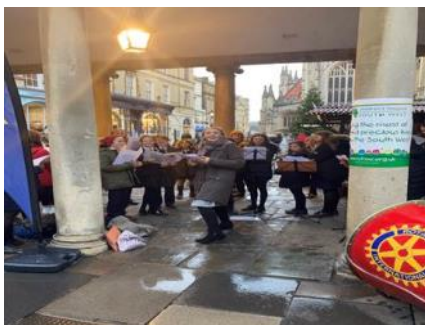
The entertainment provided by our musicians at the OSA Christmas Fair was top notch, this music was all prepared by the students themselves and many hours of practise took place before this event. The performances were superb and I was really impressed with the maturity and professionalism of our musicians.

I was delighted to take the students into Bath City Centre and perform carols while raising money for the Rotary Club. The students were a credit to the school and performed really well in cold conditions.

What can I say about the Christmas Concert? This is one of my favourite events of the school year and it really did take us from the sublime to the ridiculous. It was wonderful to have so many students involved from right across school, every year group was represented and every student that took part performed brilliantly. As I say on a regular basis – I have the best job in the world; getting to work with such wonderful young musicians!

I hope you have a lovely, restful Christmas and I am looking forward to seeing many students, staff, and parents at more of our performances in the new year. This is just the start – the Music Department is back with a bang and we are incredibly excited to be able to continue to perform to you!

Mrs Robinson, Head of Music





Children In Need 2021

This year the Heads of Houses hosted many activities in order to raise money for Children In Need 2021.

During the lunchtime of Friday 19th November, Mr Beddow was the main attraction in a highly entertaining "Brave the Shave" event. The spectacle drew the attention of large numbers of pupils from across the school. Whilst Mr Beddow had his head shaved to a severe number 1, buckets circulated the crowd and many generous donations were made by pupils to add to those made online by parents.

On Thursday 18th, pupils were encouraged to take part in the Pudsey penalty shoot out event at lunchtime in the gymnasium. A huge well done is needed to the Year 9 volleyball team who helped run and organise participants and a big thank you, in particular, goes to Billy Stinchcombe 9D who dressed up in a Pudsey onesie and challenged penalty takers whilst acting as the goal keeper. Once again, many kind donations were given on entry of competition and many prizes were awarded for successful goals!

To coincide with the national celebration of Children In Need, on Friday 19th we had a non-uniform day which encouraged all pupils to donate £1. In total as a school we raised almost £2000!



All the Heads of Houses want to offer a big thanks to everyone at Oldfield School for bringing the community together and raising lots of money for Children In Need.



Christmas Trees & Christmas Fair

The Christmas trees are now up and looking fantastic in all their glory in the house colours; blue, red, yellow and green. It is starting to look like Christmas at Oldfield! This year we decided to get the Sixth Formers involved in decorating them and what a fabulous job they have done! Max helped to judge these and decided that the Apollo tree was the winner this year.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the House Hampers. They looked fabulous and were full to the brim with goodies. They looked amazing at the OSA Christmas Fair, and it was clear that the houses had tried to make sure they were full. We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!





REWARD TRIPS ARE BACK!

We are glad to announce the rewards trips are back up and running this year. Students in each house with the most house points per year are invited to celebrate their achievements. The trips are paid for by the school to celebrate hard work and achievement.



The first trip took place this week at Bath on Ice. Students and staff had a great time and were able to celebrate a good end of term. The next trip will take place in Term 3 after Christmas, so keep racking up the achievement points!

Miss Hooper (Apollo), Mr Gann (Maia), Mrs Macnaughton (Minerva), Mrs Britton (Neptune)



MINERVA

House Competitions

As well as all the excitement of our Rewards Trips being reintroduced we are also running our traditional House competitions. Students and tutor groups can win prizes and those all-important housepoints that tally up to go toward the House Shield at the end of the year. We started Term 2 with a 'House Mascot Search' around the school; Owls for Minerva, Octopus for Neptune, Suns for Apollo and Trees for Maia! Students from the Houses came up with the names to inspire them to search for 'their' own. Congratulations to 9H for their amazing "Owl Spotting". They chose to have a 'doughnut party' as did 10S for their amazing "Sun Spotting" skills! Neptune and Maia winners are yet to be announced.

In the final week its all about our festive 'Knowing Me, Knowing Yule'. Could you match the facts to the teachers in school? Who do you think was bell ringing, got caught up in the rope and was whisked up in to the bell tower? Who on our staff has served Harry Potter stars drinks at a party? Who sang on the Children In Need record in 1989? Get your thinking caps on!

NEPTUNE



BANES Cross Country Event (Tuesday 16th November)

Well done to all the students who qualified to represent the school at Kingswood for the annual cross country event.

It was a great afternoon with good weather conditions. We arrived in plenty of time to warm up and get familiar with the course. All students showed good effort and supported each other between races. We had some very good performances during the afternoon and a special congratulations to **Leila Mitchell in Year 7, Lily Wyber and Megan Tarling in Year 10** who have qualified for the next round which will be held in January. They did this by finishing in the top ten for their age group.

Girls results (order they finished for Oldfield)

Year 7

Leila Mitchell 1st

Maya Young 2nd

Year 8/9

Ella Smith 1st

Evelyn Tedaldi 2nd

Evelyn Brennan 3rd

Poppy Slinn 4th

Eva Sanders 5th

Florence Kelly 6th

Martha Gillard

Grace Gabriel 7th

Year 10/11

Lily Wyber 1st

Megan Tarling 2nd



BANES NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Well done to the Year 9 netball squads for a very impressive performance at the recent BANES tournament.

Some strong performances throughout the afternoon from all players and a real squad effort with lots of rotations of players and units. The squad was captained by Robyn who took on the role with confidence and managed the situation and squad rotations very well. Each player gave 100% every time they took to the court and they should be very proud of themselves.

We started the pool matches with a very close game against Hayesfield and despite our best efforts we were beaten 6-3 in the closing minutes, congratulations to Hana who was voted player of the match.

We then took on Writhlington and we were strong both in attack and defence and played some great netball finishing with a 10-3 win. Congratulations to Robyn who was voted player of the match.

Our last pool game was against St Marks and once again some fantastic netball was played both in our defence and in our attacking units. The match finished 14-2 to us and congratulations to Robyn who was voted, again, player of the match.

This now meant we were through to the semi finals where we faced Wellsway. The match was tight and was goal for goal from the start with both teams playing well. Unfortunately we lost a couple of possession situations which meant Wellsway capitalised and we finally lost 8-6. A brilliant game and although we were disappointed not to get into the final, the team had given 100% all afternoon. Congratulations to Martha who was voted player of the match.

Our final game was against Chew Valley in the play offs and we dusted ourselves off and went back to work!!! Once again a fabulous final performance from the squad and we won 7-2 which meant we finished 3rd overall.

An amazing effort from a wonderful squad - well done to you all!!!

Mrs Little, Second in PE

Key Stage Four Basketball

The Key Stage 4 basketball team played against St Mark's School on 2nd December at Oldfield. Oldfield started the game off in the first quarter with a strong starting 5 (Stephen Nguyo, Sachin Paheerathan, Alfie Barron, Ethan Hall and Rory Perry), this gave us a secure position within the game taking a dominant lead earlier on. Oldfield managed to maintain that lead throughout the whole game which enabled us to freely make substitutions and allow everybody to play an equal role within the game regardless of how long they've been playing the sport. We had players who play regularly in school and out of school as well as players who have only recently joined the in-school club.



The final score in the game was 46 to 29 in favour of Oldfield which was a comfortable victory. We are hopeful to be playing another couple of schools in the New Year. Any students in KS4 wishing to join basketball club can turn up to play on Wednesday afterschool in the sports hall.
Mr Driver, Head of PE



Year 10 Football Somerset Cup Quarter Finals

On Thursday 30th November the Year 10 football team travelled to Lansdown for the Somerset Cup quarter final against Backwell School. Despite playing against a very strong opposition Oldfield showed moments of high quality with successful passing and maintained possession in key areas of the pitch. Despite this Oldfield lost 11-1 to a very well-practiced Backwell team. Captain Amin Othman said, "For our first game as a team in 2 years we showed outstanding team morale and great link-up-play. We need to improve our work rate and become familiar with our game tactics. At the end of the day, we are all very excited to get back to training as a team after Christmas."

Mr Chris Gann, PE Teacher

Year 7 Rugby v Ralph Allen

The boys' first competitive rugby game and what a game!! They drew 15-15 against a very well organised and disciplined side. Oldfield started superbly with some fine attacking, running and excellent defence. The boys worked hard to listen to the coach and ref's advice. The game went down to the last play with Ralph Allen scoring with their last attack and claiming a deserved draw. Well done boys, a super game.

Mr L Dorman, Head of Year 11

Year 9 Netball v Chew Valley

Congratulations to the Year 9 netball squad who played Chew Valley in the final game of the season. It was a very tight match going goal for goal most of the game and it could have gone either way. However the shooters kept their cool and continued to keep the goals coming - well done to Lydia, Isabelle and Emily. The strong defence from Sophie, Amber, Aya and Robyn kept the Chew attack from the door while Bella and Scarlett maintained stability in the centre court.

A great game which ended in us just sliding into the lead and finishing with a 8-7 win.

Congratulations to Scarlett who was nominated player of the match by the opposition.

On a personal note, thank you to every member of the Year 9 squad who has played this season. It has been a pleasure to coach and get to know you and I look forward to welcoming you into the senior squads next year!

Mrs Little, Second in PE

Year 8 Football – Somerset Cup

Oldfield played Nailsea School in the Somerset Cup football competition on 2nd December. This was the first football fixture the year group have had together due to covid so it was always going to be difficult to produce a polished performance.

The team took 10 minutes to find their feet in the game and before we had time to settle we were 1-0 down to a header from the Nailsea striker. We did however respond well and started to pass the ball and control the game. This led to Charlie Mahony levelling the scoring after 13 minutes. Billy Patton then came on as a substitute and after just a couple of minutes managed to neatly finish to score our second goal. Unfortunately Nailsea scored the next two goals of the game putting us 3-2 down. Oldfield kept pushing forwards and managed to get some good attacking opportunities eventually leading to us being awarded a penalty which Noah Eddolls scored to make it 3-3. Sadly the final say was from Nailsea who scored direct from a free kick that left our goal keeper no chance of saving it. On the balance of the game we could have won it with the amount of chances we had. We wish Nailsea School all the best for the next round.

Well done to all the boys who took part and we can build now for the next fixtures in the B&NES league.

Mr Driver, Head of PE

Year 8 Netball Team

We entered the Year 8 B&NES netball tournament on Tuesday 23rd November at Hayesfield school. A total of 8 teams entered in two pools. Our first game was against St Mark's, a successful start and we managed to win (8-0). Our second game in our pool was against Hayesfield, a very strong side with lots of club players. Unfortunately, we lost that game 7-0, despite the result the team had a few attacking opportunities to pull the game back but great defending from Hayesfield stopped us. Our final game was against Norton Hill, we needed to win to have a chance of going through to the semi-finals. It was a very competitive match where both teams were up and down the court, it was 1-1 until the last minutes of the game and Norton Hill managed to get a goal to beat us 2-1. This meant we were now in a 5th and 6th play-off position against Broadlands. Broadlands unfortunately had to leave and forfeited the game resulting in us overall coming 5th place in the tournament.

The Year 8 team did fantastically in their pool and they kept their focus and quality throughout the tournament. However, it showed we played strong teams in our pool as the final match was between Hayesfield and Norton Hill.

All students played extremely well throughout; I would like to nominate Mabel Dale-Pearce as player of the tournament. Well done to all students involved!





Vardimon Dance Workshop

On Friday 3rd December, our A level dance students were lucky enough to attend a dance workshop lead by Francesca, a dancer who performs with The Jasmin Vardimon Company. They specialise in physical dance and theatre performances.

Alongside students from Hayesfield and St Gregory's, our dancers were put through their paces with a physically demanding workshop that included learning repertory from 'Medusa'. As well as informing the written elements of the course, the students now have first hand knowledge of movement vocabulary from the piece and can use this in their own performances. Francesca was also able to give them an insight into life as a dancer; from training and auditions to working with different choreographers and more specifically how Jasmin Vardimon works as a choreographer. The students were very impressive and showed grit and determination when learning and adapting to the Vardimon style!

Mrs Macnaughton, Dance



Bath Spa University

Our Year 11 dance students have also been equally impressive, learning a piece of new dance choreography from Bath Spa University students, who are currently rehearsing for their own showcase on 11th December. The Year 11s are currently working on their own choreography and the three students from the university were able to come and show them some new movement vocabulary as well as talk to them about their performance skills. It was such a great morning of dance for the Year 11 students and it is great to see how the workshop has inspired them further.

Mrs Macnaughton and Mrs Smith

Dance Umbrella

We are not able to share our success in the Dance Umbrella yet but we are very much looking forward to starting to choreograph a dance piece for this event in Term Three. The event has had to be cancelled for the last couple of years but we are crossing everything that this year it will be back! Please come along to rehearsals on Wednesdays from 3 - 4pm in the Dance Studio.

Mrs Macnaughton

U16 Somerset cup football vs Norton Hill

On 8th December Oldfield travelled to Norton Hill to play in the county knockout cup. Oldfield had a strong team for the game however found themselves caught cold and were down by 3 goals in the first 6 minutes! Two goals of very good quality and one, a result of an unfortunate slip from an Oldfield player. For the next 50 minutes, Oldfield controlled the game. The central midfield three; Jed Meerholz, Fred Kershaw and Harry Hamilton started to dictate play with some lovely interplay. Jason Johnson was looking increasingly threatening from the wide left position which eventually led to the Oldfield breakthrough to make it 3-1. Jason finished excellently into the top corner having done a lot of the work to create the chance himself. The score remained 3-1 at half time with Oldfield feeling like they genuinely could go on to win the game if they kept playing as they were. Oldfield again started the second half strongly and were able to snatch a second goal back through Cassius Kerr who went one on one with the goal keeper and was able to slot the ball past the Norton Hill goal keeper. From this point on Norton grew in the game, some of their strong players began to influence the game more as some of our players tired. Oldfield were forced to push players forward leaving us vulnerable to counter attack goals which was the eventual outcome. Norton Hill scored twice more to make the final score 5-2. A score line that by no means reflects the quality of Oldfield's performance, on another day we would be progressing to the next round. We will soon begin our main football season where I have no doubt this team will have a lot of success. Apologies for the lack of a picture, there wasn't a single player that could feel their fingers after the game... it was that cold!

Gymnastics/Parkour club

Well done to all the students that came to gym/parkour club over the last two terms. We had lots of fun over the weeks with students attending from Years 7 and 8. Students had the opportunity to use the trampoline, show off their floorwork skills but they most enjoyed the parkour circuit that we set up during the final weeks of the club.



We hope to continue with this club next year and see more students attend.

Thank you to Henry Lyons for also coming each week and helping set up the equipment and develop his leadership skills.

Mrs Bell, PE Teacher

Staff v Year 11 Netball

It is that time of year again when the staff team take on another Year 11 squad to try and maintain our league title!

Although we were confident going into the game, it was a very wobbly first quarter when the Year 11 had the better of us and it wasn't looking very positive for the staff team. Court play from Jess Causey, Lily Swift, Freya Keyford and Sophie Iles caused us a headache when trying to get the ball out of defence while Imogen Yap and Lola Milne-Clarke were relentless in their defence of the circle – most annoying!!!

This coupled with the shooting action from Becky Weldon, Daisy Alvis and Jess Woodham meant that the staff team had to really up their game to stay in it for the first half.

Finally the staff team found their form and things started to improve leading up to half time with a key substitution in the shooting circle in the form of Mrs James who started to give us a few goals lead. However, Year 11 came back at us and we had to fight for every ball but were able just to pull away in the last quarter and the match finished 23- 13 to the staff team.

Thank you to all staff and students who were involved – a thoroughly enjoyable event.

I am very much looking forward to the Year 11 season which starts in January.

Mrs Little

Year 7 netball Tournament

A squad of 10 girls competed in the Year 7 netball tournament at Chew Valley school on Wednesday 8th December. We played four other schools in our pool and the girls showed determination and effort in all matches.

We lost against Wellsway, drew against Chew Valley and Norton Hill, and finished by beating St Mark's in our last game winning 3-0.

We came joint second in our pool but due to goal difference just missed out on the semi finals.



I was really proud of the girls' performance and attitude during the afternoon and am looking forward to them coming back as a strong Year 8 team next year.

Well done to Freya and Myley who captained the team during the tournament and all the other girls who took part; Skyla Coe 7T ,Oaklea Ramsey-Dunne 7T, Myley Chiverton 7S, Jorja Harrison 7T, Freya Williams 7D, Daisy Francis 7B, Maya Young 7S, Hattie Hobbs 7S, Lola Smith 7N, Rosa Kirby 7T.




Mrs Bell, PE Teacher

FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Dear Parent / Guardian,

BreakOut, the schools holiday activity and food programme commissioned by B&NES Council (from central Government funding), is back during the Christmas holidays and operating in various community venues. The BreakOut programme sees Bath Rugby Foundation lead a consortium of highly skilled practitioners to deliver a multitude of sporting, creative play and youth work activities over the holiday period, whilst providing free nutritious meals, all free of charge, for young people aged 5-16 whose families are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Bath Rugby Foundation are working in partnership with [Bath Area Play Project](#), [FareShare South West](#), and [Youth Connect South West](#). Together they will deliver a package of activities each day for young people to engage in, providing them with an opportunity to thrive and socialise in community sessions.

	<p>Junior BreakOut: Parents/Guardians can book to drop their children aged 5-11 years of age to one of the morning hubs where children will be able to enjoy 4-hours of fun, supervised activities followed by a delicious and nutritious lunch. Hubs are available in; <i>Keynsham, Twerton, Midsomer Norton, Peasedown St John, Snowhill, Paulton and Odd Down.</i></p>
	<p>Teen BreakOut: Teens can book to enjoy social time, music, art and sports activities, as well as health & wellbeing and food workshops that have been designed specifically for their age group. Teen BreakOut is open to young adults aged 12-16, with hubs available in; <i>Keynsham, Southdown and Midsomer Norton.</i></p>
	<p>Family BreakOut: Will offer 2-hour fun sessions with a variety of festive activities to enable families to enjoy fun and valuable time together. These sessions are for families with children aged 5-12 years of age with places prioritised for families eligible for free school meals. There are venues in Twerton and Keynsham.</p>

Food Parcels: - There will also be an opportunity for parents/guardians to select free food from the venues during the collection of their child or teen from sessions.

Participants must adhere to all Covid-19 safety and behaviour protocols while on site. If any participants demonstrate Covid-19 symptoms while they are attending, the parent/guardian will be asked to collect their child. **BreakOut sessions are currently based on current Government Guidelines and subject to change. Booking is essential.** We anticipate high demand for places so please book as soon as you can – bookings open on **1st December**.

How to book...

All sessions are FREE to attend, simply click on the link below to confirm eligibility and to secure the hub sessions of your choice.

www.bathrugbyfoundation.com/winterbreakout

For any questions about BreakOut, please email:

breakout@bathrugbyfoundation.com or call: **07443767555**.

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