Oldfield School Newsletter

Outlook

Important Dates;

03 May

WEEK 1

04 May

Yr 3 Primary Schools PE Festival The Brilliant Club Scholars Programme Graduation

05 May

GCSE MFL speaking exams A level Art/Photography exam Yr 10 Exams start

06 May

A level drama performance exam GCSE MFL speaking exams A level Art/Photography exam

09 May

WEEK 2

Band Development Workshop

10 May

Inter-house football & netball competition

11 May

BANES Athletics Championship

12 May

A level MFL speaking exams
Yr 8/9 Girls Football Somerset Cup

Yr 7 Parents' Evening

13 May

Yr 10 exams end

A level MFL speaking exams Music Performance @ Party in the

City

16 May

WEEK 1

GCSE exams start

20 May

Yr 9/10 Design & Technology trip, Legoland

23 May

WEEK 2

A level exams start

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families had an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday, I know that the break was very welcome after a long and busy term.

Thank you again for your understanding of the measures that we had to put in place last term to address the staffing shortages caused by Covid related absence. The start of this term has seen very little disruption and I am hopeful that we can, at last, return to a normal school experience for us all.

Year 11 and Year 13 are returning this term to sit their GCSE and A Level examinations; these will be starting two weeks from now and all of us wish them well with these. Year 10 also have examinations this term and will be sitting their mocks shortly, again we wish them all the best.

Last term ended with a Spring Concert. This was a hugely enjoyable event and I was very impressed with the quality of the performances from our musicians and the confidence that they showed, in particular the Year 7 students who have been learning brass instruments in their music lessons this year; many of whom told me they want to continue with these instrumental lessons.

I hope that you take the time to read the rest of this newsletter as this will give you a good understanding of the wide variety of enrichment and extracurricular events and activities that are taking place at school. You will know how much we value these and I am delighted to see so many of our students involved. I am reluctant to highlight specific events but feel I should do so with regards to the Rotary Enterprise Challenge, as the quality of the presentations at the final was amazing. Also of note are the achievements of the Year 8 and 9 girls football team, who have reached the final of the Somerset Cup. This will take place on 12 May at Bridgewater College, with a 3pm kick off. Parents are very welcome to attend and I am sure that the girls will appreciate the support.

You may be aware that Christy Grimes left us at the end of last term following her promotion to Head of Inclusion and SEND at Chandag Junior School. Jesse Davies, caretaker, also left at the end of Term 4, as has Stacey Collings from our attendance team. We wish them all the best for the future.

New staff this term are Dymphna Skehill, who will be teaching Miss Grimes' drama classes until the end of the year, and Oliver White and Andrew Clarke; who have joined our site team. Mrs James, Assistant Headteacher, has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher at Churchill School in North Somerset for September 2022. We have completed the selection process to appoint a new Assistant Headteacher and I am pleased to inform you that Joshua Duckworth will be joining us as Assistant Headteacher: Teaching and

Learning at the start of the next academic year.

Best wishes

Steven Mackay, Headteacher



NOTICE **BOARD**

Free support services

You can find a new support booklet for those seeking help and advice on various matters. The booklet has a list of free support services in your area and can be found here; www.oldfieldschool.com/school-information/ care-guidance-support/



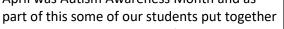
Autism Awareness Month

April was Autism Awareness Month and as a video explaining how they feel about school. Several students worked together to film themselves and came up with questions to help with the interview format.

famous people who have autism and a poem that was written by one of our students was shared with the staff team.

You may find the following websites useful: www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/ what-is-autism

www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/



Posters were displayed around school of

PROUD TO BE A MUSIC MARK **MUSIC** SCHOOL

We are proud to have been awarded the Music Mark for Oldfield School, this is in recognition of the value that is placed on music and support for the music subject.

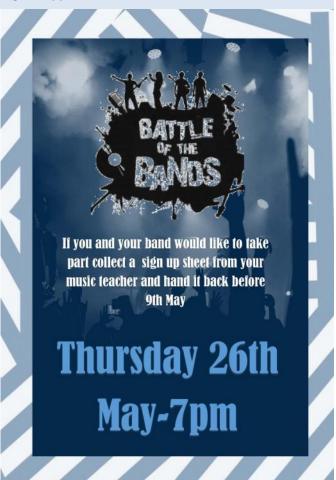
Updating details - general and medical

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

Battle of the Bands returns!!

We are pleased to welcome back the infamous Battle of the Bands night—where student bands battle it out to become champions of the music and the remainder become slave to the rhythm.

Everyone is welcome to participate or come along to the evening to support the rock stars of the future!



In order to support pupils, their families and members of the wider community during these challenging times, Year 9 have launched a Food Bank Drive.

The purpose of this appeal is to collect food and toiletry donations to support the local Bath Foodbank.



Over the next two weeks I would like to encourage students and parents to be as generous as possible, donating items such as; long-life, semi-skimmed milk, instant noodles, tinned fruit, tinned soup, tinned fish, instant coffee, long life juice, sponge pudding, tooth paste and toilet rolls. Mrs Macalister, Head of Year 9

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING AREAS — SCIENCE

₽ British Science Week 2022 The British Science week this year saw several competitions organised within the Science Learning Area for Key Stage 3 students. The theme for this year's Science Week was "Growth", and the competitions were rocket launching, growing crystals and a poster competition.

We also ran a fish and mice dissection club during

Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes and we had a great turnout of students to each session, who had not been put off their sandwiches!

The pinnacle of the week was the rocket launch on Friday lunchtime in the MUGA which saw the following winners: First place; Minerva, Second place; Maia, Third place; Neptune.

There was great participation from students and staff; highlighting the interest and importance of science in all our lives today.





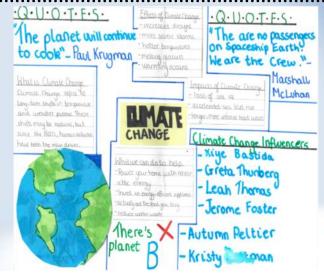






Poster Competition

Well done to the following students for their poster submissions; Rhiannon Anaya (7D), Maya Young (7D), Mo Kennedy (8S), Stephanie Notton (9S), Lily Watson (7H), Tess Chaté (7H), Isla Cartwright(7B), Rosie Tarling (7B).



Business Studies Trip

Year 13 Business Studies took a trip to Bournside School in Cheltenham, where they participated in an exam revision day with Helen and Carlo from Time2Resources. The students engaged really well for a whole day's lecturing and were congratulated on how highly motivated they were. Students commented that the best bit was the multicoloured pens —



"what a great idea to highlight and code case studies". Something which we will be developing further in class. The only negatives were that they wanted more and wished it had gone on longer.

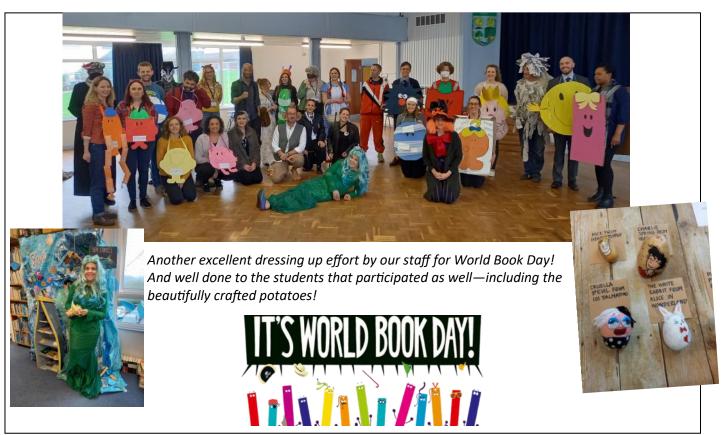
Thank you so much to Bournside School for the invitation and we look forward to joining next year with our current Year 12 cohort. Also thank you to Mr Abood for passing your mini bus test to get to the event!

Mrs Britton, Head of Business Studies











Next Meeting; Monday 9th May online meeting, 7pm—all welcome!
For further information email osa@oldfielschool.com

Uniform Sale; Thursday 5th May

Come and help save the planet!

The OSA will be holding a uniform sale in Penn House on Thursday 5th May from 3.10pm. Please come along to purchase good condition, very reasonably priced, second-hand uniform.



Trousers, skirts, blazers, jumpers and PE kit will all be available in various sizes.

We will be able to take card payments.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Food Tech Creations

Year 11 have had the opportunity to do a revision lesson on fish using sustainable



wild Alaskan salmon donated to the school through the Fish Heroes programme. They were able to use it to make a salmon katsu curry and rice. Salmon is an oily fish so has many nutritional benefits; it is low in saturated fat, high in protein, vitamin B12 and omega 3, which is important for our healthy heart and brain.

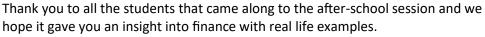


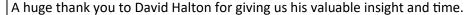
Miss Evans, Head of Technology



Business Masterclass

It was lovely to be able to invite David Halton' an external speaker with years of experience in business and economics, as well as the finance industry and further education. This session focused on business finance, looking particularly at income statements, balance sheets, average rate of return and profit margins.







You have been hired!

Last term, during our business studies classes, each student selected a candidate from the BBC "The Apprentice" series. Each week we have been crossing off the fired apprentices, following their journey through the BBC series, until the end resulted in winner—Harpreet. Congratulations to Johnny Cokely, Year 10 and Leticia Perez, Year 12, who successfully picked the winner.



Prime- Generation Start Up, Pepsi vs Coke, Jobs vs

Cracking the Code, Rich and Famous Fortunes,

The Internship, Trump –

Centre - The true cost of

What's the deal?, Data

the internet, The

Millennial Dream,

Business Mindsets for

Gates, Starbucks Unfiltered, Facebook –

We do encourage students to watch business studies documentaries across Key Stages 4 and 5. Here are a few suggestions; **YouTube-** Sir Alex Ferguson – Secrets of Success, **BBC iPlayer-** Inside Lehman Brothers: The Whistle Blowers, Inside the factory, **Netflix-** The Founder, Steve Jobs – Billion Dollar Hippie, The Social Network, Inside Bill's Brain, American Factory, Fyre – The greatest festival that never happened, The Big Short, The Great Hack, **Amazon**

Year 7 Half Term Cookie Challenge

Maya Young



Well done to all the students that entered the Year 7 Cookie Challenge. All the cookies looked amazing! The overall winners were:

> 1st Place -- Maya Young 2nd Place -- Oscar Adams 3rd Place -- Yahav Horosov

Great work Bakers!

Miss Sackett Design & Technology







Success, Learn From The Experts - Jeff Bezos,
Amazon Founder.

Mrs Britton, Head of

Mrs Britton, Head of Business Studies





Mia and Olive after delivering their finalists presentation, seen here with their shield at the end of the evening – pictured with Bath Club President, Simon Spalding and Richard Bush. These students were very worthy winners, having fought off stiff competition from the three other teams who had emerged from the semi-finals.

Rotary "Enterprise Challenge" Winners!

Wednesday 2nd March saw the finale of the Bath Rotary Enterprise Competition with the finals taking place at Lansdown Golf Course. Those who attended the event witnessed some extremely high standard presentations by all four teams. I was particularly impressed with the level of self-confidence displayed by all the finalists in what was probably their first ever formal presentation. Our students should be really proud of themselves, we are lucky to have them as students here at Oldfield School.

"The Rotary Enterprise Challenge is now in its sixth year. It is a very successful collaboration between the Rotary Clubs of Bath and Bathavon. Mentors from both clubs supported students from Oldfield School every week during term-time from October to March. There were more teams competing this year than ever before, displaying high standards of teamwork and effort." Richard Bush, Rotarian

I have really enjoyed working with students on the project this year. I am more than aware that this was a team effort, and I would like to thank parents and family members supporting students over the past six months. I am particularly grateful to all the Rotarians for sharing their expertise and time with our students. Special mention to Richard Bush who leads on this project and provides a very engaging programme that gives students an extensive understanding of how to set up and run their own business (special mention also to the Rotarian mentors: Sam Chapman, David Rowlands, David Wise, Christopher Suchley, Nicholas Lennard, Peter Hopwood, Vicki Davies, Anthony Brits, Charles Hayward).



I know that students will take the skills learnt on this project into other life challenges. I wish them all the very best with their enterprises and hope to see them next year studying GCSE Business Studies.

Mr Abood, Business Studies Teacher







Intermediate Maths Challenge Success

On Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd February, our top mathematicians from Years 9-11 sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is a national competition organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT). We had a strong set of results with 2 gold, 18 silver and 45 bronze certificates.

We are delighted to congratulate Conal Little (Gold and Best in School), Megan Tarling (Gold and Best in Year), Xenia Masson (Silver and Best in Year), Thomas Murray (Silver), Evie Hopkins (Silver) and Eddy Warner (Silver) who all qualified for the next round of the challenge called the Kangaroo paper. We are now eagerly awaiting the results of the Kangaroo paper, but regardless of the result these students should be very proud of themselves for qualifying.

Well done to all the students who took part.

Mr Spence, Maths Teacher

OLDFIELD SCHOOL

Review by Shakespeare Schools' Festival of Oldfield students' recent performance of Romeo and Juliet at the Tobacco Factory, Bristol



"DID MY HEART LOVE 'TILL NOW?"

Romeo and Juliet by Oldfield School at The Tobacco Factory, 03/02/2022 appraised by Rachael Walsh

I would like to send my sincerest congratulations to Oldfield School for your wonderful production of Romeo and Juliet as part of the Spring 22 Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was a brilliant evening of theatre, and I'd like to talk about a few elements that really shone.

It was such a joy to see you owning the stage. It can be really difficult to move from rehearsing in a school to performing in a theatre but even by the end of your dress rehearsal and especially by the time you took your bows for your final performance it seemed as though you had been rehearsing in the theatre all along. Well done for all the brilliant energy you brought onto the stage with you.

You clearly had a fantastic understanding of the language. You were listening to one another throughout, which meant you were being changed by what each other said. This is a very sophisticated way of performing. The play felt 'alive', the audience were invested in your characters and their fates.

We could understand the intention behind each of your lines, you all played the stakes of the story, which it meant the audience were emotionally affected by your performance.

The use of ensemble was fantastic - from the nurses with their umbrellas to the beautiful images you all worked together to create with your tea-lights, every decision supported the story and every member of the ensemble felt absolutely essential. Well done for working together in creating a wonderful supportive team to deliver this brilliant play.

This was a stylish and heartfelt production of Romeo and Juliet performed by a focused and committed cast.

Staging a Shakespeare play in these changing times takes <u>extra</u> courage, tenacity, and creativity. You should be incredibly proud of what you and your teachers have achieved.

I hope to see Oldfield School in the next Festival!

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Dance Prop Competition

Students in Year 8 have been looking at different styles of dance from throughout history. They were set the homework challenge of selecting a style of dance, researching the history and, most importantly, to make a prop that is associated with that style of dance. We were overwhelmed with the quality of work this year and Max, the school dog, took some time to choose his favourite 3 pieces: the winner was Josie Cozens in 8G; disco scene. Runners up were Mo Kennedy in 8S; guitar and Iris Day in 8N; roller skate.

Well done to all students; there was some fantastic work that clearly took a long time to make. It's always a pleasure to see your creations.

Mrs H Smith, Head of Dance and Mrs S Macnaughton, Dance Teacher



Let's Make Music!

Music Department Update

Term 4 was busy for the Music Department; alongside the curriculum lessons, which included all students in 7S, 7L, 7N and 7H learning to play a brass instrument, we have been involved in several workshops and concerts. The woodwind quintet (with piano accompaniment) went to Hayesfield School to take part in a music festival for primary school pupils, which aimed to encourage them to take up lessons on a musical instrument. Primary schools from Bath enjoyed performances from our students and students from other Bath secondary schools. Immy, Megan, Amy, Ben, Rosie and Ethan performed *Swan Lake* and *Galop* from *William Tell*, with many primary school pupils galloping along to the *Galop*, such was the engaging quality of the performance!



Bath Instrumental Festival 2022

Programme:• 00:00 Welcome, Estelle Greeley• 02:29 St Mark's• 09:05 Beechen Cliff• 15:58 Oldfield• 21:20 Hayesfield• 30:26 B&NES Music Hub• 36:05 "It's Time!"...

https://youtu.be/bl-l-ihRmLc

Festival Song!

I also had the pleasure of taking a group of nine Year 7 and 8 singers to write a song for the Bath Festival. We teamed up with students from Kingswood School and were involved in a workshop, led by the conductor and members of Bath Philharmonia, to write and compose a song to be sung in the festival. The day was intense but incredibly enjoyable and the song that the students wrote was utterly incredible! When we came to perform it at the end of the day I was actually moved to tears and cannot wait to hear it performed as part of the festival. If you would like to hear the song that our students wrote, it is going to be performed by them, and other students from schools across Bath, at the Party in the City on Friday 13th May, then again at the Concert for the People of Bath on Thursday 19th May. I really recommend coming to one of these events – the work the students produced today is outstanding and well worth a listen.

The Band Development Programme has been a real highlight, over 65 students applied to take part and we've made a start on putting them together in their bands. I was blown away by the work of the students and I am so incredibly proud of them. The majority of students involved had never played with anyone else before and they all worked really hard to pull off some great performances. I am very excited to hear the progress they make on their second day and see them battle it out in the Battle of the Bands on 26th May.

Spring Showcase

We were thrilled to host our first Spring Showcase on Wednesday 6 April. It was a joy to welcome an audience into the school hall again and I was immensely proud of all the students who performed. It was especially exciting to give a performance opportunity to our Year 7 brass players, who only started learning their instruments in January!

Chamber Choir sang a great variety of music from Handel's Silent Worship and Victorian choral piece The Long Day Closes to the gospel work The Storm is Passing Over and 60s and 70s classics Stand by Me and Lean on Me. The Handbell Team, always an Oldfield favourite, delighted the audience with their performances of Oranges and Lemons and Bobby Shaftoe. The soloists who performed were a credit to the school and I'm really looking forward to hearing them perform again soon.

Mrs Robinson, Head of Music

News from the Houses

Miss Hooper, Head of Apollo, Mr Gann, Head of Maia, Mrs Macnaughton, Head of Minerva, Ms Britton, Head of Neptune







Reward Event

Students that had done particularly well with their house reward points were treated to a fun, celebration event in the sports hall—bouncing around on inflatables and generally letting off steam!





Our House Easter Bonnet Competition was a highlight last term, with many eggcellent entries! Congratulations to our winner Ollie McCormick from Minerva House who made a wonderful, completely wacky masterpiece. Second place went to Avril Fan from Neptune house for a beautifully decorated straw hat and third place went to Alex Murphy in Minerva house for an incredibly creative football inspired basket hat!

We were so impressed with all the entries and by the range of creativity – well done to all who entered.

Mrs Vivian, Ms Macnaugton and Ms Hooper







U16 Basketball vs Chew Valley School 16.02.22

The Year 11 basketball teams' winning streak continued against Chew Valley, they are now 4 games without loss this year.

The game started with both teams making lots of errors in decision making and in execution. Regardless of this Oldfield took control of the first quarter and went 12-6 ahead thanks to Alfie scoring some nice layups from difficult angles. Oldfield settled into the game from this point. We played more to our strengths, being patient with the ball and managed to maintain the same point lead throughout the

second quarter. As the game continued in the second half, the intensity of the match raised and became much more physical but Oldfield rose to the challenge and stepped up their strategic play again, shooting fewer loose three point shots and taking far more opportunities to get to the basket rather than shooting from distance. The eventual score was 32-22 to Oldfield with the low score highlighting the difficulties each side had in their finishing on the day.

The team vs Chew Valley: Ethan H, George A, Alfie B, Rory P, Evan M, Sachin P, Aidan J, Sam O, Stephen N and Niven T.

Well done to all the boys involved in this latest victory.

Picture: Top scorer Alfie setting a screen for Ethan to drive towards the Chew Valley basket.

Mr Driver Head of PE

Year 10 and Year 11 netball

Congratulations to the entire Year 10 and Year 11 netball squad who took part in a mini netball tournament at Ralph Allen last week. We entered three teams into the event and it was a great reflection on just how committed and motivated our senior netballers are, as they were all mixed up across the three teams — they just want to get out there and play netball!

In terms of results it was a mixed bag over the evening, we had some great wins and a couple of losses across the teams but each game was played in a good competitive spirit. A special mention to Year 11 who took part in their final matches as a Year 11 squad and went out in glorious fashion with some very convincing wins such as 12 -1 and 8-1, well done to our shooters. We wish you all the best for your summer exams and hope to see you back on the court in Year 12.

Congratulations to those who were nominated player of the matches by the opposition: Becky W, Jasmine, Sienna, Imogen Y, Brooke, Ella and Silvia.

Mrs Little, Second in PE

Year 7 Boys Football v Norton Hill

Both A and B teams won their matches against two strong Norton Hill sides. Oldfield A won their game 4-3 and Oldfield B won their game 6-3. Arlo M reflected on the team's performance: "The game ended 6-3 to Oldfield. The game was really close and the team did really well to come out on top. After going 1-0 down within ten minutes we scored 4 great goals and put Oldfield on top. One of the best looking coming from Dexter and myself - a brilliant half way volley. The second half started with a goal for them and they got a penalty, but our goalkeeper Harrison N brilliantly saved it. Then Dexter H scored a really good goal, followed by one from them and the score was 5-3. But in the closing minutes, I managed to score a second and put Oldfield 6-3 in front. Great effort from everyone!"



Year 8 v Norton Hill

"In the first half we played fairly poorly but with a formation change to 4-5-1 at half time we were able to press Norton Hill a lot better. This led us to score! Our defensive backline was good - we didn't let them run past us as easily as in the first half. The midfielders played well and got on the ball, passed and did some good defending. The strikers did well; Charlie M pressed them well and Dimi scored, so overall we played pretty well. Dimi and Noah shared the man of the match award. Final score was 5-1 to Norton Hill." Final match quote from Vice Captain Dimi A. *Mr Gann, PE Teacher*

Year 7/8 and 9/10 Girls Football v Ralph Allen

We travelled to Ralph Allen school for our first friendly fixture in early March, on a cold, wet miserable day. After being stuck in traffic for 45 minutes and finally arriving at the school the girls got straight out to play the game.

Year 7 and 8s were playing 10-a-side, whereas the Year 9 and 10s were playing 9-a-side. In the Year 7/8 game the team went 1-0 down after a slow start, nevertheless they got back on track soon and equalised. It was a very wet surface which made it difficult to move quickly and keep control of the ball. At half time we were 5-1 up after some great shots from Fay S and Sofia G. The second half began, yet again we started slowly and Ralph Allen scored early to make the score 5-2. We made regularly subs and changes to keep players warm and to try out new positions. The final whistle went, with a 7-3 victory to Oldfield. Goals were scored by Fay S, Sofia G, Ella H and Kallie C. Player of the match was awarded, from the opposition, to Fay S. Great effort to the team, well done!

The Year 9 and 10s also began a little slowly, but we dominated the game from start to end. This was the first time this team had actually played together this year. Ralph Allen had some strong players that stopped us from having more scoring opportunities as they made some good saves and blocks. At half time we were 5-0 up, plenty of substitutions were made throughout the game to give all players game time and change of position. The second half began and as a team we were playing well and passing the ball around. We managed to score another 3 goals in the second half to finish the game 8-0. Goals were scored from Ella S (x3) Sylvie L (x3) and Silvia K (x2). The player of the match was awarded to Silvia K by Ralph Allen.

Miss Hooper, PE teacher

Year 7 & 8 Girls football team



Year 9 & 10 Girls football team



Match Report - Year 9 and Year 10 Boys' Football vs Norton Hill

On Wednesday 2nd March Year 9 and Year 10 each played Norton Hill at Lansdown playing fields. The playing conditions were less than favourable at Lansdown; cold, windy, wet and with a bobbly surface.

The Year 9 game was an evenly contested game with two good quality players for Norton Hill making the difference in the first half giving them a 2–0 lead, playing with the wind. Oldfield were not deterred by the half time score line and were confident that with the wind they could make back the deficit. As the second half



continued Oldfield were creating more chances and were naturally further up the pitch with the wind but failed to make the most of the chances created. The score ended 2-0 to Norton Hill who were the worthy winners this time.

The Year 10 teams from Norton Hill and Oldfield were similarly "evened up" by the playing conditions. The vast majority of the game was 0-0 with a few chances at either end. Norton Hill created some good chances from wide areas but the Oldfield defence stayed strong. Oldfield had a good opportunity 10 minutes from the end of the game with a freekick on the edge of the area but unfortunately for us, the Norton wall stayed strong and blocked the freekick. In the last few minutes of the game Norton Hill created another



opportunity from a wide position which was crossed and met by the head of the Norton Hill striker which led to them scoring and winning 1-0. Disappointing to have not held out for a draw but the quality of the goal deserved the win.



Bath Rugby Community Tournament

On Friday 18th March our Year 9 rugby team travelled to the Bath recreation ground to take part in a community rugby tournament organised by the Bath Rugby Foundation.

The team played fantastically on the day and came away from the competition undefeated and all having a great experience playing school teams from Bath, Frome and Bradford on Avon.

Mr John, PE Teacher





Sports Leadership Course

Well done to all the Year 10 students who have completed the Sports Leadership course. Students did very well in completing their booklets and gaining leadership experience despite the covid situation. Now the course has finished they may still be asked to lead in Primary School Festivals and coaching session as and when required.

Mrs Bell, PE Teacher



Year 10 Netball v Ralph Allen

Well done to the Year 10 netball team who had a cracking game against Ralph Allen. We started in the pouring rain and although this didn't deter them, we were happier once we were able to move inside for the remainder of the match.

The first quarter was tight with some great defence work from Mary, Imogen and Ella to keep the Ralph Allen attack out, and it finished 3 all. In the next quarter it was much the same from the defence, with the introduction of Sienna in the defence circle, who continued to help the defence stay on top. Some lovely feeding in the centre court by Jasmine and Tessa saw some great balls into Brooke and Brooklyn who were able to shoot confidently despite being under pressure front the Ralph Allen defence. At half time it was 6-8 to Ralph Allen, so plenty to play for. The second half saw Ralph Allen pull away a little in attack and get a run of goals which we were unable to stop but we didn't give up and Megan coming on as centre was a great support for the attack. Towards the end of the game we had a run of goals but were just not able to get past the defence at times and the game finished 20-14 to Ralph Allen.

A great start to the season with lots of positives to take away. Well done to Megan for being voted player of the match by the opposition.

Mrs Little, Second in PE

Year 11 v Wellsway

Congratulations to the Year 11 netball squad for their recent game against Wellsway. They faced a very strong team of club players and the game proved very challenging. But the whole squad never gave up and they played with determination and grit throughout, refusing to give in. I was very proud of all their efforts. Despite being under such pressure on the court they never lost focus and continued to battle through the game. Some excellent performances from the defence tried to slow the Wellsway attack at points and some quick thinking netball from the attack unit meant we were able to steal some goals from them. Despite the loss I couldn't have asked for any more from the squad and they represented us brilliantly. By far our toughest match but a great standard of netball to watch and some very good skilled performances on show from both teams. Congratulations to Imogen for being voted player of the match.

Year 11 BANES Netball Tournament

The Year 11 squad took part in their last BANES tournament last month and after a luxury coach journey (!) we got stuck straight in with a tough game against Hayesfield. The game started with both teams defending tight and it was a while before a goal was scored. We had some strong performances in the game but we struggled to get the ball to our shooters or convert play due to the strong defence from Hayesfield. Despite our best efforts we lost the game but picked ourselves up for the next one. We moved on to play Somervale and some awesome defending and fantastic attack play in the centre court combined with a flurry of goals from our shooting duo, saw us win the game comfortably.

Our final game against St Mark's proved to be more difficult than we had envisaged and after trailing in the first half we managed to get back on track and pull it back with some great defending in the circle and then interceptions converted by our shooters meant we finished with a draw.

Overall we finished a very impressive second place in the tournament.

Congratulations to all players for their efforts and motivation on a very damp and cold night and well done to those voted player of the match by the opposition: Bronwen (Hayesfield match), Imogen (Somervale match), Jess (St Mark's match).

Mrs Little, Second in PE

Year 10 Netball v Wellsway

Congratulations to the Year 10 netball team who had a cracking performance in their recent game against Wellsway. Two very good teams meant that every ball was contested and it was a great game of skilled netball to watch. Wellsway had a very strong defence, which meant our attack had to work very hard to get balls into our shooters. They did this with relentless determination, meaning we finished the first quarter leading by a very tight margin of 2 goals. The second quarter saw us pull away a little bit more and our defence were excellent at getting the interceptions and the ball out of the attack circle. Going into the second half we began to lay on the pressure, which proved to be a little too much for the Wellsway defence and we were able to secure a strong lead. Wellsway kept coming back so we had to ensure we remained focus and in the zone for the final quarter. An amazing squad performance all round and a well deserved 19-10 win. Congratulations to Silvia being voted player of the match. Best wishes to Megan who suffered an ankle injury and we will miss her on the court until she returns.

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Year 7 and 8 BANES Girls Football Tournament

We travelled to Keynsham Town Football Club for the Year 7 and 8 BANES Football Tournament. A total of eight schools took part, with two pools. In our pool we were up against Broadlands, Ralph Allen, St Greg's and Somervale. Games were 10 minutes one way; our first game was against St Greg's. We started the first game well and managed to win 2-0 with both goals coming from Fay S. Our second game was against a strong Ralph Allen team, unfortunately we lost 3-1, but I felt that the team were a bit unlucky in this game. Third game back-to-back and we were now against Broadlands. We had a few good opportunities to score

but Broadlands's keeper did a great job in stopping us from scoring. The game ended in a 0-0 draw. Onto our final game against Somervale school, again this was another battle to try and beat the Somervale keeper. Unfortunately, Somervale came out on top and won the game 1-0. We were now playing against Chew Valley for a fourth place finish. The girls were excited to be playing another game and created some fantastic scoring opportunities and goals. We won the game 5-1, goals coming from Sofia V, Lily S and Fay S (X3). This meant we had finished fourth place in the BANES competition. Player of the tournament was awarded to Cailey B (GK) and Fay S voted by two of the watching audience. Well done girls.

Miss Hooper, PE Teacher

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Girls Football

The Year 7 and 8 team travelled to Somervale school to play a round robin friendly match against Somervale and St Greg's. It was a very wet and miserable day, but this did not stop the girls from playing. First up both teams played Somervale; Year 7 won 2-0 with both goals coming from Fay S. The opposition also voted Fay player of the match and I voted Neve C. The Year 8s had a great battle and managed to win the game 1-0, goal was scored by Ines L. The opposition voted Kallie C as player of the match, I voted Cailey B. The next game was against St Greg's, Year 7s were very strong in this game and they took full opportunity to





Year 8 team

boost their self confidence and score some goals. At half time, we were 7-0 up. We changed the teams around slightly, the game was a little less dominant from us, it ended in a win to us and a total score of 11-0. Goals were scored from the following players; Neve C (x4), Myley C (x1), Lily S (x1), Maya Y (x2), Ella H (x1) and Kallie C (x2). A great team performance and nice to see so many smiley faces. Credit also goes to the opposition who continued to play and did not give up. The Year 8s had another tough game, unlike the Year 7s neither team could get past the keepers. Both teams had opportunity at goal but were denied by some excellent goal keeping. The game ended in a draw 0-0. Well done to all students who took part.

Miss Hooper, PE Teacher

The Somerset Cup Semi Final Match v Worle School

The Year 8 and Year 9 girls football played the semi-finals of the Somerset Cup against Worle, who travelled from Weston-Super-Mare. We had a good and long warm up to prepare for the big game. No Oldfield girls football team has ever made it into the semi-final of the Somerset Cup before. We started quick on the ball and took an early lead, 1-0 goal scored by Emily G. The opposition were definitely keeping us busy. However, we did create a few opportunities where it could have given us a better lead. Right before half time, Ella S secured us a second goal (2-0).

Half time we knew that Worle were going to be raring to go, and so they were. They came out and got an early goal to make it 2-1. We needed to bounce back quickly if we were going to secure the win. A lovely bit of football played and in came the third goal from Ines. Now a 3-1 lead, this meant nothing at this point as Worle were definitely causing us trouble on the attack. Ella S was through on goal and secured our fourth goal, as we hoped we could relax a little. Once again, Worle bounced back and scored a fantastic goal, 4-2 to Oldfield. If it wasn't for some fantastic saves from keeper, Olivia B, Worle might have won the game. An outstanding performance from all players involved and the girls have made history at Oldfield school.

Roll on the FINALS!!! Date and venue to be confirmed. One very proud teacher!

Miss Hopper, PE Teacher





Year 10 BANES Netball Tournament

The Year 10 netball squad were in action at Ralph Allen last month in the Year 10 BANES netball tournament and felt very confident as we kicked off the pool matches. Some fantastic defence from Mary, Ella, Sienna and Imogen kept the opposition out of their attack circle and this was capitalized on at the other end by Silvia and Brooklyn who kept their cool under pressure to put away their shots in superb fashion. Our centre court players, Brooke, Tessa, Jasmine and Esme produced some storming performances down the court to ensure we turned over loose balls and kept the ball safe on our centres and set plays. We finished the pool games in second place, only losing one game which meant we were into the semi finals against Hayesfield.

As expected, this was a tough game from the start with superb play and silly errors from both teams but at full time we couldn't be split and the game ended 4-4 which meant extra time. The game could have gone either way but Hayesfield scored first and we just couldn't get the ball in the circle in the remaining seconds to level the game; the final score of 5-4 meant we were unable to make it to the final. So we regrouped and put our disappointment aside to play Wellsway in the play offs. Again this game started very competitively with both teams going for the win. However, we managed to get into our stride and pulled away with some fantastic netball under pressure to win 5-2 and gaining third place overall.

Pool results

Oldfield	7	St Greg's	1
Oldfield	4	Ralph Allen	6
Oldfield	14	Somervale	2
Oldfield	7	Writhlington	2
Semi final			
Oldfield	4	Hayesfield	5
Play offs			
Oldfield	5	Wellsway	2

Final position 3rd place (out of 9 schools) Player of the matches: Silvia/ Ella/ Brooke

I am so very proud of all of the Year 10 squad this season, not just those who played in this match but of all 17 players who have taken the court over the last four months. Congratulations to the Year 10 squad at the BANES tournament, they could not have done any more but unfortunately we just did not have the luck of the ball on the night. They represented the school and themselves with dignity amongst disappointment, producing fantastic technical performances of which they should be proud. We will return next year with the same hunger to win it!

Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school

Congratulations to Lucas Briffett for becoming the new 2022, British Trampoline Champion!(Category Year 9-10 boys). An amazing achievement!



Staff v Students

The staff netball team were in action again this month as the Year 11 netball squad challenged them to a match to mark the final game of their netball season. As always, it was a very competitive game. Some amazing defence from Year 11 made life quite difficult to get the ball into the attack circle and only our height advantage saw us through some sticky patches at times. However, the staff team turned on the pressure at half time and began to pull away with some lovely attack play. Great shooting from Miss Hooper and Mrs James made sure we capitalized on the goal difference. The Year 11 team never gave up and continued to keep up their energy and effort throughout and Jess and Becky put some fantastic shots away to build on their score. Unfortunately the staff team proved to be a little too strong for the Year 11 and the final score of 29-12 meant we remain unbeaten.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our games against Year 11 and we wish them every success in the future. Special mention to Becky who suggested to Mr Mackay, when he came to watch, that it would be helpful if he stopped employing tall teachers who like to play netball!



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