

Oldfield School Newsletter

Outlook

Important Dates;

19 Feb

START TERM 4

WEEK 1

Yr 11, 13 Mocks

Yr 12 Psychology, Health & Social Care Trip

OSA Meeting, 8pm Boathouse

20 Feb

Yr 7, 8, 9 Boys Football v Ralph Allen

KS3 Girls Tag Rugby

21 Feb

GCSE, A level Drama Trip to Theatre

Yr 7 Girls Football v Somervale

Yr 10, 11 Boys Football v Ralph Allen

Yr 9 Options Evening

27 Feb

Yr 10, 11 Boys Football v St Greg's

28 Feb

KS4 Girls Football v Somervale

Yr 7, 9 Boys Football v St Greg's

29 Feb

Yr 8 Boys Football v St Greg's

04 Mar

WEEK 1

Yr 12 Workshop; Financial Education

Evening of Dance

05 Mar

GCSE Drama Exam

Yr 7, 10 Boys Football v St Mark's

06 Mar

GCSE Drama Exam

Yr 9, 10, 11 Football v Wellsway

07 Mar

World Book Day

Yr 9 Parents' Evening

12 Mar

Yr 8 Music Recital

13 Mar

Yr 7, 8 Girls Football v Wellsway

Yr 9, 10 Boys Football

14 Mar

Yr 7 Boys Football

Yr 9 Recital

15 Mar

OSA Quiz Night

19 Mar

Yr 13 Information Evening

Yr 10, 11 Netball v Ralph Allen

20 Mar

Yr 11 Parents GCSE Information Evening

OSA Second-hand uniform sale

21 Mar

Celebration Evening

25 Mar

GCSE Dance Practical Exam

26 Mar

Yr 12 Parents' Evening online

Yr 10 BANES netball tournament

28 Mar

END OF TERM 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Huge congratulations to the Year 11 rugby team and their success in winning the final of the BANES Cup on a very blustery Tuesday evening. It was an incredible game, and both teams were excellent. Oldfield were amazing in their application of the game plan and the determination of every player. Their success is fantastic, and they deserve their victory, but I am equally proud of how this group of students conduct themselves. They are a real team, supportive and kind to each other. In my many years of teaching this team has the greatest comradery of any other team I have seen. They are incredible young men and role models. Well done to Mr Gann who has worked with this team to guide them to success.

Watching the game did make me think of the comparisons to our term. It has been stormy, but we have been undeterred in supporting the students and looking to improve. It has been great to see changes and improvements since my start in September. Still lots to do as always but the staff have been terrific and a real strength of the school. Next term we will continue to work on teaching and learning, behaviour for learning and attendance. This will remain the focus for all staff. In addition, we will be looking at electronic platforms to support communication with you.

Year 11 and 13

We are very aware that tension can grow as the examinations approach. Tension and stress can help focus but it is a fine balance and students must also be nurtured during this time. The last thing anyone wants is to do is overload and cause too much anxiety. We want everyone to achieve but not at the expense of their mental health.

In school our plans are to finish each course, have regular short assessments to identify gaps and reteach where necessary, and finally model exam practice to prepare the students for their examinations. Within this, like you, we will have to guide, listen and encourage, finding the right balance in workload.

Please contact the school if you need to talk or have any concerns about your child during this time.

I am looking forward to Term 4, but ready for a short rest and recharge.

Best wishes,

Andy Greenhough, Headteacher

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Or visit our website for information on all aspects of the school

www.oldfieldschool.com

NOTICE BOARD



Office 365 Microsoft Office 365

A reminder that all students at Oldfield School are able to install the latest versions of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher for free on their computers at home.

1. Go to the O365 website: <https://portal.office.com>

2. Sign in using your school email address and password
Sign in

22.j.smith@oldfieldschool.com

3. On the Launchpad page, click on the 'Install apps' button

Install apps ▾

Mr Howard, Digital Leader and ICT Teacher

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



Read Like A Champion is Oldfield's new school-wide reading strategy which has been designed to support students in the development of key reading skills: Predicting, Summarising, Engaging and Evaluating.

Each student has been given a Reading Ruler which is now part of their essential lesson equipment - with the guidance of their teachers, they will use these in all subjects.

Ultimately, our ambition is that each of our students is a confident, fluent and independent reader who can access all areas of their learning. In other words, we want them to Read Like A Champion!

You can see all the information on this on the website here;

www.oldfieldschool.com/school-information/literacy-and-reading/

You can download a reading ruler here;

www.oldfieldschool.com/school-information/literacy-and-reading/read-like-a-champion/

WORD OF THE WEEK

Every week we share a new Word of the Week on the website and on our Instagram account. We would love students to try and use this word as much as possible during that week, in their school work, in their messages, at home, and whenever they can sneak the word in!

Term 3 Words of the Week were;

resolution, prohibit, arbitrary,
commodity, intrinsic,
sufficient

Please keep practicing using them .

Reading Ruler



Summarise:

What have you just read?

- Identify the **subject/topic** (often found in the first sentence of the paragraph/text)
- In one sentence, summarise the **content** (what the paragraph/whole text was about)



Engage:

- Were any **words** new to you? (3 maximum)
 - Try to work out their meaning from the **words around them** in the sentence.
 - Try to break the word/s down into **syllables/parts** and see if these remind you of words you already know.
 - Use an available resource (e.g. dictionary, glossary, partner, etc.) to find the **definition/synonyms/antonym**
- Apart from vocabulary, do you have any **questions** about what you've read?



Evaluate:

- Which **words** were the most important and why? (3 maximum)
- Which **sentence** was the most interesting and why?
- Identify the **key idea or piece of information** (What did the writer really want you to know?).
 - Try to **link the text** to something else you know or have read.
- How might this text be **useful** to you?

Dates for your diary

19 Feb 2024, 8pm OSA Meeting in the Boathouse, Newbridge. Please come along—all welcome.

15 Mar 2024 OSA Quiz Night

17 Mar 2024 Bath Half; come and support the OSA team!

Any enquiries, ideas or questions, please email osa@oldfieldschool.com

BATH HALF MARATHON

Training is going well for the OSA Bath Half Team, under the expert guidance of Oldfield parent and running trainer Hannah Lees. The team are clocking up the miles in preparation for the big day on **Sunday 17th March** – please do come along and support us on the day if you can. (We'll all be wearing Oldfield PE tops to help you spot us!). We are raising funds as part of plans to improve the school site, with the aim of providing new outdoor seating and covered areas that will benefit all students at Oldfield. Please do consider making a



donation if you are able to, and many thanks to all of you who have donated so far. It really does help motivate us to get out and train! <https://gofund.me/d54ade54>



BATH HALF MARATHON SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024



Please support our team of staff, students, and parents either by cheering us along on the day, or by donating via the QR code below. Thank you!

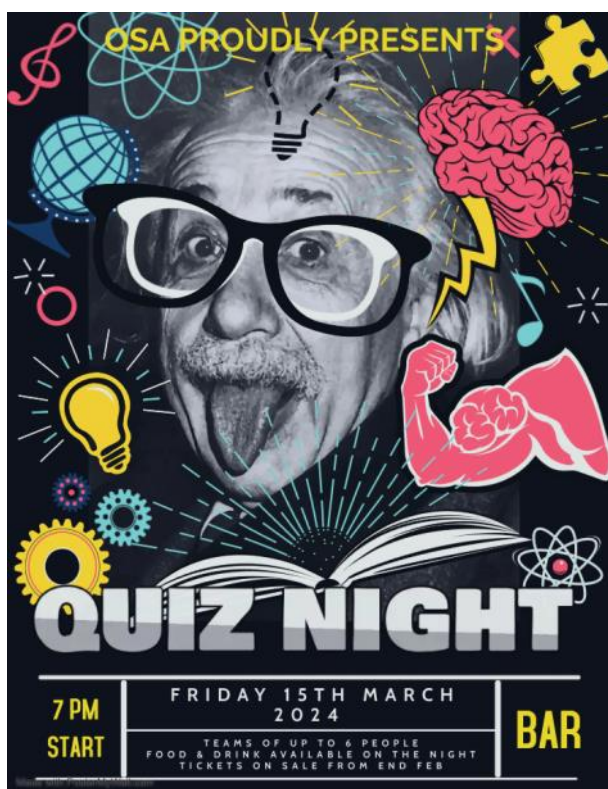
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A massive thank you to our team of runners

Caz Gamlin, Lisa McCarthy, Artem Halan, Amy Green, Dayton Little, Adam Inglis, Loz Dorman, Ali Norris, Claire Mellor, Alex MacKenzie, Mim Wharf, and Gill Simpson, and to Hannah Lees for her training support.



OSA QUIZ NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE

The annual Oldfield Quiz makes it return on **Friday 15th March**. Teams of up to 6 people, with food and drink served on the night. Tickets will go on sale after half-term on ParentPay. Please do come along and join us for what is always a popular and enjoyable night out.

NEXT OSA MEETING

The OSA meeting is on **Monday 19th February** at the Boathouse in Newbridge, 8pm. If you're interested in finding out more about what we do and how to get involved, please do come along and join us for a drink and a chat. It's very friendly and informal, and it's always great to see some new faces.

Living in the real world!

In term 3 we have had a number of external visitors to help with our 'living in the real world' strand of the PSHE curriculum in Sixth Form. WizeUp Financial gave an extensive talk to our Year 12 cohort on the impact of taxation on personal finances. In Year 13 we have had our apprenticeship week and completed over 70 applications to UCAS for university places in the coming year.

Mr Hayward, Head of Year 12



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SIXTH FORM

Year 7 Royal Navy Team building workshops

We were very pleased to be able to welcome in the Royal Navy last week to conduct a series of teambuilding workshops with our Year 7 students. The Royal Navy representatives explained some interesting facts and shared information about what they get up to in their jobs before engaging the students in a some active teambuilding. One of the first exercises was to form two groups. Each group had to hold hands and pass a hula hoop around the whole group without breaking links. There was lots of shouting, encouraging words and sometimes sharp orders from the group as they tried to beat the other group in who was quickest to complete the task. Later in smaller groups, the students were given a kit of equipment that they had to assemble, they had to listen carefully to the instructions and work closely to try and achieve the task.

Altogether the Year 7s worked really hard at these tasks and came away with some good insight into what it means to work together. A big thank you to the Royal Navy for coming in, working with and encouraging our students.

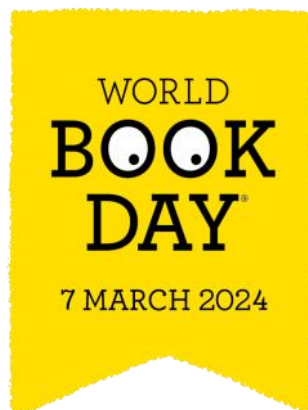


Girls' Toilets

We have been working with students on respecting their environment and the facilities that they and their peers use. Students requested that we do something about the girls toilets to help make them more inviting. In response, we now have a lovely set of toilets with special soaps, creating a nicer environment for our students which they are learning to respect and enjoy.



World Book Day is fast approaching after half term and here are the activities we're looking forward to getting students and staff involved with;



HOUSE READING COMPETITION

- Borrow books from the library.
- Read books from the library.
- Books get added to House Tower.
- Tallest House Tower wins.

Rules

- Books must be borrowed from Oldfield School Library.
- Books counted must be borrowed between Tuesday 6th February and Thursday 7th March (World Book Day) inclusively.
- No cheating! Students must read the books they have borrowed.
- No quick/short/easy books below student reading capabilities.

STAFF TO DRESS AS BOOK CHARACTERS

- Competition between departments.
- Students in full uniform.
- Students to guess the books/book characters – prize for the most correct. Entries to Mrs Pearce by midday on Friday 8th March.

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

- For first 15 minutes of every lesson in Years 7-10.
- Students will need a reading book with them for the day.
- Book boxes can be created if needed for classrooms – please contact Mrs Pearce before Tuesday 5th March.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

- Fun lunch time activities – quizzes, competitions, wordsearches and trails for Years 7 - 8.
- Sweets and prizes available.



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th February we joined schools across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2024**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology. In school we took part in an assembly, quizzes, and a poster competition.



We would be delighted if you wanted to continue the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in top tips for parents and carers which are available at: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Midnite Youth Theatre Visit



Our links with Christchurch Grammar School in Perth Australia continue to develop when we welcomed their theatre group 'Midnite Youth' to come and perform their specially commissioned production of 'How to make friends and influence people on the road' to Oldfield School on January 10th.

GCSE and A Level Drama students watched the performance and then had the opportunity for a Q&A session followed by the chance to meet and talk to each other more informally. They also met the director and playwright and talked about the process of developing a performance for production. Students also shared experiences of being Drama students and shared tips for learning lines and accents.

This is the fourth time that Midnite Theatre have visited Oldfield as a part of their UK and Europe Tour, we look forward to welcoming them back in two years' time! Who knows, maybe one day we'll go and visit them.

A Level Drama Exam Performances



Our Year 13 students had their last A Level performance exam on Thursday 15th January. They presented an extract from Frank McGuinness's 'Someone Who'll Watch Over Me' and their own devised piece entitled 'Apply Yourself'.

Students performed to GCSE Drama students as well as some KS3 students throughout the week, which was a great opportunity for the younger students to watch the older students perform.

Congratulations on a fantastic performance!

Ms Bloomfield, Head of Drama

House Rewards Trip - Term 3 - 8th February

The Term 3 House Rewards Trip at Oldfield School was a resounding success, bringing together the top house point earners from each House across Year 7 to Year 11. The event aimed to reward students for their hard work and dedication throughout the term.

It featured an exciting array of activities held in the transformed Sports Hall, creating a vibrant atmosphere for all attendees. The highlight of the event was the transformation of the Sports Hall into an engaging activity area; 3 giant inflatable assault courses, promoting a hugely entertaining, friendly competition. A gladiator bungee competition added an extra element of excitement and adrenaline to the event.

Forty students from each year group and from across the Houses participated, ensuring a diverse representation of students across different age groups. This inclusive approach allowed students from all levels to come together and enjoy the rewards of their efforts around school during Term 3.

The event was filled with laughter, cheers, and camaraderie as students enthusiastically tackled the various challenges. Overall, the House Rewards event was a memorable and enjoyable experience for all involved. It provided an opportunity for students to unwind, bond with their peers, and celebrate their achievements in a fun and exciting setting. The event's success underscores the importance of recognizing and rewarding students for their hard work and contributions to their Houses and the school community.

Thank you to all Heads of Houses who made this event possible, and congratulations to the participants for their outstanding achievements. We look forward to more House Rewards Trips and opportunities for celebration in the future.



House Sport - Term 3 - Basketball and Football

Oldfield School recently concluded its highly anticipated inter-house tournament, featuring spirited competitions in both House Basketball and House Football. Students from all houses enthusiastically participated in these events, showcasing their athletic skills and team spirit.

In addition to the main sporting activities, pupils were also offered a variety of recreational and competitive games, ensuring maximum participation and enjoyment for all students.

A special acknowledgment goes to the dedicated PE staff who generously volunteered their time to organise and oversee the smooth running of the tournament. Their commitment and passion for promoting sportsmanship and healthy competition were instrumental in making the event a success.

Furthermore, appreciation is extended to the other teaching staff who supported the PE department, whether through assistance with logistics or encouragement of student involvement. Their collaborative effort contributed significantly to the overall positive atmosphere and success of the inter-house tournament.

As the anticipation builds, the results of the tournament are set to be released next term, eagerly awaited by students and staff alike. The event not only fostered a sense of camaraderie and school spirit but also highlighted the importance of sports and physical activity in the school community.

PSHEdition

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We did it! We are now officially a **RE:SET Healthy Relationships Champion School!!!** We know that our students lives are changing at a very fast rate and our curriculum will continue to evolve to equip them to the challenges that even we face as adults, when it comes to relationships. We will continue to work

The logo for RE:SET, featuring the word 'RE:SET' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The colon is replaced by a stylized orange and yellow dot.

alongside Tender to keep up the momentum of a curriculum that works for our students. We also want to make sure that you as parents feel equipped to help your young people when they come to you for help and guidance. We will look at more opportunities during this academic year to bring parents and carers in to take part in workshops. Watch this space!



Our work with Tender has mainly been in school but on Tuesday 6th February we were invited to be on a panel with Tender at the **Festival of Activism** hosted at The Watershed in Bristol by The Green House. The panel was called 'The Power of Curiosity and Creative Engagement; Unlocking Prevention Education'. Sarah Macnaughton represented the school by talking about the workshops that Tender have led at the school and how it has empowered our young people to discuss what they want from healthy relationships and how they can spot unhealthy traits. This



type of education for everyone is so fundamental to equipping our students. We must make sure that tough topics are discussed in age appropriate ways to help our young people. You can find out more information about The Green House and their work at www.the-green-house.org.uk/.



We are also relaunching our **United Differences** Group in school. We want students to leave a legacy when they move on from Oldfield. What do they want celebrated? What days, weeks and months would our students like to talk about and discuss? It's currently LGBT+ History Month and we'll be returning in Term 4 with a tutorial based on its history and this year's theme of #underthescope but what else is on the horizon? Our new Year 7 students are talking about a Random Acts of Kindness Week next term to promote kindness and respect for each other. What a fantastic idea!

Oldfield Curriculum Our Year 7 students have been solving cryptic messages and getting out of the classroom to collect clues to solve puzzles. They've put their new team skills to the test and have loved bringing the curriculum to life. It's been Safer Internet Week and Year 8 looked at **Cyberbullying** and misinformation on social media; they are now more equipped to spot fact from fiction. Year 9 have started their **Relationship, Sex and Health Education** and are considering how relationships change as they grow older. Our Specialist Community Health Nurse Ruth has been visiting classes to support with this. **Citizenship** and what it means to be British has been covered by Year 10s this term. They've taken part in the British Citizenship Test as well as really considered how diverse our communities and country has become.

A very successful start to 2024! Look out for our PSHE page on the Oldfield website from next term!

Mrs Macnaughton, Head of PSHE

Senior netball

The senior netball squads kicked off a new season against Ralph Allen on 16th January - it's always a great fixture in the calendar and it didn't disappoint. There was lots of great netball skills and prowess on display from both schools and a hard, well-fought game played out in a great atmosphere.

The Year 11 team got off to a strong start sinking their goals and managing to keep the Ralph Allen defence at bay. At quarter time (4-4), and halftime (7-7), you couldn't split them, helped by some great shots from Alex, Hana and Tia!

It came down to the final few seconds and we were just pipped by the clock as we were unable to sink the last goal and the final score was 13-14 to Ralph Allen.

The Year 10 team came out fighting from the first whistle and made a good start but were unlucky with some loss of possession in the attacking third, meaning we were unable to put up all our shots. Ralph Allen capitalised on this and by half time we were down by 4 but defence didn't give up working hard in the circle to regain possession where we could.

Unfortunately the Ralph Allen attack proved too strong and, despite a great effort from Jasmine and Anaya shooting in the last quarter, we lost by 7.

Well done to all squad players - it is a pleasure to see you back on court!

Mrs Little, Second in PE



Netball win!

Congratulations to the Year 10/11 combined netball squad who beat Chew Valley 21-7 on 23rd January. It was a great game with both teams working hard all over the court to gain and keep possession. Our shooters, Tia, Cailey, Mya and Jasmine made sure the goals kept coming and some great interceptions from Gracie in defence and Poppy in centre court gave us the advantage on many turnovers.

Congratulations to Tia who was voted player of the match.

Year 7 Girls Football

In an exhilarating match on Wednesday, January 31st, the Year 7 girls' football team showcased their skills in a friendly against Somervale. Demonstrating exceptional teamwork, they secured a remarkable 6-2 victory. Despite Somervale's strong efforts, the girls remained resilient, emerging triumphant.

The team's cohesive performance left them elated, eagerly anticipating their upcoming tournament, where they'll face off against other schools in the area, ready to tackle new challenges and exhibit their talent once again. I am very proud of the girls' successes in recent matches and proud of their hard work and dedication to the team.

Miss Kernan, PE Teacher



Somerset Schools Cup Football Competition

On Thursday 25th January, Oldfield Year 10 played Bridgwater in a last 16 game in the Somerset Schools Cup Football competition.

Oldfield got off to a good start, dominating possession in the early stages of the game but did not make the most of opportunities created. The opponents had a couple of pacey players in their attack that we dealt with mostly well on the counterattack. Unfortunately, a wide cross from the opponents was met by the opposition forward who scored a header from close range to make it 1-0. For the majority of the match Oldfield looked the better team and created chances but failed to convert. Bridgwater kept counter attacking and created a few opportunities, one attack earned them a penalty due to a foul in the 18 yard box. They failed to convert the penalty thanks to an excellent save from Jake



Goodridge in goal. Bridgwater also had another well hit shot from close range that Jake blocked expertly.

As the game entered the last 10 minutes, Oldfield attacked well, creating two clear chances but neither led to a goal. Another day I would have backed the team to score them both but sadly this time we were not able to. We wish Bridgwater the best of luck in the next round and our focus now shifts to the B&NES league cup.

Man of the match has to be Jake Goodridge for keeping us in the game!

Mr Driver, Head of PE and Dance

Senior Netball

Both senior netball teams headed to Somervale last week for a triangular match with Somervale and Ralph Allen.

Year 11

Year 11 had the bare 7 and so there were no options to rest or recover. Because of this, some players had to rotate and play out of position in defence, which they did with no fuss, giving it their all in position.

Both games started very well and were close, with all teams pushing for goals on their centre pass. Fortunately, we got the break in the Somervale game, and then our attack unit of Hana, Mya and Tia were on fire in the shooting circle, just popping them in from everywhere and we proved too much for their defence! In the Ralph Allen game it was much tighter going goal for goal until our defence took a couple of timely interceptions and we managed to get the edge just at the end.

Oldfield	18	Somervale	7
Oldfield	6	Ralph Allen	4

Congratulations to Hana being voted player of the match.

Year 10

The Year 10 squad had two tough matches which were much closer and they had to keep their foot on the gas throughout to ensure the lead. The defence unit worked hard to try and keep their shooters out of the circle and cause them some delay in their fluency while our shooters were under a lot of pressure to get into shooting positions and get the ball in the net.

Despite the pressure, we managed to survive and came away with two wins.

Oldfield	7	Ralph Allen	6
Oldfield	6	Somervale	4

Congratulations to Cailey and Inaya voted players of the match.

Mrs Little, Second in PE

Sports Leaders

Sports leaders in Year 9 have had a great term of leading primary school festivals this term.

We held two festivals for Year 2 during Term 3 where all the leaders got to deliver and run sessions to the primary school children. The leaders planned the sessions and made sure they were fun and enjoyable for all the children involved. The leaders showed many skills and behaviours required to be a good sports leader, including communication, self belief, team work and problem solving.

The ambassadors in Year 8 also did an amazing job of looking after the children in the afternoon and making sure they all had an enjoyable afternoon. Well done to all the students that took part.

Our sports leaders in Year 12 attended a coaching session at Newbridge with Mr John. They ran an invasion session to both Year 6 classes during the afternoon.

Next term the sports leaders will be involved in running festivals for Year 5 children and the sixth form leaders will be going into primary schools to run other coaching sessions.



Mrs Bell, PE Teacher



Match Report: Oldfield School vs. St. Gregory's School Under 16

In a thrilling basketball matchup between Oldfield School and St. Gregory's School, the home team, Oldfield, faced a tough challenge from the visiting St. Gregory's team. The game, held in the packed sports hall of Oldfield School, showcased intense athleticism and skill from both sides.

From the opening tip-off, it was evident that St. Gregory's came prepared to play, displaying a high level of coordination and teamwork. Despite the valiant efforts of Oldfield School's players, St. Gregory's quickly gained control of the game, utilising their speed and precision to build a dominant lead.

Oldfield School fought hard to stay in the game, with standout performances from key players such as Luca and Dylan in Year 11, but St. Gregory's relentless offensive pressure and stifling defence proved too much to handle.

Despite a late-game surge from Oldfield School, fuelled by the passionate support of their home crowd, St. Gregory's maintained their composure and secured a well-deserved win over Oldfield School.

Mr John, PE Teacher

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Oldfield School Triumphs Over Chew Valley in BANES Cup Final

In a thrilling and fiercely contested BANES Cup Final at Keynsham RFC, Oldfield School emerged victorious over Chew Valley with a hard-fought 17-12 victory. The rain-soaked field was witness to an intense battle between two formidable Year 11 rugby teams, with both sides showcasing their skills and determination in front of a packed crowd of parents and students.

From the onset, it was evident that neither team was willing to concede an inch, as bone-crunching tackles and strategic plays dominated the pitch. Chew Valley, known for their resilience and tenacity, proved to be formidable opponents, applying relentless pressure on Oldfield School's defense.

Led by the brilliant Captain, Will Tanner, Oldfield School demonstrated exceptional teamwork and resilience throughout the match. Tanner's leadership on the field and outstanding decision making with his kicking options was instrumental in keeping his teammates focused and motivated, inspiring them to rise to the occasion.

Despite Chew Valley's ferocious attacks, Oldfield School remained composed and disciplined, refusing to succumb to the pressure. The entire squad displayed tremendous determination and grit, working tirelessly to gain the upper hand.

As the game entered its final stages, with the score deadlocked at 12-12, it was Jacob McClean who emerged as the hero for Oldfield School. In a breathtaking display of skill and determination, McClean found a gap in Chew Valley's defense and surged forward, crossing the try line with just seven minutes remaining on the clock.

The roar of the crowd echoed across the rain-soaked field as McClean's try propelled Oldfield School into the lead, sending their supporters into a frenzy of celebration. Despite Chew Valley's valiant efforts to mount a comeback, Oldfield School's defense held firm, denying their opponents any opportunity to regain the lead.

As the final whistle blew, signaling the end of the match, jubilant cheers erupted from the Oldfield School camp. With their hard-earned victory, they were crowned the BANES Cup Champions, a testament to their skill, determination, and unwavering spirit.

In what was a truly unforgettable final, Oldfield School emerged as worthy winners, etching their names into the annals of rugby history. It is important to note that this was the first Year 11 rugby team from Oldfield School to achieve this great accomplishment! As they celebrated amidst a sea of cheers and applause, they did so not only as champions but as a full squad united in their pursuit of excellence.

Mr Gann, PE Teacher

Staff v Student Sport

The 2024 season of staff v student netball started with a bang this month as both sides arrived expecting to win.

As expected it was a battle from the start with the Sixth Form defence making life difficult for the staff attack unit as they tried to get the ball into the circle. Ms Cornelius was having none of it as she started to sink the goals along with Mr Ashcroft and Mr Axe!

At the other end Silvia and Becky turned on the magic and were popping their goals in as our defence unit took a couple of interceptions along the way. There was not a lot in it as we entered the final quarter but some great play from our centre court caused some errors by the Sixth Form team and we were able to capitalise by scoring a few consecutive goals.

The game finished with a win for the staff team 28-21. A great game of quality netball from both sides and we are all looking forward to the return match.

Congratulations to Miss Kernan and Jess C for being voted players of the match!



U14 Basketball Triangular Competition

On 18th January, Oldfield School hosted the BANES Under 14 Basketball Triangular Tournament. The event featured teams from Oldfield, St Mark's, and St Greg's. In the first game, Oldfield emerged victorious over St Mark's with a final score of 16-9, showcasing strong offensive and defensive play. However, St Mark's managed to bounce back in the second game, defeating St Greg's with a score of 12-18, demonstrating their resilience and determination on the court. The final game between Oldfield and St Greg's was tightly contested, but ultimately St Greg's secured the win with a score of 16-14, displaying their skill and composure under pressure. Overall, the tournament showcased competitive matchups and impressive performances from all three teams.

Mr Gann, PE Teacher

Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school



Bristol Rover signing

A huge congratulations to Alex Murphy in Year 9, as he signed his first contract with Bristol Rovers FC last week! Alex has been on trial with them for the past 8 weeks, he has worked extremely hard and he has gained this achievement. Well done Alex!

Avon Schools Sports Hall Athletics

A big well done to Alex Sandison, Esther Abrahams and Ella Snook who competed in the Avon School Sports Hall Athletics Competition recently. They took part in many events and did very well. A special mention to Alex who came second in the 6 lap and third in the standing long jump and scored an impressive 1.94m.



FROM OUR COMMUNITY



Bath & North East Somerset

**Violence
Reduction
Partnership**

Knife Crime Awareness Event for Parents and Carers

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are running a series of knife crime awareness events throughout February and March.

These events will take place in schools across the area. The first event will be held at Writhlington School on February 22nd (17.30 to 19.30), followed by Hayesfield Girls School on February 29th (18.00 to 20.00) and Cameley CEVC Primary School on March 18th (18.00 to 20.00).

The events are aimed at parents and carers who would like to know more about the dangers of knife crime or are concerned that their children are at risk. They aim to increase awareness of key issues surrounding knife crime, empowering you and your children to make informed and positive decisions to stay safe.

You will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers with lived experience who have been personally affected by knife crime. There will also be a presentation by Street Doctors followed by a panel discussion with the opportunity to ask questions.

**For queries, please email VRU_Events@bathnes.gov.uk
Or book your ticket now on Eventbrite:**

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<https://KnifeCrimeAwareEventWrithlington.eventbrite.co.uk>

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<https://KnifeCrimeAwareHayesfield.eventbrite.co.uk>

Cameley Primary School, 18th March, 18.00 to 20.00

<https://KnifeCrimeAwarenessCameley.eventbrite.co.uk>

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<https://bcssp.bathnes.gov.uk/vru>



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