

Important Dates;

25 June

Rainbow Friday

28 June

WEEK 1

01 July

Yr 12 Bath Uni Trip

Year 10 Parents' Evening

02 July

Primary Schools' Sports Festival

05 July

WEEK 2

Sports Day

06 July

Year 11 Sixth Form Induction (2)

Year 9 Sports Leaders Pentathlon event

Year 11 Sixth Form Induction Parent

Evening (online)

07 July

Year 9 Sports Leaders event

OSA Meeting

08 July

New Intake Evening Yr 6 parents

Year 11 Assembly and BBQ

12 July

WEEK 1

15 July

Year 12 Parents' Evening

16 July

Year 13 Leavers Assembly and BBQ

19 July

WEEK 2

Summer Concert and Creatives

Showcase

20 July

Oldfest 2021

Year 12 Shindig

21 July

END OF TERM 6

06 September 2021

START OF YEAR 2021-2022

TERM 1

Years 7, 10, 12 only

07 September 2021

Whole school in

Dear Parents / Carers

In this, the penultimate, newsletter of this year the focus is on the return of some of the whole school events that we have not been able to do over the last 16 months. These include; Sports Day, Oldfest, the Summer Concert and Creatives Exhibition and assemblies and BBQs for Year 11 and Year 13 students, therefore it will be a busy end of term at the school. We have also been able to invite primary school children back for primary school sports festivals and to run the Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, with the Silver Award this week and Bronze Award two weeks ago. Both expeditions have been very successful and involved challenging walks with full rucksacks, overnight camping and lots of fun for all involved.

Looking ahead to the last day of term we will be finishing early on Wednesday 21st July with Years 7 to 9 finishing at 1220 and Years 10 and 12 at 1320; buses will depart at 1230 and 1330 respectively. This provides us with the opportunity for staff to get together and say goodbye to those colleagues who are leaving at the end of this year.

Best wishes and stay safe

Steven Mackay, Headteacher



Date for your diary; Next OSA Meeting, 7th July at 7pm, online.

Uniform Donations

Many thanks to all of you that have kindly donated uniform to the OSA for the recent second-hand sale. Please continue to send in any donations of Price and Buckland uniform items for our sales.



Get Ready for Oldfest 2021

Two years ago we held our first ever school festival, Oldfest and it was a great success with students and staff (although those in the water stocks might think otherwise!)

Last year it was unable to take place, but we are hoping to go ahead this year on Tuesday 20th July. It is a chance to celebrate all our hard work, have fun and to raise money for charity. Each year group will have a theme for their stalls and each tutor group will be in charge of a stall.


Tutor groups will use tutor time to plan their stall and collect everything that they need. Students will run their stall using a rota so it is manned at all times but they also get the chance to enjoy the festival.

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Sports Day 2021

We are very pleased to be welcoming back Sports Day after missing it last year.

This year Sports Day will be on Monday 5th July. Students will be involved in a range of sports in the morning and in the afternoon we will run our athletic track events. All students will be representing their house in at least one sport, which is brilliant!

On the day, students need to wear their PE kits to school. They can also choose to wear a T-shirt in the colour of their House if they wish to, as part of their PE kit, and face paints are allowed to further encourage healthy House competition!

Please bring plenty of water for the day and sunscreen. A suitable hat is also advisable if it is a hot day, for when students are not competing.

There will also be an opportunity to buy ice creams at break time that day, kindly being provided by the OSA.

Sadly we are unable to invite parents to our Sports Day this year, due to the restrictions in place. Good luck everyone!

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

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.

Reporting Absence

If you need to report an absence, please ring the main number and use the absence answer machine to leave a message. Alternatively please email attendance@oldfieldschool.com

Summer Concert to go ahead!

I wrote to you last term to let you know that we were tentatively planning our summer concert for the end of this term. I am delighted to let you know that we are going ahead, and all are welcome!

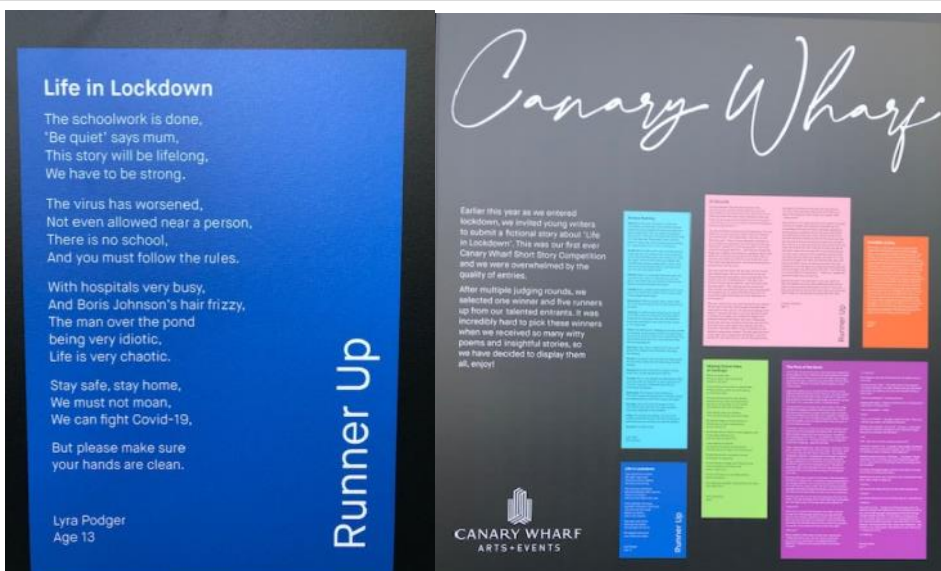
As restrictions have slowly lifted we have been able to hold some rehearsals in school. As such, alongside the soloists, we will be treated to performances by Concert Band, Year 7 Ukulele Group, Samba Band and Oldfield Voices.

The concert will take place in a marquee on school grounds and is going to be a fabulous evening of music and entertainment. I really hope to see you there.

Mrs Robinson, Head of Music



Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school



We were so proud to hear that one of our Year 9 students, Lyra Podger was one of 5 runners up in the Canary Wharf Young Writers' Competition in lockdown 1. Her poem (the subject was life in lockdown) has been published on the wall of Canary Wharf Roof Garden. Her and her family were able to visit the place in between the lockdowns, her mum said "it was a real thrill for her to see her poem on the wall!"

Well done Lyra—amazing achievement!

After a whole year of planning and restrictions lifted for over night camping for schools, we finally got to complete the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh expedition in Term 5. The first expedition for the Bronze Award was set in the beautiful Marlborough downs and consisted of a



20k hike followed by an over night stay including camp craft and cooking. The weather was typical for DofE; swinging between extremes! On this weekend



we encountered a sizzling British heatwave. This did not deter the students who were outstanding in conditions that were more similar to the Sahara rather than South of Swindon. On the route there were lots of hydration stops to keep the students on track in the challenging conditions, plus they received a well earned ice lolly from me when we arrived in camp, to keep morale high and temperatures down.



Our second expedition for our Silver students, was to a new location along the River Severn in Gloucester. This was a three day expedition and students saw a big difference in the

temperatures from the previous weekend; the drop off location was Sharpness viewpoint which is an active port with howling winds sweeping down river. The students adapted brilliantly to the conditions and used the tail wind to their advantage as they travelled south along the River Severn before twisting inland to the higher ground of Berkeley Castle and our campsite. The students travelled great distances over the next three days with a grand total of 57k completed before returning to our pick up point back at Sharpness



viewpoint. A remarkable achievement by our resilient and determined Oldfield students. It was a real pleasure to spend such quality time with each and everyone of those students who took part in the Duke of Edinburgh expedition this year.



Hopefully after completing this expedition all students can now go onto completing the other sections of the award so they can receive certificates at the start of the new school year.

Mr John, DofE Coordinator



Stamp Design Competition

Our Key Stage 3 students (Years 7-9) have spent their tutor sessions designing stamps that pay tribute to our key workers. Our stamps will be entered into the [#herosofthepandemic](#) competition that Royal Mail is currently running.

Winning designs will be made into an official stamp for UK postal distribution - good luck to everyone who took part!



Mr Pearce, Head of Art



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Bountiful books in library re-opening!

We are very pleased to see our library back up and running—beautifully decorated once again by the ingenious Mrs Pearce; librarian extraordinaire!

During the pandemic restrictions, the library has served the useful purpose of helping to house students and staff that needed the extra space for social distancing, but as we have now been able to open our new SEND building, the Hemmings Centre, we are pleased to restore the library to its former vibrant glory. Students should come and visit and see what new displays and themes are shown off here.



The Young Editors Project

In 2017, while writing *The Lifters*, a middle-grade book, Dave Eggers assembled a committee of young editors aged 8-12. He gave them his manuscript and asked for their feedback. With red pens in hand, they marked up the book, and these notes made the book stronger.

“Student readers are especially important, because their enthusiasm is so pure,” Eggers says. “One young reader, for example, put hearts all over the book to mark the parts she liked. She noted places where she thought I could improve the book, of course, but the enthusiasm meant the world to me. Now I can’t imagine writing something for young people without getting their input.”

The Young Editors Project works to unite young readers with manuscripts in progress, whether they are picture books, YA novels, or something in between. They believe that young readers can offer a valuable perspective to authors, illustrators, and publishers whether for a book in development with lingering editorial questions or a book that's ready for the marketplace. The best part of the Young Editors Project is that it does two important things: gives kids a meaningful way to participate in the publishing process and gives authors and publishers important insights about which books feel the most authentic to the age range of their readers.

The authors have noted that not only is the project an excellent opportunity for kids to feel part of the publishing industry by advising on manuscripts and building future editors, but also collapses the space between reader and author by allowing direct feedback while the book is still a work in progress.

Oldfield were invited to be part of the project and a total of 35 students from all year groups received a manuscript which they then read and commented on. The students chose between three manuscripts;

- A manuscript by **Terry Lowell** about three bickering children who secretly adopt Santa when he is turned into a baby. Now all they have to do is hide him from their parents, change his nappy, defeat an evil witch and save Christmas.
- **Desi Girl Speaking**, which is about South Asian teenager Tweety who, after finally landing the coveted role of lead dancer, tells her parents about her depression. Unfortunately, Tweety's parents ignore her revelation and instead think prayer will solve her so-called "issues". Tweety finds solace in a podcast titled Desi Girl Speaking.
- **I, Witness: Freshta Tori Jan**. The series is brand new and features first-person accounts from the perspective of remarkable young people. This one is about Freshta Tori Jan who had to pack up and leave the life she has always known in Herat following the Taliban attack. The novel follows Freshta as she navigates her new life in a different city and the discrimination she has to face as a Hazara.

The Young Editors at Oldfield School were incredible. They were not only serious about their role, but also empathetic, honest and open. Some of the students wrote such moving pieces it made Mrs Pearce and the manager of the Project cry! They were so impressed by our remarkable students that they have asked us to continue being involved in the project. Students who wish to take part next time will need to contact Mrs Pearce.

PSHE News



PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education) has had a busy month. Not only have we been celebrating Pride, we've been busy keeping our sunflowers alive, following Mental Health Awareness Week in May and some students have had talks from Avon and Somerset Police on County Lines. As well as all the usual curriculum content taught by the PSHE team.

We begin with the news that Mr Hellard's and Ms Kovac's tutor groups successfully kept their sunflowers alive over the half term break. Other sunflowers did not fare so well so we've decided to keep the project going; planting our sunflowers outside so they can really feel the benefit of the warmer weather with fierce competition on whose tutor group can keep their sunflowers growing and whose will be the highest?



Pride Month is upon us and this year we have been celebrating our fantastic diverse community in several ways. From badges to flags, rainbow face masks to displays, we are encouraging students to be supportive to friends and family members of the LGBTQIA+ community and most importantly our students at Oldfield.



As part of our Pride celebrations we are hosting a range of activities as part of 'Just Like Us' Schools Diversity Week which has run from 21st – 25th June. Every year the organisation run masterclasses and lots of activities to promote equal opportunities for all students.



On **Friday 25th June** students are invited to 'Wear The Rainbow' underneath their blazers. Students can wear a rainbow striped top or a single colour top with one of the rainbow colours to embrace the end of the Diversity Week celebrations. We want to create a rainbow so

don't hide those colours with logos. Remember the redesigned Pride flag has different colours that represent all diversity.

In tutorials, students have been designing their own flags to capture who they are. From football inspired flags to celebrate the Euros to their favourite foods, its been fantastic to see their beautiful designs. The flags will be displayed in school to represent all our students.



Topaz Talks

This term we kicked off our PSHE programme with a talk from Androulla Nicolau from Avon and Somerset Child Protection Team. Andri came in to talk about how students use social media, giving them top tips on how to protect themselves online and whilst using their phones. She also spoke about the wider community in terms of County Lines and the students in Year 8, Year 9 and Year 12 were very responsive listening to the problems facing some young adults in our area. The intention of the talks is to raise awareness of the dangers of social media but also about how to keep themselves safe and help their friends and peers. If you would like more information or guidance on keeping safe online visit www.internetmatters.org



Displays in the library as part of the Pride Month.



Year 12 Art Cohort trip

Year 12 textiles students walked to Chelsea Road (just down the road from school) to the Art Cohort, a gallery showing local work, to visit a wool exhibition by Lou Baker. Lou was there to give a talk about her work and they were able to do some knitting.

Extra-curricular Clubs

Oldfield PE and Dance extracurricular clubs are back in full flow and we have had good attendance at the majority of them. We have moved to our summer sports including athletics, cricket, tennis and rounders as well as dance activities continuing to run in the summer term. Please encourage attendance and take advantage of the opportunity for some fun additional sport and physical activity prior to the summer holidays.



<u>Week 1</u>		
Day	2.45-3.45pm Year 7, 8 & 9 Only	3.45-4.45pm Year 10, 11 & Sixth Form Only
Monday	Year 8 and 9 Cricket (JOD- Sp. Hall/Muga) Year 9 Dance (SMH) **Y8 change gym, Y9 change Sp.Hall**	
Tuesday	Year 8 Football (Bath City FC – Sp Hall)	Year 10 5 a-side football (Bath City FC) Year 10 Cricket (DRR)
Wednesday	Year 7 Athletics (BER - Penn) Year 8 & 9 Rounder (LIK - Penn) Year 7 Dance Club (MAS - Studio) Year 9 Cricket (DOL – Sp Hall/MUGA) *Y7 change in Dance, Y8 Change Gym, Y9 change Sp. Hall*	
Thursday	Year 7 Cricket (Mr Blake – Sp. Hall/Muga) Year 9 Tennis (DRR - Courts) *Y9 change gym, Y7 change Sp. Hall*	Year 10 Athletics (GAC) Year 10 Basketball (AXD)

<u>Week 2</u>		
Day	2.45-3.45pm Year 7, 8 & 9 Only	3.45-4.45pm Year 10, 11 & Sixth Form Only
Monday		
Tuesday	Year 7 & 8 Tennis (JOD Courts) Year 7 Rounders – (HPA – Penn) Year 8 Football (Bath City FC – Sp Hall) *Y7 change gym, Y8 Sp.Hall*	Year 10 5 a-side football (Bath City FC)
Wednesday	Year 8 & 9 Athletics (BER - Penn) Year 8 Dance Club (MAS - Studio) Year 8 & 9 Rounders (LIK - Penn) *Y8 change gym, y9 Sp. Hall*	Sixth Form Volleyball / Basketball (DRR)
Thursday		Year 10 Basketball (AXD) Year 10 Rounders (HPA) Year 10 Athletics (GAC)



Dance works!

Year 8 have been busy creating props that would be used for different styles of dance. We have been so impressed with the variety and standard of the designs; it's clear a lot of time and effort went into making them.

Mr Mackay had the tricky task of selecting the winning designs (featured here). Well done to Year 8 for your creativity and especially to the winners. The flowers were made to represent the Tango and Mr Mackay thought they were brilliant. Well done to Eddy in Year 8 who has won this years 1st prize! The tap shoes and record player were also contenders for the great detail included in the work.



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