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SCHOOL



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Dates for the Diary

Parent, Carer and Student 'Need to Know' Dates			
Year	Activity	Date	Start Time and Venue
For All Year Groups	End of Term 5 BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed	25/05 07/05	
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12	Internal Exams	30/04 to 04/05	
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I want to say a very heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone in our community for the way we have come together to support each other this week following the tragic death of Charlie Harris. This has been a very difficult week, but the school community has come together with strength and with sensitivity. The compassion shown, especially by Year 13 students, to one another has been both humbling and exceptional.

Support has been available to students this week through counsellors which will continue during Term 5. If you feel your son/daughter needs support in school or you would like to speak to a member of staff about your child's response to this sad news or have any concerns, please speak to their Learning Mentor, Tutor or Head of House.

We know that you may be concerned about your child's reaction or expressions of feelings about this news. If you can, try and talk with them about positive ways to manage problems. Two important messages are that all of us should seek the help of others when we are feeling down or vulnerable and that young people should tell an adult if they are worried about a friend.

Over the coming weeks and months we will be concentrating on supporting students and staff affected by this death. This not only includes close friends of Charlie but also those for whom this news triggers feelings of sadness and loss due to events in their own lives. We plan to provide this support whilst also returning the school to normal routines.

His loss is a tragedy and our thoughts, prayers and deep sympathies go out to Charlie's family and friends and with the many colleagues who knew him well. | **Mr Woodville**

Exam Information

Internal assessment appeals

Any student completing a Key Stage 4 or 5 course at the end of this academic year has the right to appeal for a change in marking of any non-examined assessment which has been completed for submission to an examination board.

If any student believes that an appeal is warranted, he or she should email enquiries@wellswayschool.com explaining the reason for their

concern and clearly identifying the piece of work in question. **Mr Cooper**

Careers Update & Information



The Careers Centre is open to all Wellsway School students on Mon - Thurs, 8.45am - 3.30pm. Please just

drop in or you can email me with any queries or to book an appointment: amillard@wellswayschool.com
Mrs Millard

There are no new events or activities this week but the Careerpilot website is a fantastic place for students and parents/carers to start looking for careers inspiration, further information and ideas!

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>
Mrs Millard

Maths News

Junior Maths Team Challenge

Last week we took a team of four year 8 and 9 students to compete in the Junior Maths Team Challenge regional finals at Royal High School.

The team participated in four challenging and competitive rounds against 18 local schools from both the state and private sectors. Although we did not win, they worked incredibly hard and held their own against the very best mathematicians in year 8 and 9 from across the local area.

A massive well done to Anna, Rebekah, Austin and George.

Miss Taylor

Sport Wellsway

B&NES District Athletics Championships - Trials

This week we had really good attendance at Athletics club on Thursday after school.

On Thursday 10th May, we will be entering a team into the B&NES District Athletics Championships.

Next Thursday's athletics club will be an opportunity for students to trial for selection for this competition. Athletics club runs from 3:30 – 4:45 and is available to all year groups.

Mr Evans

An Afternoon of Dance

On Wednesday 9th May we will be holding "An afternoon of Dance" performance in Mendip Hall from 3:45-6:00pm. Families, friends and staff are welcome to come and enjoy an afternoon of Dance and support our students. **Mr Evans**

Year 8 Hockey - B&NES tournament

On Wednesday 18th April, the year 8 hockey team took part in the B&NES tournament. Wellsway started with a game against Writhlington.

The first half was very competitive, with both teams coming close to scoring. It was the second half where Wellsway took their opportunity and scored the only goal of the game by Celyn Garton.

The second game was against Oldfield. In this game, it was Oldfield who scored the first goal of the game. Wellsway knew that they needed to at least draw to progress to the final and

a strong second half saw Ruby Pocock score for Wellsway.

This game finished a draw, meaning Wellsway topped the group and progressed to the final against Hayesfield. The game was highly competitive from the start, with both teams creating multiple scoring opportunities.

The first half finished goalless, and Wellsway knew they needed to increase the intensity in the second half. The girls did exactly that midway through the second half and scored a goal through Ruby Pocock. The team then provided a strong defensive performance for the remainder of the game, winning the final 1-0. An excellent performance from all girls involved.

Players of the game: against Writhlington - Ruby Pocock, against Oldfield - Celyn Garton and Ruby Pocock and against Hayesfield - Anna Morris. **Mr Evans**

Year 7 Rounders team win their first competitive match

Congratulations to Annie B, Flo E, Abbie D, Macey H, Bea G, Katie M, Phoebe N, Ellie S, Izzy S, Molly T, Harriet Q and Lucy W who all represented the school on Wednesday in their first competitive Rounders match against Writhlington.

The girls were very focussed throughout the match, fielding tightly and communicating well with each other. However it was their batting which set them apart, with all girls managing to hit the ball cleanly the majority of the time. Wellsway were ahead 11-5 after the first innings and won the match convincingly 15.5 - 9.5.

A very pleasing result with the girls showing a great deal of promise for the rest of the season. Player of the match went to Flo E. Well done to all the girls involved. **Mrs Burston.**

Wellsway Sports Leaders inspire primary students

Last Monday I had the privilege of working with 25 of our Year 10 Sports Leaders as they organised and ran an Indoor Athletics festival for Year 4 pupils from our local primary schools. The pupils had the opportunity to take part in running, jumping and throwing events in our Sports hall.

The leaders coached the Year 4's to improve their techniques and motivated them to improve their scores. **Mrs Burston**



The Cheerleading Worlds

We would like to wish Dulcie Adlam a huge good luck competing at The Cheerleading Worlds 2018 with her cheerleading team Crimson Heat this weekend in Florida. Talented teams from over 40 countries around the world have earned the opportunity to compete at the most prestigious international All Star cheerleading event of the year. Good luck Dulcie and your team. **Miss Randall**

A national champion in Compton House!

A huge well done to Joe Meredith who competed alongside students from other schools and colleges from the Avon area in the United Kingdom Sports Hall Finals in Manchester.

The Avon team were crowned champions, beating much-fancied opposition from Berkshire and Surrey. Joe was part of the team who won gold in the obstacle relay event.

We're all very proud of your achievements! **Mr B Turner**



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!

We have a range of after school clubs for all ages to get involved in, with qualified and experienced coaches to help all abilities:

Monday 3.45-4.45pm

Badminton for years 7-11, and then Family Badminton 4.45-5.45pm

Monday 3.45-4.45pm

Girls Hockey for years 7-11

Friday 3.00-4.00pm

Boys Hockey for years 7-11

Friday 4.00-5.00pm

Primary Hockey for years 3-6

£3 PAYG or £20 for a block of 10 sessions!



Pop into the Sports Centre to pick up an information leaflet. For more information please contact kinchella@wellswaymat.com
Ms Kinchella

Free School Meals

Free School Meals – New Criteria

The eligibility criteria for Free School Meals has recently changed. A letter has been sent to the parents/carers of every student to explain the changes and how they may affect you.

As stated in the letter, if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at school, frogers@wellswayschool.com We are here to help you get the most you can for your child. **Mrs Rogers**

Fundraising

PTA news

We are delighted to announce that the PTA have achieved huge success in our campaign to raise funds to improve dining facilities for students at break and lunch.

On Saturday 21st April, the PTA raised around £300 in the second hand uniform sale. Many parents/carers have contacted us to say how much they valued the event and to thank the PTA for their help.

In addition to this, we have secured £2000 of funding from TESCO (following our success in the same scheme last year) in their 'Bags of Help' competition.

Many thanks to every member of our community who has supported us through attending the uniform sale or voting in their local supermarket. Friends of Wellsway PTA. **Mr Cooper**