

Wellsway Multi Academy Trust Parent and Carer Newsletter

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The Futura is ours...



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we all approach the end of a second academic year facing the challenges of coronavirus, I am struck by the way our school communities continue to support one another. Covid-19 has certainly deepened our belief that we are stronger together.

Being a family of 13 schools has helped us not only to deal with difficulties but also to look ahead and be ambitious for the children and young people in our care.

We will take this a stage further in September when we change our Trust name to Futura Learning Partnership, with a clear focus on our new core values of Aspiration, Collaboration, Opportunity and Respect. These values encapsulate what we believe is fundamentally important for us working together as a family of schools. Essentially, through working together we can, and will, create opportunities for pupils and staff over and above that which an individual school can provide.

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As a Trust, we are able to offer a broader range of activities and experiences for our pupils. Our primary children, for example, can easily visit our secondary schools for activities such as science master classes and sports events benefiting from the excellent facilities and resources they have. Our sixth form students benefit from the additional opportunities made possible through collaboration such as a wider choice of courses and enrichment activities.

Our leadership teams have also been agreeing approaches that they consider to be the most effective ways of working, such as a teaching and learning framework. These will form our Futura Fundamentals; you will see this shared language and practice in our schools during 2021-22 and beyond.

One of the key strengths of our Trust is our trading company, which runs our excellent sports centres at SBL Academy and Wellsway School. It also oversees Zest catering, our fabulous in-house school meals provider, and Zest childcare, which provides wrap around care based at Chandag Junior School. We are sure it will keep on going from strength to strength, providing superb facilities for our pupils and generating important additional income for our schools.

Another of our principle assets is the partnership we have with families. Thank you for all you do to support your children and our schools as we continue, together, to build for the future.

With best wishes,

Andrea Arlidge
Chief Executive

News from the schools

The Trust sunflower competition, organised by Wansdyke Primary, is going well. The Reception class children at Two Rivers and Wansdyke are really enjoying seeing their sunflowers grow, as the photos opposite show.

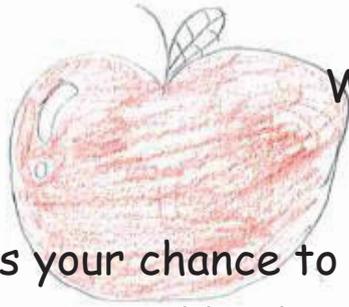
Children in the school have also made bird feeders for the grounds, making the best use of the wonderful surroundings and learning to appreciate the world and everything that lives in it.



Gardening has become an enterprise at Wansdyke. The school's Dig it club are offering to collect and pack bunches of flowers from the school grounds to order. These make a wonderful gift or a thank you to someone special.



Wansdyke's Year 6 have been at camp, where they are learning to work together in a different environment and to try new things. A big thank you to the teachers Mrs Tilling and Mrs Kumar who have accompanied them and to everyone who made the trip possible. The children had a wonderful time, and engaged in so many activities. They really tested themselves and were all so supportive of their friends as they tried something new. A lovely end to 7 years at Wansdyke.



WE NEED YOU!



Here is your chance to get your recipe added to a published cookbook, with some help from Zest.

We need healthy recipes for breakfast, lunch, dinner or desert.

Each meal must feed 4 people and meet one of the healthy criteria:

Natural alternatives to sugar

Low salt

Reduced fat content



Fill out the form with this poster.

All entries need to be submitted to zest@wellswaymat.com by the 17th September. Use the subject 'cookbook'.

Could you be the next Jamie Oliver?

Zest catering is planning to create a cookery book full of healthy recipes which will be published in late November. It will make a great Christmas present with all proceeds going to the food distribution charity [Fareshare](#).

The Trust community have been asked to help. Find out more about how to contribute, [take a look at this video](#) then fill out an [application form](#) and get involved.



IKB proves a stepping stone to success at Oxford

IKB Academy welcomed back former student Roland Whiteley, who left in 2018.

Roland gave an inspirational talk to our year 12s about coming from a low income single parent family with a disabled mum. He flunked Year 12 in his first sixth form in

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Exeter, moved to IKB and repeated the year. He got a D in Product Design in his first year at IKB but with hard work and determination he left IKB with A*A*A and is now in his third year studying Engineering at Oxford!

Roland has singlehandedly inspired our Year 12s and to say Head of School, Mrs Gibbs, is proud of him is an understatement. Thank you Roland, you're a true inspiration!

Roland said: "I'm pleased to be an inspiration and it was lovely to be back. I'll keep my fingers crossed for the students and hope they can give Year 13 their all!"

Year 12 student, Ethan said Roland was "a very inspirational speaker".

Wellsway celebrates Maths Olympiad success

Due to the lockdown, the international Maths Olympiad Challenge was conducted online. Some results are still awaited but Wellsway School is proud to announce that some of its students were ranked Top 15, Top 14 and Top 9 IN THE WORLD! This is such a huge achievement. Well done!



Above: Maths Challenge 1 - Year 10s Adam Leeper, Nathan Cundy and Josh Nicholls

Right: Maths Challenge 2 - Year 9 Toby Chong

Below: Maths Challenge 3 - Year 12s Thomas May, Joe Snarr and Harry Campbell pictured with Mr Hill, Assistant Principal.



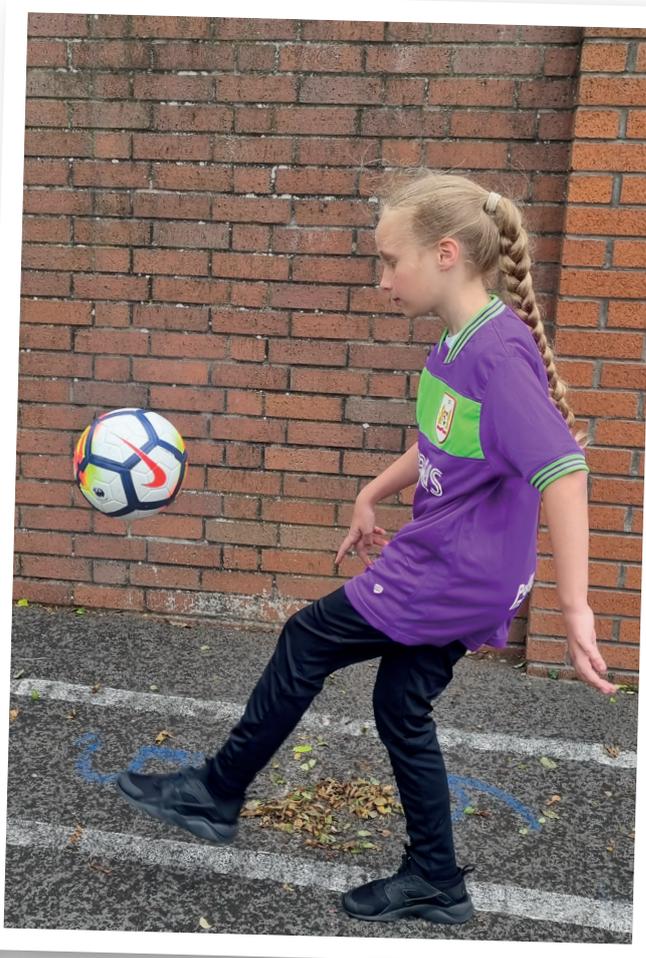
Children taste life at the sharp end

Children at Two Rivers Primary worked together to make and taste rhubarb crumble. Opinions were split - some pupils loved the taste but others were not so sure!



Freya wins school a football kit

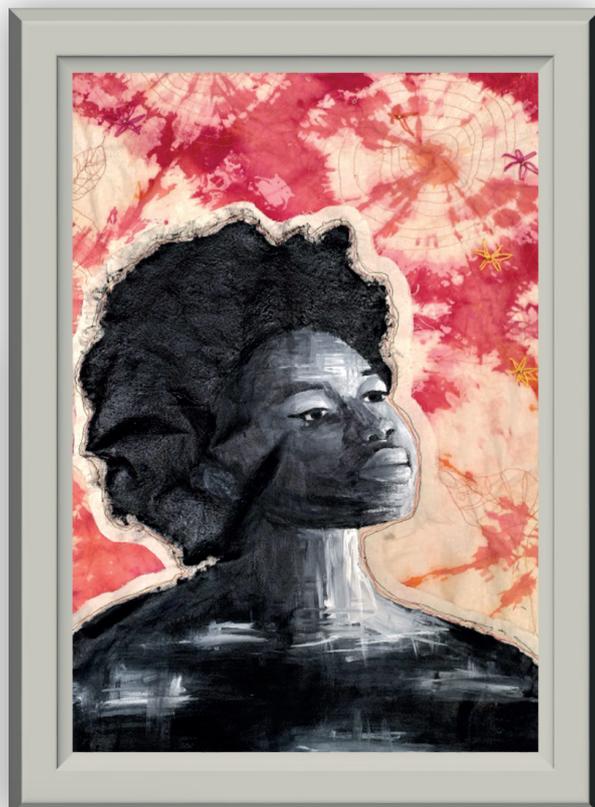
Cheddar Grove Year 5 pupil Freya Evans has won a competition for being able to do the most consecutive kick-ups /keep-ups. She managed at least 100! Freya's winning football skills have won her school a full team's new Bristol City kit. Up the Robins!



Wellsway artists tackle important topics

Year 11 students produced some fantastic final pieces relating to their independent coursework project. These spanned a range of topics such as BLM, WW2 suffragettes, anatomy and landscapes. The students worked incredibly hard during lesson time in the final term to realise their intentions and potential. It was brilliant to see ideas, skills and techniques come together regardless of how tricky this year has played out.

Pieces from Poppy H, Poppy S, Celyn G, Finn E, Megan F and Rio M.



Bellringer Ada takes part in historic ceremony

Ada Thomas, a Year 6 pupil at The Meadows Primary School, had the honour of taking part in an event to mark 200 years since a significant bellringing invention. The celebration took place at St Mary's Church in Bitton, where the Reverend Henry Thomas invented the Ellacombe Chimes, a device that allows one person to ring all the church bells, in 1821. Ada, a bellringer at the church for three years, demonstrated the Ellacombe Chimes apparatus at the bicentenary event and also for the ITV and BBC local news. The school children also made flag bunting that was displayed at the event. The school is very proud of Ada.

You can [watch a video of Ada in action on The Meadows' Facebook page](#).



Career guidance at Aspire

Aspire Academy have been supporting parents and carers to get advice and guidance on their careers. Future Bright came to the school to meet with parents to offer support with changing careers and give advice to those whose jobs have been affected by the pandemic.

The event was organised by Nick Moore at Aspire and the parents who took advantage of the offer found it really beneficial.

Future Bright offers free career coaching to those living in the West of England (that's Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire)

To find out more visit [Future Bright](#).



Could you make a difference?

The growth of our Trust means we need more inspirational and professional people to join our dedicated and passionate staff team.

If you are planning your next career move, and think you could help make a difference for our students, please take a look at the [WMAT iTrent Jobsite](#).

School	Job title	Closing date
Chandag Infants School	School Meals Assistant	04/07/2021
St John's CofE Primary School	Teaching Assistant	05/07/2021

Please contact hr@wellswaymat.com for further information and support.

Forest School for every child



Thanks to generous funding from Saltford's PTA, all classes have had a Forest School session this summer in nearby Manor Woods. Some classes were luckier with the weather than others, but they have all loved getting outdoors and enjoying practical activities in smaller groups. The activities vary according to age but swinging in hammocks and eating s'mores are always popular!

Sessions are designed to build team working skills and independence and perhaps to surprise the children when they find out how much they can accomplish.



Back in the pool at Saltford

It was a delight to see children back in the swimming pool at Saltford School this term. Having our own pool on site means that we can provide equal access for all children to those essential water safety skills. We are very grateful to all our volunteer helpers who are making regular swimming possible.

Pirates ahoy!

Saltford School reception classes celebrated the end of their Pirate topic with a day of pirate fun.

Ordinarily at this time of year we would be sailing around Bristol harbour on The Matthew. We were sad that couldn't happen this year, but we didn't let that stop us having lots of fun. We really enjoyed pirate dancing and pirate games on the school field, especially the water pistol game! Then we took our parrot pals on a Treasure Hunt where we eventually found the treasure and a treat for us too!

During the week, we enjoyed listening to pirate stories, made treasure maps and did some amazing writing about what it would be like on a desert island. Our favourite activities were playing in our outside area, building boats and making the grown-ups walk the plank!

