



April 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE
HEADTEACHER

As we approach the Easter break we are busy making plans for the new sensory garden and learning space. Construction will begin in mid May. We will be remembering our colleague Jane Haines by installing a carousel horse in the new learning area. It is under restoration at the moment and will shortly be having Critchill colours and a musical element added to it. Many staff are also going to be taking part in the Lacock Half Marathon to raise funds for Pancreatic Cancer UK and to remember Jane. If you would like to support this cause then please visit the schools Facebook page.



Pupils learning this term has been enriched by a variety of activities and experiences including visits out of school, theatrical workshops, role play opportunities and enterprise projects.

'The Critchill Code' is fully embedded into all areas of the school and it is pleasing to be able to meet again in larger groups at the end of each week to celebrate Resilience, Kindness and Safety that has been demonstrated.

We wish all of our families a very Happy Easter and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday 26th April.

Dates for your diary!

School News..

2021/2022

8th April 2022 - End of Term 4

25th April 2022 - Inset Day

26th April 2022- Start of Term 5

26th April 2022 - SRE and Safeguarding

2nd May 2022- Bank Holiday

16th May 2022 - PLIM Evening

27th May 2022 - End of Term 5

6th June 2022 - Start of Term 6

12th June - School Fete / Fun day

4th July - Inset Day

8th July 2022- Sports Day

12th July 2022 - Annual report evening

15th July 2022- Reserved Sports Day

21st July 2022 - End of Term 6

On the 26th June staff from Critchill School will be running the Lacock Half Marathon to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer UK.

Last year our school team lost a highly valued colleague Jane Haines to Pancreatic cancer.

One of the best things about having Jane as a colleague was her positive and supportive nature. Jane always aimed for the very best for pupils and for staff.

She always had a smile on her face and was a caring, approachable and kind colleague. Her warmth and generosity meant that for many of us, she was the person that you could turn to when the going got tough.

Every one of us who worked with Jane both staff and students will remember her with great affection. Colleagues like Jane don't come along very often and when they do they leave a lasting impression.

We hope that you will support us by sponsoring our run and raising money for this amazing and hugely important charity.

If you would like to donate we have put the link on the schools facebook page

DONATIONS

We have recently received a donation of £350 to go towards the new sensory garden, we'd like to say a huge thank you to Somerset Gardens Trust for you generous donation.

New Starters - Welcome to...

Evelyn Chantry - Teaching Assistant

Debbie Broadway - Cleaner

Leavers

Clive Hockley

Ant West

HAWKS / P16

Nikki Blackwell from the Apprenticeship and Skills Development team continues to run her workshops. This term Nikki has led two workshops with the students in Hawks and Post 16 the first one was to prepare for the mock interviews that took place during careers week and last week Nikki welcomed Kim Love from Discovery, a supported employment agency and spoke about how Discovery can support students and to learn about more traineeships.

Alumni

Hawks and Post 16 enjoyed welcoming Kelly and Emily back to Critchill School to hear about what they have been doing since they left Critchill. Emily has successfully secured full time employment in the care sector and Kelly is attending a local college. It was great for the students to learn about what opportunities are available after leaving Critchill School.

Choc-et al

Madeleine from Choc-et al in Frome visited Hawks to support their theme 'Pupil Led Projects'. Madeleine spoke about working in the chocolate shop, packaging and marketing. She showed the students different examples of packaging she uses in her shop and asked the students to decide which they thought sold best, from the appearance of the packaging. She also provided the students with different packaging nets, for them to construct different types of packaging. The students have created their own version of a snack box which is being sold to staff.

Blood Bikes

Ian from Blood Bikes came and visited Finches and Starlings as part of their 'Amazing Bodies' theme. Ian spoke about volunteering and the work of the blood bike. Children asked questions and explored the blood bike.





WORKING FUTURES

Careers Week

To start careers week off it was great to see students and staff dressed as their 'dream job'

Wrens, Bramblings and Nuthatches enjoyed a visit from Little City. Bristol based Jenny Echaliar set up her mobile roleplay city. The students enjoyed exploring a variety of different job roles including hairdresser, mechanic, café owner and supermarket to name a few. It was really great to see the students interacting with the different roleplay areas and learning about the different job roles.

Finches and Starlings enjoyed a session with Children's World. They met Del the delivery driver and also Barry the Builder. The students learnt about different tools, how to follow and build from a plan and learn the work of builder.

Owls and Kestrels enjoyed a 'What's My Job' activity. We welcomed five local employers into school, a farmer, mechanic, manufacturer of beauty products, supermarket and entrepreneur. The students enjoyed trying to guess their job with a reveal when they shared tools, equipment, products and websites about their companies. It had a real buzz about it and was great fun!!

Thank you to AJ Reynolds, Chesterblade Hills, Culverhill Coop, Hann Farming and THG LABS for supporting this successful event.

Hawks and Post 16 had a tour of Asda and got to see behind the scenes at Asda, including the warehouse and home delivery section. They enjoyed a tour of the store and all had an opportunity to learn how to scan at the till. Thank you to Jackie Bryant, community champion for Asda.

Mock interviews were carried out by staff from Job Centre Plus. The students were able to put into practice what they have been learning with Nikki from SkillUp. The feedback was all really positive from the Job Centre.

We continue to build on relationships with local employers and secure both work placements and employer engagement opportunities. If you are able to help at all then please contact Sally Smiles, Careers/Working Futures Lead.



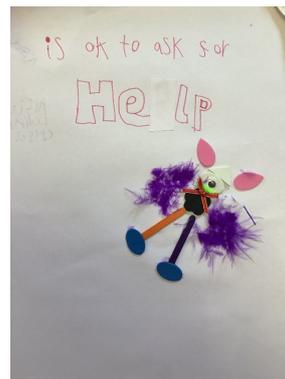
School News..

Two of our young people took part in the Frome Youth Conference Make it Happen 28.03.2022

This was an all day event at the Cheese and Grain in Frome. Pupils from schools across Frome were invited to work together exploring the themes of democracy and identity.

Amongst the range of workshops on offer was a drama session run by The Egg Theatre and a creative activity by Wellbeing Warriors. They were asked to create a poster highlighting the importance of asking for help when our mental health is vulnerable.

It was great to see how well both understood the importance of wellbeing.



Inspired by the messages of the Festival of Kindness, the Wellbeing Team decided to hand paint rocks with messages and decorations of joy and cheer. During the week of the festival some members of the team walked down to the share box in Victoria park to 'gift' the pebbles. There are several 'Wild About Sharing' boxes dotted around Frome.

As the name suggests, they're for sharing and swapping things that you don't need or want.

So if you see something you like, you're free and welcome to take it.



School News..

Frome Town Council donated a Silver birch tree to the school.
Nuthatches and Bramblings enjoyed planting the tree with help from Jenny.
A big thank you for your kind gesture.



The children and staff took part dressing up for World Book Day and Comic Relief in March. Here are a few pictures.



School Streets welcomes comments on draft design

Following the gathering of feedback from residents last year, Frome's School Streets is encouraging thoughts on the next stage of the project which aims to encourage active travel to school in order to lower congestion and air pollution and make the roads safer for those walking and cycling.

There will be an session outside Critchll School on Thursday 28th April from 2:30-3:30pm for parents and carers to come and see the design and chat to Frome Town Council about the scheme.

School Trips/ Activities

At times the school requires additional funds to allow trips/activities to go head and we rely on parental contributions to enable this. Please note should we receive insufficient funds we may have to cancel them.

Friends of Critchill

DATES

Sunday 12th June - School fun day / Fete - more details on the Facebook event

Tuesday 24th May - Friends of Critchill meeting - School Hall 4pm, everyone's welcome

Astra Recycling

Astra Recycling is a textile recycling company on a mission to divert used clothing away from landfill and raise money for schools and community services in the process. Thank you for using our new recycling bin, all monies raised will go to Friends of Critchill School and we will keep you updated with how much we raise.



Family Fun Day

Friends of Critchill School are excited to announce our annual family fun day - Sunday 12th June. We are busy planning this event to make sure everyone has a great day. Everyone is welcome, we can't wait to see you. If you would like a seller table please enquire at the school's office.



Easter Work Shop

Thank you to everyone who came to our Easter Workshop. We really appreciate the support and wonderful feedback. We made an amazing £497.50. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to help and to CIL Management Consultants who donated the Arts and Crafts and Cadbury Cream eggs., also to Asda, Morrisons and Co-op Funeral care who donated Easter Eggs.



Donations

Friends of Critchill purchased a mini trampoline for Nuthatches and Bramblings class and paid for Starlings and Finches to visit Boomerang soft play as part of their Aspirational Event for our Amazing Bodies theme.

Waitrose, Warminster donated £500. They have chosen Friends of Critchill as their charity of the quarter.

We received a generous donation from Somers Farm Garden of £117, every year Christmas lights are put up to raise money for charity and this year they choose Friends of Critchill School. Thank you for your donation.

Steve Vick International Ltd donated some items from the teachers/childrens wish lists. We would like to say a huge thank you, the children are extremely happy with the new basketball hoop, balls, windmills and pompoms. They also generously donated an outdoor box to keep the items in. The children are already enjoying these items in the playground.



School News

Healthy Eating in school.. Please can we remind parents of the Food and Packed lunch policy which aligns with the Governments food based standards. Please support the school by providing healthy lunch boxes. For more information please visit www.schoolfoodplan.com

Car Parking — Our sensory garden project will cause some unavoidable challenges including access to the school car park. Please can we ask that all families, where possible, park off site and walk into school. This will also help prepare young people for Frome Town Council's 'School Streets' Project. If you do need to access the school car park then you must park in a bay and not double park. The car park is once again becoming increasingly busy and dangerous for pupils.

Come and join Kate Frost (Parent Governor), Diggy Coe (Specialist Provision Lead), and Ella Gaston (PFSA) at the Town Hall for a chance to catch up, make friends, share tips and generally feel you are in a safe and supportive group. **Wednesday May 11th 10 - 11am and Friday July 1st 2 - 3pm**

Other Information

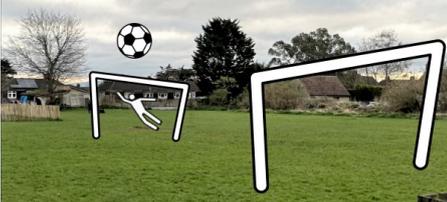
Free shows and workshops on Sunday 15th May at Paddington Farm, Glastonbury.

Wassail Theatre presents *Whispering Willows*, a non-verbal piece of theatre using music and puppetry, created especially for schools and young people in Somerset.

**Egford Lane Park
Football Special!!**

Help decide the position of **NEW** pitch and goals!!

**Pop-up goals
Kickabout
Ball-related
Good Times**



Open to all. Refreshments provided. Come along!

12 April 12-2pm & 4:30-6pm

CHILDREN'S WORLD
Presents
Wassail Theatre Company
Whispering Willows
SHOW + WORKSHOP



A non-verbal piece of theatre using music and puppetry, created especially for schools and young people in Somerset

Sunday 15th May
11.00 - 11.45 Show + 11.45 - 12.45 Workshop
13.00 - 13.45 Show + 13.45 - 14.45 Workshop
15.00 - 15.45 Show + 15.45 - 16.45 Workshop
Paddington Farm BA6 8JW

Tickets are **FREE** for these shows and workshops
See Children's World Facebook page for booking information

Whispering Willows is a short, playful and wordless exploration of roots, lots and homecoming that will charm both younger audiences and any adult's inner child.
Bristol 24/7