



MESSAGE FROM THE
HEADTEACHER

July 2022

Over the summer break the Early Years conservatory will undergo major renovations in order to make it a more usable learning space. The new sensory outdoor learning area and 'The Garden' classroom will be finished. We look forward to sharing these new developments with you.

As we approach the end of the year pupils continue to work exceptionally hard to ensure that they are making the very best progress towards their PLIMs. Staff are looking forward to being able to meet with families to celebrate progress as well as to share next steps for the forthcoming academic year.

I would like to take this opportunity to specifically wish all of our Year 11 and Post 16 leavers all the very best in their next steps. It is fantastic that each and everyone of them has a personalised pathway ahead of them, including college, supported internships and paid employment. Congratulations to them all!

We wish all of our families a restful and happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 5th September.



We are the only special school in Somerset to achieve this award

Firstly congratulations on being awarded Fully Meets at your recent Quality in Careers assessment, its not easy to get 'Fully Meets' so you have done fantastically.—**Karen Crosby** Services to Education Manager

Comments from Key Evidence

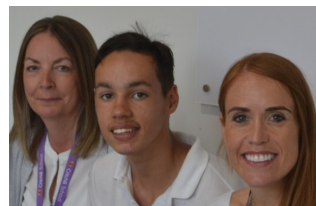
- * Written plans are detailed and robust in the aspirations programme.
- * Teachers are actively involved in promoting LMI with their students.
- * The school works well with parents and carers to ensure that students make successful transitions and is beginning to track students and their progressions routes.
- * There are many examples of effective partnership working with the range of appropriate agencies to ensure that the advice meets the needs of all of the school's learners.
- * The aspirational curriculum provides a rich variety opportunity for students to develop their employability skills and CEIAG is mapped in detail across all key stages.
- * There are many excellent examples of information sharing and improving staff awareness of CEIAG across the school via its Aspirational curriculum.

Somerset Education Business Partnership Awards 2022.

We are pleased to announce that Sally Smiles has been selected as a finalist in the '*Continuing through COVID*' category in the Somerset Education Business Partnership Awards 2022.

Thank you to Emma Davis, our Enterprise Coordinator from Heart of The South West Careers Hub for the nomination.

The winners will be announced at an awards dinner in July.



Frome Nub News—Article dated 30th June 2022

Critchill school in Frome has been rewarded with its total commitment to helping its young pupils on the road to employment with a Much-admired Critchill prestigious national award. The school has, after months of hard work, successfully achieved the Quality in Careers Standard, through Investor in Careers and are now full holders of the award for the next three years.

Careers and Working Futures Lead at Critchill School, Sally Smiles explained how the award was recognition of over 18 months of hard work, much of it during Covid. She told Nub News: "It IS a big deal because it shows here we are committed to our pupils and the parents and how important it is for us at every stage to provide an outstanding careers programme."

The special school believed to be the only one in the whole of Somerset to hold this quality mark, only awarded with proof of the high quality of work the school undertakes... from work placement reviews, training, feedback from pupils (including sixteen year old Max who was interviewed about his experiences) and career and job help at every year level. And yes, "Our lovely paninis (from the Critchill School catering van which is out in the town twice a week) have also played a part!"

The van is out and about in Frome every Friday at the Market Cross - they are also in the market on a Wednesday.

The award recognises the outstanding careers programme, will further raise the aspirations of moving into the world of work for pupils and their families and in itself working with the Quality in Careers standard can help to improve careers work. It further enhances the careers work already underway and involves Governors/SLT and will support Ofsted reports.

Executive Head Teacher, Sophie Addison told Nub News she was immensely proud to be given the nationally recognised award. "This is an excellent achievement and recognises the quality and breadth of our careers provision here at Critchill School. This award is completely linked to our vision and values as a school. Our priority is getting as many young people with additional needs into the world of work and employment.

"I know our young people want to work and they are able to work and our career support here works towards that from the very beginning, even in reception classes, it is fully imbedded into everything we do."

Examples include everything from primary pupils working with Avon and Somerset constabulary in a police project, with older students going out in the popular catering van which is at Boyles Cross every Friday to students working with Frome Town Rangers and the local hospitality industry.

The Chair of Governors Andy Jones added : "It highlights the success of the Working Futures programme and reflects the hard work from everyone at school to ensure our young people are offered the best possible transition to life after Critchill."

Summing up, the Executive head added : " This award reflects the hard work of staff, governors, support from the council, everyone involved and yes, of course, of all our students."

School News..

P16 have been working towards their Arts Award and we are pleased to say everyone passed. We are waiting for their certificates to be delivered. Congratulations.

Arts Award is a range of unique qualifications that supports anyone aged up to 25 **to grow as artists and arts leaders**, inspiring them to **connect** with and **take part** in the wider arts world through taking challenges in an art form - from fashion to digital art, pottery to poetry.

Through progressing through the five levels, young people get to:

- discover the enjoyment of **creating** and **participating** in arts activities
 - experience **arts events**
 - develop **creative and communication** skills that are essential for success in 21st century life
 - explore the work of **artists and craftspeople** and gain insights into the **professional arts world**
- gain experience and knowledge to help progress into **further education and employment**

LONGLEAT

Nuthatches and Bramblings classes enjoyed a trip to Longleat earlier this term organised and paid for by Frome Rotary club.

A massive thank you to Frome Rotary Club, the staff and children who were brilliant ambassadors for the school.

We received lovely feedback from the Rotary club ...

“ Good morning,

I had the pleasure of driving your children and staff to Longleat today and just wanted to congratulate you all on the behaviour of the children and the dedication of all your staff. The staff work so hard and happy, they were a joy to be with, no wonder the children are so well behaved.

Thank you.

See you next year hopefully. “



Friends of Critchill School

Thankyou to everyone who attended our Family Fun Day on Sunday 5th June. The support that we receive from our community is incredible and makes all the hard work organising the day worthwhile.

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated to our Raffle and Fun Day. We are extremely grateful.

So many staff and friends of the school volunteered their time and without them we would not be able to hold this annual event. A big thank you to everyone who helped!

In total Friends of Critchill have so far raised £8000 (more contributions are still coming in.)



Friends of Critchill supported the school with the their Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The staff and students enjoyed an ice cream from Dan's Ice Creams. Thank you to everyone who has supported an event to help make this possible.



Future Dates:

Annual AGM - 11th October

More dates of workshops and events to be announced in the new term.

Other Information



FAMILY HOLIDAY 2022

SUMMER 2022

15 days of fun activities in Frome for families on benefits or free school meals, with additional needs or disabilities, or referrals.

Monday 25 th July	10am to 12pm	Craft workshop - bees and butterflies	The Key Centre, Feltham Lane
Tuesday 26 th July	10am to 12pm	Family cookery	Trinity Church Hall
Wednesday 27 th July	10.30am to 1.30pm	Community lunch, magic, crafts, planting	Edmund Park - in the middle of the estate behind ASDA!

Free Fair Frome lunch for everyone attending!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - contact lenkagrimmes@purpleelephant.org.uk to book a place or ask your school or support worker to refer you

Adults to accompany and remain responsible for their children at all times.
Family support workers available at all sessions.

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Monday 1 st August	10am to 12pm	Craft workshop - fabric painting	The Key Centre, Feltham Lane
Tuesday 2 nd August	9.30am to 5pm	Coach trip £5 per seat (under 2yrs need car seat)	Weymouth - pick up at the Football Club at 9.30am
Wednesday 3 rd August	10am to 2pm	Nature/science walk, scavenger hunt FREE!	Meet outside Frome Library
Monday 6 th August	10am to 2pm	Foraging walk, cooking, gardening FREE!	Walled garden at Mells - transport from Frome available
Tuesday 9 th August	10am to 12pm	Family cookery	Trinity Church Hall
Wednesday 10 th August	10am to 12pm	Craft workshop - underwater world	Hayesdown School
Monday 15 th August	10am to 12pm	Multi sports	Tower View Park
Tuesday 16 th August	9.30am to 5pm	Minibus trip £5 per seat (under 2 yrs need car seat)	Moors Valley Country Park - pick up at the Football Club at 9.30am
Wednesday 17 th August	10am to 12pm	Craft workshop - painting with nature	Vallis School
Tuesday 23 rd August	10am to 12pm	Family cookery	Trinity Church Hall
Wednesday 24 th August	10am to 12pm	Craft workshop - clay birds and nests	Hayesdown School
Thursday 25 th August	10am to 12pm	Science in the woods	The Roundhouse Community Garden

£1 per child unless otherwise specified

School News..

Dates for your diary!

2022/2023

1st / 2nd September 2022 – Inset day

5th September 2022 – Start of Term 1

30th September 2022 - School Photographs

12th October 2022 - Relationships, Sex and Health Education

11th October 2022 – FOC Annual AGM

13th October 2022 – PLIM Evening

21st October 2022 – Inset Day / End of Term 1

31st October 2022 – Start of Term 2

9th December 2022 - Christmas Jumper Day

15th December 2022 - Christmas Lunch (TBC)

16th December 2022 - End of Term 2

2nd January 2023 – Bank Holiday

3rd January 2023 - Start of Term 3

30th January 2023 - PLIM Evening

8th February 2023 - Relationships, Sex and Health Education

10th February 2023 - End of Term 3

20th February 2023 - Start of Term 4

2nd March 2023 - World Book Day

31st March 2023 - End of Term 4

17th April 2023– Inset Day

18th April 2023– Start of Term 5

25th April 2023 - Relationships, Sex and Health Education

1st May 2023– Bank Holiday

2nd May 2023– Inset Day

15th May 2023 - PLIM Evening

26th May 2023 - End of Term 5

5th June 2023 - Start of Term 6

18th June 2023 School Fun Day - TBC

7th July 2023– Sports Day

11th July 2023 – Annual report evening

14th July 2023– Reserved Sports Day

21st July 2023 – Inset day / End of Term 6

New Starters -

Welcome to...

Donna Barraclough—Teaching Assistant
Lachen Read—Teacher
Emma Pegg—Teaching Assistant
Les Mawdsley—Caretaker

Leavers

Gavin Sheen
Mary Hutchins
Evie Chantry