

Brightside

FEBRUARY 2023



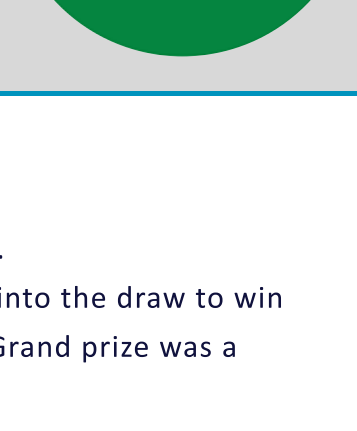
Eco-Week

The Wiltshire Youth Council have come up with an event for schools across the county to participate in to help promote positive changes regarding climate change. This event has been called Eco Week and will be taking place from 6th -10th March 2023. During the week, participating schools can come up with a range of activities that contribute to the promotion of those positive changes that we need to make, to combat climate change. Our Student Leadership Team and Navigators have come up with a number of great activities for the school to participate in during the week:

- Students are encouraged (where possible) to walk or cycle in to school during the week. They will log their mileage during tutor time each day, giving us a grand total by the end of the week. Lets see how many miles we can total and what the equivalent carbon offset would be.
- Litter picking week. Students can sign up to a rota of litter picking at breaktime and lunch time during the week. Any recyclable items can then be re-purposed in the Art department.
- 'Green Day' on Wednesday the 8th March students will be allowed to come in to school wearing items which are either green in colour or 'green' in that they have been re-purposed, second-hand or handmade.
- A gardening club will be starting up, this will have its inaugural meet on Friday lunchtime. The club will be planting tomato seeds and making Bee Bombs and many other sustainable forms of planting.
- The Art department and Creative Navigators will be organising a FREE workshop after school on Friday 10th March for all students and staff to make environmentally creative crafts out of plastic bottles. So we are asking all students to bring in clean plastic bottles for this event, which can be dropped off to the art room by Thursday 9th March.

All these activities will be shared on social media, along with other schools, using the hashtag #wycceweek. Wiltshire Youth Council will be judging all the activities throughout the week and there will be a prize for both first and second place schools. We look forward to participating in this event.

Mrs Youngs



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

STUDENT AWARDS - MR CLAPTON

Today was the day we had the prize draw for rewarding **The Pewsey Vale Way**. An accumulation of positive points and attendance enabled them to be entered into the draw to win either an Amazon voucher or a voucher for the Ace of Blades barber shop. The Grand prize was a Nintendo Switch and Mario game. The prize winners were:

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| Year 7 | Rosemary L and Harry J | Year 10 | Ruby M and Sarah H |
| Year 8 | Charlie S and Eve M | Year 11 | Courtney C and Tegan D |
| Year 9 | James D and Xander H | Grand Prize | Emily P |

Well done all of you.



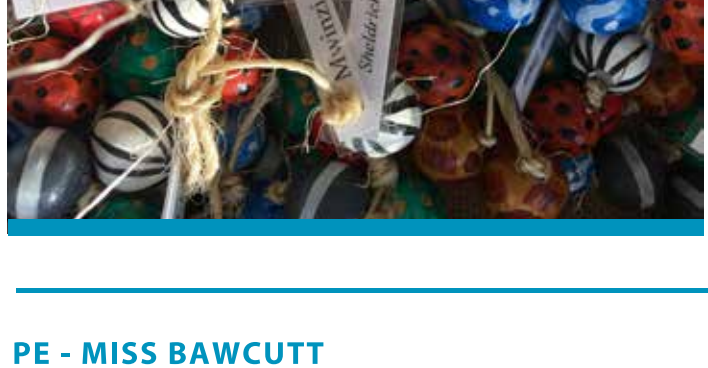
OPTIONS EVENING - MRS FURNESS

On Tuesday we welcomed year nine students and parents into the school to explore the range of GCSE options available to the class of 2025. Parents and students were able to talk face to face with subject leaders to find out why their subject was so fascinating and would be a great choice for a GCSE qualification. This year, our staff were joined by some enthusiastic subject ambassadors from the student body. Being able to talk about what life is like studying in year 10 and 11 with current KS4 students was invaluable and they were able to give a real insight into the joys and demands of choosing to pursue a subject into KS4. As well as our subject ambassadors, our Head Girl and Head Boy were also on hand to answer questions and encourage the next generation of student leaders to take up the mantle. We really enjoyed talking to year 9 about their journey into KS4. The class of 2025 is going to be something phenomenal and we can't wait to welcome them into KS4.



GEOGRAPHY - MISS LYTHE

The Year 7 geographers finished last term with a talk from the Kids Tusk Force charity. A wonderfully inspirational lady came in and spoke to each class about the conflict between biodiversity and humans in Kenya. The students were captivated and incredibly well-behaved. Our visitor wrote to me afterwards and called our school 'inspirational' and said 'I loved my morning with you and all those wonderful motivated and compassionate students.' We will be putting the monies raised towards supporting the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in Kenya through fostering an elephant who has been orphaned due to poaching, as well as purchasing tree saplings which will help prevent soil erosion. The geography department is selling beads to help raise money for this worthy cause. Each bead set has the name of an elephant that you can follow on line and follow the progress of their rehabilitation back into the wild. They are £5 and make a lovely gift for yourself or someone else. These are available until Friday 10th March. Please come and see Miss Lythe in Room 25 if you would like a set. Thank you to all the Year 7s and their parents for supporting such an amazing cause.



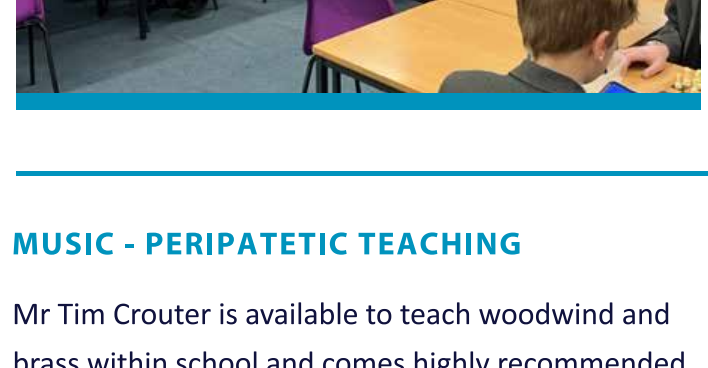
PE - MISS BAWCUTT

Year 10 Netball Fixture
Miss Bawcutt took the year 10 girls to Marlborough College to play a netball match. The pupils who played were Molly S, Mia H, Connie M, Katelyn A, Sarah H, Ella H, Freya K and Hazel B. All the girls played brilliantly, we had strong movement down the court, with Sarah turning over and intercepting many passes, Connie and Katelyn had great defence in their attacking third, turning over the ball also, Molly and Mia had strong circle defence, tipping the ball to disrupt play and putting on pressure for their shooters. On the attacking side, Sarah and Ella had great change of direction to get free and bring the ball down to the shooters, with many fantastic feeds into the circle. Freya and Hazel demonstrated brilliant shooting, Freya did so well at holding her space in the shooting circle to pop up shots, and Hazel had great movement to get free from her defender shoot some great shots. Well done to Sarah and Hazel who Players of the Match. So proud of all the girls who played!



CHESS - MRS SHEPPY

The Annual House Chess Competition is underway, taking place in the library - all houses and all year groups are represented. All players will have 2 matches and then the winners of these games will go forward to the Knock-out competition. Cousteau and Earhart are hoping that they can take the title from Hillary who won in 2022.



LIBRARY - MRS SHEPPY

Congratulations to the following students who have scored the most points in their quizzes for Accelerated Reader.

- Yr7**
Alex H
Charlotte C
Daisy M
Dillon
- Y8**
Madelaine
Amelie
Yallum H
- Y9**
William F-B
Kymani
Harley L

Well done all of you.

MUSIC - PERIPATETIC TEACHING

Mr Tim Crouter is available to teach woodwind and brass within school and comes highly recommended by parents.

“Mr Crouter has taught my child for four years. He nurtured a talent which has enabled many skills including reading music, public performance, personal confidence, as well as tutoring through several grades of ABRSM. My child, with Mr Crouter's help, has developed a great 'I will give it a go' attitude and a pride in achieving, which we know will help in many future challenges. Mr Crouter is always professional and yet understanding and patient- a perfect combination with his gentle sense of humour too. He is friendly and approachable for parents too. Any family who considers broadening pupils skills, it has been our experience that music lessons with Tim Crouter have been valuable time, well spent.”

A Pewsey Vale Mum.

Please email admin@pewsey-vale.wilts.sch.uk for more information

PTFA

Our PTFA Quiz night is being held on March 9th in the School Hall. Doors open at 6pm, quiz will start at 6.30pm. Tickets are priced at £12 and are now available to purchase either via ScoPay or by bringing cash or card into the office. Hurry whilst tickets are available! We look forward to seeing you there, and helping raise vital funds for the school.



ENGLISH - MRS FURNESS

9 English 5

Language GCSE

Revision 8

Room 18

Every Monday Lunchtime

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES - MRS SLATER

Last term our Year 11 Artists returned to Roche Court New Art Centre to complete the recording of their podcast- an interview with the prolific Artist Laura Ford. They learnt from Sound Engineer Dan and scriptwriting /editing from Zach. They had another view of the sculptures, before then embarking on scripts for recording in the studio. Here is the link to the podcast.

<https://rochecourteducationaltrust.co.uk/the-roche-court-educational-trust/digital-resources/podcast/>

SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB

FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES
BY THE WILLOW TREE WITH
MRS. FURNESS

Staff and students welcome

Project one: growing tomatoes

Grow tomatoes from scratch and then make a delicious summer salad in the kitchens.

Workshop

SEND Sex Education Workshop

For parent carers of children and young people with SEND.

Do you want help with the why, when, what and how to teach or talk to your SEND child about puberty?

As a result of successfully applying for a small grant, the WPPCC is offering free Sex Education workshops for Wiltshire parent carers.

Kate Reynolds (MOS, PGCE, PGDHE, BSc (Hons) SA, RGN) will be delivering the workshops. Kate has run sessions for the WPPCC in the past and they have always been very well received by people who attended.

Details of venues can be found on the booking form.

Places for these free to attend workshops are limited to 20 places per session, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

You can book online
<https://www.sendsexworkshop.co.uk/WPPCCSexEd-March2023>

Alternatively
Scan the QR code
or
Phone: 01225 764647
Email: reception@wiltspcc.co.uk

Monday 6th March
Salisbury
11:30am to 1:30pm

Tuesday 7th March
Salisbury
6:30pm to 8:30pm

Monday 13th March
Calne
11:30am to 1:30pm

Tuesday 14th March
Calne
6:30pm to 8:30pm

Monday 27th March
Trowbridge
11:30am to 1:30pm

Tuesday 28th March
Trowbridge
6:30pm to 8:30pm