

# Warmley Park School and College

*Aspire, Believe, Enhance, Achieve*

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## **Happy Holidays!**



We have had a productive first term - the college is now open, and the finishing touches are being made to the building work. Pupils and students are working hard and this is evident through our new assessment system.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the parent questionnaire about communication, we are putting together an action plan based on the responses so further information to follow. I hope that you all have a restful half term break.

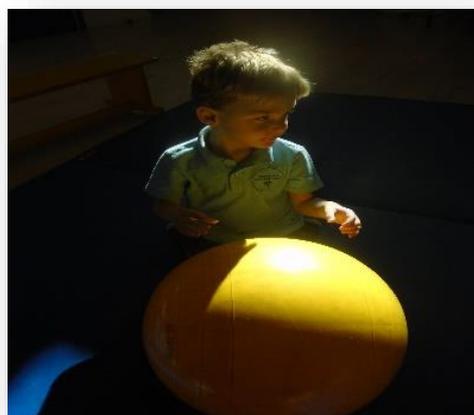
*Lisa Parker  
Head Teacher*

## Primary Department News

We have 7 classes in Primary this year, from Early Years to Key Stage 2: Bay, Oregano, Juniper, Mint, Basil, Sage and Chamomile. We have welcomed 12 pupils who are new to the school, with 3 more due to start soon. They have really added to the character of our department with their skills and personalities, and are making friends with their classmates, who have been very welcoming. As there has been a fair amount of change for many of us, our main focus this term has been settling in to our new classes and routines.

Even in this short time, we can see progress. For example, Bay, Oregano and Juniper classes started by having class assemblies, but now come together in the hall for the Early Years/Key Stage 1 assembly each Wednesday afternoon, and have been joining in very well with songs, sharing good work, and celebrating achievements and birthdays. Mint, Basil, Sage and Chamomile have also taken an active part in their weekly assembly, which follows a similar format. Some photos of good work from across the department are included here.

Our recent IEP meetings were well attended, and parents will have the chance to speak to class teams more informally at the Primary Coffee Morning on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30am. We hope to see you there for a cup of coffee and a chat.



*Tim Marshall  
Head of Primary  
Department*

## Secondary Department News

This year the students in Key Stage 4 (Coriander, Sorrel and Tarragon) have embarked on the new Adventure Challenge. So far, they have completed their first module of work, developing their camp-craft skills. Some students have been learning how to set up a tent and how to use a Trangia stove to make a hot drink. Others have participated in a sensory story about going on camping trip and several students have been participating in some field-studies work up on Lansdown.



The students are absolutely loving this year's Friday afternoon enrichment groups. They have chosen to participate in either rebound therapy; personal grooming; art; drumming; football or sensory room activities. A big thank you to Tiffany for getting our secondary choir up and running for the year. Look out for performances at upcoming school events. Another big thank you to Szilvia for her brilliant dance sessions, which run on a Thursday lunchtime.

Congratulations to Emma in Coriander class who won an award at this afternoon's assembly as part of the Black History Month. Congratulations also to Milan in Lavender class for achieving his ASA Level 1 Swimming Award.

Lavender class took part in an inter-school orienteering event held at Ashton Court estate on the 11th October 2018. There were 5 other special schools attending and the event was organised by Jane Whittock. The boys had to follow a trail through the woods and deer park, finding images of insects and animals along the way. As always, they were a credit to the school. Well done!

Hadi has begun his new job helping out the admin team, collecting dinner money. He is enjoying this and speeding up all the time.

Sam has made a huge break through this term in being able to count out objects and tell staff how many there are.

Students in Chive class have been exploring inventions and made milkshake.

Daniel did some amazing switch work!

And one more thank you to the parents who came and supported the secondary café today. Lookout for the date of the next café on the school newsletter.



*Russell Walker  
Head of Secondary Department*

## Post 16 News

On the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018, we officially welcomed our Post 16 students into the college for the very first time. It was a very exciting start to the term and since then, we have enjoyed settling in and making the most of the fantastic space we have.

We are so fortunate to be able to make our own lunches. Students are working hard and making progress in their culinary skills, preparing tasty meals on a daily basis. Hungarian hotpot on a Wednesday and pizza on a Friday have been firm favourites. Look out next term for a roast dinner on a Wednesday.

PE at Hillfields Community Hub has also been a highlight of this past term. We love the fact that we can go as a whole department and have fun whilst keeping fit. After all the running around, students can enjoy a game of pool or futsal to relax. We even had a visit from the local PCSO who came to welcome us to the Hillfields area.

The election for school council representatives was very well supported with over 10 students putting themselves forward for the vote. All candidates presented their ideas to a high standard in assembly and it was a very close run campaign. However, Cameron and Anja received the most votes and we are sure they will do a great job in representing Post 16 over the coming year.

The Macmillan Coffee morning was a great success. Students baked a selection of delicious cakes, which were supplemented by generous donations from parents/carers and staff. We made a fantastic total of £235, which is going towards a great cause.

Work experience placements started for a number of students in the second week back. Ellie-Mae, Luke and Beth have settled in really well down at Ashton Gate with Bristol Bears and are already coaching in local schools. Anja is impressing everyone with her Zumba moves at Christchurch School and Zumba Gold on a Friday morning. Fred and Johnno have been showing Steve 'how it is done' in their community gardening work with local gardener Dan Carey. Feedback from customers has been very encouraging.

Quotes from satisfied customers:

*"I recently spent a fantastic day in the company of Dan, two young men from Warmley Park School and their teaching assistant. They were punctual and charming company and worked very hard in our garden, digging, weeding and pruning. There was a reasonable charge for Dan's supervision and to cover expenses. I will not hesitate to contact Dan again to support this excellent scheme helping young people with learning difficulties gain work experience. "*

*"Fred and Johnno both worked tirelessly and with enthusiasm and good humour on my garden earlier this month. They helped remove weeds and to clear the fence of ivy and several other jobs under the guidance of Dan. I very much hope that they will be able to come again soon."*

Finally, rehearsals for our Macbeth performance at the Tobacco Factory Theatre are going well and we are looking forward to putting on our play on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. We would really appreciate all the support we can get. Tickets will be going on sale on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, so do get in touch if you would like to buy one. We can assure you, you are in for a treat.

*Marian Lovell  
Head of College*



We are supporting the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal again this year. The deadline for the boxes to be at school is 12<sup>th</sup> November. To find details on how to pack the box, please visit: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-wedo/operation-christmas-child/>



### Support from the 0-25 Team

During the next couple of months the 0-25 team and other associations will be visiting Warmley Park School and College to meet with students, staff and families. They will be looking at the transition from Warmley Park for our older students, however if you are thinking about the future and would like to come along, this opportunity is open to everyone! If you would like to meet with them please contact the school office or use the home-school diaries to arrange a time. Appointments are available between 09.30-12.00 noon on:

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## SCOPE

Equality for disabled people

Do you have a child/young adult that is struggling to sleep? Take a look at The Scope website, where you may find some useful advice:

<https://www.scope.org.uk/support/families/sleep/tips>. There are other useful documents on the South Glos website, where they have Sleep Toolkit advice for three age groups: birth-5, 5-13 and 13-19: <http://edocs.southglos.gov.uk/library/>

### Dates for Your Diary

5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Start of Termlet 2
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	*New event –Primary Coffee Morning time TBC
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	School Photos
19 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Post 16 Macbeth Performance – Tobacco Factory
29 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Official College Opening *Postponed*
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Carols by Candlelight and Craft Evening
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Lunch for pupils
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Secondary Coffee Morning 10am
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Primary Christmas Performance
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Secondary Christmas Performance
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Post 16 Christmas Performance
21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	End of Termlet 2
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Start of Termlet 3

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