

Oldbury Wells

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to this week's newsletter.

As we continue to navigate through the lock down period; despite the obvious concerns by all, we remain uplifted by the response given across our school community by students and their families who continue to work hard from home in response to the work set by our committed staff in school. This week has seen the launch of our 'Wellbeing Initiative' which has been positively received, with request for it to be further enhanced to include areas such as Healthy Eating and how to plan a positive diet across the weeks. We look to meet the needs of everyone and aim to respond to the feedback given by students, parents and staff to continue providing the very best support at this time.

Student Wellbeing & Mental Health Awareness

Following on from our Wellbeing Initiative, next week marks Children's Mental Health Awareness week. We will be sharing some important messages throughout the week and would remind all students that there are a range of resources available on the school website, alongside key contacts for staff in school should you require any support <http://www.oldburywells.com/student-information/emotional-wellbeing>

School Return

The Prime Minister has announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the re-opening of schools and colleges from Monday 8th March; this is in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity. Schools have been informed that they will be given a two-week notice period of when schools will re-open, it is likely that it will be a phased return meaning that not all students will return at the same point. Government have also stated that schools should not be open over the Half Term period, therefore provision in school alongside any distance learning will be paused during the week Monday 15th to Friday 19th February.

Supporting Examination Years – Years 11&13

Today marks the final day of the Government's consultation on how the remainder of the year will be managed to support students in key examination year groups (<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021>). A number of parents have made contact to seek further clarification which we will provide as soon as feedback is given from the Department of Education. We will be contacting parents of Year 11 & 13 shortly with further detail, although for now our message of 'everything counts' remains; students should continue to focus on all work set.

Communication

We endeavour to keep communication between home and school as regular as possible, a reminder that alongside our text service, we also push out significant information via our social media pages, please follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to keep up with school developments. Facebook: Oldbury Wells School. Twitter: @oldburywells. Instagram: @oldburywellsschool.

Thank You

Finally, a thank you to everyone. We recognise that managing everything at home during this time brings with it many challenges. We are delighted to hear of the many success's students are having with their work and the resilience they are showing in remaining motivated and fully engaged while balancing responsibilities at home. Should however you need any support or advice please do not hesitate to contact the school.

DISTANCE LEARNING

Parental Survey on Distance Learning:

Thank you for the responses that we have received already. If you have not had the chance to respond to the survey it can be found by clicking [here](#).

Any feedback that you can provide is much appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTACTING US

If you are contacting school via the school@ email or website query form, please include your child's **full name AND year group** as this will assist staff who are working remotely and enable them to forward messages promptly.

SCIENCE

The RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch takes place between the 29th and 31st Jan. It's easy to get involved with and a lot of fun too! For everything you need to know about the Bird Watch, follow: [this link](#).

REPORTING AN ABSENCE OR ILLNESS

Please do not phone the absence line as it is not being monitored. Instead, please contact Karen Sawyer on karen.sawyer@oldburywells.com.

CELEBRATING DISTANCE LEARNING WORK

MUSIC



Our Year 10 Music students have been working with some free music software this week called 'ChromeLab Songmaker' and they have been creating some ostinato based compositions, including a rhythm track and a melody.

They had one lesson to learn how to use the software and to produce a track.

Here is the impressive outcome from one of our year 10 students, Darcey Hartland. [Link to Music](#).

PSYCHOLOGY

Well done to year 12 Psychology students who completed their end of topic assessment to a very high standard - they should all be very proud of their hard work. They also started their new topic of memory and a particular well done to Jess Philbin and Oli Pilkington for getting involved in some memory experiments in their Teams lessons this week - keep up the hard work everyone. Miss Warner.

HISTORY

As part of Holocaust memorial day, Year 8 and other students from across the school made Flames of Remembrance. There have been lots of fantastic ones coming in - we will be publishing our full memorial on the website soon, but here are a small selection so far:



ART

Often when we have work submitted and it is slowly revealed as you upload you just have to say 'WOW'.

This submission made Mrs Moore's week!!

The artwork was created by Jacob Kissane in YR 11 who used the App Procreate on his iPad.

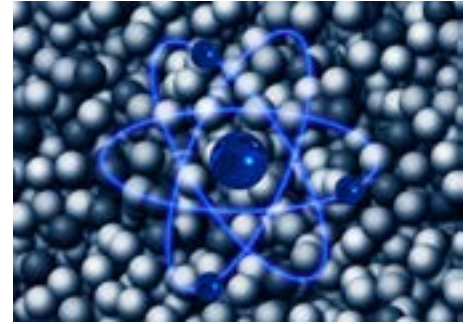
It took him about 1 hour and 30 minutes to develop and took inspiration from the negative space and shape work we have been studying through distanced learning.

Jacob said *'I've found this App to be very helpful and fun as I would like to do Graphics design and similar digital work when I leave school!'*



PHYSICS

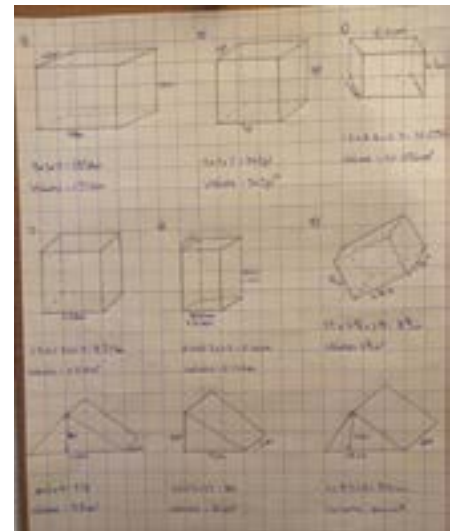
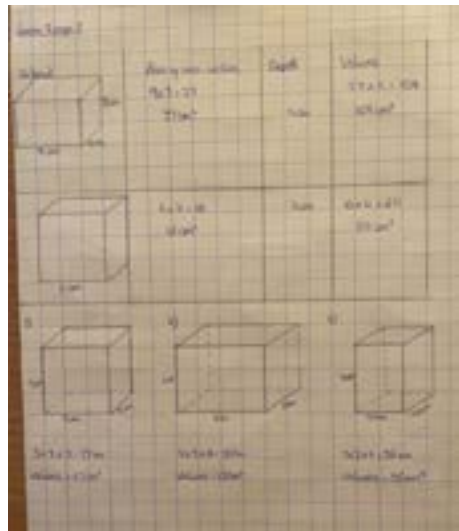
Some of our Year 13 students: Frankie Reah, Martha Jones, Harry Liddle and Jon Louis completed a nuclear physics masterclass delivered by York University. To receive the award, they had to complete 20 hours of study, attend online webinars, and answer high level question on nuclear decay, nuclear astrophysics, nuclear fusion and medical physics. Well done to you all for getting involved. Mr Johnson.



MATHS

Outstanding work and workings for yesterday's lesson from Eleanor Fryman – 8xMa1. Focusing on the cross-sectional area and volume.

Mr Walker



ART

The year 8 Pop Art 3D competition is in full swing and we have had some wonderful entries so far where the students have shown amazing creativity customizing found objects, clothing and constructing their own designs. It's not too late as we have extended the deadline to over half term so good luck and remember prizes will be awarded to each form. Mrs Wycherley.



Tyler Crossman



Serenity Bowen



Connor Mackey



Molly Preece

ART

We thought it might be nice to give a flavour of the work students have been working on across the year groups in Art over the last few weeks. In year 7 some groups have been developing project work inspired by Architecture including the work of Gaudi seen here with Ella's artwork. One group of 9 students started a new Fine Art unit and used visual mind maps like Georgia's fantastic example to create ideas for a project starting point. Yr 10 have been continuing with their skills and techniques focus and are experimenting with the concept of Negative space as seen here with Faye and Kai's work. Yr 11 have been working on contextual studies for their coursework Portfolio and have just submitted an Artist mood board presentation with lovely work such the Animal and Architecture presentations by Megan and Joe. Finally year 12 are developing work based around an 'Identity' theme and have been working on exercises such as grid drawing, the Loomis method for portraits and also creating their own artwork as shown here with work from Addison and Georgia. Well done to all the Art students who are submitting fantastic work it is a pleasure to see. - Mrs Wycherley



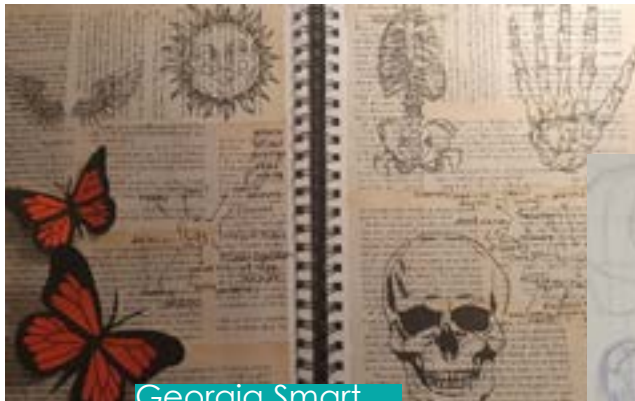
Addison Parton-Bill



Faye Gregory



Georgia Hallez



Georgia Smart



Joseph Broome



Georgia Hallez



Megan Smith



Addison Parton-Bill



Ella Quinton

SPORTS

PE CHALLENGE WEEK 1 RESULTS

What a fantastic first week to the PE Challenge series. Amazing results and so many entries! Well done to everyone who has taken part this week. You have all received a point for each section of the challenge you completed. So, if you did all 3 sections you are off and running on 3 points. For the winners of each section, a bonus 5 points were awarded that go towards their own and the form/house total.

There were 3 sections to the challenge for Week 1. A question section made up of 3 questions relating to core strength.

1. What muscles make up your core
2. What exercises might help build strength in this region?
3. What other events/sports apart from gymnastics require a high level of core strength?

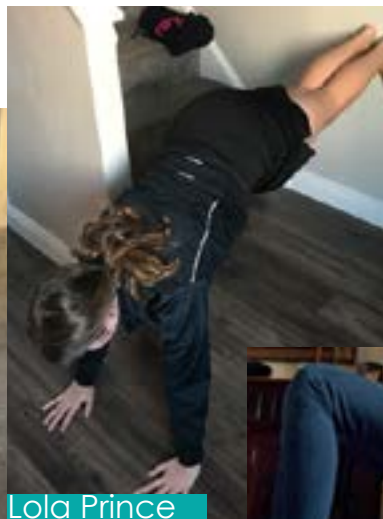
Then a wall plank endurance challenge.

Then finally a 6 min core challenge with 12 exercise and you had to complete as many as possible in 30 secs.

It's been great seeing your photos!



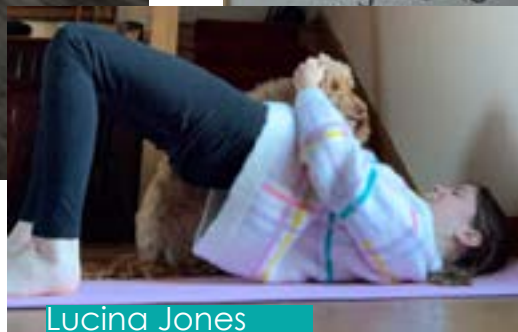
Alfie Weston



Lola Prince



Taylor Prince



Lucina Jones



Lola Prince

HOUSE TOTALS



Castle

Castle - 97



Friary

Friary - 94



NorthGate

Northgate - 84



Westgate

Westgate - 73

YEAR 7 RESULTS

QUESTIONS

- 1st** Josie Burt - 21
- 2nd** Imogen Baker-Lellow - 19
- 3rd** Bethany Hailes - 19

WALL PLANK

- 1st** Jayden Burdish - 6 mins 23 secs
- 2nd** Oliver Aubrey - 3 mins 1 sec
- 3rd** Lewis Willetts - 2 mins 21 secs

6 MIN CORE

- 1st** Bridie Hendon - 1040
- 2nd** Bethany Hailes - 621
- 3rd** Jayden Burdish - 549

FORMS

- LK - 50
- SPA - 44
- EJW - 43
- SHU - 36
- JWA - 26

YEAR 8 RESULTS

QUESTIONS

- 1st** Anna Cole - 15
- 2nd** Nell Walsh - 14
- 3rd** Beth Robinson - 14

WALL PLANK

- 1st** Will Sievwright - 3 mins 1 sec
- 2nd** Serenity Bowen - 2 mins 30 secs
- 3rd** Tom McCafferty - 2 mins 3 secs

6 MIN CORE

- 1st** Eliza Howells - 564
- 2nd** Holly Turner - 556
- 3rd** Polly Freeman - 530

HOUSE TOTAL

- Friary - 48
- Northgate - 43
- Castle - 39
- Westgate - 35

YEAR 9 RESULTS

QUESTIONS

- 1st** Lily Goulden - 41
- 2nd** Abi Drinkwater - 22
- 3rd** Charlotte Draper - 19
- 4th** Ellie Simpson and James Letby - 18

WALL PLANK

- 1st** Ellie Simpson - 3 mins 10 secs
- 2nd** Evie Dempsey - 2 mins 30 secs
- 3rd** Rhona Ferrans - 2 mins 18 secs

6 MIN CORE

- 1st** Leila Harvey - 586
- 2nd** Max Parker - 542
- 3rd** Ashton Briggs-Thomas - 511

HOUSE TOTAL

- Friary - 48
- Northgate - 43
- Castle - 39
- Westgate - 35

KS4 RESULTS

QUESTIONS

- 1st** Max Wright - 14
- 2nd** Eleanor Wenham - 10
- 3rd** Freddy Taylor-Mason - 10

WALL PLANK

- 1st** Archie Wright - 1 min 22 secs
- 2nd** Jack Carrasco-Porter - 1 min 20 secs
- 3rd** Eleanor Wenham - 44 secs

6 MIN CORE

- 1st** Archie Wright - 555
- 2nd** Henry Dwane - 481
- 3rd** Eleanor Wenham - 410

HOUSE TOTAL

- Castle - 23
- Friary - 3
- Northgate - 3
- Westgate - 2

WELLBEING UPDATE

This week we launched our wellbeing initiative on Satchel One. Each morning, we set an optional task for students to complete should they wish, before school between 8:45 and 9:00am.

So far, we've been really pleased with how many wanted to give the activities a go - on Monday students checked in with their form tutors. On Tuesday we launched the OWS Book Review competition, where students were invited to read and relax, and if they wished start to think about writing a book review for a chance to win a Kindle. The reviews will be kindly read by our school governors, the closing date is the 26th February. On Wednesday, we set a wellbeing task proven to help with relaxation and focus, as well as mindful colouring. Thursday was a careers video about Optometry, and Friday was Current Affairs, and the theme was The Holocaust as Wednesday was Holocaust memorial Day. Next week, the Wellbeing Initiative will continue.



LAST WEEK'S QUIZ ANSWERS

General Knowledge

1. Twins
2. Totem Poles
3. A Gondola
4. Yellow
5. No
6. Bull
7. London
8. 52
9. Son
10. Great White Shark

Movies

1. Pizza.
2. Monkey
3. On the arm
4. Inside Out
5. A Sloth
6. Lindsay Lohan
7. His Feet
8. C-3PO
9. Amelia Mignonette
10. Grimaldi Thermopolis Renal-

History

1. Austria
2. Pudding Lane
3. Foo Fighters
4. Adolf Hitler
5. A Poppy
6. George Bush
7. 1066
8. False
9. Six
10. C – Wood

Science

1. Thirty-two (32)
2. The lungs
3. The heart
4. Hearing, sight, smell, touch and taste
5. Your nose and ears
6. Water
7. The small intestine (it is around 7 meters long!)
8. In your ears

Geography

1. Venus
2. Mount Etna
3. The Nile and The Amazon
4. Egypt
5. Yes, the Stone Age occurred first
6. No, the South Pole is colder than the North Pole
7. Nevada
8. An Earthquake

JUST FOR FUN - QUIZ!

Sport

1. Frank Bruno was a famous boxer. What weight did he box at, Lightweight or Heavyweight?
2. Which country won the 1998 World Cup in football?
3. How many points is the pink ball worth in snooker? Is it 3 or 6?
4. In which sport is a Fosbury Flop performed? Is it Gymnastics or the High Jump?
5. In what sport would you use the parallel bars?
6. How many teams are relegated from the Premiership each year?
7. Which football team play at Villa Park?
8. Which nations rugby team are known as the 'All Blacks'?
9. In what sport does a cox control their team, is it cricket or rowing?
10. What did Manchester United replace 6 times between 1998 and 2000, their manager or their pitch?

Geography

1. In what part of England would you be if you were on the shore of Lake Windermere? Would you be in North Wales or The Lakes?
2. How many of the world's highest mountains are found in Asia. Is it 7, 17 or 67?
3. What type of weather is a drizzle? Is it light or heavy rain?
4. Which river flows through the city of Paris in France?
5. Which mountains divide France and Spain, is it the Pyrenees or The Alps?
6. In which city are there more canals, Birmingham or Venice in Italy?
7. In which Italian city is the Vatican located? (where the pope lives)
8. In which country is the region of Normandy, France or Germany?
9. Which country has four times as many pigs as any other country?
10. Which feature of the Earth's oceans does the moon affect? Is it the depth or the tides?

Science:

1. What do you do if you boot up a computer?
2. Which part of the body secretes the hormone Insulin?
3. What metal are most soft drinks cans made of?
4. What are the three states of matter?

5. What is the hardest naturally occurring substance?
6. Do magnets with different poles facing attract or repel?
7. Which planet is the largest in our solar system?
8. What are the three primary colours of light?
9. Which planet is most famous for its rings?
10. Which colour reflects heat better, black or white?

True or False:

1. Some museums have robot security guards patrolling their floors.
2. The aircraft Voyager flew for nine days without refuelling to travel around the world.
3. The oldest known living person reached 149 years of age.
4. A fax page is made up of as many as six million individual dots.
5. If your body temperature reaches 30 degrees centigrade, you will fall unconscious.
6. You use over 200 muscles when you walk.
7. The gravity on Jupiter is 318 times stronger than on earth.
8. There are canals on Mars.
9. Robodoc is a surgical assistant robot with over 1,000 successful operations under its belt.
10. 1968 saw the launch of the first spacecraft.

General Knowledge

1. Who is the longest serving British King, is it George 111 or George the 10th?
2. Which famous person launched Virgin Airways in 1985?
3. In which year was Prince William born? Was it 1982 or 1992?
4. Which famous book character robbed from the rich and gave to the poor?
5. Which postman has a black and white cat?
6. If a person was Peruvian, what country would they come from?
7. Where does a hamster store grain and seed?
8. What is the outer covering of a tree's trunk called?
9. What are a baby elephant and a baby cow called?
10. Tawny and Barn are which types of bird?