



# Wednesday Whistle

## HR Matters 10 July



Please be reminded that our next HR Matters is to be held on 10 July 10am-12pm at Sherford Vale School.

The topic of discussion will be Policies and Apprenticeships.

Please let me know if you would like to add any items to our agenda.

Please could you confirm your attendance by emailing [hr@westst.org.uk](mailto:hr@westst.org.uk) or ringing 01752 891754 ext 1765. (Due to space restrictions, we ask for a maximum of 2 people per school.)



### Summer Work

Oreston Community Academy is looking for additional staff to work in its Lighthouse Club during the summer holidays. If any staff within the MAT are interested in undertaking any additional hours during the summer holiday, please contact the school on 01752 402050 for further information.

## P60



Please head to your online April Payslip to retrieve your P60. These emails will be under the sender name of 'RPowered.'

If you have not signed up for this service, please ring our Payroll provider on 01392 383000. This is an automated line. When prompted, please ask for 'Payroll' to request this information.

We suggest that you print out your P60's or file these electronically for further reference.



## Vacancies

The following vacancies are currently being advertised within our WeST schools:



### Hele's School

Data Manager (Data, Assessment & Timetable)

[Click here for more details](#)

### Plymstock School

Designated Safeguarding Lead

[Click here for more details](#)

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BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY  
**ONE YOU**

As we all know, looking after our wellbeing can be a challenge in modern life! However the resources from Public Health England are free to use and under the One You campaign provide a range of tips, tools, support and encouragement every step of the way, to help improve your health and wellbeing.

Across the Trust we have a number of active wellbeing ideas but why not start with the One You quiz for a personalized health score in 10 mins - [click here](#) for more information.

## All in Aid of Charity!

MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT

On 4 May 2019 Jane Pine, WeST Finance Assistant, began the epic walk from John O'Groats to Lands End in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The plan was to walk an incredible 930 miles in 55 days, the weather however, had different ideas. Due to flooding Jane had to make a couple of detours and ended up walking over 1,000 miles but still managed to finish on time and on the planned date of 27 June.

We're happy to say that Jane is now safely home, nursing just a few blisters, having raised a staggering £2,216.72 .

There is still time to donate by simply clicking on the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/janesjourney>

You can also find out more about her journey by clicking onto her Instagram page.

<https://www.instagram.com/janepepperpine/?hl=en>

Congratulations Jane, you are truly amazing!



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## Junior Maths Challenge Success for Coombe Dean



Well done to the Coombe Dean Mathematicians who took part in the 2019 UK Mathematics Trust Junior Maths Challenge. Between them, students achieved one Gold, five Silver and nine Bronze certificates.

Over 270,000 pupils from across the UK sat the JMC with roughly the top 6% receiving a Gold certificate, the next 13% Silver and the next 21% Bronze.

A sample question from this year's challenge (answer on UKMT website):

*On Aoife's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, Buster was three times her age. On Aoife's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, how old was Buster?*

A 32      B 48      C 53      D 63      E 64

*"The Maths Challenge provides material to provoke students' mathematical thinking and test their problem solving skills in an accessible and yet challenging way. Many congratulations to Coombe Dean School on their success in the Junior Maths Challenge; it is great to see achievement in mathematics recognised." – Rachel Greenhalgh, UKMT Executive Director.*

The UK Mathematics Trust is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. It organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for UK secondary school students. Further information about the Trust and its activities are available



## Cricket Winners!



On Tuesday 25 June, Woodlands Park Primary School competed in a cricket tournament at Cornwood Cricket Club.

Our first match was against Stowford; unfortunately we lost by 9 runs. In the next match we played Shaugh Prior, and won by 54 runs. We kept improving, winning the next two games against Yealmpton and Newton Ferrers A which meant we played the final against Newton Ferrers B. In a close fought game we managed to win by 14 runs in the last over. Hearing our school name being called up for the cup was amazing!

Thank you to Cornwood cricket club for hosting the tournament and providing umpires and scorers. Written by Erin Tuckwell & Charlie Farmer.



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## NQT Conference 26th June:



Following the success of our second NQT Exchange during the Spring Term, last Wednesday saw the launch of our first WEST NQT Conference. NQT's from all WEST Schools were invited to attend an afternoon of celebration where they were encouraged to reflect on their Induction Year.

Following a video welcome address by Rob Haring, Jo Pepper and Nicky Withey led workshops which encouraged NQT'S to share their highlights and best practice strategies as well as planning for their second year as an RQT.

In addition, the Conference included three workshops delivered by expert practitioners from across WEST. The first session was delivered by Sam Jones from Hele's School and considered 'practical tools on how to structure lessons to support maximum output and pupil engagement'. This was followed by a workshop on 'closing the gap,' led by Mark Taylor from Plymstock School which addressed strategies to support our most disadvantaged students. Our final workshop was delivered by Sarah Broom from Ivybridge Community College and addressed a range of strategies to encourage 'stretch and challenge' for all students. We are extremely grateful for the input from Sam, Mark and Sarah who were inspirational and our NQT's are looking forward to putting the many strategies discussed into practice upon their return to school.

As expected, our NQT's were amazing and made us feel immensely proud. We were incredibly impressed by the quality of their reflection, level of enthusiasm and the high quality of best practice they shared. We thank them for all they have done for our students throughout the last academic year and wish them continued success as they move into the RQT years.





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## Stowford School celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Stowford School enjoyed a lovely Summer Fair this year with sunny weather and a fantastic turn out from all pupils, staff and parents. This year was particularly special to the school as Stowford is now celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The fair opened with our traditional whole school song which this year was the uplifting "Be the Change", followed by a rousing "Happy Birthday to Stowford". Then all the fun began with many activities and performances to keep everyone entertained. As well as the ever popular bouncy castles and different stalls, there were class performances at timed intervals on the class field arena. These started with the energetic Field Gun Crew who again demonstrated their skills whilst competing in teams, using the wooden replica of the Tournament Gun that was originally used.

Then a beautiful performance by the Gymnastic Club followed by a rousing session of drums by classes in Year 4. At the top of the School's field, children also enjoyed toasting marshmallows in our woodland area. From the woodland, a beautiful view of the Fair could be enjoyed with its relaxed atmosphere and peaceful view of Dartmoor in the distance.

Thanks to our hard working PTA and staff, the sum of £3,088 was raised for the benefit of the school pupils and their educational opportunities. We are all looking forward to next Summer's Fair and perhaps even beating this figure!



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## Fundraising Success



On Tuesday the 25 June Woodland Park had a Wacky hair day and painted pebbles to sell so they could raise money for Woodside animal shelter.

Everyone came to school with wacky hair; even the teachers! Everyone looked amazing! Sadly, people didn't bring in enough pebbles for everyone to buy so people who made and brought a pebble got priority. Everyone had fun on the day.

School council decided to do an assault course in the field with school council members on each of the stations! Even though this was not our original plan, it was very popular with everyone, as they all wanted to have a go.

During this surprisingly enjoyable event, we managed to raise an amazing £191!

**Written by: Mia Davey - Chairperson, Emily Ballard - Secretary, Erin Tuckwell - Treasurer**



## College achieves Anti-Bullying Award



The Anti-bullying Ambassador team are proud to announce that they have recently been awarded the Diana Award Wellbeing Badge. Over the last few months the students along with Mrs Shore, Miss Newcombe and Mrs Peters have been working on various projects to ensure that everyone at Ivybridge Community College is working together to promote anti-bullying. Students have held cake sales, spoken in assemblies educating others about the different types of bullying and designing screen savers to be shown throughout the College with information about who to contact if they need someone to turn to. The Ambassadors are currently organising a 'Colour Run' to support LGBT+ which will be held on Friday 12 July. The Diana Award team were very pleased with what Ivybridge students had achieved in such a short space of time.

"We were overwhelmed with how much thought and effort you've put into the Wellbeing focused anti-bullying activities. It seems like all of the activities have had a great impact on the wellbeing of students in your school and we really like the focus on ensuring that peer support is widely accessible. It's great to see that you've also put on some fun, whole school events.

Thank you so much for sending the video. It was an amazing way for us to see the work in practice and to hear the different voices in the school. Thank you so much for making/ sharing that with us, we loved it!!

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Congratulations, we are awarding you the Wellbeing Badge! What a fantastic achievement and a true testament of your hard work as a team." The Diana Award team.



## Sports Day Week at Stowford School



Stowford School has just enjoyed a week of successful Sports Days for Nursery, Key Stage One and Key Stage 2. We were very lucky with fine weather and everything running to plan, despite the high winds!

Key Stage One children participated in their Carousel of activities around the field before taking part in various races including the Egg & Spoon race as well as flat running races. As part of our tradition, our lovely PTA provided ice-pops as a well-deserved reward at the end of the morning for the many hot and thirsty children!

Even the youngest children in our nursery had a go and took part in the 'pre-school race' at the end of the KS1 Sports Day, as well as their own dedicated Nursery Sports Morning organised by the Nursery Teachers and assistants.

Later in the same week, our Foundation classes enjoyed watching the relay races being undertaken by the older children for their Key Stage 2 Sports Day. It was lovely to see the younger children being able to cheer on their older friends and siblings who were also a fantastic inspiration to them. Well done everyone!



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## Celebration Evening at Oreston



Last Wednesday we held our annual Celebration Evening and saw over 600 people walk through our doors. Each teaching team shared highlights of the year with a huge catalogue of photos on display. Alongside this, parents and carers were immersed in our thematic learning from this term. This included an art gallery, a taste of multicultural Britain appealing to all the senses, a visit to the woods, gingerbread man decorating, as well as chants and a musical performance at our very own Caribbean carnival. The children are an integral part of the evening, proudly representing a vast range of extra-curricular clubs.

The whole school community are involved in the event and Anne Newall, our Chair of Governors, said: *"It was a delight to see the children from Nursery to Year 6 proudly showing their families some of the exciting work and activities they have experienced during the year. The evening was really well organised to showcase both the curriculum and the extra-curricular fun the children have had. Celebration Evening is a wonderful way for parents, grandparents and other family members to see the huge range of experiences their children enjoy at Oreston."*

Our visitors were also entertained with live music from our school choir and instrumentalists. One of the highlights this year has been working alongside the Royal Shakespeare Company to produce our own version of 'Matilda' and the children proudly shared their wonderful memories of this unique experience.

Refreshments were provided by our very own chef and the team from the 'Orestaurant'.

This was the first time that our new Headteacher, Esther Best, had experienced Celebration Evening. She said, *'We are so proud to host this annual event for our school community as it is such a great opportunity to celebrate all we have achieved across the year. This event is my first as the new Headteacher at Oreston Community Academy and I am looking forward to next year's already'*







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## Celebrating our Armed Forces

At Dunstone we celebrated Armed Forces Day by holding a Heroes Lunch. We were lucky to be joined by over 100 friends and family to have lunch on the field in the glorious sunshine.



Teacher?  
I prefer  
the term  
Educational  
Rockstar



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IVYBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PRESENTS  
A MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP PRODUCTION

# RENT

SCHOOL EDITION  
BY JONATHAN LARSON

**FRIDAY 12 AND SATURDAY 13 JULY 2019 7PM**

Tickets available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/ivybridge](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ivybridge)

The poster for the musical 'Rent' features a vibrant, multi-colored background of a city street scene. The word 'RENT' is written in large, bold, white letters with a thick black outline, set against a dark, textured background. The background is divided into vertical sections of red, green, yellow, and blue. The text 'IVYBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS A MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP PRODUCTION' is at the top, and 'SCHOOL EDITION BY JONATHAN LARSON' is below the title. The dates and time 'FRIDAY 12 AND SATURDAY 13 JULY 2019 7PM' are prominently displayed at the bottom, along with the ticket source information.





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# IVYBRIDGE

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1958~2019  
**Jubilee**  
Celebration

The College will be hosting a celebration on

**Monday, 15 July**

*Any photographs or interesting stories are most welcome to support our exhibition*





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## Hele's School



COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

## Summer Holiday Club

Monday 22nd July -  
Friday 30th August 2019



6-12 year olds welcome

10.00am - 4.00pm

£12.00 per day

Swimming Tuesdays & Thursdays  
additional £3.50

Morning Club (8am-10am) £3.00

Afternoon Club (4-5.30pm) £3.00

**Day trips every FRIDAY!**

Swimming, Drama, Arts and Crafts  
Multi-sports, Dance, Team Building



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