

To inspire, to learn, to succeed

Important Dates;

27 Nov

UK Maths Senior Team
Challenge

28 Nov

Girls Football, away
Yr 11 Netball, away
U13s Somerset Football,
home
U15s Somerset football,
home

KS4 Badminton Tournament,
away

29 Nov

Yr 7 Netball tournament,
home
English Speaking Union
Debate competition, away

30 Nov

UKMT senior kangaroo
Yr 12 Unmistakable voices,
Bristol

04 Dec

Yr 9 UWE Cyber Security
Taster day
Marvellous Matrices

05 Dec

Yr 8 London Art Gallery trip
Yr 7 Bath Uni enrichment
event
Christmas Church Service
KS3 Table Tennis
competition

Primary Coaching Session

09 Dec

Oldfield Christmas Fair

11 Dec

Yr 5 Writing Workshop

13 Dec

Yr 7 London Art Gallery Trip

14 Dec

Yr 5 Writing Workshop

17 Dec

Yr 9 London Art Gallery Trip

18 Dec

Yr 11 Parents' Evening

20 Dec

Christmas Concert

21 Dec

END OF TERM 2

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am quite sure that you will have noticed that the Christmas season is now upon us; I am very aware that your children have! We have a number of Christmas events taking place between now and the end of term and your involvement with these would be most welcome. All Saints Church in Weston is the venue for our annual Christmas service on Wednesday 5th December and this is followed by the Christmas concert at the school, on Thursday 20th December. The parents association (OSA) is running a Christmas Fair on Sunday 9th December and this is another opportunity to listen to some of our musicians performing and to support the OSA in their funding raising activities.

Regarding fund raising you will be delighted to know that almost £2000 has been raised by students and staff for Children in Need which is an impressive effort and sets a very high bar for future years. Our students threw themselves into the activities taking place at lunchtime and after school and there was a lovely atmosphere around the school during the day.

We have published the school term dates for 2019 – 2020 and these are on the school website. The arrangements for the start of the year are the same as this year, with Years 7, 10 and 12 in school on the first day of the academic year and the other year groups starting on the following day.

Could I remind you that, as with previous years, the last day of this term will have an early finish and students will be released from school at 12.30pm after a whole school assembly.

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas events.

*Steven Mackay
Headteacher*

Christmas Events

We would like to invite you to the Christmas events hosted by the Music Department this year. Whether or not your child is involved in these events all will be warmly welcomed and we hope to see you there.

The concerts and services that the Music Department are hosting this year are;

- 7- 8pm, 5th December - Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols in All Saints Church, Weston
- 1- 3 pm, 9th December - Musical performances at the Oldfield Christmas Fair in the school hall
- 7- 8pm, 20th December - Christmas Concert in the school hall (traditional school Christmas Concert complete with tinsel and full on Christmas jollity in the second half!). Mulled wine and mince pies will be available in the interval, served by the OSA. Email enquiries@oldfieldschool.com to book your complimentary tickets.

It would be lovely to see as many students, parents and friends of the school as possible come to together to celebrate Christmas this year.

*Mrs Robinson
Head of Music*

Giving Machine

Now is the ideal time to help the OSA without doing anything extra! When buying things online (almost anything), please go through www.thegivingmachine.co.uk and it will generate free donations for our school!

It just takes a couple of minutes to sign up;

- Click on "join as a giver"
- Choose Oldfield School Association Bath, Bath and then "join and support"
- Fill in your details and join
- Everytime you go to buy anything online, login to your account and choose your retailer (which you can then add to your favourites to make it easier in future)
- GO SHOPPING!!

Please come along to the Oldfield Christmas Fair on **Sunday 9th December from 1pm to 3pm** and support our school and your children. Entrance for children is free, and there's a 50p charge for adults.

Highlights of the fair include: musical performances by students, a variety of stalls with great Christmas present ideas, high quality Nordman Christmas trees, food and refreshments and the amazing hamper raffle. The OSA will also be running a nearly new uniform sale at the fair this year.

Dates for your diary

- Sunday 9th December, Oldfield Christmas Fair, 1-3pm. Second-hand uniform for sale, Nordman Christmas trees, lots of interesting stalls with great ideas for Christmas presents, raffle and refreshments.
- Friday 22nd March, OSA Quiz Night. Our annual night of fun and friendly competition. Further details to follow.

Second-hand School Uniform

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all those parents and pupils who have kindly been sending in their old school uniform to donate to the OSA. Feedback from parents who have bought second-hand uniform has been really positive. For a two hour period at the recent Tutor Consultations Evening we were able to raise £115.40 which will now go directly to supporting a wide variety of activities, trips and resources for your children at Oldfield. Thank you very much for your support.

All uniform donations will always be gratefully received. Just bring any, clean, unwanted uniform to school in a bag marked "OSA", hand in to Reception and we'll do the rest!

How to get involved;

- **Stalls.** Oldfield students can run a stall for £2, parents of an Oldfield student for £5 and outside businesses for £10. We have a limited number of stalls available, they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- **Raffle.** Send in donations for the raffle. This year we're again asking each house to produce a hamper. We would like students to bring in different coloured items depending on their house colour. House points will be awarded to the house that comes up with the best hamper.
- **Prizes for the raffle.** perhaps you have some unwanted gifts you could donate or have an interest or business that may be willing to contribute something e.g. a yoga class, massage, riding lesson etc.
- **All donations should be sent to school by Friday, 5th Dec.**
- **Christmas trees** are available to pre-order so you need not worry about availability on the day of the fair. We have a limited number of the Nordman non-drop Christmas trees available: 5-6ft trees cost £35 and 6-7ft trees cost £40. Cheques should be post-dated 09.12.18 and made payable to the OSA. Again, trees will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- **Volunteers** are crucial to the success of the fair and it is also a great way to get to know other parents. If you can spare a half hour or more of your time on the day that would be fantastic, just email us your details and we will contact you before the fair: osa@oldfieldschool.com

Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday 9th December 2018.



**OLDFIELD SCHOOL'S
CHRISTMAS
FAIR**

Sunday 9th December

Festive Hampers & Prizes
Musical Performances by Students

Festive Gifts & Treats
Nordman Fir Non Drop Trees

1pm - 3pm

KIDS GO FREE!
50p ENTRY FOR ADULTS

PRE-ORDER XMAS TREES £35/£40
FOR 5-6ft/6-7ft TREES, EMAIL osa@oldfieldschool.com

NOTICE BOARD




OLDFIELD
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*Christmas Festival of
Lessons & Carols*

Wednesday 5th December, 7pm
Weston All Saints Church

*Oldfield School warmly welcomes you to join us at
Weston All Saints Church for a
service of readings and carols led by our Senior Choir
and Concert Band*

Oldfield School
Christmas Concert
Thursday 20th December, 7pm



*Email enquiries@oldfieldschool.com
to book your complimentary ticket(s)*

**Come along to celebrate the Christmas festivities with
our musicians.
Mince pies and mulled wine available from the OSA in the interval**


OLDFIELD
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Mary Poppins



A Spoonful of Sugar

Our fantastic cast are still busy rehearsing and practising this year's school production of Mary Poppins. The performances will be on the 12th, 13th and 14th February and tickets will go on sale in the new year.

Further details to follow soon!

Could you offer a work experience placement for our students?

Our Year 10 students will be participating in planned work experience for five working days from 24th—28th June 2019. We are continually looking to expand our school's work experience database in order to offer as many opportunities to our students as possible. We would love to hear from our parents if you think that you, or your employer, could potentially offer a work experience placement. Please do contact Mrs Williams with details via enquiries@oldfieldschool.com. Many Thanks.

Lost Property

We try to return all named items of lost property to students as and when they are found. However, we have a large amount of un-named coats and other items. Please encourage your child to come and claim their property.

Mrs Goddard-Palmer
Student Welfare Officer

Deadline for sixth form applications is 21st December 2018.
All speeches from the Information evening are now available on the website.

Sixth Form Primary Links

All students in the Sixth Form are expected to do school service throughout the year. A whole group of sixth formers have been meeting regularly every Friday morning to help Year 8 students with literacy support, which has been enormously beneficial.

A smaller group of students has been visiting two Bath primary schools, St. Michael's and Twerton, to help Year 5 students with literacy support. This project has just begun and will continue on through to Term 4.

Senior Maths Challenge Success

On Tuesday 6th November, twenty four of our sixth form mathematicians sat the Senior Maths Challenge. This is a national competition organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT).

We are delighted to congratulate Daniel Weston and Jack Gibert who both achieved Gold certificates and have qualified for entry into the Senior Kangaroo. This is a wonderful achievement and we wish them luck for the next round.

We are very proud to report Silver certificates awarded to Tom Templeton, Fred Beresford and Ethan Harrup as well as Bronze certificates to: Harry Moore, Effie Macgregor, Luc Sweet, Cameron Johnson, Jack Bilotto, Sophia Kendall and Olly Cotton.

Well done to all of the students who took part.

*Miss Monaghan
Second in Mathematics*



Year 12 CERN Trip

Last month our Year 13 physics students went to Geneva, Switzerland to the site of the large hadron collider at CERN. This was a joint trip with 3 other sixth forms in the area. Students visited the site where the Higgs Boson was recently discovered. It was inspirational to be at such an important facility which has been so fundamental to developments in physics. Whilst at CERN students were given talks by researchers, as well as a guided tour of the CMS detector which is just across the border in France. Students took up the opportunity to visit the two interactive exhibition centres which taught about the Big Bang, and about CERN itself.

Students also enjoyed a visit to the Red Cross Museum and were given a guided tour of the UN buildings in Geneva. Students used their free time in Geneva to see the lake, visit the sights and museums, and some chose to return to CERN to see the exhibitions again!

*Dr Patterson
Physics Teacher*



"It was a great experience and it was great to see where science actually happens" – Tom Templeton

"It opened my eyes to new ideas and I am now looking at study opportunities abroad" – Tabby Johnson



100m underground at the CMS detector

Year 7,8 & 9 Netball Match v. Broadlands

Well done to the Year 7 netball team who travelled to Broadlands for their latest match. Once again some very strong performances from the players; particularly Sienna Bristow and Leila Distefano who are becoming a force in the circle defence! Brooke Bazley and Ruby Paradise kept the game flowing in centre court working well in both defence and attack. We were unlucky at times to not score but Lyra Podger, Caitlin King and Bea Sacdalan all played well rotating in as shooters against strong Broadlands defence. Sadly, we lost 8-2 but the score certainly did not reflect the effort from the squad. Congratulations to Sienna Bristow who was nominated player of the match.



Year 7 team

Mrs Little

Congratulations to the Year 8 netball team who also travelled and played Broadlands. We had a first appearance from Jess Woodham who had an excellent game and displayed fantastic shooting. The girls played really well and kept their winning streak, all girls worked well together to get a good result. Excellent defending from Maddy Davies in particular and Ellie Babbage with her shooting boots on. The final score was 24-1 and Freya Keyford was nominated player of the match. Well done all!



Year 8 team

Miss Hooper

On Tuesday 23rd October the Year 9 netball team played against Broadlands away. We started off really well and carried on like this for the rest of the game. At the end of the second quarter we were winning 23-4. The shooters in the first two quarters were Maddie Haag, Eleni Francis and Claudia Pearce. In the last two quarters of the match we had the same shooters and successfully managed to score more goals. The final score was 45-6 to Oldfield. A special well done to Claudia Pearce who was nominated player of the match. Well done to all of the team.



Year 9 team

Eleni Francis & Maddie Haag

The Year 8 BANES Netball Tournament

A total of 11 schools entered this year's netball tournament held at Wellsway School. There were two pools, in our pool we were up against St Greg's, Writhlington Ralph Allen, and Somervale. Our first match was against St Greg's, it was an extremely tight game and we managed to score in the last minute and win the game 4-3. Player of the match was awarded to Jess Causey. Up next was Writhlington, again another close battle with the score changing with both teams taking the lead. We successfully managed to steal the win here and won 3-2 with Maisy Gillett getting player of the match. With two out of two wins we were feeling confident going into our next game against Ralph Allen our biggest competition in our pool. In the first half we were 2-1 up, however Ralph Allen had some fantastic shooters and managed to turn the game around 6-2. A great game that unfortunately did not go our way, Jess Causey was nominated player of the match for the second time of the tournament.



The last game in the pool was against Somervale. We had to win this game to go through to the semi finals. The girls played really well and worked hard with each other to secure a 4-0 win; excellent goals scored from our shooters Becky Weldon, Maisy Gillett and Ellie Babbage. Player of the match was awarded to Freya Keyford. For the semi finals we were up against the winner of another pool, Wellsway. Unfortunately, Wellsway had outstanding shooters that sealed a 7-0 win against us. We never gave up and battled well until the final whistle. Jess Causey was awarded her third player of the tournament. We were beaten by the overall winners of the competition and we finished in fourth place.

Team: Maddy Davies, Jess Causey, Imogen Yap, Bronwen Williams, Freya Keyford, Ellie Babbage, Becky Weldon, Lily Swift, Maisy Gillett, Matlida Coles.

Well done girls.

BANES Cross Country Championships

Students from Oldfield took part in the yearly BANES Cross Country event at Kingswood Upper Playing Fields on Tuesday 6th November. Students supported each other during the afternoon and good effort was shown by all. The top ten qualify for the county round and we are pleased to hear that Emmanuel Omoniyi has made it through to this stage.



Outstanding performances were also seen by Ella King, Megan Tarling, Saul Gretton, Lewis Hillier, Lincoln Tooker, Eloise Parker, Evan McLain, and all Inter Girls who finished at the front of the pack in their age group. **Mrs Bell**



Minor Girls (Year 7)

Ella King 15th
Megan Tarling 22nd
Lily Wyber 56th
Leila Distefano 57th
Lyra Podger 58th

Junior Girls (yr 8/9)

Eloise Parker 38th
Imogen Yap 72nd
Matilda Coles 75th
Izzy Medley 80th
Ellie Babbage 93rd
Maddy Davies 101st

Inter Girls yr10/11)

Rosalind McLain 30th
Emma Poploski 31st
Niamh Bird 33rd
Ruby Frampton 34th



Minor Boys (year 7)

Saul Gretton 36th
Lewis Hillier 39th
Lincoln Tooker 41st
Tyler French 71st
Tom Pawsey 75th
Emmanuel Athanasiou 76th
Tom Sayers 78th
Kalvin Brain 79th
Jonnie Cokely 80th
Amin Othman 84th
Reuben Munro 90th

Junior Boys (year 8 and 9)

Evan McLain 20th
Alfie Barron 48th
Finn Williams 49th
Dan Pledge 54th
Nathan Baker 95th

Senior Boys (sixth Form)

Emmanuel Omoniyi 10th



Sports Leaders and Ambassadors

Primary Schools visit Oldfield

Our first Primary School Festival was held at Oldfield school on Wednesday 14th November. Pupils from WASPS, St Mary's and Newbridge attended.

The festival was held in the sports hall and was run by our sports leaders and sports ambassadors in Year 9. The sports leaders were in charge of the stations and explained the activities to the children. The ambassadors were group leaders and looked after the children taking them to each activity and praising them for their effort and performance. The festival concentrated on athletics events and we finished with an exciting relay at the end. Thank you to all the students who helped with the festival and gained valuable leadership experience.

Mrs Bell



U14'S Girls Football

The U14's girls travelled to Somervale for their first football tournament this term. Twelve teams entered the competition and three schools entered an A and a B team, including Oldfield. The U14s A first game was against Ralph Allen, the girls started really well and with some fantastic shots we won 3-0, with goals from Mia and Quinta. Up next was Writhlington B, the girls were passing and playing beautiful football. Shots were taken with some great through balls. We had fantastic goals from Mia and Quinta again concluding the game 6-0, Quinta getting a hat trick in this particular game. The next school we were up against was Somervale B, again the girls were on a roll and playing great football. The final score was 3-0, goals from Kiera and Mia. Our last two games were against Hayesfield and St Greg's. We managed to beat Hayesfield 1-0 and drew 0-0 against St. Greg's who put up a tough competition. Our four wins and a draw took us into the semi-final against Writhlington A. The girls were hungry for the final and got an early goal by Quinta, they kept pushing and we managed to seal the game with Kiera scoring our second goal. We were now through to the final against Somervale A. Due to time, we had to shorten the final to 5 minutes and then penalties if there was a tie. Unfortunately, the final was a great battle and within the short time frame neither team managed to score. Therefore, we went to penalties. Mia stepped up first and scored the first penalty, then Somervale missed. Quinta stepped up and unfortunately over hit the ball. Somervale now had an opportunity to equalise; they missed again. Kiera stepped up and with a fantastic penalty, sealed the win for us. I would like to say a massive well done as throughout the whole tournament we did not concede one goal and the girls worked extremely hard together. I would like to give player of the tournament to Mia Sparks. Well done all .



U14'S Team A

The Year 7s U14s B team made their first appearance for Oldfield School; Jasmine Mckenzie, Sophie Doig, Rosie Gray, Izzy Thomas, Silvia Kurdziel and Neela Clements. The girls had some tough competition. In the first two games against Chew Valley and Norton Hill, the girls battled well and both games ended in a 0-0 draw. The next two games against Somervale A and Wellsway, Oldfield played really well and created a few chances. However, on both games Somervale and Wellsway managed to get a late goal and we lost 1-0. The last game was up against Writhlington; this was the last game of the tournament. I told the girls to go for it and not to worry about the result. At one point we were 1-1 and we got our first goal of the tournament from Silvia. Unfortunately, Writhlington had a fantastic shooter and we lost the game 3-1. I want to congratulate all students for their outstanding work and effort in their first girls' football tournament. Here's to many more to come! I would like to give player of the tournament to Silvia Kurdziel. Well done all.



U14'S Team B

Miss Hooper

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

DAY	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	GCSE/A-LEVEL DANCE GCSE TRAMPOLINING Y10/11 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL Y8	STAFF MEETINGS
TUESDAY	BADMINTON Y7/8 FITNESS SUITE ALL YEARS CHOREOGRAPHY LAB – YEAR 7-9	NETBALL Y10/11 BASKETBALL – Y9/10/11 GCSE/A-LEVEL DANCE
WEDNESDAY	TABLE TENNIS – ALL YEARS VOLLEYBALL – ALL YEARS BADMINTON YEAR 9/10/11 FITNESS SUITE ALL YEARS STRICTLY COME DANCING – ALL YEARS	MARY POPPINS REHEARSALS NETBALL Y7 RUGBY – Y7/8 INDOOR ATHLETICS (INVITE ONLY)
THURSDAY	CHOREOGRAPHY CHALLENGE – STRETCH & FLEX G & T – INVITE ONLY BASKETBALL YEAR 10/11 SPORTS LEADERS IN THE GYM	UPPER SIGNATURE DANCE GROUP Y9-11 NETBALL Y8 & 9 BASKETBALL - YEAR 7/8
FRIDAY	DODGEBALL Y10/11 IN THE GYM 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL CHOREOGRAPHY - ALL YEARS	LOWER SIGNATURE DANCE – YEAR 7- 8 GIRLS FOOTBALL Y7-11

Boys' Extra Curricular Update

With the evenings drawing in, the school rugby season in the Bath area has come to a close and the main boys' extra-curricular focus turns to basketball; a developing sport in the B&NES area that Oldfield are keen to be a part of. We have launched training for Year 9, 10 and 11 on Tuesdays afterschool and Year 7 and 8 on Thursdays. There has already been a good level of commitment to the lunch time club we have been running since September for Years 10 and 11 so we are looking to extend this to the younger years so we can see some good successes against the other B&NES schools. We have entered all available competitions in the area for under 16s and under 14s. This will allow us to select students across Years 11/10 combined and Years 9/8 combined. We have requested some Year 7 friendly fixtures and we are hopeful that some other local schools will oblige.

With the natural break prior to the basketball fixtures starting, there is an opportunity for some of the non-mainstream sporting competitions. We are looking to build on the popularity of badminton within the school and have entered the KS4 badminton competition due to be held at Ralph Allen School on 28th November, so look out for a report coming soon. With over 40 students at Badminton club at lunch times, it is certainly a sport we are keen to take advantage of any competitive opportunities in.

We have a Key Stage 3 table tennis competition prior to Christmas which will be another opportunity to build on the strong attendance at the extra-curricular club we have been running at the school during lunch times.



Evan McLain performing in the B&NES cross country competition.



Emanuel Omoniyi performing in the B&NES cross country competition

There was also the cross country competition that took place on 6th November, notable boys performances were from Emmanuel Omoniyi in the sixth form who came 10th in his first ever cross country competition and showed excellent dedication and commitment in preparation for this event. Additionally, Evan McLain (Year 8) finished in the top 20 and was competing against Year 9 students so a really fantastic result. We are looking forward to how well Evan can do next year when performing in the older year group.

Our boys' football teams also see the second round of the Somerset cup due to be played by the start of December. Year 8 will play against St Katherine's School, Year 10 will play Beechen Cliff and Year 11 will play Hans Price. We are hopeful of some success in football as one of our stronger autumn/winter sports. The B&NES competitions for football will start after Christmas so prior to that we will

make sure all students are aware of training opportunities for each age group.

Many thanks for your continued parental support of fixtures and afterschool training, please continue to encourage students to attend as many clubs as possible. Please see the current sports clubs on offer on the previous page.

*Mr Driver
Head of PE*

Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school

The PE department are always keen to hear about students sporting successes outside of school and want to celebrate the students' achievements. If students have any sporting achievements they would like to share, please can parents email the name of the child, the sport award and brief details of the event/activity to enquiries@oldfieldschool.com, FAO PE department.

Girls Cricket Star, Eleni Francis

Following a recent trial, Eleni has been offered a place in the Somerset U15 County Squad Programme. Six hundred girls originally began the trial process and only 20 were picked for the U15 squad, one of which was Eleni.

"Both Oldfield School and Lansdown Cricket Club have provided her with excellent platforms and fabulous support. It's a really exciting time for girls/women's cricket. Somerset CCC are implementing the new ECB directive and will be working more closely with the schools and cricket clubs in order to accelerate talent through the county system." Mr Francis.

Well done, Eleni, great news.

We'll have more on our cricketing superstars in the next newsletter.

HOUSE NEWS

Oldfield does Children in Need Day

Friday 16th November was a very busy day as it was our largest fundraising event for Children in Need. All students and staff were able to wear their own clothes in return for a £1 donation. Students were encouraged to wear yellow, polka-dots or Pudsey related items. Those who did received house points. Lots of students had sprouted Pudsey ears and were wearing lovely Children in Need clothing, including onesies!

There was a very successful cake sale at break time. All cakes were donated by staff and sixth formers; and some of our younger students even baked cakes. A big well done and thank you goes to Jessica in Year 7 who decorated her cake with blue icing and an Oldfield swan.

Lunch time was full of activities in the sports hall. Most notable was 'Penalties at Pudsey' which was very popular as Mr Gann was dressed as Pudsey. Some of the staff turned up to try and slot a penalty past Pudsey. Mr Gann was on form and performing to the crowd doing cartwheels, forward rolls and Pudsey 'teddy bear' rolls before each shot.

One hundred and thirty students filled the hall after school for film night. They were very excited to get their bag of popcorn and hot dog whilst watching 'Jumanji'. This event was a great success and enjoyed by students of all ages. Whilst the film was on in screen 1, staff took to the sporting arena to compete in a very competitive and serious game of Dodgeball, again raising money for Children in Need.

This has been our most successful fundraising event at Oldfield School. The money is still being counted and a final total will be announced shortly, but we have raised in excess of £1800. This charity day would not have been possible without the help and support of staff, sixth formers and prefects for which the Heads of House are extremely appreciative. And lastly we could not have raised this amazing amount of money for a fantastic cause without the support of our students and parents, thank you very much!



Miss Vickery **Head of Apollo House**
Mr Gann **Head of Maia House**
Mrs Macnaughton **Head of Minerva House**
Mr Fox **Head of Neptune House**



TRIPS AND EVENTS

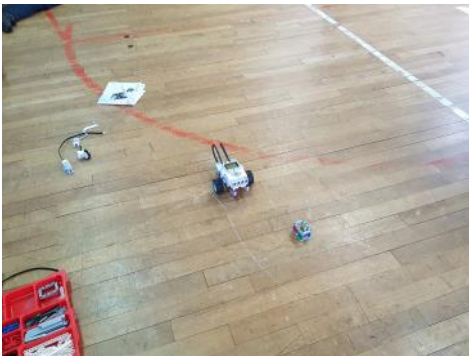
British Army STEM session

A selection of our Year 9 students were lucky enough to take part in a STEM session organised by the Army. The sessions were planned so the students could utilise their computer science skills to construct and then program a robotic Lego model. The students were able to design their own models as part of brief called Operation Disaster Relief, and they were tasked with being able to pick up and transport a vital piece of equipment using their robotic model.

Over the two hour sessions, there were some very dedicated groups who managed to make and program their model to move independently. Some of the students were able to utilise the movement and motion sensors to help their robot sense objects to avoid. The level of teamwork was evident in the students and there were numerous examples of the students developing a much more resilient approach to their learning. Hopefully this will enthuse some of these students to consider computer programming and robotics as a potential career opportunity!



*Mr Eidman
ICT Teacher*



USA v England, Wembley Trip

On Thursday 15th November students from Year 10 and Year 9 visited Wembley Stadium to watch England vs USA in an international friendly match. Students had a really enjoyable time seeing England win 3-0. The game was Wayne Rooney's final ever international match and marked his 120th Cap. The atmosphere in the stadium when he came on to take the captaincy was electric as the crowd chanted his name repeatedly. Students were engrossed in the game with many beginning to lose their voices from all the chanting! Lots of students had never watched live football or visited Wembley Stadium, which made for a memorable experience. Oldfield students were impeccably behaved in the stadium and it was a pleasure to provide the experience for them. Though heavily delayed on our return journey, students dealt with this very well and it ensured a very quiet coach journey on the way home. I would like to give particular thanks to parents who suffered interrupted sleep in order to collect students near 4am and thanks to Mr Gann, Mr Santarpino, Mr Hearle, Miss Davies and Miss McIntyre for supporting the running of the trip.



*Mr Driver
Head of PE*



Pumpkin Carving 2018

Well done to everyone that took part in our annual pumpkin carving event. Every year we are amazed by the display of creativity and thought that goes into the event, and this year it was bigger and better than ever. We were overwhelmed to see the amount of creepy, spooky and inspiring designs on show.

The winners for 2018 are:

Rose Pearce in Year 8: She demonstrated that this is a great moment for us all to be reflective about the amount of plastic we use in our daily lives. Rose would like to inspire us to use less and think more! Well done Rose, amazing message, creative design!



Mr Martos: His design has inspired us all to share a smile on these dull and dark days. I hope everyone that see this passes on a smile to everyone they see today.

Thank you to everyone that made this year's event possible!

*Mr Pearce
Art Teacher*



'The play's the thing!'

We were so proud of our Year 10 GCSE Drama students who performed their own magical version of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Egg Theatre on Thursday 15th November. The performance was a part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival, an international Youth festival which encourages young performers to engage with Shakespeare and giving them the opportunity to perform in a theatre and work with theatre professionals. At the end of the performance the festival co-ordinator commented on how well our students had done, their energy and comic timing bringing a real breath of life into the play. Students reprised their production at school for the whole of Year 7 on Wednesday 20th November.



*Miss Bloomfield
Head of Drama*



Product Design Thorpe Park Trip

On Friday 28th October Year 10 and 12 Product Design students embarked on a much awaited Thorpe Park trip. Eagerly meeting at 7.30am in the rain. However the rain was not going to tarnish the determination of the students to go on every ride possible. We arrived at the park at 10.30 giving us 5 hours to explore the park and complete a design and technology workshop. The workshop was in line with the opening of Derren Brown's Ghost Train. The Thorpe Park host introduced the students to the thought processes of how to design a ghost train ride combining science, design technology and psychology with cutting edge, state-of-the-art computing innovation. We all then got to test this new ride. An amazing day was had by all!



*Miss Sackett
Product Design Teacher*

The Horrors of Trench Life during the First World War

In commemoration of the 100 years centenary of the end of the First world War, Historian Alice Millard visited Oldfield School Library and gave a fascinating talk about life for soldiers in the trenches during the war. Students were told about daily life which included mud, water, lice, trench rot, no sleep, terrible food, death and danger. Mrs Pearce also created a life size trench with facts and artefacts from the First World War (including war time sound effects). Students have also had the opportunity to borrow lots of lovely new books about World War One, which have been on display in the Library.



Mrs Pearce
Librarian



Key Stage 3 Remembrance day tribute

Every student in our KS3 classes worked hard in their Art lessons to produce an individual poppy that were all combined in one large installation for Remembrance Day.

Year 7 learnt ceramic skills and each student created a clay poppy painted with acrylic paint, Year 8 worked with wire mesh and acrylic, and our Year 9 students twisted and



joined sculpting wire and coated the poppy petals with tissue paper and pva.

We put almost 600 poppies on the grass in the quad by the Deval block just before Remembrance Day. Our students made us very proud of both the effort they put in to this work, and the way in which they responded to seeing this fabulous piece of group work that paid tribute to members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the line of duty. Thank you to all of those students who took part in this project.

Mrs Capetti
Leader of Learning Creatives

Library – World War One Poetry Competition

Winner – Imogen Keyford

We received lots of wonderful and evocative poetry for the World War One Poetry Competition and it was a very difficult decision to make. After much thought we decided that Imogen's poem *After the Guns have Ceased* really captured the horror and futility of war and the importance of Remembrance. All the poems entered into the competition will be displayed in the Library.

Mrs Pearce
Librarian

Winner – Imogen Keyford

After the Guns have Ceased

*Deathly silence hangs in the air,
The gunfire has ceased,
And the cries of the wounded
Still ring in the ears
Of the battle-worn soldiers
Who couldn't save them.*

*The blasted battlefield stretches away,
A hell-hole of shells, and mud, and destruction.
The smoke spirals in plumes
As the fires continue to burn.
The landscapes still echo the pain
Of the thousands of damned souls.*

*Bodies of comrades, forgotten for eternity
To the foreign land on which they lie.
Discarded like used matches – all life burnt away.
And only the sombre lament of the bugles*

*To call remembrance for so many lives spent
For such a worthless cause.*

*'They will be regarded as heroes' they say,
'Given a recommendation for bravery.'
But no one will mention the horrific acts
That they all endured.
And the unspeakable pain and suffering
They all experienced.*

*The guns have ceased –
But not for long.
Soon, after the deaths are dealt with and the injured cared for,
They will start up
And all the destruction, and fear, and pain
Will be repeated.
How long before the guns will cease for good?*