

On top of the world!



Pen y Fan in Wales

Dear Parents

Outdoor pursuits have occupied much of our thoughts this week.

The Form 5's have spent the week in mid-Wales with Mr Willemse, Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Sales. Blessed by glorious weather they seem to have had a wonderful time, though the full autopsy will be delivered later on this evening after a full inspection of my house keeping skills have been completed!



Mr Stazicker has been very busy getting his sailing race team ready for the IAPS national sailing competition. On Thursday, Nathan, Atlanta, Gabriel, Erin, Valentine and Frida set off to WPNSA. They were greeted by warm weather and a gently building breeze which would test pure sailing skill. The team sailed incredibly well and gained an amazing second place with Erin and Gabriel coming individually third.

Kitty T in Form 3 has topped all of the above achievements by free diving for her very first scallop somewhere around the coast of Dorset. This entails wearing a very thick winter wetsuit and a heavy weight belt to get you to the bottom and then holding your breath while you root around on the sea bed.



I tried to get a location but these secrets are guarded very closely by those in the know.

How shellfish. Sorry, couldn't resist!

The said selfish (getting muddled now) was then promptly cooked and eaten.

I can't think of a more exciting thing for a dad and daughter to do!

WDYJSOYTSAGADSLBI? (answers on a post card to the question posed please?)

Elsewhere in school, lots of fundraising is taking place. The teachers and I used to have targets for the year ahead that we would ask the children to support, but the process has been completely taken over by our caring and passionate children who have much better ideas and we have been able to take a back seat in the thought process.

The Form 4 group consisting of Lucy, Mirabelle, Isadora, Maggie and Oscar held a fundraising cake sale today at break time for the Margaret Green animal rescue charity, raising an amazing £126.70. Later in the term, Megan and Lydia are organising a Pyjama Day for Julia's House with added secret extras! Watch this space!



Aidan B and his family continue to fundraise to provide the school with a defibrillator. They are in the process of gathering prizes for a large raffle to be held on Friday 21st June. If you would like to donate a prize or buy tickets they'd love to hear from you. They also have a Just Giving page too.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/aidans-defibrillator-fundraising?utm_term=YRraeQWyW

Forms 6 to 8 have been sitting their end of year exams this week. Mrs Sewed has been very busy working out the schedule and returning the completed exam papers to their correct owners. We place great pride in the integrity of these exams so that the data

we gather can be reliable. As an example, a subject teacher wouldn't invigilate their own exam and all external exams such as 11+ are kept securely locked away until the day.

Papers will be marked and the results returned after half term. You are very welcome to arrange to meet any teachers to see how your child has done.

We all had a great distraction from these strains and stresses when Isadora brought in her new West Highland terrier, Bobby, wearing a Sunninghill branded lead and collar. He was particularly impressed with my spoken Scottish, if ya ken wha' ah mean.



Eileen and I continue to review site security and have decided to add an extra layer of protection for us all. After half term, the main school gates at the bottom of the drive that lead onto South Walks will be locked from 8.45 am in the morning through to 3.15 pm each afternoon. During these hours the only point of entry into the school will be via the Culliford Road entrance.

Mrs Carr shared some great news with us this week. She has become a gran for the fourth time. Lots of tears of joy were shed at Rupert's arrival.



Healthy Eating Week: 10th - 14th June

Recently, I have undertaken some training, provided by the British Nutrition Foundation, which will enable us to build on the cookery lessons we have implemented across the school this year.

During the week of the 10th June we will be taking part in the BNF Healthy Eating week. As well as raising awareness of the most nutritious food choices, there will be a focus on the importance of sleep and activity for our general health and wellbeing.

During this week we will be using some of our class times and cookery sessions across the school to increase what we already know about how to keep ourselves healthy.

Danielle Stone

Finally, and carrying on the outdoor education theme, Form 3 shared their exped experiences with us in today's end of week assembly. It was really great fun – they had us all up and dancing to Shotgun.



It was very clear that the emphasis we place on expeditions and the benefits to children remain incredibly important.

Wishing you a wonderful half term with your family.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Thorpe".

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Nursery



Freya clearly had a blast at her 3rd birthday party and felt like she needed to catch up on sleep by having an afternoon nap in the role play bed! Have a wonderful birthday, Freya!

We enjoyed a warm, sunny afternoon outside painting with water.



Form 1

The children enjoyed a relaxing art lesson making observational studies using wet on wet techniques with watercolours.



Form 3 Forest School

The children had a fantastic Forest Schools session at Thorncombe woods building dens big enough to fit a person in!



Form 3 Residential

Last week, Form 3 had an amazing two night residential to Rock and Rapid Adventure Centre in Exmoor.



Activities included a low ropes course, team building, canoeing, raft building, climbing and abseiling and of course the infamous balcony jump!! They also had a wonderful evening walk and a bbq around a camp fire.

Amazingly the children slept right through both nights with no one disturbing the teachers which is an absolute first! They also learnt how to do household chores such as vacuuming, washing up and making their own sandwiches. No one was homesick and a brilliant time was had by all!





*We all wish Brenden a very Happy Birthday
– 20 years' young!*



Form 6

The lesson concerns a whole school project relating to The River Frome combining information from an SSSI survey between Dorchester and Wareham.

Form 6 focus was birds, both wading and migratory birds identified in the paper.

News from the Kitchen

We now have lovely new aprons for cookery. Children in Form 1 tried them out for the first time during Cookery Enrichment.



Pupils began their investigation through drawing tasks and then developed skills with chicken wire, kitchen roll and cellulose paste.

The work will be exhibited towards the end of the term alongside other school groups relating to art and conservation.

Music News

Congratulations to all those who performed in Thursday's Informal Concert. These concerts continue to get bigger and with a greater variety of instruments being played. We were very excited to have our first drummer performing, please scan the QR code to hear Oscar's performance.



All music lessons will commence the first week back, please check lesson times carefully as ABRSM exams are fast approaching!

Note for your diary – Forms 3 to 8 will be going to The Mayflower in Southampton to enjoy a performance of Matilda (matinee performance) on Thursday 13th June. There will be a late pick that day at approximately 7pm. Full details to follow via a letter after half term.

Have a lovely half term from all in the Music Department.

LAMDA News

The LAMDA results were fantastic this year. 122 children took LAMDA exams (Form 1-8). 78 achieved distinctions and 44 achieved merits.

Thank you so much to everyone who was involved!



Lesley and Lecca

Calling all Lunar Experts

As part of the celebrations of 50 years of the first Moon landing, the Physics department at Canford School is running a competition for junior pupils to design and build their own Moon landing.

The attached information leaflet gives the details and specifications and we hope you will consider taking part in this fun and educational project as part of your curriculum in the second half of term.

Schools can submit as many photographed entries as they like, whether individual pupil or groups, and each needs to be accompanied by a poster explaining the design and how they incorporated some physics into their ideas.

British astronaut, Helen Sharman, has kindly agreed to judge the entries for us. A number of pupils representing the shortlisted entries will be invited to Canford on Thursday 27th June for a morning of rocket building, followed by lunch and awards. As our celebrations are taking place throughout the week of 24th June, there may well be other displays around the school for pupils to look at relating to the universe and how it works.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

We look forward to seeing your entries!

With best wishes

Canford School Physics Department

Notes from a Small Garden

Two glorious Wednesday's to report on!

Some serious sowing of herbs and carrots took place last week and we were keen to have a good stock of basil in preparation for the Summer Fayre and our famous 'pizza pots'. A good deal of chatter about what we will be prepping has taken place.

The 'cottage garden' hanging baskets proved so popular last year that they will definitely be making a reappearance, along with the pizza pots and the usual bunches of fresh herbs.

This week we started with some delicious fresh mint tea, and ended with some young spinach harvesting. In the middle we planted up pots of sweet peas, watered thirsty beds and made plant pots out of old newspapers.



We all use a good deal of black plastic plant pots, which are currently un recyclable. Using this method of handmade paper pots helps reduce our plastic waste and saves us time, as the pots are planted directly into the soil!

Have a lovely half term.

Jo Foote

Alumni

Family news, our eldest son Tom is attempting to climb Everest and we heard last night that he has left Base Camp hoping to Summit 21-23 May, depending on the weather, fingers crossed. He's part of a group of serving and injured Marines trying to prove that there is life after trauma. If you are interested their website is 65 degrees north/Everest.

Sarah Heal

(stop press – he made it to the summit on 22nd May!)



Sports News

Team: *U13 Pairs Cricket*
Against: *Knighton House*
Venue: *Martinstown*
Result: *260 – 249 win*

A lovely sunny day for cricket at Martinstown hearing the sound of ball on plastic!!! We put Knighton into bat and everyone bowled fairly accurately giving away few wides or no balls. The bowling has really improved. Poppy, Atlanta and Amalia all took wickets and there was some good fielding stopping a few boundaries.



Our batting got off to a slow start as, although we hit the ball, we were hesitant in our run calling and we could have scored more with positive calls. The runs were evenly shared between Tallulah/Olivia, Atlanta/Frida, Lily/Amalia, Clara/Frida, all scoring 16 runs.

Olivia needs a special mention as she hit 3 sixes, way over the boundary. Amalia bowled accurately and fast to get her batsman out hitting the wicket plum centre. Lily, Atlanta, Amalia, Jessie all took catches and it was a great team performance.

Contribution Award: **Olivia for her strong batting and Amalia for her bowling and taking a wicket.**

Team: *U12 Pairs Cricket*
Against: *Knighton House*
Venue: *Martinstown*
Result: *Wins*

Match 1: *Sunninghill 232 Knighton House 212*
Match 2: *Sunninghill 250 Knighton House 185*

Girls were all set for a lovely sunny afternoon of Cricket against Knighton House. First pair into bat was Erin and Freya and they were off to a flying start hitting three 4's between them. Next Gemma and Eleni were in and they took full advantage of poor fielding, Eleni moving her feet well towards the ball as we had practised on Monday and Gemma hit a cracking shot over the boundary for 6 runs. Knighton House's fielding improved slightly and they managed a few wickets with our next batters but we still managed a respectful win with 232 runs against 212 runs.

The second game and the girls showed they still had more left in the tank. Erin, Freya, Megan and Eleni all hitting shots towards the boundary for 4 runs. On too many occasions we were hesitant with our calls but the girls still managed to score 250 runs. The girls bowling had also improved throughout the match and credit to those who

persevered with overarm bowling. Lots of wickets for Knighton House as they struggled to hit the ball and tight fielding from Sunninghill meant they couldn't make their runs. Final score Sunninghill won with 250 runs to 185 runs.

Contribution Award: Eleni for her consistent batting and fielding throughout both games and Freya for her accurate overarm bowling.

Team: U11 Pairs Cricket
Venue: Knighton House

It didn't take long for the girls to get moving after the journey as the nature of the astro at Knighton meant they kept getting static shocks! We batted first with many lessons learnt. Calling got better through the game as did the decision whether to run or not. Experience is everything and you can't teach it. Best shot goes to Zuzanna who hit a six out of the ground!

Fielding again improved with understanding and with each passing batsman. The girls gained a better understanding of positioning and moving towards the ball when it was hit highlighted by Indy. My favourite quote of the afternoon was 'Cricket is really fun'. For the final score most girls agreed it was 10 out of 10 for entertainment. All girls get house points for contribution. A real team effort.

Contribution Award: to all the girls.

Fencing

Last weekend Henry (Form 6) competed at the IAPS Fencing Tournament at Millfield School in the U11 Foil competition. He won all his fights in his first poule, and 4 out of 5 in his second, placing him top of both poules and 4th overall going into the direct elimination round. He won his first two DE fights, getting through to the final 8, but was knocked out at the quarter final by a more experienced International fencer.



Henry placed 6 overall in a tough competition, and was the highest ranked fencer outside of the London area.

Form 8 Responsibilities for the Summer Term

Head Boy – Nathan
Head Girl – Lily
Sports Captains – Tom & Frida

Prefects:

ICT – Lawrence & Olivia
Art – Jessie
M&D – Clara & Lily
Outdoor Ed – Atlanta & Frida
STEM – Verity & Poppy
Languages – Lea & Amalia
Humanities – Olivia
Eco schools – Jessie & Verity
Publicity – Clara

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Open to
pupils in
Years 3-7

1. Build your own Moon display and poster and send us a photo
2. Shortlist entries from each school invited to Canford for a rocket building morning and awards presentation
3. Entries judged by the first British astronaut Helen Sharman
CMG OBE



JUNIOR CELEBRATION
OF MOON LANDINGS

'50 YEARS OF MOON LANDINGS'

Entry deadline: Friday 14th June

Final: Thursday 27th June

To celebrate 50 years since the first Moon landing, the Canford Physics department is inviting pupils in Years 3-7 to take part in a competition to share their scientific understanding of the Moon by making a

SHOE BOX SIZED, MOON INSPIRED DISPLAY

This should be linked to ONE of the following ideas - picture examples below:

- A diorama illustrating the first Moon landing
- A diorama showing how we might be able to live on the Moon in the future
- A diorama showing transportation systems on the Moon, if we colonised it
- A diorama showing the phases of the Moon and how they happen
- A diorama showing how a lunar eclipse occurs
- A diorama showing how the Moon was formed



You will also need to produce a poster with your display to explain the ideas you have, including some Physics in your writing. Then email us a photo of your poster and your shoebox to events@canford.com to submit your entry.

Pupils representatives from the shortlisted entries from each school will be invited to Canford on Thursday 27th June for a morning designing and building their very own rockets, followed by lunch. There will be an awards presentation for the best shoe box entries, which will have been personally judged by the first British astronaut Helen Sharman!





Sunninghill
PREP SCHOOL DORCHESTER



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SUMMER FAYRE AND FUN DOG SHOW

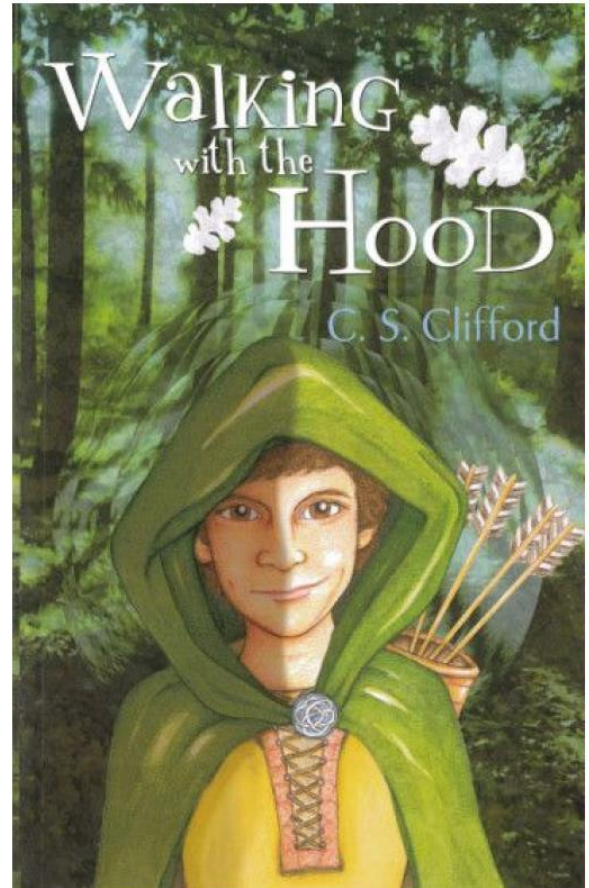
SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2019
12.30 TO 16.30

SUNNINGHILL PREP SCHOOL | SOUTHWALKS | DORCHESTER

Kids Book Event!

Popular children's author C.S. Clifford will be joining us for an author event and book signing. Come along and have some fun!

Recommended for ages 6 - 12. Booking essential.



Dorchester Library
Saturday 1st June
1.30pm - 3.00pm

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent/carer

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GUIDE
DOGS



Coffee and Chat Drop in - Dorchester

Come and meet your local Guide Dogs team, our dogs and volunteers and find out about our services and how you might be able to help!

We are looking for people to get involved in the Dorchester and Weymouth areas and have exciting volunteering roles available. Come and find out more about becoming involved with Guide Dogs.

Saturday 8th June
Dorchester Library
Colliton Park, DT1 1XJ
10.00am until 2.00pm



If you would like more
information then contact

Hazel Kelly 0118 9838892
Southampton@guidedogs.org.uk

Lunch Menu

Monday 3rd June

Jacket Potato

Ham

Cheese & Beans

Dessert: Shortbread & Strawberries

Tuesday 4th June

Chicken Breast with a Bacon & Leek Sauce

Vegetarian Option: Stuffed Peppers

Lyonnais Potatoes

Dessert: Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

Wednesday 5th June

Haddock & Spring Onion Fishcake

Vegetarian Option: Cheese & Onion Cake

New Potatoes

Peas

Dessert: Lemon Cheesecake Slice

Thursday 6th June

Chicken Jambalaya

Vegetarian Option: Vegetable & Bean Jambalaya

Flat Breads

Dessert: Melon Wedges

Friday 7th June

Butchers Sausages

Vegetarian Option: Vegetarian Sausages

Homemade Wedges

Petit Pain Rolls

Coleslaw

Dessert: Skull Diggery Ice Cream

Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL	3rd June	Reception - Form 4 Sandsfoot Beach 8.30 - 2.30 pm
DIARY OF EVENTS	4th June	U8 & U9 Diamond Cricket v Knighton House (H) 2.15 pm
		U12/13 LTA Ageon Schools Tournament Wey Valley time tbc
		Form 8 Scrap Store visit 2.30 pm
	5th June	Forms 2 & 4 Forest Schools
		Forms 7 & 8 selected pupils Maths Quiz 12.30 - 3.30 pm
		U13 & U12 Pairs Cricket v Sherborne Girls @ Martinstown 2.15 pm
	6th June	Grandparent Day 2.15 pm
		Sailing 4.30 - 8.00 pm
		Golf @ Dorset Golf & Country Club 4.30 - 6.30 pm
	7th June	Parent & Toddler Group 10 -11.30 am
		Forms 3 & 4 Sailing 2.00 pm
		Forms 6 - 8 Swimming Gala v Castle Court @ SPS 2.30 pm
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL		Music Timetable- Week 6
		Menu - 3rd June
		Fixtures of the Week and Team Sheets
		Dorset Police SSCT Parent Online Safety Newsletter Summer 2019
Nursery		
Reception		Sandsfoot Castle Trip
Form 1		Sandsfoot Castle Trip
Form 2		Sandsfoot Castle Trip
Form 3		Effort Grade Reports/Sandsfoot Castle Trip
Form 4		Effort Grade Reports/Sandsfoot Castle Trip
Form 5		Effort Grade Reports
Form 6		Effort Grade Reports
Form 7		Effort Grade Reports
Form 8		Effort Grade Reports