

# Westfield News



Autumn/Winter 2015

## A Midsummer Night's Dream



Parents, family and friends, from far and wide, were treated to a magical night in the Lower School Theatre on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November when students performed a spectacular adaptation of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

Sparkling individual performances and magical group displays transported the audience into the world of mistaken lovers and Shakespearean humour. Audiences were transfixed by the entrancing set, luxurious costumes and the skills of the cast.

Huge congratulations must be lavished upon those who dedicated the time and effort to making the show such a success.

**Christmas Carol Service**  
15th Dec at 7pm  
St John's Church, Yeovil

## Literacy at Yeovil Country Park

Over half term, 12 Year 7 students took part in a literacy project at Yeovil Country Park, allowing them to explore nature and develop their skills in a fun, 3 day event. Great fun was had by all who took part with the most popular activities including leaf fights, photography and creative writing in the woods. The students learnt a great deal whilst combining observation, writing and drawing to produce some fantastic work which will now be used by the park to produce and publish an explorers leaflet. We'd like to thank Yeovil Country Park for such a great opportunity, Beth Webb for her involvement in the project and of course all the students who participated. You all worked really hard and were a real credit to the school. A fantastic few days exploring nature and getting creative!

### IMPORTANT

Parents, if you have not already done so, we urgently request you return your child's data check sheets and external visits forms to reception which were sent out earlier in the term. It is vital we have up to date medical information and contact details for your child so we can contact you in the event of an emergency. Without these forms, your child will be unable to take part in external school activities.



**Happy  
Christmas!**

### Term dates

	Term begins	Term ends	Half Term
Spring Term	4 Jan	24 March	15-19 Feb INSET 12/28 BANK HOL 25/3
Summer Term	11 April	20 July	30 May - 3 June BANK HOL 2/5 INSET 24/6





## Hestercombe House

The Year 10 Enhance group visited Hestercombe House June 11–12th and took part in team building activities including treasure hunts, wide games, paint balling, raft building and a ghost walk around the house in the pitch black! Many thanks to Hestercombe House for a great experience.



## The Lords Larder



For our Christmas non-school uniform day on Friday 18th December (which is also a half day for the students) the charity we are supporting is a very local charity called 'The Lords Larder.' The Lords Larder in Yeovil is a charity that supports and works alongside more than 60 statutory agencies who work with those in poverty, hardship or despair. For 22 years they have supplied food parcels to those in need in and around the Yeovil area. Students have been asked for a donation of food instead of the usual £1. These are being collected in their Tutor Groups with a prize being given for the most collected. Suggested donations are: tins, cereals, packets, cakes with a long shelf life, biscuits etc. Thank you for your support.

Razzamataz Yeovil start back on 9th January. Free taster sessions available on this date for 2–18 year olds but call now to book as places are limited.



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# RAZZAMATAZ

## THEATRE SCHOOLS



**Come and join in the fun!  
We are the ideal place for  
children aged 2-18 with an  
interest in performing!**

**For more information or to book  
please call us on  
01935 411128  
or email [yeovil@razzamataz.co.uk](mailto:yeovil@razzamataz.co.uk)**

### Children in Need

Events included fancy dress, photo booth, raffle, cake sale and sponsorship from individual students raising **£1200.48**. Well done to all involved including Millie Kearvell, George Matthews, Olivia King and Laura Price.



### Poetry Please

Thanks and well done to all those involved in Poetry Please. We've had some fantastic performances so far and are looking forward to the finals on the 16th December.



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## Autumn Sports Round-Up

### RUGBY NEWS & UPDATE

**Year 7** Rugby players travelled to Castle Cary RFC for a mini festival on 22nd September. This involved a number of drills led by RFU and Castle Cary RFC junior coaches, followed by a mini tournament. All participants learnt a lot and have taken these skills learnt into the rugby season. Year 7 started extremely well, and have shown a great attitude in training sessions. Special mention for Sam Robinson who was singled out by the Castle Cary coaches for his great attitude during the festival.

**Year 8** have been training on Monday lunchtimes, with RFU coach Paul Cox. They have improved steadily and have played a number of fixtures with a win against Preston and draws against Bucklers Mead and Stanchester.

**The Year 9** rugby squad grew as the term went on! From barely fielding a team in year 8, the season culminated in a victory vs. Bucklers Mead. A big thank you to Mr Yandell for coaching and inspiring the team.

### FOOTBALL NEWS & UPDATE

14 students achieved their **Junior Football Leaders Award** during the October half term. They completed a full day of training which has prepared them to organise and run football sessions for younger students. Some have already been putting their skills into practise by referring some primary football tournaments being held at Westfield and the Primary County Football Finals.

**Girls in Year 9 to 11** have had the opportunity to try out football with Yeovil Town Community Sports Trust recently. We have been given the chance to improve our skills and develop new ones such as passing, dribbling and heading. The enthusiasm and drive to get involved has been amazing and we have really enjoyed the opportunity to play against one another. Many thanks to the coach Ollie and Mrs Toleman for organising them.

### YEAR 9 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

students attended a morning of training at Yeovil College before half term. The students learnt how to plan and lead a sports session and now have a number of challenges to complete back at school in order to achieve their Bronze, Silver or Gold Leadership Recognition Award.

### CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

Some brilliant results from our Cross Country team following the area competition held at Kings School, Bruton with six out of the eight athletes progressing to the County Finals to be held in January 2016. Well done to Shaina Verrall, Lily Clarke, Beth Evans, Danny Carey, Michael Madge and James Bamford. Congratulations to all of them and Good Luck in the next round.

Finally a big thanks to Mr Roney for driving!



### INDOOR ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Our Year 7 boys team consisting of Michael Madge, Elijah Wood, Mackenzie Groves, Jake White, Jack Wilson and Reece Hyde were crowned Indoor Athletics Area Champions after beating six schools to finish 1st. They have now booked a place in the finals at Milfield School. The girls team consisting of Pia Armstrong, Olivia Brabbs, Lily King, Ciara Howard, Isabel Paul and Rebecca Martin finished second out of six schools, with Pia placing 1st in all four of her events. All students that took part in the event were an absolute credit to the school!



## Student Achievements

**Dan Roulstone** successfully made the Somerset U16's Rugby Squad. This is a fantastic sporting achievement for Dan which will put him in a strong position to progress further in the future.

**Louise Miller** and her gymnastics partner came second in the Pat Wade British Championships in Stoke on Trent in November.

**Sophie Clotworthy** took part in a tetrathalon as part of the Cattistock Hunt Pony Club in August with the team coming second overall.



Thank you to the generous companies for their prize donations as Attendance Rewards.



Dates for your diary  
Spring Term: 4/1/16 - 24/03/16  
Half Term: 15/2/16 - 19/2/16

### Jan

**4:** Back to school  
**20:** Yr 11 Parent Teacher Eve

### Feb

**2:** Yr 11 Study Eve  
**12:** Inset Day

### Mar

**1:** Spring Concert  
**3:** World Book Day

**A polite reminder** Year 7 & 8 students must include their names on the front of their homework booklets to help us mark off completion.

### **Badminton Social Series**

Tournament Sunday 17th January at Westfield Academy for social players. More information available from Jane Lipton on 01935 473600 or email janelippy8@sky.com

## EXCITING NEW MUSIC LESSONS!

The Music Department are very excited to now own a full set of steel pans/drums and will be offering lessons after Christmas. This is an exciting new opportunity to master this wonderfully unique instrument and potentially perform as part of a steel band in the future. We anticipate the lessons being very popular so please register your interest with Miss Woodall as soon as possible.



## REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY



## YEAR 7'S UPDATE

It's been a great start to the school year for our youngest and newest year group, but they have certainly settled in well and made themselves at home. Thank you all and well done for your achievements so far. Let's keep the momentum going in 2016 and continue into the new year with the same conscientious and positive attitude to learning.