

# Court Fields School Parent Newsletter

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## **Belong, Achieve, Participate**

Again this week we have some fantastic student achievements to celebrate at Court Fields School. Thank you to all the students involved. You make us very proud.

## **Sports News**

### **Year 8 Girls Football Tournament @Yeovil FC**

Court Fields were one of over 25 talented schools from all over the South West who made the journey to Yeovil FC on Friday, knowing that the winners would represent their school and Yeovil Town FC in the EFL Schools Cup this year. The EFL Schools Cup Final will be played at Wembley. Court Fields were drawn in Group 1 which consisted of 9 teams, with only the top two going through. The girls did exceptionally well in the group stages, managing to top their group and go through to the quarter finals where they met Selwood (Frome).



The quarter final was a pretty one-sided affair with Court Fields showing their class and taking an early lead through K Norman. However, Selwood's goalkeeper was having a fantastic game and managed to keep them in the game. In the last minute of the game Court Fields were caught napping and allowed Selwood into score with a good long-range strike. Penalties followed and through some fantastic saves from B Chetland in the Court Fields goal, they progressed to the Semi Finals.

In the semi-finals they met last year's winners Budmouth College (Weymouth). The semi-final was an end-to-end game with neither side being able to break down each other in normal time and it was a penalty shootout yet again (just when Mr Conway's heart rate had just returned to normal from the previous shootout). However, the girls kept their nerve and yet again B Chetland pulled off some great saves to send last year's winner home and put Court Fields into the final against Preston School (Yeovil).

The final was an end-to-end game played at an extremely high intensity. Both teams had very good chances, only to be thwarted by two excellent goalkeepers. With one minute remaining and penalties looming yet again, K Norman went through on goal and stuck the ball in the top corner...1-0 in the final to Court Fields. The girls held off the last Preston attack and the full time whistle signalled a fantastic win for the girls and Court Fields School.

More important than the win was the fantastic attitude all the girls showed and how proud they were to represent Court Fields. The girls will now go through to represent Court Fields and Yeovil Town FC in the Southern Finals Tournament where a place at Wembley is at stake. Well done girls, a very proud coach and Head of Year. What an amazing result.

## **Christmas Fair**

Thank you Wellington! We all had an amazing day on Saturday! Also a massive thank you to all the stall holders, staff, parents and students who made the Christmas Fair possible. The day raised over £3,000 for our school charity The Madagascar Development Fund. This money will go towards our next project. Court Fields School has already raised more than £20,000! This has paid for three water projects and a school which we were also able to extend earlier this



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year. These projects would not have been possible without the time, hard work, compassion and generosity of everyone involved.

We can truly be very proud of the difference we have all made to the harsh daily lives of the people in these villages in Madagascar. We are hoping that our Christmas Fair will become an annual event as we continue to help Madagascar. Please contact the school if you would like any information or can offer any help or support for our fundraising.

### Children in Need

The total amount raised for Children in Need on 16th November was £839.28. This amount was made up from donations from the students for non-uniform day, cake sales in the school and the canteen, a bucket money collection and £31 raised by one student, J Jones, through a sponsored silence. Well done to all the students and staff



### SEN – Mice Arrive in the AFA Base!

We are delighted to welcome our three new pet therapy mice to the AFA Base!

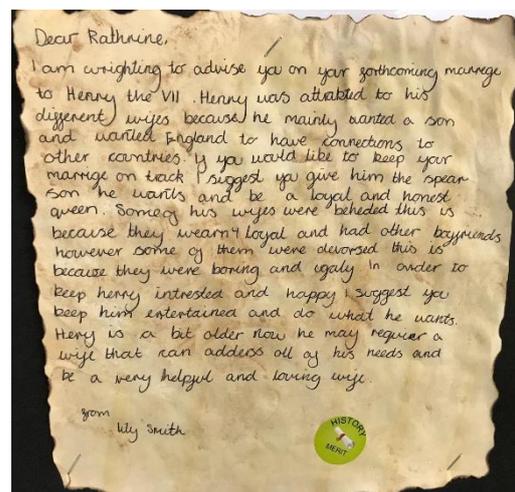
Pearl, Caramel and Frankiebenji are enjoying their new home and the children are taking it in turns to feed them and help clean their cage. We also held our first Meet the Mice handling session last week, which was very well attended and allowed the students to find out more about our new rodent residents.



### History

History at Court Fields has had a tremendous start to the year. What with the Centenary of the end of World War One and an influx of bright, young historians from Year 6, there is a lot to celebrate.

Year 7 have conducted an investigation into the well-preserved body of an Iron Age fellow- aka 'The Tollund Man'. It has been a pleasure to receive our pupils' insights into his likely cause of death. The heated conversations that have been taking place in the classroom show that the debate lives on!



Our Year 8s have navigated the world of Tudor politics and have battled to make sense of the religious turmoil in this period. We are happy with their progress so far. Next stop- 'The British Empire'. We'll make a start by delving into the topic of slavery- something which is still relevant today. We hope to organise a trip to M-Shed in Bristol where students will be surrounded by the ghosts of slavery and challenged with some key questions.

World War One has been at the centre of our studies in Year 9

this term, which has had an extra poignancy with this year's Centenary. Our students have produced some beautiful creative pieces as a result of reading the poem 'The Christmas Truce' in class.

Our GCSE students have been making great strides with the content so far. History is a challenging subject at KS4 but they have been sorting through the likes of Elizabethan England, The American West and Crime and Punishment.

