



Newsletter

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Easter at CCJ

What a fantastic end to the term we have had at CCJ. Our CCJ University morning went down brilliantly with almost 20 different activities from singing to beadwork, football to lego club. As always, I want to say a massive thank you to the whole staff team for organising and preparing for these days and I know how much they are appreciated by the children. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a good Easter break and we look forward to welcoming children back on Monday 15th April. *Mrs Osborne*

Year 5

Shepton Mallet Prison Trip

Last week we took all of Year 5 on a trip to Shepton Mallet Prison. They had a brilliant time and were able to explore areas of the prison such as the exercise yard, various different cell block and the execution room! They completed a quiz all about the history of the prison and even had a go at oakum picking! All the staff and children thoroughly enjoyed the day.

"I was nervous at first when I got there. I learnt outstanding facts and had so much fun! It was probably one of the most best experiences of my life."

Maya, Jays Class

"I really enjoyed the trip to Shepton Mallet Prison. I found it very exciting and interesting learning about the past of the prison. The activities were really fun and it was a gret trip overall!

Eden, Jays Class



Friends of CCJ Easter Egg Hunt & Cake Competition

Last week we held a fantastic Eater Hunt & Cake Competition. It was lovely to see the children having such a great time. A fantastic £558 was raised at the event which will go towards refurbishing our ICT Suite. As always, thank you so much to the CCJ Friends, we are so grateful for everything that you do for CCJ.

The winners of the cake competition were announced in assembly, but we also awarded every entry with a Head teacher's sticker. Well done to everyone who entered, there were some fantastic and delicious entries!



Weekly Celebration Certificate

Each week, one pupil from each class is awarded a celebration certificate for going above and beyond.

This week's winners are:

Starlings	<i>All Starlings</i>
Swallows	<i>George</i>
Woodpeckers	<i>Mabel</i>
Robins	<i>Jonah</i>
Wagtails	<i>Felix</i>
Jays	<i>Thomas & Grace</i>
Puffins	<i>Mkhai</i>
Kingfishers	<i>Matvii</i>
Kestrels	<i>Jack</i>
Falcons	<i>Thomas</i>



CCJ Sports Round Up!

Girls Football

Sadly, it was time for us to exit the Girls Cup competition. There were a few things against us on the day and we exited the cup in the quarter finals. But the positive is, this is the furthest the girls have ever got before and, with a number of year 5's in the team, there is a great chance we could go further next year. But for now, we can focus on continuing to do better and improving our game. Girl's, we are all so proud of you and how well you have represented your school. We have also had several Football league matches this term and we are waiting to hear if we have made it through to the championships next term (term 5).

Boys Football

Although the Girl's made it to the quarter finals, the boys unfortunately exited the cup back in term 2. Since then, they have played a few friendlies and league matches. We have had a mix of wins, draws and losses. Again, we are waiting to hear if the boys have done enough to get through to the championships next term.

Netball

It has been very busy with Sports this term. We started the term off with a Netball tournament league. Although there were a few events rained off, we finally competed and had lots of fun. It was a little nippy on the day, but we did our best and got our CCJ team up and running. We have received rearranged dates, so watch this space as we progress through the netball Tournament League.

Lower Band Tag Rugby

Another first this term was our lower band tag rugby team. With all the events and success we have had from the upper band team this term, it was time to see what our lower band had to offer. They didn't disappoint. We are calling them the CCJ 'Pick Pockets' for the quickness they showed in 'collecting' tags when not in procession. It was a great tournament, one which we walked away from as the 2023/24 Champions. Well done team. Roll on the next tournament.

Upper Band Tag Rugby

Finally, we come to the upper band tag rugby team. This team started way back in October at the first league tournament. We managed to make it to the final on the night but finished second. We then went to a festival tournament. Previously we tended to finish between 6th and 10th place. On this day we managed to get to the final, something Team CCJ has never done before. Feeling positive we went into round 2 of the League tournament but fell short and finished 5th overall. Staying top 6 was now the goal to make it to the championship finals. We then came to round 3, the final round. We needed to get a few wins to secure a top 6th place. The team didn't disappoint, and we finished 4th overall at the end of the league. This put us in the Championship finals. What a tournament it was. 6 teams with all games finishing very close. When reading out the results, it came down to two teams, and we couldn't believe it, we were one of them. We shared points with the other team and it came down to try difference. And with a +4 vs +3 on try difference, WE DID IT! By 1 try's difference, Team CCJ managed to win the whole tournament for the first time ever!!! The children were so happy, and they should be. They were superstars professionals and very proud to represent their school. They did with lots of passes, fast bursts into space, they played with passion and there were a lot of dancing hips! Well done Team CCJ, we are all so proud of you. Now with a strong lower band and the upper band leading by example, we might see Tag Rugby emerge as one of our strongest events. Keep up the hard work!



CCJ Sports Round Up!

Basketball

CCJ headed out for their first Basketball Festival on Monday 25th March after securing a last-minute place. Putting the teams together for any event is never easy, but this was especially hard with all the talented athletes at our school. The children have been asking for a Basketball competition for a long time and here it was. We were not the tallest of team, but some of the shots and points scored was like watching professionals. They hit a few 3 pointers (which didn't count as 3 points) but showed our versatility around the hoop and shooting from far. Well, done team, for our first outing and up against some really good schools, we should be proud of ourselves. The team finished fourth overall, but all the games were close and there wasn't much between the top 5 teams.

Cross Country

On Tuesday 26th March, we travelled to Collegiate for the annual Cross Country event. This had been postponed due to the weather, but we managed to still take most of the children who had originally been chosen to go. The school ran a House Cross Country event in term 2 which went well, so we were confident the chosen team would do well. What a fantastic afternoon, the year 3 and 4 girls won and Imogen picked up second and Lexi took third place medals. If that wasn't enough the year 5 and 6 boys won as well, with Chester picking first place. Well done everyone involved, you all ran your socks off. We are still a little puzzled how a couple of you managed to get your faces muddy!! Roll on the Year 5 and 6 Cross Country League next term.

Quick Stick Hockey

Our final festival of the term was Quick Stick Hockey. All the children play hockey, and we had Hockey for our PE last term. Again, Hockey is a new festival to us. In the past we have just focused on mainly football and the odd tag rugby festival, but this year we are branching out and trying new festivals and tournaments. First, we turned up with a little equipment issue, we had taken the plastic sticks instead of wooden ones! Whoops! Thank fully the organisers had spare for us to us. Our children are so talented at CCJ, once again, they took to the sport and got stuck in looking like they've been doing these festivals and tournaments for years. Game one, win, game two, win. Now the nerves set in. If we win the next game, we go straight to the final to play for the festival number 1 spot. Do you know what, they showed no nerves at all, straight in and another win with zero goals conceded in the 3 group games. Now on to the final, another final for term 4, and we are playing the winners of the other group. It was a very close game, tension was very high. We were only a few mins in, and we hit the opener, only for the goal to be disallowed as the ball wasn't inside the goal area when struck. The game continued and the tension grew, shots rained from both teams, but both teams defended well. The game ended in a draw. AS it was a festival and not a tournament on this occasion the event had ended, and we finished joint first place with the other group winners. We will have to wait and see for the full results on goal difference if we managed to officially win or if we finished second. Either way, the team should be proud of what they achieved on their first competition together. They have opened the door to the opportunities and showing our schools versatility in sport.



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**“Easter is joy, hope,
love, and renewal.
Easter is proof that
we can begin again.”**

RICHELLE E. GOODRICH



Take Ten



Not only do hugs help us feel closer to others, but they also help us feel happier with ourselves. In general, social touch can boost serotonin and dopamine levels, as well as release endorphins—the “feel good” hormones and natural pain relievers. Endorphins are most commonly associated with exercise (think of the “runner’s high”), but we can still get that instant mood boost from hugs. And in the long run, loving touch has been shown to create and sustain a healthy sense of self.

Have a lovely weekend & enjoy hugging!

Kimi's Spectrum Colour Walk for The National Autistic Society

During the Easter break Kimi from Kestrel Class will be walking 5k for autism acceptance week and the National Autistic Society!

Kimi and his family will be doing this on Sunday 7th April, starting at 1pm. They will start at the clocktower in Page Park, and will finish there too with a stop at Warmley Waiting Room for a half way break!

If anyone would like to join Kimi and his family please contact Jenna on 07825429765. For more information or to donate please go to his just giving page. Good luck Kimi!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/kimicolourwalk>

In Bloom Project

CCJ are part of an In Bloom project to raise awareness of the diminishing number of bees/pollinators. Over Easter children can colour a bumble bee template in as part of a competition. 3 winners from CCJ will have their bees painted on large wooden sculptures and be displayed around the Downend high street.

Everyone who enters will earn a star towards their CCJU graduation. The template for entries can be found [HERE](#). Deadline for entries is Tuesday 16th April.

We are looking forward to seeing the colourful entries!

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CCJ dates for your diary

March

Thurs 28th – End of Term 4

Sun 31st – Deanfield Payment 2 Deadline

April

Mon 15th – Start of Term 5

Tues 30th – Deanfield Payment 3 Deadline

May

Mon 6th – Bank Holiday

Mon 13th to Thurs 16th – Y6 SATS

Thurs 16th – Worship Leaders Christian Aid Cake Sale

Thurs 23rd – Lower Band Sports Day (PM)

Fri 24th – Upper Band Sports Day (PM)

Fri 24th – End of term 5

Fri 31st – Deanfield Final Payment Deadline

