



A huge thank you to all the students, parents and staff who turned out in rain and shine to support our Arts Festival – *Lake Odyssey 2011*. Enthusiastic audiences enjoyed outstanding music, dance, drama, fine art, puppeteering and festival high jinx! The close collaboration with our partner primary schools gave the event a strong community feel which helped to make it the glittering success it was.

Thanks must be expressed to the Heritage Lottery Fund which sponsored the event. But most gratitude must be reserved for Jasmine Loveys, the school's community arts co-ordinator who acted as festival impresario, producer, commissioning director, promoter and general dogs-body! Without her energy, vision, creativity and commitment the festival could never have happened. It is all the sadder then, that this was Jasmine's swan-song as she goes on to new opportunities and horizons as a result of education cuts affecting specialist school funding. We wish her every happiness and success.

### Year 11 News

Year 11 students celebrated their Leavers' Dinner in style at Ashton Court on June 28<sup>th</sup>. From limousines to vintage camper vans, students made memorable entrances and looked suitably fabulous in stunning dresses and slick suits! Thanks to all the students for such a fantastic evening and here's to a wonderful summer ahead.



### Year 10 News

Between GCSE Controlled Assessments and modular exams, Y10 have squeezed a lot in. At Whitsun, Ollie Sidwick represented his country in cycle speedway at Poole in a fixture against the Rest of the World. Ollie is very modest about his achievements but helped lead the UK to victory. Congratulations to him.

A fortnight later, Will Twiggs competed in a junior tetrathlon competition at the MK Eventing Centre in Milton Keynes. The disciplines are shooting, swimming, riding and running. Will (another modest young man) is now the national UK champion for the shooting discipline, scoring 980/1000, and came 27<sup>th</sup> overall. Meanwhile, several Year 10 athletes turned in outstanding performances at the Avon Schools Track

and Field Championships at Yate. Dani Radford finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1500m in 5:41.56, while Lewis Nightingale won the 3000m in 10:19.80. On the same weekend, Dan Hill was in the Bristol Knights special-needs tag rugby team at the International Tag Rugby Festival in Belfast, topping their group in the 27-team tournament. The U-15s also won the Fair Play award. Run in conjunction with North Bristol RFC, the manager Andy Harris said "The players get to learn the traditional values of respect, discipline, teamwork and sportsmanship. The key idea, however, is that they can enjoy the fun of playing sport." The whole year group spent a week at Work Experience in mid-June. There was widespread admiration for their maturity and application, with at least two students starting Saturday jobs the very next week!



The Summer Concert gave a chance for Music GCSE students to show their talents with covers of songs by The Script and The Kooks. Rosie Filer and Ingrid Counsell sang beautifully with lovely backing from Oli Edwards, Sam Snook, Bonnie O'Brien, Alex Lowe (on beat box!), Ben Walsh and Lucy Austins. Meanwhile Amy Chard sang in several groups, most notably in the Folk Group's "Watchmakers' Apprentice".

In early July, fifty of Y10's most terrifying pirates braved the black spot, the seven seas and the A37 to see 'Treasure Island' in Bristol. Led by Mr Conway and Miss Bainbridge, pirate dress was compulsory as they headed off to the open air production of RL Stevenson's classic novel, which was taking place outside the Bristol Old Vic. Our swashbucklin' crew proved they weren't landlubbers and braved all that the elements could throw at them. Bin bags and ponchos soon became the dress code of choice as the actors continued despite the downpour. The production was fantastic, enhanced by seagulls overhead and darkness falling as the Hispaniola set sail to reclaim Captain Flint's treasure. A brilliant cast, fantastic set and costumes and CVS students in full pirate regalia made it a night to remember.



On the same day, Matt from Just4Funk Dance Company delivered a 'breaking' workshop to Year 10 boys. This was in preparation for their performance at Lake Odyssey, combining elements of Street Dance and Breaking with 1950s music. The boys worked hard to create a fantastic performance piece. Many thanks to Miss Cooke for her Street Dance inspiration.



Throughout the term, some Year 10 students have been attending a survival skills course, organised by Ms Powell, with 'Beyond-limits', a company staffed by ex-marines. The course covered first aid and resuscitation techniques as well as basic survival skills. On completion of the first aid course, participants were then invited to spend a day in Worlebury Woods where they could practise their survival skill for real.



They learned how to construct a shelter from fallen timber that would be adequate enough to protect them from wind and rain. They were introduced to edible herbs and vegetation and also had the opportunity to prepare freshly caught fish and to cook it over an open fire. The whole day was a huge success and our Year10s enjoyed themselves immensely. In addition to the survival skills, students have also had an opportunity to try archery and are looking forward to body-zorbing in the near future. It has been a typically hectic time for Y10. I wish all students and parents a very happy summer. Mr Brown.

## Year 9 News

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, a number of our students participated in the District Athletics Competition. A special mention should go to Ollie Morgan (1<sup>st</sup> in the 400m and 1500m) and Jemima Gregson (2<sup>nd</sup> in the long jump). Well done to all the others who took part.

Chew Valley returned from the Bath Girls Tag Rugby Sevens Tournament with a total of 60 tries and the Reds coming in first place! The Chew Valley Greens (year 9) scored a total of 15 tries with Lacey Hawker, Megan Abernethy Hope and Amelia Penny scoring some great individual tries. The Greens came in fourth position and were extremely unfortunate not to win a number of their games. The Reds (year 9) won the tournament with Lucy Reynolds, Vicky Vipond and Becky Fenn scoring some fantastic tries. The girls have shown a superb level of enthusiasm in training and it clearly paid off!

The year 9 rounders team had a fantastic result last week, beating Wellsway by 23 rounders to 3. Congratulations to Jemima Gregson who competed as part of the Gloucestershire ladies golf team at the SW "County Week" in Devises, winning the tournament. Jemima was the youngest competitor! Jemima also competed in the Nick Faldo Series on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of July and finished second. She has a great future!

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, we were visited by the Fire Brigade who gave tutor groups an informative and entertaining presentation about fire safety and life-saving techniques. Over the last few weeks, Lacey Hawker, Ryan Butt and Lewis Horseman have been providing mentoring sessions at Chew Stoke Primary School. Following a training session at Chew Valley, they now make weekly visits to Chew Stoke and spend part of their lunch time with their mentees, a rewarding experience on all sides.

On 25<sup>th</sup> June, Chew Valley Cheer squad travelled to Manchester Velodrome for the UKCA Schools' Championships. The first team to perform were "Varsity". Their performance was excellent as they held all of their stunts. "JV" performed next, with only a few minor mistakes. The squads both held the atmosphere of the stadium. "Varsity" walked away with first place in the KS Advanced category. "JV" secured fifth place in the KS3 Intermediate section and "Elite" finished fourth in the KS3 large squad. The competition was fierce but everyone went home smiling. (Report by Meg Abernethy-Hope)

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 120 students and staff spent the day at Blackrock activity centre near Bridgwater. The raft-building and kayaking activities ensured that everyone got well and truly soaked! The High (and Low) ropes proved to be a great success calling for courage and willingness to "have a go".



Despite the gloomy weather forecast, we had an extremely enjoyable and successful inter-form handball competition as part of the non-uniform day on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Despite unfamiliarity with the rules of the game, everyone threw themselves into it with enthusiasm and an impressive amount of skill. The winning team were 9H, closely followed by 9V. Many thanks to Mrs Foley the form tutors and year 12 students who helped.



Good luck to Derri Slatcher(9W) who is taking part in a sponsored cycle ride to raise money for the treatment of prostate cancer. A big thank you to all those students who have made a contribution.

## Year 8 News

### Barcelona

60 Y8 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to Barcelona in June. The Spanish Star campsite and hosts were very friendly. We spent six days in sunny Spain and enjoyed everyone one of them. The best day for me was probably Port Adventura, which is a giant theme park with some of the best roller coasters I've ever been on.

The other days were great as well. The Sagrada Familia was a fabulous experience as Gaudi, its original architect, had designed more of a giant sculpture than a church. Each of its entrances tells a part of Jesus' life and the main tower will reach up to 170 metres; it is about 15 years to completion. We also went to Las Ramblas, the central street with market sellers, the Science Museum, the fantastical Park Guell and the Nou Camp for Barcelona Football Team. There were various surprise events, like salsa dancing and going to the hard Rock Café, organised by the teachers, without whom the wonderful trip would have been impossible.

This was one of the best trips I have ever been on. Thank you to all the teachers involved. Daniel Rogers.

### Normandy

Bonjour! A cheery band of French speakers from C, H, E and W, accompanied by Mr Brown, Mr Gaynor, Miss Desjardin and Ms Straw, made the journey to Normandy where the weather was beautiful.

We visited some fantastic and very educational places including the Bayeaux tapestry, the D-Day landing beaches, a 360 degree cinema and a goat farm, where Alice and Dan were lucky enough to milk a goat and then drink it. Mr Gaynor got a full grown goat to stand up next to him and put its hooves on his shoulders!

While visiting the Bayeaux tapestry we also saw a video about the battle and then went down to the beach and saw for ourselves the huge boxes used for transporting the goods from England to France. We enjoyed time on the beach and around the town then got back on the bus and headed for the Normandy guns.

On the morning at around 7am Mr Brown and Mr Gaynor took some of us down to the beach for a morning swim., Each night, after getting back for the visits to places we were allowed free time to play on the grass outside the hostel. On the Thursday night we had a disco in the classroom as a leaving party followed by a game of forfeits with a difference! A coloured box was placed on the table with the word "lost property" written on it. Immediately a few people knew they were in trouble! On each piece was an instruction to do something, for example Sophie had to teach the whole room five dance moves. This ended with much laughter.

On our last day we visited the D-Day graves. It was horrible to see how many people had died fighting and how many graves read the word "here rests in honoured glory a comrade in arms known but unto God". We had a minute's silence and the teachers said a few words. The week had gone very quickly for everyone but it was an unforgettable experience. Alice Cotterill.

### Eco Conference

Mrs Shuttleworth took a party of eight Y8s and 9s for an eco-conference at Bath University. The introductory talk by Poppy Higgins told us about her journey through becoming a lawyer, and realising that the earth needed one (she called the crime against the earth Ecocide). Another talk that was very inspiring was from Kirsty Schneeberger. She has campaigned to get people thinking about 2050. Those making all the decisions now are going to be very, very old when 2050 comes, so she got them to think about the younger generation. It was an excellent day and got us thinking about the future and how we should act now. Emily Dutton

**Ski Trip** Some old news that missed the last newsletter deadline! 22 year 8 students were lucky enough to attend the 2011 ski trip at Alpe d'huez in the Easter holiday. At the resort there were many activities to do around the village, including ice skating, swimming, crazy golf, luge, sightseeing lifts and many more. You travelled to different heights of the mountain depending on which ability group you were in. Whilst there we went ice skating, played crazy golf, swam and went on the cable cars. All in all the trip was worth while and very enjoyable. We hope to go again in Y10!

Jack Gascoigne, Jonny Simons, Toby West.

### Cheerleading (see earlier story)

Well done Y8 girls Gemma Clark, Georgia Chandler, Charlotte Fear, Georgia Buxton and Chloe Stuckey.

### Cricket & Athletics

Harry Stride and Joe Tucker have been regular team members of the Chew Valley Cricket Club which has been performing well and the athletics team have had a successful seasons.

### Year 8 Tennis

Year 8 girls have had a fantastic end to their Tennis season. After a season undefeated, Jess Harding, Kay Downing and Ellie Grace won the BANES School Tennis tournament, going through to the county finals. On a hot summer's day, Jess and Kay were then joined by newcomers Charlotte Fowler and Amy Batt who on their debut won all their matches! The team came first, and can now call themselves Avon county champions!



The boys have also had a great term. In the BANES tournament, the first boys team of Charlie McDonald, Dan Cowell, Sam Baber and Tom Cockram had an extremely close final match against St. Gregs, but came out on top to win the tournament and become BANES champions and progress through to the county finals. The second tier boys team with year 8's Jack Kearney and George Bratchell also played superbly to win their tournament, and added yet another winner's shield the school's Tennis collection! The turnout to Tennis practice has been superb, with too many year 8's to mention committing themselves to playing each week, well done!



### The Fan Jets

George Sommerfield, Elliot O'Brien and a few friends from the valley have been playing in their band, The Fan Jets for well over a year now. The band have performed at numerous events and festivals and this year are set to perform at Guilfest on 16<sup>th</sup> July, Farm Festival on 30<sup>th</sup> July and Jimmy's on 11<sup>th</sup> September. Perhaps their most notable appearance will be at Bestival on 10<sup>th</sup> September. An impressive list of dates – don't miss out!

### Uganda Adventure

I left Heathrow airport for Entebbe, Uganda with my grandmother, her friend, Bud and Bud's daughter, Olivia. We spent the night in the airport guest house before a man called Apollo came to take us to Kamuzinda, near Masaka.

It gets dark at around 7pm because we were almost exactly on the equator. So when we got there it was dark. We were greeted by some of the children from the orphanages and some of the younger children danced and sang for us.

There were 10 children's homes as well as the mission house - which was where we stayed – a kindergarten, a primary school and a high school.

There was also a clinic the man who worked there was called Baker. He was a technician not a doctor and he couldn't use his legs, he got around on crutches. Baker was amazing. He taught us loads of stuff about blood types and how to diagnose malaria and HIV, both diseases which affect a lot of people in Uganda.

I went to school a couple of times there. Twice to year seven and once to year eight. Because Olivia was in year seven and year eight is the first year in the high school and I didn't want to go alone. The children in the classes would stare at us because they rarely saw a mozungu (which is what they called us) which basically meant 'white person'.

I went to the farm up the hill a lot as well. They had lots of cute little piglets and while we were there they bought 1000 baby chicks!!

Before I left England I raised £375 for this trip and this is where the money went. Some of the money was spent on buying beds for a family that lived a short walk from the farm. They lived in a little house and there were six of them and they slept on the floor with no mosquito nets so we bought them bunk beds and bedding and nets.

We also paid for a pit latrine to be built for the family. This is basically a very deep hole in the ground that they use as a loo. The one they had was very shallow and was way too close to where they ate so they couldn't see if flies went in their food.

At night there were crickets and frogs that would sing the whole way through the night and in the morning birds would take over. Some mornings it would pour with rain and in a few short hours there would be blue sky and a blazing sun.

Uganda was one of the most amazing and different countries I've ever been too. It was made even better by

some of the most amazing people I've ever met. I made some amazing friends out there and I hope to go back there again next year to do even more.



*Flora Chamberlain*

## Year 7 News

### Blackrock

High ropes, archery and raft building were the order of the day as Year 7 spent a day completing outdoor activity challenges at Blackrock in Bridgwater, many of them overcoming personal fears on the ropes course or on the water. The courageous attitude of the whole year group was summed up by Evelyn Heath's determination when completing a tricky high ropes course.



### Maths challenge

Year 7 celebrated success in the UK Junior Maths Challenge, as our Year 7 achieved 7 Gold, 16 Silver and 26 Bronze Awards, totalling 49 awards. The Maths Challenge is about applying knowledge to interesting questions in unusual settings. Pupils do not receive any extra coaching for it, but have to think on their feet! Special congratulations to Year 7, who achieved six out of the seven Gold Awards, and to Beatrix Banks (7V) who achieved Gold and prestigious Best in School!

### Alton Towers

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 100 Year 7 pupils set off for Alton Towers. The trip was a reward to those pupils who had achieved 100% attendance or gained the highest number of house points and commendations throughout the school year. An incentivised Year 7 have had the highest number of 100% attendees in the school. House

points certificates have also hit a record! Feedback from the pupils? Same again next year!

### Cricket

After a successful run in the league, the Year 7 cricket team played against Wellsway in the BANES final at the Bath Rec. The unbeaten Keynsham outfit went on to make a decent 78 runs with Henry Worle, Will Hosier and Will Heath all taking wickets. Chew came out strongly at the start of their innings but, needing to pick up the run rate, some hasty decision making led to a few run-outs. A partnership of 26 between Brett Davidge and Will Heath came too late as Chew finished with a total of 65 runs. Although we lost the game the boys played fantastically well and the future certainly looks bright!



### Tennis

The year 7 turnout for Tennis has been amazing this year! This term, Ailsa Mackie was part of the year 7/8 girls team who won the BANES championships, a great achievement! For the boys, Kai Long and Jack Burgin represented Chew Valley in the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier BANES tournament and also recorded 1<sup>st</sup> place! Well done!

### Olympic Day

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 16 pupils from Year 7 went along to an Olympic Day at Bath University. Brad Robertson, Josh Tamlin, Jamie Harvey, Sam Ross, Chloe Pritchard, Katie Barry, Samantha Light, Chloe Clarke, Lewis Tibbs, Samson Mulholland, Dylan Phillips, Becky Gray, Ciara Banks, Tom Wade, Tom Colton and Cameron Maggs tried out a range of athletic events and the challenge of completing a 3Km run. A presentation of a t-shirt was made by Amy Williams who won a gold medal in the skeleton at the Winter Olympics in 2010.

### Get Set to Boogie

This term's enrichment activity and inter-tutor group competition was a dance off! All tutor groups have been working immensely hard to perfect 10 old school dance songs to perform in the school hall. The theme for the day was Fame and many girls (and some boys) turned out in leg warmers and leotards for the day. In a close contest, 7L led by Mr 'Night fever' Davis came a close second to the hot steppers from 7E, ably assisted by Miss Bainbridge. A special mention has to go out to the sixth form students who really got the Year 7 pupil's into the spirit – Grant Butt, what a legend!



### Readathon

As a way of making money for good causes and getting lots of fun out of reading, Year 7 recently took part in a charity Readathon. Dozens of books were read and in total £627.05 was raised to help children with cancer and other serious illnesses. George Phillips received the prize for having read the most books (20 in total!) and Ben Sainsbury and Jordan Hodson-Walker had the most amount of sponsors. 7A took the prize for the highest level of participation. Well done to all who took part!

### Gifted & Talented day

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 9 pupils from Year 7 were chosen to attend a gifted and talented sports event at Bath University. Libby Britton, Bella Lowe, Yanni Greaves, Daisy Dymond, Jorja Hallt, Louis Crimmons, Freddie Saunders, Kai Long and Will Heath spent the day trying out some new activities including beach volleyball and pole vault whilst also undergoing some rigorous fitness testing.

### Woodland walk

Congratulations to the Wildlife team who have successfully built a woodland walk in the woods behind the memorial garden. They worked incredibly hard with a team of volunteers from Santander Bank to produce a 144m long winding path. Special mention to **Shaun Rowe** who worked incredibly hard. Very well done to all.

### Break dance workshop

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, two talented Y7 dancers proved to be standout performers in a break dance workshop. Jacob Wright 7V made an excellent contribution to the day and was commended on his ability. Well done!

### Sport Stars of the future!

Congratulations to Libby Britton, 7W who recently won the South West Acrogyrnastics competition at Taunton. Libby competes at grade 3 in the Trio discipline and combines a routine of gymnastics and acrobatics.

Toby Harding 7C has had an enviable end to term. A talented all rounder, Toby plays football for Bristol City Academy whilst also representing Avon at squash. As part of his development program at Bristol City, Toby spent a week in Portugal playing in an international festival, narrowly losing to Sporting Lisbon in the quarter finals. He was then jetting off to Holland to play in an invitational squash tournament where he narrowly lost to the Welsh number 1 seeded player.

### Tutor group of the term

The year's last tutor group award goes to Miss Butcher's 7W. They have performed fantastically well this term and will receive some well deserved sweets!



### Chew Valley Choirs Take Silver!

Congratulations to our two choirs who competed for the first time at the Secondary Choral Day of the Midsomerset Festival, Bath.

Our 14 years and under choir caused a major upset by taking second place, beating several well established private school choirs. They performed a dramatic and energized performance of the Serbian folk song 'Niska Banja'. This was followed by 'Sun and Moon' from Miss Saigon. The adjudicator praised the choir for their smooth and expressive singing, as well as the good blend of the three voice parts.

Our 16 years and under choir, Soundwaves, went head to head with another well established choir. They achieved second place – beaten by just one point! They sang the Lesotho children's song 'Mangwani M'pulele' and 'Fields of Gold' by Sting. Steph Palmer Baines performed a beautiful solo. Again the judging praised their good communication, blend and phrasing.

The choirs' conductor, Mrs Morgan says "Considering that at least one third of the 45 singers have *never* sung in a choir before, this has been a fantastic achievement for music at Chew Valley School!" Well done!



### Normandy Review

The five day trip to Normandy from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June consisted of exciting trips to Mont Saint Michael and Mr. Martin's Goat farm. The hostel that we stayed at was more like a mansion that schools can use, the food there was fantastic with a variety of French and English foods including croissants, melon, grapefruit and spaghetti bolognese. The activities that were included on the trip were: going to a 360 cinema showing pictures

of real life happenings; going to the D-Day landings museum and the American war cemetery which showed us that we should be more appreciative and respectful to the people that helped to keep our country free. We also went to the Gun battery where we saw just what was shooting at our allies in the landings. We went to the Bayeaux Tapestry which was captivating, to a bakery where we learnt about making bread without all the added preservatives and chemicals and to the American war cemetery which made us all a little teary eyed. The highlight of the trip was when we went to the Goat farm where we petted and groomed goats and Callum Riordan even rode the male goat for everyone. Mr Gaynor fought the male goat and was triumphant!

Alice Cotterill was the main star at the goat farm where she milked the goat and tasted the milk freshly squeezed, Miss Desjardin also had a crack at milking the goat and succeeded. On Friday we went around the markets of Caen and then travelled the 11 hour journey back to England. We enjoyed the week and hope that we will be able to go back again next year!

Danielle Ireland 8H and Amelia Sommer 8W



## Free School Meals

### Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

In these difficult economic times, it is all the more important that parents feel able to claim their entitlements. It's also important for the school, because the new Pupil Premium which the government is paying to schools now is based on the number of students on free school meals. Are you eligible for free school meals for your child and not yet claiming?

Free school meals can be claimed by those whose parent or parents are in receipt of

- Income support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guarantee credit part of Pension Credit
- Child tax credit only (and are not eligible for working tax credit), and the award is based on a gross annual household income not exceeding £16,190.

- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

*Free school meals can also be claimed if a young person receives income-based jobseeker's allowance, income support or income-related employment and support allowance in her or his own right*

For further information visit [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) (includes a link to your local authority's website and the application form) or [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk) (the Citizen's Advice Bureau website) or contact your local CAB. Contact details can be found on the website.

## Examination Results

A Level results are issued on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

A2 results are available at 8.00 from the Library. This earlier time is for Year 13 students only.

AS results are available from 9.30am from the Library.

GCSE Results are issued on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am from the main school hall.

**Please note that results cannot be issued over the telephone or to anyone other than the student themselves without prior notification.**

Presentation Evening for A level will be in January 2012. Presentation for GCSE results will be during term 2. Formal invitations will be issued during the autumn term.

## News from the Art Department

### Sixth Form Summer Art Exhibition 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July

This year's exhibition was even bigger and better than before. On display was a wide variety of AS and A2 artwork covering all the specialisms: Fine Art, Applied Art, Photography and Textiles. The scale of some of the work, as well as the quality, was very impressive. Thank you once again to the School Society for supporting this event by providing refreshments for the Opening Night. Thank you also to the Art Staff who presided over the show each afternoon, enabling members of the public to visit.

### B&NES Schools Art Exhibition 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July

Chew Valley School had a large number of pieces selected to go on display in this year's show, held at the City of Bath College. Charles Mundy (Year 13) won a sponsor's prize for his painting, and Stuart Rush (Year 13) had interest shown in his painting by an art collector. Our other talented exhibitors were: Sophie Williams (Year 13), Samantha Dury (Year 12), Cora Salkovskis (Year 12), Thomas Hope (Year 12), Emily Parkes (Year 11) and Morgan Barfield (Year 11).



### GCSE Zoo Visit 11<sup>th</sup> July

As part of their Controlled Assessment, Year 10 Art students spent the day at Bristol Zoo Gardens, photographing, sketching and painting the flora and fauna. This was an invaluable experience for these young artists, enabling them to collect visual research and references from first-hand observation.



### Soundwaves Singing Success

In Sept 2010, the music department launched a new singing group called Soundwaves. Soundwaves is for pupils in years 8-11 who aspire to develop themselves as singers as well as performers.

Soundwaves has enjoyed many successes this year. With approx. 25 singers, they competed in the Mid Somerset Festival taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place against some tough competition (by just 1 point!). Well done everyone!

Concerts have been a key feature of the Soundwaves performance programme. They have performed in 6 concerts through the year. Most recently, they went on their very own 'Don't Stop!' Tour, performing to children in Chew Stoke and Ubley Primary Schools. The singers had fun leading the singing and seeing who could sing the strongest!

Soundwaves performs a wide range of songs. Of course, they sing current pop songs. But also they want to push themselves to sing music in 3 and 4 harmony parts and songs in other languages.

All singers have the opportunity to receive free vocal coaching, through the internationally acclaimed award scheme, Voice for Life. This year 14 singers achieved the White Level award and will move onto the next level in Sept 2011.

If you enjoy singing, then take the next step and join Soundwaves on our first rehearsal Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> SEPT when we will begin rehearsing for the Autumn Extravaganza. You will be trained up in rehearsals, so no previous experience is necessary. Contact Mrs Morgan for more info  
[beth.morgan@chewvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:beth.morgan@chewvalleyschool.co.uk)

### SOUNDWAVES

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**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011 1pm MUSIC CENTRE**

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