



Chew Valley is Outstanding!

The Ofsted inspection at the end of September has confirmed that Chew Valley School and its Sixth Form are both graded Outstanding. Because the school has also been graded outstanding for teaching and learning, it has been placed in the top 13% of schools in the country.

A five-strong inspection team, led by HMI Michael Smith, observed 55 teachers in the course of the inspection and determined that 'teaching and assessment are excellent, with many examples of outstanding practice.' Inspectors praised both the achievement and progress of pupils at Chew Valley which are 'outstanding through a combination of excellent teaching, a highly motivating curriculum which meets students' needs well, and a highly caring and supportive pastoral system.'

Indeed of the 31 judgements contained in an Ofsted report, 27 were found to be outstanding and the remaining 4 were graded as good.

'Students and teachers have joshed me for walking on air since the findings of the inspection report have been known! I am not in the least bit embarrassed to admit that they are right. I am so delighted for the school, its students, parents, staff and governors that this wonderful school has been recognised by Ofsted as an outstanding one,' explained Headteacher, Mark Mallett.

'But the thing I am proudest of is that I know it will make very little difference to what happens day in, day out at Chew Valley. Pupils and staff won't let Ofsted's high praise go to their heads. It will be business as normal as we get on with learning together and enjoying the fulfilment of extra-curricular activity, sport, drama, music, dance and community action through the School Community Council. And that is why Chew Valley is such a great school!'



Year 11 News

It is inevitable that the start of Year 11 has focussed on forthcoming GCSEs. Students are beginning to look at the possible paths forward in their lives. Many will study at A-Level, some will go on to college courses, while others will enter employment.

Happily, life goes on beyond the rigours of study. At the start of the summer holidays, Matt Lawrence won the 8-hour Junior Carp Match at Hunstrete's Withy Pool. Reigning champion Matt scored his best ever match result of over 82lb, netting a new personal best mirror carp of 16lb 13 oz. Matt had drawn a bad peg but used all his skill and experience to bait the best areas and lure the fish in. His haul was approximately double that of his nearest rival.

Abi Horsey played a large role in the late July edition of Banter (inside the Bristol Evening Post). She has a keen interest in writing and aims to become a journalist. Abi wrote insightful articles about bikini fashion, a review of a trip to the SS Great Britain, and a book review.

In early September, singer Bonnie O'Brien and bass guitarist Oliver Edwards played in a band known as The Fanjets. They played at the Bestival on the Isle of Wight. It is a huge festival (slightly dampened by Autumnal weather) and was an amazing experience for them as musicians.

The final tug-of-war competition was won by 11L in a thrilling final (2-1) over reigning champions 11E. Mr Turner says it is the first time the tutor group has won anything!



In sport, it has been a mixed bag for the rugby team. They won 30-0 away to Norton Hill, with Lewis Cook man of the match. There followed close defeats, 21-17 away to Ralph Allen, with Luke Treneman our best player, and then 12-5 at home to St Gregory's, where scrum half Alex Hodson was man of the match. Meanwhile the hockey team were beaten 2-1 at Ralph Allen, with Emily Harding netting the goal. Congratulations also to Aaron Greatbanks, Lewis Cook and Joe Martin who have represented the First Team at football.

Promising swimmer Liam Willcox swam for Norton Radstock Swimming Club at the County Championships at Millfield School. He won the gold in the 200m Individual Medley and silver in the 200m Breast Stroke, also setting two club records at the meeting. Congratulations to Liam.

Nearer to half term, it was all hands to the pump as the Creative Diploma group presented their fourth module - 'Exploring Group Performance'. The students had to create an original piece of theatre (in six weeks) and perform this to a live audience. The girls' group went first with their piece about girl band 'Shame'. They presented the energetic and well choreographed piece to an appreciative Year 7 audience, most of whom ended the performance on stage dancing with the cast. The girls received some great feedback from 7E, which will help as they plan their next unit. The boys followed with an improvised comedy performance, taking cues from the crowd, meaning they had to act a car trip from the Moon to France, all in different moods! There followed a hilarious chat show with three (rather scary) guests who again had to address questions from the audience. The boys' sharp wit was much appreciated by the crowd and bodes well for the future.



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Peter Miles competed in the National Judo Championships in Sheffield at the weekend. Having won the title at 46kg in 2010 he moved up a weight this year to the 50kg bracket. Peter overcame three opponents to make his way to the final. In a tense encounter it was a 'tie' at full time, but Peter managed to throw his opponent to win in 'extra time'. Congratulations to Peter, British champion for the second year in a row



Year 10 News

Chew Stoke Mentors

Three of our year group (Lewis Horseman, Alicia Showering and Healey Loader) have volunteered to take part in a mentoring programme this year, working closely with youngsters from Chew Stoke Primary School. This should prove to be a most valuable and rewarding experience for all involved.

The Chicken Team

Our chicken team have been busy again, raising money to help feed the chickens. They invited students and teachers come up with a name for a chicken. The winning names were "Henrietta" and "Silly Awesome Crazy Pants" – the latter named by Miss Yana!



Ten Tors and Duke of Edinburgh

Twenty two of our year group will be participating in the Ten Tors Event this year. The first training for the Ten Tors will take place on Friday 21st October.

Mrs Foley and Miss Hibbert delivered a presentation to the year group about the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. There has been an excellent response with over eighty of our students declaring their interest in participating.

Brazilian Exchange

Bobbi Spatchurst (10C) has been selected to go on a youth project exchange to the city of Soracaba in Brazil. She has done exceedingly well, completing a Senior Member Training course and is now on a Citizenship course. This should prove to an opportunity of a lifetime for Bobbi and we all wish her well.

Year 10 girls' hockey

Well done to the Year 10 girls' hockey team, who have remained undefeated this year, winning all 3 of their matches, against Ralph Allen, Norton Hill and Wellsway schools. Several of the team have now joined local clubs which is great to see and hopefully with this extra practice they should be well on the way to winning their district tournament in December.

Truly OUTSTANDING!!



Year 10 football

The Year 10 football team have started the new season in similar vein to the last; disappointingly. After an unbeaten season in Year 7 two mediocre seasons have placed the failing management duo of Blower and Brown under increasing pressure, and Phys. Ed Co-ordinator Mr Monk will have been less than impressed with two early-season exits from the National and County cups. In the first fixture Chew were perhaps unlucky to lose 4-2 to John Cabot School in a game that could have gone either way, the Chew team again suffering from a lack of confidence and the ability to finish off sides when they are on top. Goals from James Phillips and Sam Lewis and M-O-M performances from Reg Parfitt and Ollie Morgan deserve mention. Our exit from the National Cup was less easy to accept. Coming in the middle of an Ofsted visit we can at least be grateful that the inspectors chose not to get their shoes dirty and watch any of the proceedings against a hard-working but limited Bridgwater side as our performance was rather less than outstanding, first half control going unrewarded to be followed by a disappointing second half, Bridgwater deservedly winning 2-0. Skipper Ed Stowell was man of the match.

More success for Jemima

Jemima Gregson (10V) has been selected for the Select South West Ladies Golf squad – this is a fantastic achievement for Jemima and we all wish her every success in the coming season.

Gifted and Talented

Six of our students (Ollie Morgan, Elliot Joyner, Julia Head, Vicky Vipond, Laura Finch and Becky Fenn) were invited to attend a Talented Performers Support Day at the University of Bath on 13th October. The day was aimed at Year 10 students who are training and competing at a high level within their chosen sport. The day included a number of workshops and practical sessions designed to inform and challenge participants. In addition, they were provided with advice and guidance on how best to balance academic and sporting commitments from elite performers who have had to manage similar pressures.

Year 9 News

In August this year I qualified for the Great Britain eventing championships on my horse, Crazy, held at the David Broome Event Centre on the 22nd-26th September. I competed in the dressage, cross country and show jumping but sadly my horse injured himself in the last stages and we had to pull out of the final stages of the competition. I really enjoyed this great experience!

Ellana Devonald

Congratulations to the netball team who have proved this term that hard work and dedication pays off by playing brilliantly in all their matches! The netball team meet at 1 o'clock in the sport hall on Mondays' and we would love more people to come along!

Alice Cotterill.

Year 8 News

It has been a great term for Year 8 with academic, sporting and performing arts success. The pupils have all settled back into school life as they left it in Year 7, with great enthusiasm and motivation towards all aspects of school life. As part of the preparations for the 2012 Olympics, the school has adopted the seven Olympic and Paralympic values. The value for term one was respect. Gabe Kelly and Ben Sainsbury have both been singled out for excellent respect shown to peers and visitors.

Young Writer accolade

Year 8 may have a budding author in their midst after Rosie Pope was selected to have her work published in a short stories saga. Her story entitled *The Follower* will be published in *Swashbuckling Stories of the South West*. The school will receive a complimentary copy when the work is published and there is already a large queue of staff and pupils waiting to get their hands on it!

Shakespeare Festival

Sixteen pupils including Jake Benfield, Chrissie Francomb, Connie Thorne, Cameron Wiltshire, Chloe Hillier, Rosie Pope, Beth Sydenham, Ella Spencer, Gabriella Kemp, Connie Tinmouth, Helen Merriot, Joe Thompson-Smith, Tom Stone, Jasmine Lear, Jamie Harvey and Molly York have been invited to take part in this year's Shakespeare School's Festival at The Tobacco Factory in Bristol. Their final performance of 'Twelfth Night' will take place on 17th November. The pupils have been busy rehearsing and have recently attended a workshop to fine tune their talents. This is a real honour for the pupils and the school and we wish them every success in the performance.

Cronin adds some French flair!

French import Jack Cronin scored two tries in an outstanding 32-12 victory over Wellsway that rounded off an unbeaten league run for the Year 8 rugby team. In what has been an impressive season the boys have played four - won four, scoring 22 tries and only conceding 7. There were convincing wins over Wellsway, Ralph Allen, Norton Hill and St Gregs with Mr Edwards using no less than 26 players including 5 boys who have played their first ever game of rugby. The team has been excellently captained by fly half Henry Worle, scrum half Will Hosier and centre Tom Garland. Brett Davidge and Harry Marsh have led the pack superbly whilst some French flair has been added by Jack Cronin on the wing. The victory over Wellsway was even more impressive as the team lost to them last season. After the match, Callum O'Shea commented that the team has been inspired by

Wales' run in the World Cup. Mr Edwards promptly made him player of the season! The team have trained well and now concentrate on the BANES cup. Well done boys!



Netball

The netball team have enjoyed a great run of games this year with success in three out of the four matches played. Impressive wins have been recorded against Norton Hill (10-3), Ralph Allen (11-8) and St Gregs (12-4) with the only loss coming at Wellsway. Players of the match include Ailsa Mackie, Ellie Tattersall and Corinne Bowen. This is a vast improvement on last year and as Miss Butcher commented "is a result of the commitment and dedication of the squad". Well done girls!

Girls Football

The 7 & 8 girls' football team has gone from strength to strength, winning both games so far this year. The team, coached by Miss Daly and Mr Hill is confidently led by midfielder Abby Bray. In their first game Chew comfortably beat Norton Hill 12-0. Demi Spatchurst was awarded MOM.

The second game ended in a well deserved 5 – 1 victory over local rivals Broadlands. MOM was Kierra Greenslade who led the way with two goals whilst other scorers included Demi Spatchurst and Reanna Nutland. Abby Bray and Reanna Nutland were solid in midfield and up front, holding the team together and operating a nice pass and move game. Lauren Kavanagh caught the eye in goal with some decent saves whilst recent Chew Valley transfer, Callie McGauley also played well and proved to be dangerous with the ball at her feet. Big things are expected of this team in the future. Well done girls!

Ella's double in doubles!

After last year's success in the pool, this year Ella Scott has turned her hand to badminton and continues to prove that she is an outstanding young sporting talent. In a recent international competition, keen sportswoman Ella won a gold medal in the ladies doubles and a bronze in the mixed doubles. Is there no end to her sporting talent? Watch this space for her next success!



Synchronised Swimming

Corey Mahoney recently competed in a Multi Regional Synchronised Swimming competition at Herons Leisure Centre in London. After an early start (6.30) and a 3 hour bus journey, the team from Bristol Central Swimming Club got straight into their preparations which included having gelatine in their hair to hold it in place! Corey had the important role of leading the line which meant that she was even more nervous than usual. After finishing their routine, there was a long wait until the medal ceremony where the Bristol club were awarded 1st place overall. Well done Corey!

Barker – Harding certificate

The competition for house points in Year 8 promises to be even fiercer this year as Joss Barker and Grace Harding had a certificate named after them for surpassing the house points system in Year 7. The new 'Barker-Harding Certificate' will be awarded to any Year 8 pupil who collects 225 house points with the prospect of all Year 8 pupils having the opportunity to have a new certificate created in their name for amassing 250 house points.

Inter-tutor group competition

This term's inter-tutor group competition was a mixed relay. In a hastily arranged competition, after the scheduled Tug of War was postponed due to poor weather conditions, each tutor group entered a team of two boys and two girls to run a 4x100 meter relay. The race took place after all the pupils had completed a 1.5 mile run as part of the school's enrichment curriculum and, although tired, the pupils entered into it in the typical spirit that has now become 'the norm' for Year 8 pupils. In a close race, 8W emerged victorious and will be the first recipients of the John Hack Cup in Year 8.



Tutor group of the term

The quest for house points remains high on the agenda for Year 8 pupils with a select group of hard working pupils already having received their gold award (75 house points). However there can only be one overall winner and the tutor group with the most house points, commendations and green slips this term is Mr Cordle's 8A. Congratulations!

End of term rewards

As well as the attendance raffle there is a new reward in place this year, the 100% homework raffle. All pupils who have completed 100% of set home work tasks were entered into a prize draw. The winner for term one is Macauley Hawker (8L). Macauley will receive a £15 voucher!

Year 7 News

Induction Day in July must seem a dim and distant memory as within seven weeks, our new Year 7 students have settled in wonderfully and quickly gained a reputation as being a fun and focused year group. Yes, Chew Valley School is 'bigger than Asda' - as we were asked when visiting one of primary school. Yet despite inevitably getting lost, forgetting PE kit and being baffled by Mr Loynton's accent, as the Year 7 settling reports reflect, this year group have really done themselves proud. This has been most clearly demonstrated within the school's rewards system; over 3000 housepoints and over a hundred commendations have been awarded with 7C proudly winning the Housepoint Trophy (and teddy) this term. Pleasingly, Year 7 have made the most of all the extra-curricular activities in school with over 90% of the year group taking part in School Council, Sports and Performing Arts activities. Well done to 7A for winning the participation award this term!

7C get tied up in knots!

In registration time, students have been taking part in team building activities – Miss Hellier and Mr Loynton have enjoyed peering through windows on Tuesday mornings to see students tied up in string and building 'straw towers'; it's great to see Year 7 developing new learning skills and make new friends.



Team work has been our term focus and students have enjoyed the inter tutor group tug of war tournament. 7W won the style award (an interesting array of underpants were worn in a naive attempt to dazzle the opposition) whilst they sadly fell like dominoes. In epic semi final heats (to add to Mr James' misery of being

Welsh), 7V and 7C were defeated (sorry about the rope burn, guys!) 7E and 7H were worthy finalists and in an epic duel, 7H destroyed the opposition with a 2-0 victory and 7E were left speechless and muddy on the field! (Apologies to parents!) A special mention goes to Will Jelfs for the 'personal determination' prize; the determination on Will's face was of Olympic proportion!

Well done to all Year 7 students for such an excellent start to Chew Valley School. Enjoy your deserved half-term break!

Washington Quiz

To raise funds for the Washington History Trip we are having a Quiz night on Friday 25th November. The Quiz will begin promptly at 7:30pm in the school hall. Tickets are £5 and are available to buy from the Humanities office. Teams are of four to six people and snacks will be provided. There will be a bar where refreshments can be purchased on the night. Hope to see you there!

School Society News

The School Society AGM will be held on Tuesday 1st November in the school library, to be followed by the Governors Report to Parents. Everyone is welcome to come along to hear the work done by the Society. If you would like to become involved and help with fundraising events, please come and say hello on the 1st or get in touch via the contact details at the end of this newsletter.

The first social event of the year will be the Craft Fair in the school hall on Tuesday 8th November from 7-10pm. There will be a wide range of stalls and this will be an ideal opportunity to find some unusual Christmas gifts. The entrance fee of £1.50 per person includes a glass of mulled punch or orange juice and a mince pie. Please come along and bring friends and neighbours with you!

The annual Christmas Bingo will this year take place on Thursday 1st December. Doors open at 6.45pm with eyes down 7.15pm. This is always a popular evening and is great fun for

all ages. If you have never been before, why not come along this year and give it a try. Prizes are hampers kindly donated by families with children at the school. Your village rep will be contacting you nearer the time to ask if you will be prepared to give something – all contributions are greatly appreciated. If you have any objections to village reps being given your contact details, please could you let Julie Seeley (julie.seeley@chewvalleyschool.co.uk) know by Wednesday 2nd November. Thank you.

Managing anger in children and young people with ASD.

Purpose of the course:

To help parents understand challenging behaviour/anger

To help children recognise their own emotions and feelings

To develop strategies to reduce inappropriate behaviours

To develop strategies to increase positive behaviours

Tuesday 29. November 2011 1-3pm

Fosse Way School

Contact: Fosse Way School for further details.

Tel: 01761 412198 Fax: 01761 411751 by Friday 14th November 2011

Email: office@fossewayschool.com

Wanted by the Science Department

The Science Department would welcome sturdy ice cream tubs for experiments.

Water Survival Boxes – Buy one Get one Free!

Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club has pledged to support the BigGive Christmas Challenge. The challenge is a collaboration between World Water Works Ltd and the general public

donating to disaster emergencies in Pakistan and East Africa.

If you would like to support this excellent cause, go to

<http://new.thebiggive.org.uk/project/wsb> and donate between the 5-9 December and see your donation doubled!

Art Shop

Art Shop now open every Monday break time in the store cupboard next to A4.

Buy your own art materials.

Price lists are available in the art studios and from Mrs Pearson.

School Society AGM and Annual Report of Governors

Tuesday 1st November 2011 at 7.00pm

School Library

All very welcome

Craft Fair

Tuesday 8th November 7.00-10.00pm

School Hall

Entrance Fee £1.50 per person

(includes glass of mulled punch or orange juice and a mince pie!)

Christmas Bingo!

Thursday 1st December 2011

Doors open 6.45pm

Eyes down 7.15pm

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