





Patchway Newsletter Term 1

Diary Dates	Absence line
THUR 19 OCTEND OF TERM 1FRI 20 OCTINSET DAYMON 30 OCTINSET DAYTUE 31 OCTSTART OF TERM 26 - 17 NOVY11 MOCK EXAMSFRI 24 NOVNASAL FLU (ALL YEAR GROUPS)FRI 15 DECEND OF TERM 2	If you need to report your child's absence from school, please ring 01454 862020, press 1 and leave a message.

End of Term Rewards

Almost 400 students took part in our Rewards session earlier this week. All of these students had above 96% of attendance, plus over 10 positive behaviour points, and no incidents of truancy across the term. The students enjoyed hot chocolate, marshmallows and cakes with their year leads.

Next term, the Rewards session will be at Christmas Movie and we look forward to seeing more students being able to attend the session!

Y7 First aid training on heart starter

Our Y7 students attended a hands-on heart starter training, provided by Great Western Ambulance Service. Students learnt how to carry out CPR as anybody could be an important part of the chain of survival.













Theatre Visit

In September, 50 Patchway students really enjoyed Mrs Butler's performance in Oliver at the Theatre Royal Bath. All students represented the school impeccably, enjoyed ice cream in the interval, and had the opportunity to meet Bullseye who was played by Doris the English Bull Terrier.











Y11 Mock Interviews

Thank you very much for the interviewers who visited PCS to conduct mock interviews for our YII students last week. Including, but not limited to companies namely, Bristol City Robins, Wombie Bond Dickenson, Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Beard Construction, Rolls Royce, UWE, Balfour Beatty, Badcock, Morgan Sindall, Metryx, Hoare Lea, Bank Manager and City Councillor. The feedback from our visitors was that our students were articulate and confident young people with bright future ahead of them. Well done, Y11!!



Visit to University of West England

On 12th September, 38 Year 11s had a chance to visit UWE to find out more about the realities of University study. They took part in activities and quizzes run by FutureQuest, a charity which aims to encourage students from under-represented backgrounds to consider Higher Education. They also toured the Frenchay campus with UWE student ambassadors who shared their learning journeys with our students. For many of the Patchway students this was the first time they had been inside a University and some felt that, after taking part in the day, they might consider University as a possible pathway. All students participated really well in the day and were excellent representatives of PCS.













Netball Update

On 18 November, our teams travelled to Castle School to play netball. Our Y7, Y9 and Y10 teams all played some fantastic netball despite the wet and miserable weather!

Y7 secured an excellent 14-2 win, with Sian Sollars getting oppositions player of the match and Amelia Jukes getting players' player.

Y9 also had an awesome 14-5 win. Beth Lusted was named opposing player of the match and Charlotte Davidge and Sarah de Araujo Xavier also received players' player.

Y10 had an amazing well fought game with some excellent passages of play. The final score was 12-5 to Castle School with Katy Partridge awarded opposing player of the match and Laura Cotterell receiving players' player!





Duke of Edinburgh

Having completed their Volunteering, Skills, and Physical sections, our 10 Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award students completed their assessed expedition in the final weekend of September. They independently navigated their way across the Mendips and through Cheddar to their campsite where they cooked a selection of dishes including barbecue chorizo rice, a burger, and macaroni cheese. After a restful night's sleep in their tents, the groups set off bright and early for their second day of hiking, following the Strawberry Line until they reached their pick up point at Winscombe Recreation Ground. Well done to all who took part!









Character Enrichment Day

We were delighted to hold our very first Character Enrichment Day in October. Students took part in a range of educational and enriching visits and in-school activities, to help support their wider personal development beyond the academic education they receive in school.

Some of our Y7 visited Noah's Ark where they had close encounters withanimals and insects.



Some of our Y8 students travelled to the Tower of London - London's iconic castle and World Heritage Site!











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Y9 students had a trip to the National Space Centre where they explored interactive galleries, and discovered the past, present, and future of space exploration.



Some of our Y10 & Y11 students visited Mojo Active where they engaged with a full teambuilding activity day including assault course, low ropes, cryptic orienteering, and archery tag.



Another group of Y10 and Y11 students enjoyed some time at Westonbirt Arboretum, exploring the five national tree collections and trying to find the Gruffalo.















Parent Forum

The Patchway Parent & Community Forum meet with the School Leadership Team, and act as advocates for parent voice as well as providing a supportive steering group which offers the school feedback on developments and improvement planning.

To attend, you just need to be a parent or carer of a child currently at Patchway Community School. We discuss curriculum matters, personal welfare and development for students, careers, and of course, uniform, lunches and anything else which affects children's experience in school each day.

The Patchway Parent & Community Forum are interested to hear from parents/carers via the email <u>pcsparentforum@gmail.com</u> who would like us give feedback to the School Leadership Team.

The upcoming Parent Forum meeting will be at 5:30 – 6:30pm on Tuesday 28 November 2023. All are welcome to attend.











PATCHWAY READING COMPETITION!

Dear Parent/Carer,

Patchway is launching a whole-school reading competition to encourage reading for pleasure, resilience and reading outside of comfort zones. Participation in this competition is free for all pupils and will see students who take part, grow their vocabulary and increase their concentration skills. Furthermore, reading is a great source of wellbeing for children and young people.

Pupils are encouraged to borrow from the school Library and **read two books per genre**, from a selection of eleven genres, to earn a badge to display on their blazer and be in with a chance of winning a **signed copy of a David Walliams book!** Students will also need to complete one review per book to prove they're reading the books they are borrowing.

Ways you can help and encourage your child:

- Encourage your child to enter!
- Take part yourself
- Talk to your child about the books they've read, the genre they've most enjoyed and how they choose their books
- Visit your local Library with your child and take part too!
- Be a visible Reading Role Model and read with your child

We can't wait to see students proudly displaying their achievements in reading!

Deadline 15th December 2023!











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MOJO MUDDY MADNESS FESTIVE FUN RUN

TAKE ON MOJO ACTIVE'S MUDDY MADNESS FUN RUN

ON SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023

Join in the fun with family, friends, and colleagues. With a choice of 2k or 5k courses, each has a few muddy surprises and obstacles. With leopard crawls, dirty ditches, sloshy water pits, tricky tunnels and many more. Christmas themed fancy dress is encouraged (although optional) and there will be prizes for the best "festive" costumes on the day.

Free parking and light refreshments will be available.

AND that's not all: once you've crawled, run and puffed your way over the finish line, each runner can have a go on 2 of Mojo Active's popular on-site activities free of charge, the Archery (ages 8+) and Climbing Wall (ages 5+).

When: Saturday 2nd December 2023

Where: Mojo Active, Over Court Farm, Almondsbury, Bristol, BS32 4DF Time: 3 staggered starts at 10am, 10:30am and 11am

Ticket cost: £15 adult, £12.50 child, £50 family ticket (2 adults/2 children or 1 adult/3 children) Full details can be found at: www.mojoactive.co.uk/muddy-madness

> Venue: Mojo Active, Over Court Farm, Almondsbury, Bristol, BS32 4DF Call: 01454 660075 email: info@mojoactive.co.uk



