

Futura Learning Partnership

# NEWSLETTER

FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



Wellsway School marked Remembrance with a ceremony that included The Last Post, played for staff and students by Charlotte from Year 9



## WELCOME

Dear Parent and Carer,

The autumn term seems to be rushing by and Christmas will soon be upon us. This year I am really looking forward to attending the wonderful events, such as Nativity plays and Christmas concerts, taking place across the Trust. I really missed them last year so this year will be even more special.

After an absence of 18 months, we have welcomed Ofsted back to our schools. The first inspection of a Futura school took place at Chandag Infant School in September and I am delighted to share the news that the school has been judged as continuing to be a good school. Congratulations to headteacher, Annie Smart, and her team of staff and governors for this achievement, which is very well deserved. Well done also to our central teams for the

support they have provided. This includes school improvement advice and support, HR and finance support, IT maintenance and development, administration, catering and premises management. Thanks must also go to the many people across our family of schools who have lent their support such as members of the Curriculum Development Groups and the heads and schools leaders who have worked with the school. For more information please see the [inspection report](#).

This term we have completed the Futura launch ceremonies with the postponed ceremony at Saltford School taking place last week. This was a wonderful occasion that involved all the children from years 2 to 6. Year 2 and year 5 performed a song each and how lovely it is to have singing back in school. The School Council shared their hopes and aspirations for the future and then joined the guests of honour outside for the tree planting. It is great to think we now have 11 oak trees planted across the Trust as a symbol of the launch of Futura Learning Partnership, alongside eight time capsules to be opened by children at the schools in 2041. One rather surprising fact, given the time of year, is that none of the ceremonies were disrupted by rain. That must bode well for the future of our family of schools! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children, young people, staff, parents and governors who supported the launch of our new name. The variety of performances and the skills displayed were truly memorable and I am very grateful for everyone's efforts.

I had the privilege recently of visiting Wansdyke Primary School's Garden of Hope, which has been set up by Pauline Getter as a way of helping children cope with bereavement. You can see photos of the project on the following page. Every fortnight, Mrs Getter spends an afternoon with a group of children who have lost a loved one, working on gardening activities and giving them the opportunity to talk about how they are feeling. When I visited, the children were each planting a pot of bulbs and making a label dedicating the pot to the person they had lost. It was incredibly moving and this initiative is clearly making a considerable difference to the children. The Garden of Hope is truly a very special place and well done to Mrs Getter and Wansdyke School for what they are doing. There are many innovative initiatives taking place across our schools and I hope to be able to showcase them as well over the coming months.

One of our new Futura values is Opportunity and it is wonderful to see extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities starting to return as we begin to recover from the impact of the pandemic. The past 20 months have really impacted on these activities and they have such an important role to play in helping children and young people recover and make up lost ground. School clubs, activities, trips and visits are an important part of the catch-up work we are doing and please do encourage your child to take part.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter that gives a flavour of the great work that is going on across the Trust. With thanks and appreciation for your continued support.

Best wishes,

**Andrea Arlidge**

Chief Executive



A thumbs-up for Chandag Infant School from headteacher Annie Smart and pupils following the news that it has retained its Good rating from Ofsted

# WANSDYKE'S GARDEN OF HOPE



Wansdyke Primary School is taking part in the Growing Hope project, an initiative from the Winston's Wish bereaved children's charity. The school wants to make children's wellbeing a priority and says that by creating a Growing Hope garden, children will have the benefits of gardening through the year while also meeting and working alongside other children who have suffered loss so they can create an informal network of support.

## GREAT EFFORT FOR FOODBANK

Wansdyke School collected a huge amount of food for Counterslip Foodbank. We are grateful to families for their support and proud of our children for thinking of others and valuing everything we have.





# RESPECT FOR REMEMBRANCE

Saltford School students showed excellent respect and attention shown as they observed Remembrance Day at school. Instead of gathering in the hall for our customary service, everyone watched a service from Mrs King in their classroom before going outside to observe the two-minute silence. Mrs May played The Last Post before everyone fell silent and then the Reveille to mark the end of the silence, which helped make the occasion so special. In class, children learned about why people wear poppies and why we observe the silence.



## POPPIES FOR ARMISTICE DAY

At 11am on the 11th November Two Rivers Primary School observed two minutes' silence while children and teachers reflected on all those who had lost their lives in conflict.

The children handmade a wreath of traditional red poppies and purple poppies for the animals.

# HELPING TO HIGHLIGHT AFRICAN HEALTH HEROES

One of Wellsway School's Art Teachers, Miss Lloyd, has recently assisted in the completion of a mural in the Bath Royal United Hospital. The mural was commissioned by [Young Historians](#), a non-profit organisation .

The aim of the mural is to recover the hidden history of African women who have worked in Britain's healthcare sector.

Recruitment for the health service from the colonies of the British Empire began in the period after the Second World War. However, nurses, doctors and other medical professionals from Africa trained in Britain before this.

Miss Lloyd worked as an artist alongside national artist Michele Curtis in this project. Miss Lloyd says: "we are so excited to have our mural displayed, I hope that when people view it, they remember the incredible stories of those that came before



Artist Nadia Lloyd, left, with RUH transformation support officer Olugbemisola Kolade, who features in the mural

us and those who are working still today to make a better tomorrow."

Read the full article on [BBC news website](#).

# PUPILS MAKE A STAND AGAINST BULLYING

Anti-Bullying Week at Saltford School started with everyone attending school in odd socks and some classes designing their own odd socks. Many children listened to Andy and the Odd Socks perform 'One Kind Word' and enjoyed singing along to the tune, which is the theme for the 2021 week. EYFS and KS1 have focused on kindness and had lots of discussions in class about what kindness is and how we can be kinder to one another. Some classes also played games about belonging and kindness. KS2 watched a live PSHE lesson from the BBC all about anti-bullying and designed anti-bullying posters. Some classes focused on the positives by creating a kindness box, writing down something kind someone had done for them and then sharing with the class. What a lovely idea to share the kindness!



## ODD SOCKS CELEBRATE DIFFERENCE

The children and staff of Two Rivers School wore odd socks on Monday in support of the national Anti-Bullying Week.. The children were celebrating differences and individuality and have been learning about STOP - Start Telling Other People and that bullying is Several Times On Purpose.



# SALTFORD SCHOOL CELEBRATES FUTURA LAUNCH



It was lovely to welcome special visitors from our local and educational communities to join our Futura Learning Partnership Launch Ceremony. All classes were also represented at the ceremony. We enjoyed a short service and beautiful singing from Years 2 and 5 before heading outside to bury our time capsule for the children of 2041 and plant our beautiful oak tree.

The School Council enjoyed talking to their classes to decide what items should go into the time capsule. They thought about what might be interesting in 2041 and what would fit! They wanted to represent our school, through special events such as Harvest, Christmas, sports, visitors, trips and our school's place in the community. Each child wrote down their hopes and dreams for the future; how they wanted the school and the wider world to be, and their individual aspirations. Mrs Sage also wrote a special message for the future children of Saltford School, telling them all about the school at present.

## THANK YOU!



We are very grateful to our grounds maintenance partners [CPS Grounds Ltd](https://www.cpsgrounds.co.uk) for providing the trees for our Futura launch ceremonies. For the tree lovers out there, we used Turkey oaks which were chosen by CPS as being most suitable for our sites.

## BROTHERS' MINI TRIATHLON HAS MAXIMUM IMPACT



Two boys from Cheddar Grove School, Sonny and Arlo, raised more than £700 with a mini triathlon for Children in Need. It came about after Sonny saw children in hospital on television and asked how he could help them. He suggested giving them his toys, but his family explained there are charities like Children in Need who can help.

Sonny said he would ride his bike, Arlo said he would run, so the family came up with the idea of them doing a mini triathlon which involved them swimming a total of 50m (as they are only just learning!), cycling a total of 15km and running a total of 5km .

They raised £715, which rose to more than £800 with Gift Aid. You can find more on their [fundraising page](#).

The school and Futura Learning Partnership are very proud of you, Sonny and Arlo.

## SPOT ON! TWO RIVERS GOES DOTTY FOR PUDSEY



The children of Two Rivers celebrated Children In Need by dressing in spotty clothes and making a donation. Many thanks to all for your support.

# SALUTE TO YOUNG HEROES

We are extremely proud of the bravery and outstanding care shown by Futura Sixth students Max and Ru.

While walking through Keynsham Memorial Park, Max and Ru, from Wellsway School, were alerted to an elderly man who had collapsed on the ground and needed emergency medical care. Max rang 999 and had to wait two hours for an ambulance to attend, ringing a second time when the man appeared to be developing hypothermia. He and Ru showed great maturity and citizenship in their actions, which undoubtedly prevented a much worse outcome.



# TWO RIVERS SCHOOL STARTS TO TAKE SHAPE



Nigel Coles Photography

Work is progressing on the new building for Two Rivers Primary School. The innovative premises on the Hygge Park estate are being built to the highest standards and will have space to accommodate up to 420 children and their teachers.

# DRAWING ON ROLE MODELS



The Meadows Primary School have had many visitors to school as part of their learning and to focus on the Futura value of aspiration.

These included a firefighter, a dentist and a community police officer.



The school also had an arts week where the children worked with artists. Year 6 had a visit to SBL Academy to see the work created by the students in their art lessons.



## TWO WINS OUT OF THREE FOR ASPIRE ACADEMY

Aspire Academy Key Stage 3 students bounced back after losing their first game against North Star 4-0. They demonstrated great resilience and teamwork to win the next two games 2-0 and 3-0.

The goal scorers were Ashton Smith (two goals), Memphis Scott, Leighton Sheppard and Dylan Hulbert 1 goal.

The whole squad contributed and the players should be proud of their performance.

# NETBALL FOR FUN

We have a varied offer of extra-curricular clubs at Chandag Infant School. Over the year, children in different year groups are offered enrichment in the following clubs: Craft, Creative Dance, Street Dance, Rock Bands, Gymnastics, Food Tech, Gardening, Singing, Netball, Multisports and more! These photos show just a small selection of the opportunities we provide for our children.

We have also started a staff netball team on Fridays at Mendip Courts 3.45pm – 4.45pm. We are doing a charity match for Children in Need and hope to have a staff vs parents / carers game.



## LONDON MARATHON SUCCESS



Tracey Kemery, a catering assistant from SBL kitchen, took part in the Virtual London Marathon, running the 26 miles with friends in Bristol. Well done to Tracey and many other Futura staff who took part and completed the London Marathon.

## NATASHA'S LAW

Our Zest Catering teams have been making sure they comply with new regulations about allergen information.

Cooks and catering assistants met for training on Natasha's Law, otherwise known as the UK Food Information Amendment, which requires kitchens to provide full ingredient lists and allergen labelling on pre-packaged foods to keep children and staff safe.

## FIVE-STAR SUCCESS

The Meadows School kitchen has retained its five-star hygiene rating after an inspection by South Gloucestershire Council. Well done to Tash and Jackie for their continued hard work.

## HALLOWEEN IN THE KITCHEN



Halloween was marked with a treat at SBL school when Bev and her team made popcorn toffee apples for the students to enjoy.



## Calling all part time workers!

### Cleaning Opportunities across the Futura Learning Partnership schools

#### Role description

##### Key Responsibilities:

The main areas of accountability and personal specification for the position are detailed below:

To undertake general cleaning duties to the prescribed standards as detailed in the site specification including:

- Cleaning interior surfaces, furnishings, fixtures and fittings
- Clean floors and floor coverings
- Maintain the internal environment
- Service toilet areas; clean all toilet appliances i.e. toilets, sinks etc. and replenish customer supplies  
I.e. toilet rolls
- To clear and remove rubbish and other items from areas as detailed by the site specification and ensure the security of all areas at completion of duties.
- To maintain stocks of cleaning materials, order from suppliers where required and to control the usage of materials ensuring the cleaning cupboard is always kept tidy.
- To report any problems on site to the supervisor / account manager so they may be rectified  
Immediately.
- To undertake any other reasonable duties/request commensurate with this position as designated by the account manager / supervisor/client/company

**Hours/Days:** Monday – Friday

**Salary:** Various afternoon shifts available £8.91 per hour

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If you are planning your next career move, and think you could help make a difference for our students, please [take a look at our vacancies.](#)