



YEWSTOCK SCHOOL NEWS



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Dear Parents and Carers

A belated Happy New Year! Christmas seems so far away now—I trust that you all had an enjoyable time. The pupils certainly did with all our festive activities. From the Christingle to the Christmas Lunch and Party Days and the Christmas Bazaar—everyone was in high spirits. Thank you to all of you who attended the Bazaar at the College. So many of you were excited to look around and view the site and we raised over £700! Home-Start were also pleased with the collection of Presents Under the Tree for disadvantaged local families.



NEW STAFF

As you know Mrs Whitefield and Miss Drew left us at the end of last term and we have welcomed in their new replacements - Mr Maher and Mr Morris. Mr Maher has joined us from The Forum School and says 'I am really happy and settling into my new role. The class is really good and settled well. We are doing good work-related learning.'



Mr Morris has come from a mainstream school, he said 'It has been a very busy start to the new year trying to get used to everything but there are some lovely people who have made me feel very welcome here...I was interested in the opportunity to work in a special school. I am excited by the freedom to create new and interesting projects within ICT and DT. I come from a craft background and love to make new things. My passion for all things 'crafty' is something that I want to pass onto students at Yewstock whether it's in the workshop or doing a spot of gardening.' It's great to have them with us.



SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

As you know we have a new School Counsellor based here one morning a week. Philippa's role is to listen and support the students who would like to talk about any worries, upset, anger or feelings or confusion. 'I like to work creativity with art, sand and drawing as it can be difficult to talk about how we feel and using these materials can help the student express their feelings. I have worked with children and their families for over 30 years and I am currently working as a counsellor and therapist in schools across Dorset. I also work with young offenders and meditation groups for young people and adults.'



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to all these pupils gaining awards in December/January

KS3 & 4 Form Tutor Awards

Cameron W Millie C Quinn A
Daniel M Victoria L-G Kayleigh D

Post16 Tutor Award

Sophie R

Primary Star of the Week

Ben T
Ethan S
Verity D
Guy Y

Primary 'Well Done' Certificates

John P Ben T
Emilia J Charlie B
Morgan R Ruby W
Zachary W Matthew A
Troy E Lillie-Mae K

Secondary Merit Certificates

Simon T Ronan L
Michael T Aidan B
Jack K (Bronze) Oliver H
Victoria L-G (Bronze)
Charlie C

We look forward to seeing some of you at our Valentine's Disco on February 6th.

With best wishes
Seán Kretz
Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary:

Diary Dates this term

January

Weds 27th Yrs 10, 11—Tri Golf at Westfield

February

Mon 1st—Fri 5th *National Storytelling Week*
Mon 1st M&M Productions 'Jack & The Beanstalk'
Fri 5th Non-Uniform Day for Raffle Prizes for Disco

Sat 6th



Valentine's Disco 12-3pm

SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon 15th– Fri 19th February

March

Tues 1st School Photos
Thurs 3rd World Book Day
Weds 16th Friends Bingo