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Mangotsfield Newsletter



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Bryant's Field Developments

Last year, a planning application by Taylor Wimpey to build 180 houses on Bryant's Field (adjoining the school) was rejected by South Gloucestershire planners. As yet there has been no appeal against this decision or a revised application submitted.

However, in the last week, you may have noticed the erection of a large fence around the site, which has blocked a well-used footpath from Rodway Common to Pomphrey Hill playing fields and Emersons Green.

Although not designated as a right of way, the path has been in common use for many years and provides a safe, traffic-free route to Pomphrey Hill and Emersons Green, instead of using narrow pavements through the village. It also allowed direct cycle access to the side entrance of the school, without the need for students to cross the staff car park at busy times of day.

To obtain proper designation for the footpath we need parents or grandparents who have used this path over the years to contact us, or the council, to establish how long and how heavily this route has been in use. The more people who can come forward, the better.

The erection of this fence has antagonised local residents and there have been a number of incidents involving damage and graffiti to the fence. It would be very helpful to have the situation legally resolved as soon as possible.

We have copies of the relevant forms available at the school reception desk, or alternatively you can contact the council in any of the ways listed below:

By Post: Public Rights of Way
PO Box 2081
South Gloucestershire Council
Castle Street
Thornbury
South Gloucestershire
BS35 9BP

By Telephone: 01454 863646

By E-mail:
rightsofway@southglos.gov.uk



National Apprenticeship Week 2011: 7th-11th February

Apprenticeships are a great opportunity for some students when they leave school to gain both qualifications and work experience at the same time - and earn money in the process! There are over 200 different frameworks for apprenticeships preparing students for employment across a wide variety of trades. To find out all about apprenticeships and to register and search for vacancies across all sectors please look at: www.apprenticeships.org.uk



As part of Apprenticeship Week activities, our Year 10 and 11 engineering students visited S&B Automotive Academy in Bedminster who specialise in the Automotive sector. Tom, Ashley and Jake said there were great facilities and that it was useful to look at different parts of the engines and see the 'Custom Built Hummer'.

www.sandbaa.com

Another group of Year 11 students who are looking for opportunities next year in the carpentry and woodwork trades went to visit Didac Woodwise academy. They met with the academy manager who told them about apprenticeship opportunities, then met with workshop staff and made solitaire boards on the machines and bird boxes by hand.

www.didac.co.uk/courses/woodwise_academy



Look out for the following apprenticeships currently being advertised for next year:

MOD - Airbus - GKN - Doosan Babcock - Carillion

Call Miss Phillips at School for help with apprenticeships. To see all opportunities, please visit:

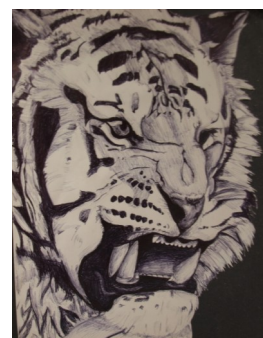
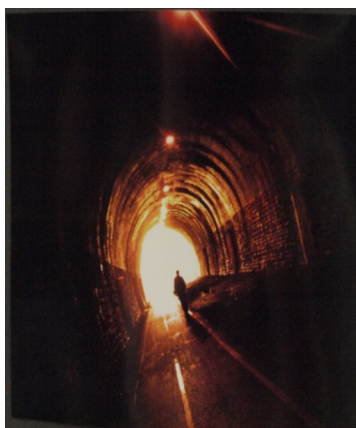
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Mangotsfield Art and Photography Exhibition

All students and parents are invited to attend an Art and Photography Exhibition showing the work of the GCSE and A Level Art and Photography students. The exhibition will be held in the **Brunel Restaurant** on the academic review days (**10th and 15th of March** from **2.00 pm-7.00 pm** on each of the days).

Great creative skills

This event is being run by the creative and media students who are keen to encourage everyone to come along to make the exhibition a success. The exhibition will be presenting an array of work from digital photography, painting, through to sculpture and mixed media work. The students at Mangotsfield have great creative skills that we want to enjoy and appreciate with the rest of the school and wider community.



RACE FORWARD

TAKING THE RACE AGENDA FORWARD IN SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE

What are the challenges that the BME communities face in South Gloucestershire?
 In Health? Education? Housing? Employment?
 A free and informal discussion to look at the options for a new forum to represent the BME communities in South Gloucestershire.

Join us at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre on

Saturday 19 February 2011

Midday to 2.30 pm and meet

Rudi Springer

(former Chair of South Gloucestershire Council)

Dr Jason Yapp

(Bristol Chinese Christian Church)

Fola Kudehinbu

(Somerset Racial Equality Council)

Places are limited so please confirm your attendance before Thursday 17th February to craig.worrall@southglos.gov.uk or by calling 01454 864479

Safer and Stronger Communities

Mangotsfield Secondary School



Literacy for Parents

Would you like to improve your literacy skills in order to help your children or the children you work with? If so,

This FREE course is for you.

There will be an opportunity to take a nationally recognised qualification for those who wish to do so.

Time Thursdays 6.30pm to 8.30pm
 Date Starting on Thursday 3rd March for 15 weeks.
 Venue Mangotsfield Secondary School

Contact details Teresa Howell on 01454 864619.

For further information:

South Gloucestershire Council
 Safer & Stronger Communities Learning
 PO Box 2078
 Castle Street
 Thornbury, BS35 9BJ
 tel: 01454 864613

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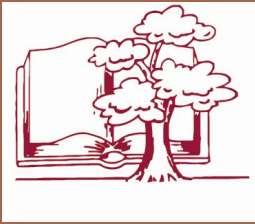
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PTA Quiz, Friday 18th March at 7.30pm

	PARTNERSHIP THROUGH ACTION	Mangotsfield School Parent Teacher Association
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<p>TEAM NAME:</p> <p>TEAM CAPTAIN:.....</p> <p>ADDRESS:.....</p> <p>CONTACT TEL NO:</p>	<p>NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p> <p>6.</p>
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Fee enclosed: £_____ (£3 per person)

**Please cut out and return in an envelope to Mr A Wait,
Mangotsfield School, by Monday 14th March 2011 AT THE
LATEST.**

Help support
the school and
have fun with
the PTA
School Quiz

"The PTA quiz is always a lot of fun"

"My highlight is beating the teachers!"

" I like beating the parents"

" You really need to think about some of the answers"

"I'm still trying to work out an answer from the first
quiz last year!"