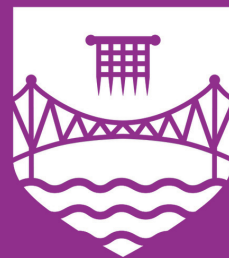


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EXPRESSIVE ARTS SHOWCASE

A HOLLY JOLLY WAY TO END THE YEAR

On Monday 18th December, our fabulous pupils showcased their talents in the fields of music, drama, dancing and art. The event was held to raise money for our upcoming performance of Grease, taking place 6th - 8th February 2024. You can still donate via our Go Fund Me link - <https://gofund.me/06e17185> and you can purchase your tickets for the show by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your continued support.



EVENTS :

- **Monday 8th January**
All pupils return - Week 2
- **Wednesday 10th January**
Year 10 Unit 1 English Literature exam
- **Thursday 18th January**
Year 9 Options Evening
- **Thursday 25th January**
Sixth Form Parents' Evening / St Dwynwen's Day
- **WC 29th January**
Year 11 Group Discussions
- **Monday 29th January**
Year 9 Shepton Mallet trip

DAILY REMINDER :

Please ensure that a child's absence is reported every day before 9am. The absence line number is 01291 635795

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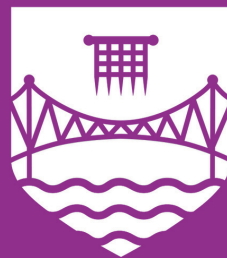
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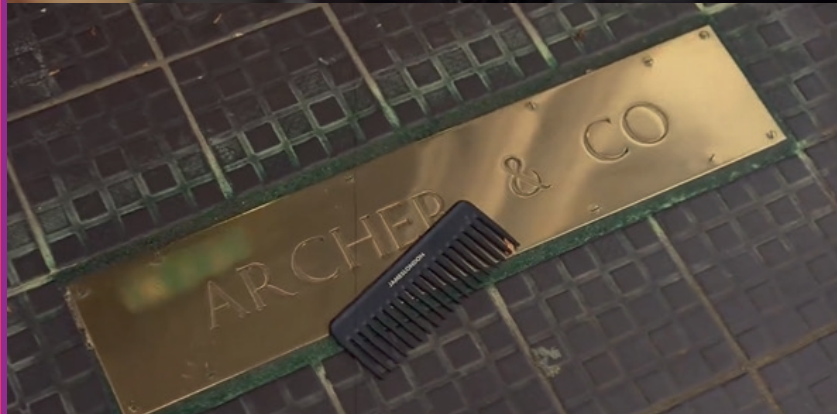
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GREASE IS THE WORD

Throughout the term, rehearsals for our 2024 school show GREASE have been going amazingly well. Teachers have been great at pointing us in the right direction and the cast are fab. We can promise you that the production is going to be phenomenal! Rehearsals are 3 times a week, in which we either perform scenes, or practice songs. On Thursday, 30th November, the main cast and Archer and Co (our sponsor for the show) performed and recorded a promo video, which is now posted on all our school socials. Archer and Co have been an amazing sponsor, and without them, the production wouldn't be possible! The show is running from the 6th-8th February 2024 and tickets are on sale now at ticketsource.co.uk if you would like to come along. We hope to see you there, and remember, Grease is the word!

Year 10 pupils



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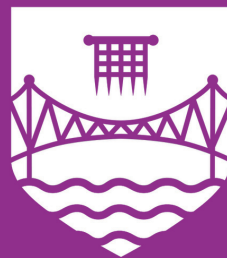


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CAMHS WORKSHOPS



We have been lucky to welcome CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) into school over this last term to deliver workshops to our young people, for Anxiety & Managing Strong Emotions. These were a great success helping students gain control over their emotional wellbeing. It was great to see the positive engagement and resilience these students showed throughout these sessions.



ABSNT MIND AT CHEPSTOW SCHOOL

On 1st December, we welcomed the very talented Absnt Mind to showcase their music and address the important topics of mental health, cyber-bullying and body-image; emphasizing the importance of open conversations. What an amazing day with such positive messages!

Evan Bird, Year 10 -

Recently, the band Absnt Mind came into the school to perform for us. They performed a few popular songs, and one of their originals. They introduced themselves to us and talked to us about mental health. They talked to us about their own experiences around mental health, and how to deal with exam stress. This really impacted the students, because it felt better to hear this from people who have just finished their GCSEs.

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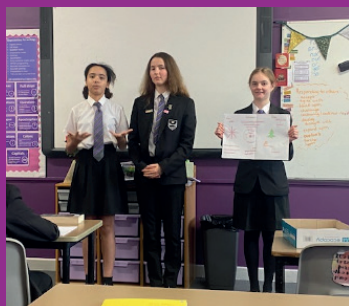
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CAREERS FAYRE, NOVEMBER

In November we were fortunate enough to have over 25 different local employers visit the school. Pupils were able to meet with them to discuss the work that they do and what skills and qualities different industries value. This has proven an excellent opportunity for pupils to get insight into a wide variety of different careers, as well as allowing them to have conversations about how diverse peoples' experiences in employment may be. This has been followed up with a series of options seminars where pupils have been invited to attend talks on specific area routes they might be interested in post education. This allows for breadth of experiences to draw from, not just at school, but post-education as well, allowing them to identify how the skills they learn at school can be applied in the workplace.

KS3 ENGLISH - DRAGONS' DEN

Throughout the month of December, KS3 pupils engaged in a Dragons' Den project, creating their own Christmas themed items to present to the 'Dragons'. They were encouraged to create items that were innovative, ethical, sustainable and had a clear USP. Some pupils furthered this by considering their own celebrity endorsements!



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AU REVOIR, MR BRINGHURST

Mr Andrew Bringhurst joined our school in 2017 as Head of Languages. During his time in our school, he has embraced our school values and has been a beacon of support to both pupils and staff alike.

Notable memories of Mr Bringhurst include his fervour for dressing up for World Book Day, and how brilliantly he led the Madrid 2019 trip. We wish Mr Bringhurst the very best on his journey to pastures new in Bristol.



**BONNE
CHANCE**



A HUGE DIOLCH YN FAWR



At Chepstow School, we would like to extend a huge thank you to Martyn at The Bridge Church and Aramark, our wonderful catering company, for their generosity and donations of Christmas hampers prior to the break. These were distributed to families in need.

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YEAR 11 VISIT TO NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD

On the 6th of November, me and some of my classmates were given the opportunity to visit New College in Oxford University. As part of this trip, we had a talk by a tour guide who explained some interesting facts about the College, what life is like for students who attend the school and how to become a student at Oxford University. Additionally, we were able to have a guided tour of the site from students who attend this college. As part of this tour, we saw the library, common rooms - where students were able to play games and relax - and the outdoor areas where students play croquet in the summer. From what we saw of the College it looked amazing.

We were even able to see an area of the College where a scene in Harry Potter was filmed and the Chapel which is on the school grounds. We were also able to talk and ask questions to current students attending the college. This was very interesting as we were able to find out what they are studying at the college, why/how they applied, what they enjoy about attending New College and even the organisations and clubs they are part of. Through doing this we were able to find out more about New College and what life is like for a typical student. Finally, we had lunch where we were able to visit the canteen and eat in the college dining room, whilst talking to students who are from South Wales. We were able to find out more about the site and what people, who are similar to us, think of the College. Overall, this experience was incredible as I was able to find out more about potential options for future education and was fun as we were able to see a new place.

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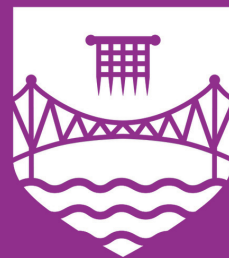
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VAPING SAFEGUARDING ALERT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

We have had 4 separate incidents involving 5 children who have used a vape and become unwell. It is thought the Vape may contain an illicit drug or toxin as when inhaled the children have become unwell and collapsed. The children received medical attention and support and are now well. At this time the 5 children involved are in the Caerphilly, Newport and Torfaen areas of Gwent. We want all parents and families across Gwent to be aware of this situation and be extra vigilant.

Should any parent be concerned that their child has used a vape containing an illicit drug or toxin, they should call 111 for advice or go to their nearest Emergency Department and report the situation to the police by calling 101.

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We are very active across our social media platforms, and it is here where you will find the latest news and updates from our school:

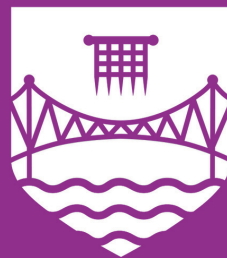
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EVENTS :

- **Tuesday 30th January**
UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge - Y9-11
- **Friday 2nd February**
School production - tech run
- **WC 5th February**
Year 10 Oracy speeches
- **Monday 5th February**
School production - dress rehearsal
- **Tuesday 6th - Thursday 8th February**
School production - GREASE
- **WC 12th February**
Half term for all pupils

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BOOST MENTORING SCHEME

In partnership with Gloucestershire Police Constabulary, we were fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in their BOOST mentoring scheme, with all of our Year 7 pupils. Usually only available to schools within their region, the scheme focusses on self-leadership and becoming the best version of yourself.

Their content is relevant to the life experiences of young people and is designed to help them lead from within, whilst linking in with strategies to improve their mental wellbeing.

Supported by our Sixth Form BOOST mentors, who were trained over the Summer Term, we had 2 very full, very fun and very interactive days with Gloucestershire Police. Their feedback of our pupils were outstanding, so da iawn to Blwyddyn 7 for making such a fantastic impression!



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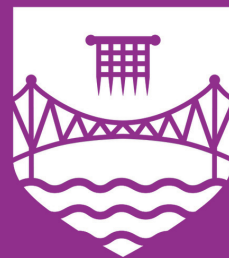


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Diwrnod Shwmae – Bore Coffi

On Friday 13th October, we invited the parents of B7 students to our Bore Coffi to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. We raised over £240! Parents, supported by the Cymdeithas Gymraeg had to order their tea, coffee and cake in Welsh. This was really successful and we had great feedback from the Community. Members of the Chepstow Welsh Society also joined for this event.



Beth wyt ti eisiau?

Bear th oi tee eye shy?



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SMASHED! - Live

On Tuesday 28th November, we welcomed SMASHED! into our school, to perform to Blwyddyn 7 and 8. This was to raise awareness of alcohol and the effects of drinking.

The session included a 25 minute performance followed by a 35 minute interactive workshop, which consisted of a Question & Answer session, hot seating and forum theatre.



Year 9 pupils, seen wearing their masks, presenting feelings they may hide from others

Male Mental Health Workshop - Year 9

In November, we welcomed back Lloyd Stone to Chepstow School as sixteen Y9 pupils took part in a 3-day Male Mental Health Workshop. The workshop focused on 're-writing the man code' and covered a range of topics including; being an ally, toxic masculinity and the effects of social media. Feedback from the workshop has been incredibly positive and there are plans to run another workshop later this month. For more information about Lloyd's work, please visit <https://www.speakupmhw.co.uk/>

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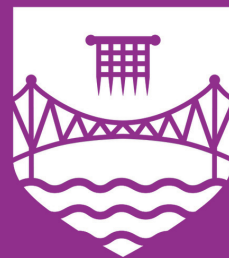


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It's a SLAM DUNK!

The sport of Basketball continues to thrive at Chepstow School. In November we hosted the Welsh Basketball regional qualifiers. Our year 7+8 side narrowly missed out on qualification after a triumphant effort, whereas years 9+10 progressed through to the next stage! They will play in the national finals that take place on the 29th February.



Our year 7 + 8 side took part in the NBA draft. This year, we will be representing the Indiana Pacers. Regional qualifiers take place in March.

We have also had successful friendly fixtures vs Cwmbran High, St Joseph and Caerleon.

There is lots to look forward to in the Spring term and pupil anticipation has been heightened as they await the arrival of our new kit which has kindly been donated to us by a local business, Alpsynergy. We are very grateful for their support.

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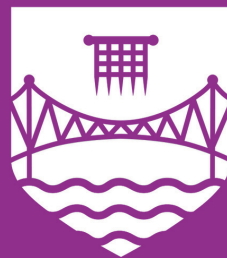


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Supporting our local community

At Chepstow School, giving back to our local community is very important to us.

Over the Autumn Term, we partnered with St Anne's Nursing Home, Welsh Street, to support their residents.

Our Sixth Form Leadership Team, pictured, served the residents' morning teas and coffees and also sat with them for a general chat. The staff at the Nursing Home were very impressed with the demeanour and maturity of our students and the feedback from the residents themselves was lovely.

With the support of the Art Department, we were also able to deliver hand drawn Christmas cards to every member of the home.



A very BIG llongyfarchiadau

After a rigorous application process, interview and entrance exams, we would like to extend a huge congratulations to Lucy Bradbury, who has received a conditional offer from Oxford University to read Biology from September 2024.

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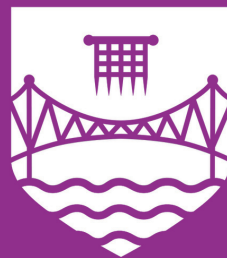


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SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS AT CHEPSTOW SCHOOL

PE@chepstow @PEchepstow1 · Sep 17, 2023
Awesome Harry. Well done & great photo 😊

Jo Ferns @jo.fern · Sep 17, 2023

Great overall performance with a strong finish at the Gareth Bale Wales Golf Championship held at the Celtic Manor this weekend for Harry. Three rounds over two days - horrendous weather conditions & two extremely tough courses 🌧️🏌️ @PEchepstow1



PE@chepstow @PEchepstow1 · Sep 24, 2023
Amazing Brereton. What an achievement @chepstowschool

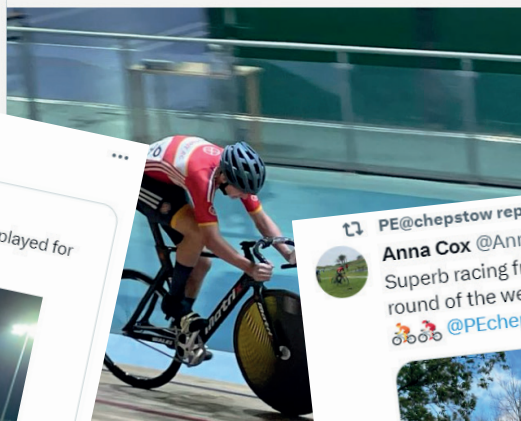
Kestrel Gymnastics C @kestrelgymclub · Sep 24, 2023
Brereton is U15 IRCC L3 British Tumbling Champion. Fantastic achievement, we're all proud of you. Well done Brereton. 🎉🏆



PE@chepstow @PEchepstow1 · Oct 1, 2023
Awesome achievement. Well done Alistair @chepstowschool

Beverley Laurie @BeverleyLaurie2 · Oct 1, 2023

Really proud of Alistair being accepted into the Wales Youth Academy for Track Sprint Cycling
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PE@chepstow @PEchepstow1 · Oct 14, 2023
Congratulations boys.

Katie B @KatieJBradbury · Oct 13, 2023
Well done Jamie, Theo & George from @PEchepstow1 who played for @NPTschools15 rugby tonight 🏉



PE@chepstow reposted
Anna Cox @AnnaCox54067271 · Nov 5, 2023
Superb racing from both Reu and Evie today at Bryn Bach Park in the fifth round of the Welsh cyclocross league. 1st for Reu and a 3rd for Evie 🏆🥉 @PEchepstow1 @chepstowschool





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Design and Technology Round-Up!

KS3

Open Evening

Open evening, as ever, was very successful with a record number of attendees, showing great interest in the department. We look forward to seeing the new pupils in the near future.

KS3 Product Design

We have been delivering the new curriculum across KS3 and pupils are readily engaging in the activities that will make them informed citizens of the future. The skills based projects will continue to support GCSE requirements, and all pupils have been very enthusiastic in the workshop when developing their practical skills.



KS4

KS4 & KS5 Product Design

Pupils are working diligently on the NEA aspects of each qualification and are opening their minds to real world problems and solutions, to base their projects on. We are looking forward to the practical outcomes detailed in their design portfolios and in order to support this, the department has been able to purchase a second 3D printer which will greatly enhance students work with their iterations and final outcomes.

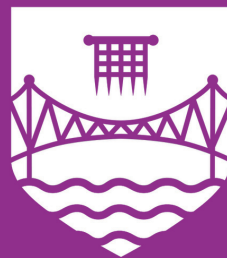


KS5

Lunchtime and after school sessions

Sessions are available for KS4 & KS5 every week to support pupils in their NEA work. Sessions occur every lunchtime and Wednesday after school with Mr Anthony and Mrs Heath





Food and Nutrition Latest News!

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KS3

KS4

KS5

KS3 Food and Nutrition classes

Year 7 have been particularly enjoying their fortnightly practical lessons and are quickly developing a range of skills to ensure their competency in preparing a range of healthy dishes, based on the Eatwell Guide.

Year 8 have been building on last years skills to create some autumnal dishes, both savoury and sweet, that use seasonal vegetables. Again ensuring they are contributing to a well balanced diet.

Year 9 Food and Nutrition have made a great start to the Street Food project, with a variety of sweet and savoury dishes being perfected before they design and make their own street food dishes.

Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition

Pupils have been experiencing practical and theory tasks to support the requirements of the subject specification. Pupils are also enjoy carrying out experiments and using scientific knowledge to justify the results of their experiment. This is great preparation for their GCSE assessment, some of which will start later in the year.

Year 11 GCSE

Year 11 pupils have been focusing on coursework and planning culinary outcomes for the practical elements of the assessments, with a variety of dishes being trialled. The final practical exam will take in January.

As always, we would like to thank parents for their support in providing ingredients and materials needed in continuing to make this subject enjoyable, creative and as practical based as possible to support all our learners on our journey to excellence.



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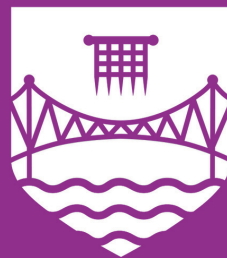


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Children in Need

On November 17th, our amazing pupils and staff supported and raised significant funds for BBC Children In Need. There were an array of activities taking place: staff make-overs, role-reversals, raffles, sponge a sixth former, table tennis and basketball tournaments and so much more. It was great to see so many smiles, with everyone engaging in the high spirits of the day, the atmosphere was electric! Obviously, our staff make-overs brought so much fun to the day, watching pupil's reactions was priceless, which has to be the highlight of the year to date!



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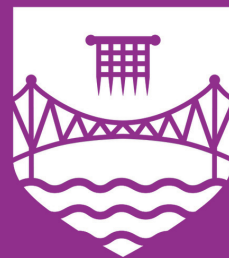
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END OF TERM REWARD VISITS

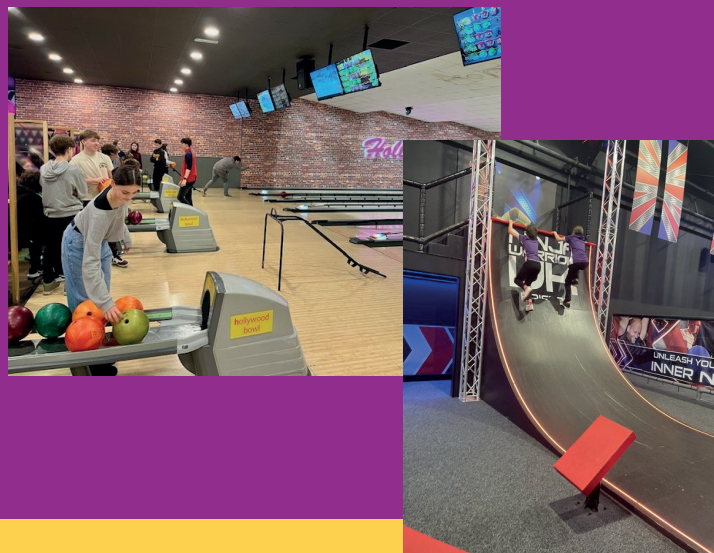
On Monday 18th December, we took Year 12 and 13 students to Hollywood Bowl, to recognise the hard work that they have put in to the Autumn term. All students conducted themselves in an exemplary manner befitting of our Sixth Form expectations. There were some very impressive bowling skills on show and plenty of strikes!

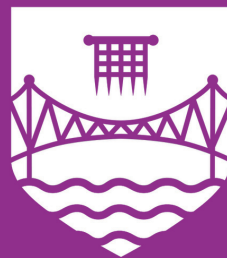
On the same day, Blwyddyn 9 loved every aspect of their rewards trip to Ninja Warriors. They were a credit to the school and themselves. Their incredible behaviour allowed the teachers to focus on creating a fun and joyful day.

Year 7 and 8 enjoyed their trip to Ninja Warrior on Wednesday 20th December. Despite the manic energy and high speed obstacle courses, pupil behaviour was exceptional and both year groups were a credit to the school. It was an absolute joy to see the two year groups bond and enjoy their time together. A huge thank you to all the staff and pupils for making this such a memorable day.

Year 10 and 11's turn was Tuesday 19th December, in which they were able to spend some time last minute Christmas shopping in Cribbs Causeway, before heading over to Hollywood Bowl for 2 games of bowling. There was lots of healthy competition in the lanes, and not just from Mr Parkin!

We look forward to planning further reward trips in the coming terms, after the success of these ones. We would like to extend our thanks to our parents and carers for supporting these trips.





16 HOUR MUSIC MARATHON

On the 28th September we held our 'Music Marathon'. It was a resounding success with over £600 raised towards our school show. We had over 30 pupils taking part from Year 7 up to Year 13.

It was so impressive and inspiring to see them all playing such a wide variety of music throughout the day. The music didn't stop for 16 straight hours, from 6am until 10pm and it was wonderful to see the support from the whole school community whilst our students kept on playing!



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