



Apple Tree Press



Manor Court Primary School

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Our Apple Tree Press Team with Tim Lethaby, Editor of the Chard & Ilminster Newspaper.

Welcome to the 1st Edition of The Apple Tree Press.

In our newspaper we hope to fascinate you, inform you, teach you new things about our school and look back at the exciting visitors we have had. Our first edition includes puzzles, interviews, events and our experiences with special visitors. Like Tim Lethaby! He is the editor of The Chard and Ilminster who gave us lots of advice about writing articles and how to get people really talking. He taught us that there is never a stupid question and to think outside the box to get the best out of interviewees. Things we have already been putting into action.

“Having a school newspaper enables the children to share their views and experiences of education at Manor Court. It’s wonderful to read the creativity in the children’s writing.”

Mr Talmage

“I’m so excited about the first edition and can’t wait to see what the future of the apple tree press will bring. “

Mr Clode

“Having a school newspaper is a great opportunity for our children to get excited about writing! “

Mrs Jones

“The school newspaper enables our pupils to become participants, not just spectators, in the learning and fun life at Manor Court.”

Mrs Terry

We meet Yeovil MP Adam Dance.



Thrilled with the Build



Rowed To Success



Making some Noise!



Town Crier Makes Some Noise At Manor Court

Do you know what a town crier is?

A Town Crier is a person that shouts a lot! Often you will hear them saying “Oyez, Oyez”, which means ‘Here Ye’ ‘Listen Up’ but also, “SHUT UP AND LISTEN IVE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY!”

We have our very own Town Crier in Chard called Stuart Cumming, he has a very loud voice!! Stuart can shout for 2 minutes reaching 110 decibels....thats really loud.

Town Criers first came to England in 1066 with William The Conqueror from France. They would ride horses to towns announcing the new king.

Stuart told us how he became Chard’s Town Crier.

“ I did a thing called Morris dancing and people kept telling me I had a big mouth! About 16 years ago there was a poster about being a town crier. I applied and had we all had to stand at the top of Chard High Street and shout at the Mayor who was stood on the balcony of the Guildhall. I WON!!!”

Stuart still gets nervous before a cry and described it like getting on the stage for a school play as you don’t always know what will happen!



Tell Us About Your Cries!

“ I am one of the few Town Criers that still deliver speeches using traditional methods, which is in rhyming couplets. A traditional cry needs to be between 120 and 130 words. Most of the rhymes are in my head. “

*Did you know?
Stuart is also a paramedic and helps people.
He has also been growing his amazing beard for about 5 years.*



Tell Us About Your Costume

“My costume is very special, it resembles the colours of Chard, it’s quite good as I can blend in with the benches and lights in Chard that are also painted in these colours! I also have badges that have special meanings to me on my costume.”



What do you do?

“ Anything that the mayor partakes in I announce, including St George’s Day, D-Day events and the carnival. I also represent Chard across the country in competitions, I also hold an annual Town Crier competition in Chard. I have to make official proclamations by order of the king. I also do other events like school fetes, assemblies and talks to adults and children.”

Did you know? To heckle or assault a town crier is considered treason and punishable by death!

Builders Hammer Into Manor Court

What's going on!

As many know our kS2 playground is currently being built on. we met with Mr Talmage and Dennis, the site manager, to find out more about this £600,000 project.

“You may be aware that our preschool has been at the top of the field for about 40 years. It was originally built to accommodate children with disabilities. About 14 years ago it was made into our preschool. We know that the building is now not working very well, especially in the winter.”

Mr Talmage, Mr Clode and Mr Perham often have to visit the pre-school in the winter months to make sure that the roof hasn't blown off!

Around 7 years ago Mr Talmage decided we needed to find some money to create two new classrooms. Aswell as a grant from the government Mr Talmage has helped to run multiple other schools for the past 4 years to help raise money for the building work.



Meeting with Mr Talmage to discuss the current building works.

This is **TOP** secret!

Mr Talmage considers himself a visionary and always likes to be looking forward. In the future Mr Talmage would like to create an all weather surface where the preschool is. This would mean that we could play football and other sports all year round!

Who's moving in?

“With the classrooms we still don't know for definite who's moving in the most likely possibility is preschool moving into the year 1 block. To do this we will need another £60,000 to adapt the area!”

So what does this mean?

“If preschool move into year 1 then year 1 will move into year 2. Year 2 will move into year 3 and year 3 will move to year 4. Year 4 will move into the new build and year 5 and 6 will stay the same. This may not be the case as we'll have to see what works best one its built.”



Thrilled that the build is underway!

Dennis, the site manager met with us and gave us a tour of the building work. He is in charge of all the builders and visitors to the building site.

Dennis told us that the hardest part of the build is the weather as it is uncontrollable, unpredictable. It also ruins their materials and slows down the work.

Working at a school also gives more challenges. Dennis has to make sure that all deliveries don't happen at the same time that we all arrive at school and go home. He also has to make sure that things don't get too noisy when we are all doing our learning.

Everyone is enjoying watching the building work out the windows!

“ I love walking up the corridor and being able to see the walls being built.”

“ My favourite thing has been watching the diggers.”

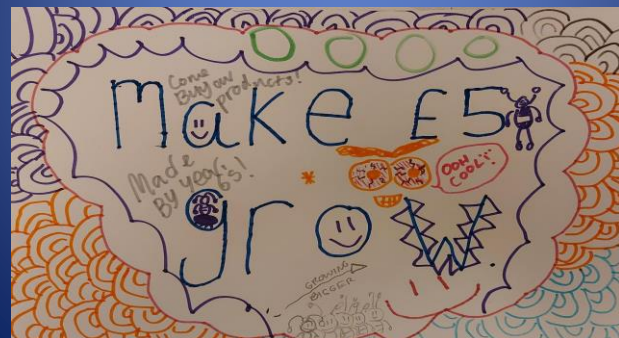
“ I'm excited to have new classrooms. “

Architects, Builders, Electricians, Plumbers and Brick Layers are just some of the roles needed to complete our classrooms.

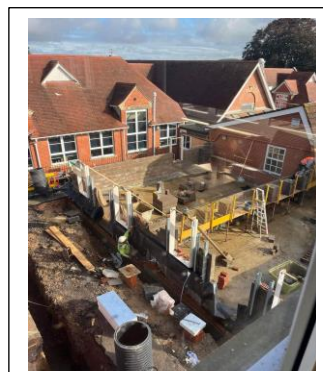


If all things go well our new classrooms should be ready to use in May 2025!

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SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR MORE
INFORMATION.



The Story So Far



ADAM DANCE MP VISITS MANOR COURT.

On Friday 18th October Adam Dance, MP for Yeovil visited Manor court.

In his first interview with a school newspaper! We get to know him and learn more about what it means to be an MP. The Apple Tree Press even beat The Chard and Ilminster news to get an interview!

Adam is a member of the Liberal Democrat Party and he said that both Paddy Ashdown and David Laws inspired him to become an MP.

“ They were fantastic MPs for our community. They worked to help people in the constituency and got help into schools to help people with dyslexia. I have ADHD and dyslexia so I had some of this help in school. “

Adam has been involved in politics since he was 14 and his first campaign was to help save his local youth club. He was in the local town council, district and county councils before deciding he wanted to become an MP to make a difference for people and children like us.

“ School is so important and we need to make sure you have the best start in life. “

Adam told us that the first day he walked into parliament it was like a first day at school. It was so big he got lost and ended up in a store cupboard!



Favourite things about being a Member of Parliament....

“I like seeing people in my constituency and trying to help residents achieve what they would like to achieve.”

The worst thing...

“ The emails and all the procedures! You want to do something but there is always something in the way. It’s a bit like being a headteacher you have ambitions but have to take lots of steps before you can get to them. “

**ADAM SHOWS US THAT IF YOU
ARE DIAGNOSED WITH
DYSLEXIA OR ADHD IT DOESN'T
STOP YOU FROM ACHIEVING
FABULOUS THINGS, AND
FOLLOWING YOUR DREAMS.**



Our Year 6's visited the Houses of Parliament in September. Adam told us he spends 3 days a week in London and the rest of his time at home in Somerset.

Adam has given his support to Alana and year 5's upcoming campaign to save Chard Youth Club.

Fun Facts

Adam has a golden doodle called Roo.

His favourite biscuit is a caramel chocolate digestive.

Adam's favourite Singer is Olly from Years and Years.

He got over 23,000 votes when he was elected in July.

Steak and Chips is Adam's favourite food.

He often gets over 3500 emails in a week.

When he was a young he wanted to be a cowboy.

The most famous person he has met, except for the Prime Minister, is Elton John!



RUGBY – Good for your health

Rugby is a sport that requires speed, collaboration, perseverance and most importantly sportsmanship! Sports of any sort can help your mental health. as you probably already know, getting outside releases endorphins which make your body happier. This sport lets you have fun along the way and create new friends.

Rugby Fun

In September, some children from Years 5 and 6 went to a Rugby development day at Chard Rugby Club hosted by Holyrood School. To start off the children did muscle stretches and laps of the pitch to warm up. They went round to meet the opposing teams that they would play against later on. They put on their tags and played against a strong Tatworth.

It was a great game overall, everyone had a wonderful time. Lastly, they went against Avishayes, and it was a win for Manor Court. A day of sports had come to an end but these lucky children wouldn't forget their chance to show bravery,



courage and skills in a game of a sport where some of the most professional players have never scored a try but have used teamwork perseverance and have co-operated well to help others. Joe Marlar! How rude! Not like I was mocking you because you'd never scored a try. Or was I....?

Did You Know?

Chard has its own rugby club where you can sign up to play from the age of 5.



Word Game

Fill in these gaps. All the words should include one letter from the word, RUGBY. The first one has been done for you.

<u>R</u>	U	G	B	Y
	<u>U</u>			
		<u>G</u>		
			<u>B</u>	
				<u>Y</u>



Inspecting the medal, it was very heavy!

Rowed to Victory - The inside scoop with Rebecca Wilde.

Rebecca Wilde visited Manor Court on Friday 13th September and spent time showing her medal and talking about her experiences at the Paris Olympics. Rebecca won her bronze medal in the women's double sculls event with teammate Mathilda Hodgkins Bryne.

Q. What inspired you to take up rowing and take part in the Olympics?

A. "I watched the rowing at the London Olympics in 2012 when I was around 14 and saw Great Britain were doing really well and thought that I would like to try it myself."

Q. What was it like being part of the Olympics?

A. "Being at the Olympics was a fun and magical experience, and a dream come true. Being part of the atmosphere in the Olympic village was beyond anything I could have imagined."

Q. Will you be competing in the next Olympics?

A. "That is the plan I would love to keep on going and to see what I can achieve in 4 years time."

Q. What was the hardest thing at the Olympics?

A. "It was the nerves and waiting for the start of the races when we got in the boat that was when the calm takes over and you're ready to complete the race."

Q. How did you overcome all of that?

A. "I try to focus on it just being rowing it's just another race like any I have done before. "

Q. Did you make any new friends from other countries?

A. "We got to chat with the New Zealanders and Romanians that we competed against and you meet lots of cool people in the Olympic village. You meet a lot of different athletes from a lot of different countries."

Q. How does it feel to win an Olympic Medal?

A. "It feels really incredible and very special to have achieved a medal doing something that I love."



Reporter Team with Rebecca

Let Your Worries Be Shared

What is a worry box

Do you have a secret that makes you well ... uncomfortable? If you do then tell a teacher, friend or a parent/carer or you can use a trusted worry box!

How do you use a worry box?

It's quite simple all you need to do if you have a worry is to write it on a piece of paper then plop it in the worry box and a teacher or LSA will check it.

Have you found your worry box?

If you haven't found your worry box then ask a teacher or friend and they might tell you if they know where it is.

What is a worry?

A worry is something that upsets you, something you've seen maybe? Sometimes it can be a secret that makes you uncomfortable and you think you have to keep it that way but actually it helps to talk to someone you trust.

Where are the worry boxes?

Worry boxes are in every class if you don't know where yours is then you can always ask a classmate or a trusted adult.

What do worry boxes look like?

Worry boxes do not have a specific look but some looks include, monster, plain or colourful boxes.



How many worry boxes are there?

There are fourteen classes so there are about fourteen worry boxes in total which means that there are fourteen places to get rid of your worrying worries .

This is some examples of a worry box but they can be all different shapes and sizes.



You Get To Have Your Say At Manor Court

Manor Court is a great school with lots of learning opportunities. School Councils are a good part of making improvements in our school, making the school a better place for us.

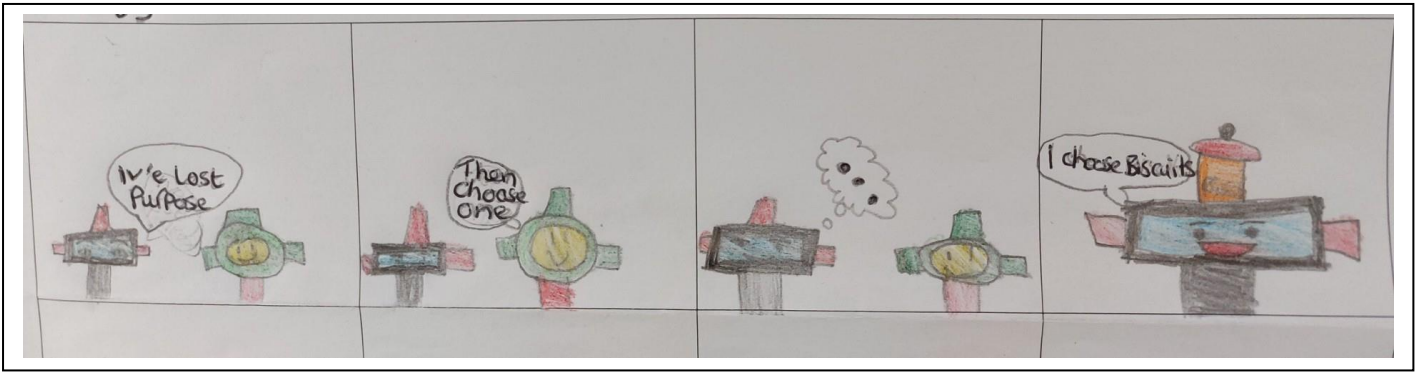
They also organise events, such as non-school uniform days to raise money for charity, book sales, harvest festival food donations and many more things! This year the school council has chosen to support The Beacon Centre in Taunton.

“To achieve becoming a school councilor I had to write an assignment about why I would be a good school councilor. Then after the people that have signed up to be a school council have read their assignments in front of the class, the teacher holds a silents vote. Whoever had the most votes would be the new school councilor for their class.”



Just For FUN

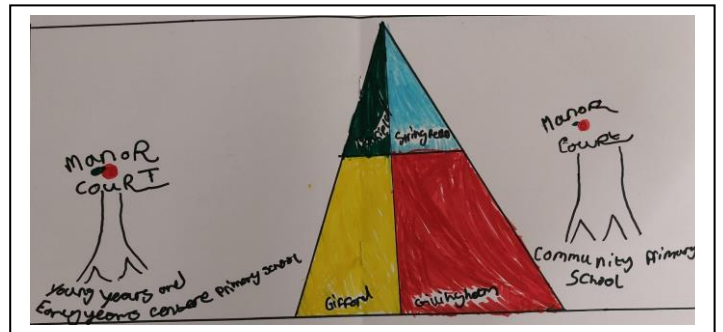
Robots



Rugby

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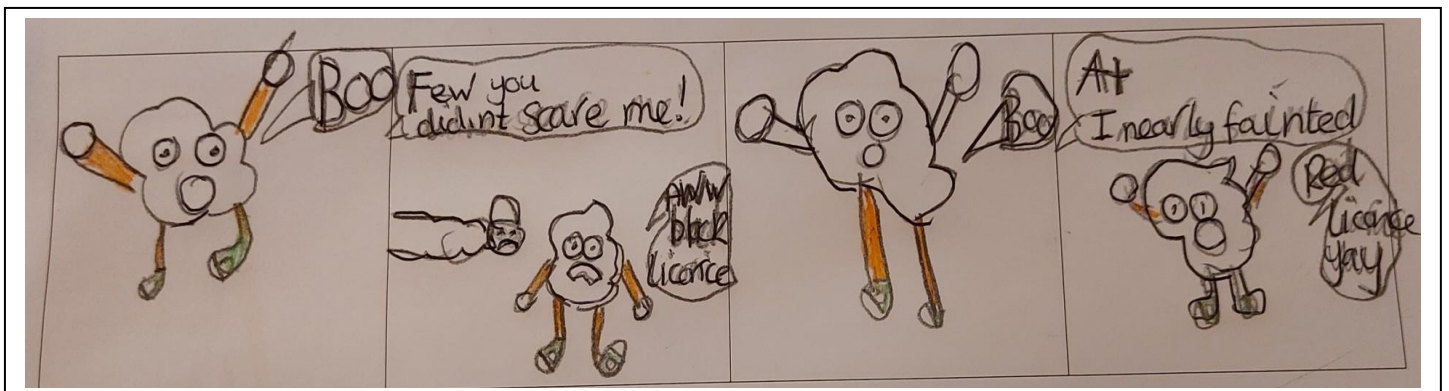
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Why don't grasshoppers play Rugby?

They prefer Cricket!



Primary School Memories.

“I remember when I wanted to be a cowboy, I went into school dressed up as one and hid under a table. I then sang songs about being a cowboy while I was under the table. I think this is when my mum decided that I definitely had ADHD. It is my funniest memory.”

Adam Dance MP

“One of my best memories of going to school at Manor Court was learning to swim there. There used to be a pool where the hall is now. I remember there was a big fire one year and the building got badly burnt and so did my pe kit and duffle-coat. I also remember Mr Barker who always wore an old brown suit.”

Stuart Cumming – Town Crier

“At the end of year 6 we went on a very cool watersports trip, I just remember it as having lots of fun with my friends.”

Rebecca Wilde – Olympic Medalist

“Being Joseph in the school nativity, I got distracted and started playing with the toy sheep. I made it eat the straw and play around! I did get told off for it. “

Tim Lethaby – Editor - Chard and Ilminster News

“I came to Manor Court as a child and used to live on coronation street. I remember my mum and dad walking me to school in the snow. I learnt to swim in the school pool! One day we had to make paper airplanes and see how far we could fly them across the school hall, which is now the library. I got mine all the way across to the other side and got a certificate. My favourite teacher was Mrs Braburn who taught me in year 5. Next door was Mr Rocket. He was a very kind and musical man, but when he got cross you knew to be on your best behaviour! “

Mr Talmage

“I remember performing a dance for our Harvest Festival!”

Mrs Terry

“I enjoyed lots of things at school but especially woodwork, playing football, English and science. My favourite was geography.”

Dennis – Site Manager

We asked lots of people about their favourite books.

Stuart Cumming – Anything by Enid Blyton.

Adam Dance – Horrid Henry

Rebecca Wilde – Harry Potter

Mr Clode – Journey to the Centre of the Earth

Mrs Terry – Charlottes Web

Mrs Jones – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Have you read any of these??

The Press Team

THANKYOU FOR READING THE 1ST EDITION OF THE APPLE TREE PRESS. ALL ROLES WITHIN THE PRESS TEAM HAVE BEEN FULFILLED BY 16 OF MANOR COURT'S YEAR 5 AND 6 PUPILS. THEY HAVE RESEARCHED AND FACT CHECKED ARTICLES, PREPARED AND CARRIED OUT INTERVIEWS, CREATED PUZZLES, TAKEN PHOTOS, PUT TOGETHER FINISHED ARTICLES AND BEEN INVOLVED IN ALL ASPECTS OF CREATING THIS FOR YOU. WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED IT AND LOOK FORWARD TO STARTING WORK ON OUR NEXT EDITION.

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