Futura Learning Partnership Community Newsletter

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Welcome

Outstanding - that's Ofsted's verdict on Chestnut Park Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have managed to get some time to relax and enjoy the long-awaited sunshine this

of England, with many of us having relatively easy access to coast and countryside. This month marks the start of GCSE and A-level exams and also sees our Year 6 children taking their SATs tests. Thank you for all you do to support your children in their learning,

May. We are lucky to live in such a beautiful part

giving them the best chance to achieve the results they deserve. Close partnership between schools and families is absolutely crucial to pupils' success. At the same time, though, we must work together to make sure our young people know they are valued for who they are and not just for the academic outcomes they attain. As one of the messages circulating on social media this week says:

SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art, SATs don't measure music, Or the kindness in your heart.

It's the aim of all Futura's schools to ensure that children of

all ages receive an excellent education in the classroom and

enriching experiences beyond it. Our pupils have the chance

to take part in music and drama performances and sporting competitions as well as trips and camps. This weekend, for example, some of our older students have taken part in the annual Ten Tors challenge on Dartmoor. Such opportunities help develop skills and personal qualities as well as making lifelong memories. We work hard to remove any barriers - financial, social, or emotional – that might prevent anyone taking up the chances on offer. However, we can only help with issues we know about, so if you need support do not hesitate to contact your child's school. One of the advantages of being part of a strong

problem, there is always someone we can ask! Our trust is developing an enviable bank of expertise; all the Ofsted reports our schools have had this year have commented positively on the support Futura provides. And, on the subject of inspections, it is wonderful to be able to celebrate the success of both Chestnut Park Primary in Yatton, which was rated outstanding in its first Ofsted since opening, and Mary Elton Primary in Clevedon, which has been

deservedly upgraded from Requires Improvement to Good.

partnership of schools is that if we don't know the answer to a

You can read more about both of them in this newsletter. Many congratulations to Tamara Dexter and Tom Newell and their teams – and, of course, all the children and their families. Onwards and upwards! For me, this final academic year of my career is whizzing by all too quickly. I hope to get out to as many schools as possible this term and next so I can meet staff and pupils and celebrate their successes large and small. I am confident that Futura is well placed to continue successfully supporting children and preparing them for life in the 21st century.

In the meantime, I wish you all well. Enjoy the half-term

break. I hope we all see some more sunshine!

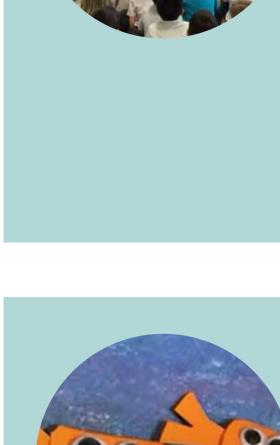
Andrea Arlidge Andrea Arlidge Chief Executive

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With thanks and best wishes,

Outstanding by Ofsted Staff, children and families at Futura's newest school have impressed Government inspectors.

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Keynsham have staged their first Eisteddfod. Read more >>> Clevedon pupils share ideas

on how to save the planet

Chestnut Park Primary rated

School puts performance and

creative arts in the spotlight

Pupils at Two Rivers CofE Primary in

community to highlight the climate crisis. Read more >>>

Clevedon school children are working with the

Ady Tomsa has joined the trust as Director of People and Organisation Development. In the past, Ady has held leadership roles in

Life outside work for Ady is consumed by his little

'Outstanding' Ofsted rating

whirlwinds, aged three and four, but being a Welshman, he

does try to squeeze in watching the odd game of rugby ...

Chestnut Park Primary celebrates

A warm welcome to our Director of

People and Organisational Development

Chestnut Park Primary, Futura Learning Partnership's youngest school, has emerged from its first Ofsted inspection with a judgement of Outstanding in all areas. Two inspectors visited the school in Yatton in February and gave it the top rating for its quality of education, leadership and management and early years provision as well as for pupils' behaviour and attitudes and their personal development.



consultancy while most recently leading HR / People teams in the utilities industry. Ady will be working hard to ensure Futura is a great place to work that attracts new recruits and provides colleagues with development opportunities and pathways to encourage them to stay.

Read more >>> Hard Work Earns Mary Elton Primary School 'Good' Ofsted Rating

They also praised the 373-pupil school's work to develop

children's social skills and enrich their development. "Mary Elton Primary School is a safe, friendly school where staff care deeply for the wellbeing of pupils," the report said.

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Nurturing approach brings significant benefits



Emotional, and Mental Health needs (SEMH needs) in school, using a preventative approach. Nurture UK provided extensive training for the lead teacher and a member of Senior Leadership Team. The training

programme to meet the needs of children with mild Social,

Yeo Moor Primary School has participated in a pilot

developed an understanding of how trauma affects children, including attachment and how the brain works. Read more >>>

Pupils enjoy feast of music,

art, books and poetry

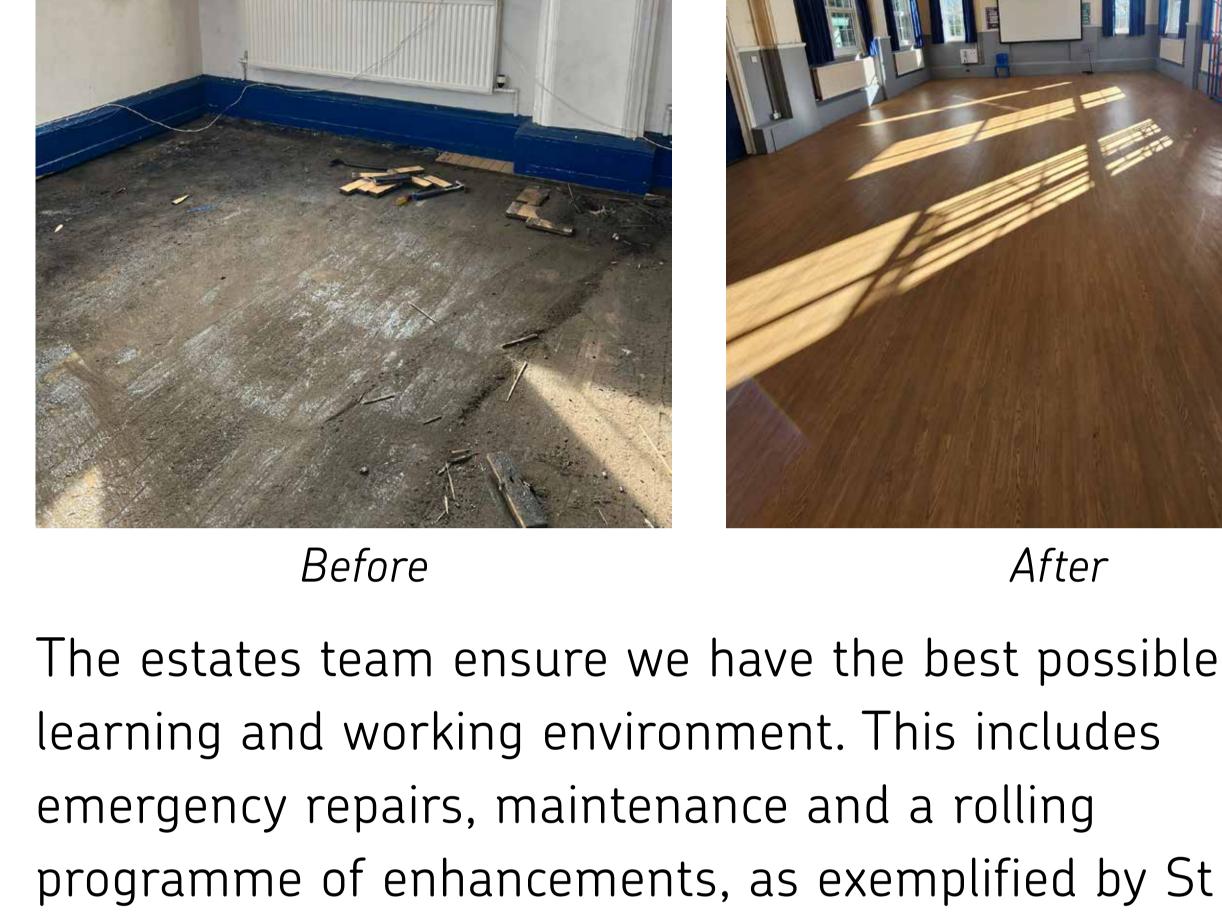


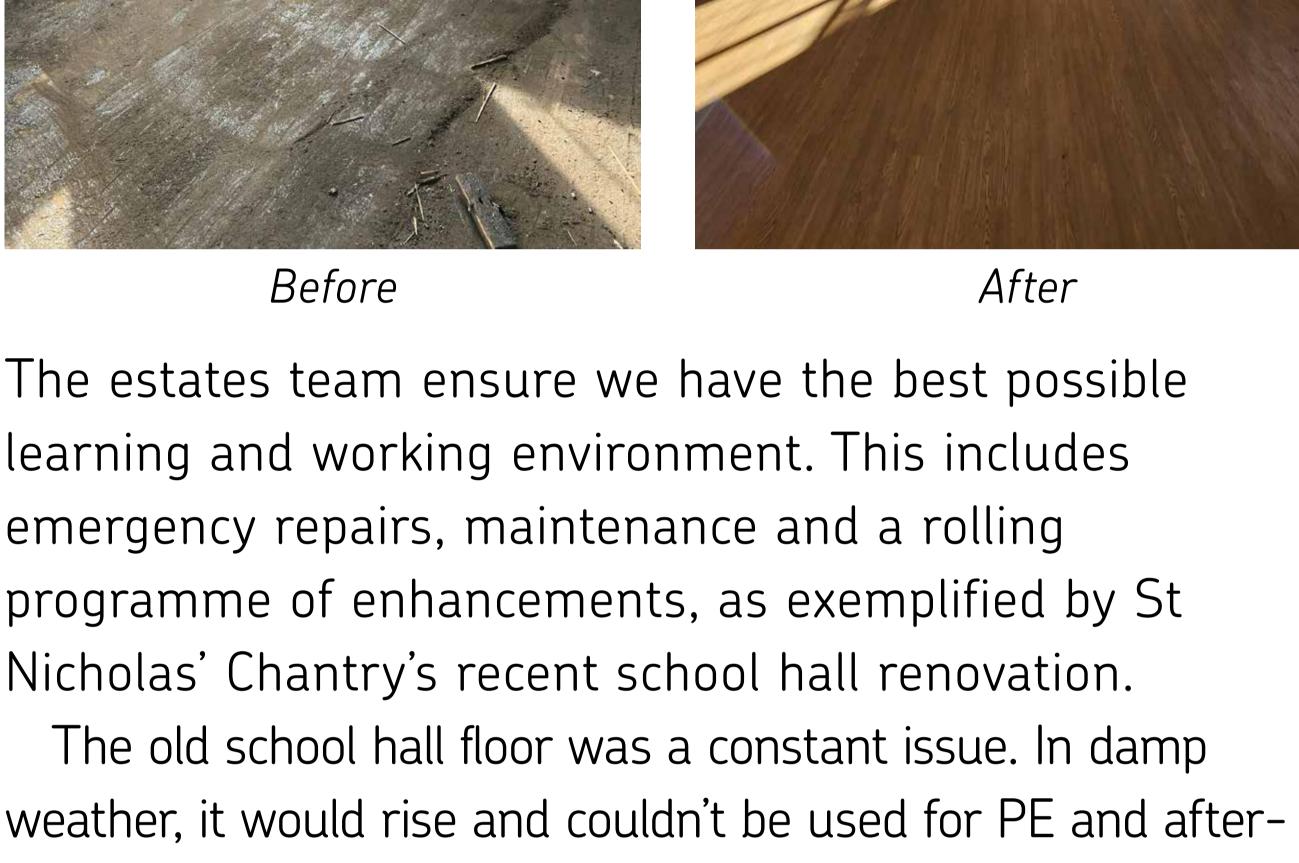
entered into competition in which the best work will feature in an episode of a Sky Arts show in June.

Children created works of art inspired by birds. These were

Children dance with joy after hall floor's renovation

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Clevedon children take lead role in tackling climate emergency

Children from our Clevedon schools are working with the local

community to raise awareness of the climate and nature crisis.

Children from All Saints, Clevedon and Yeo Moor schools

participated in the Green Shift Festival, which was held at

school sports clubs. This had a negative impact on sports

provision and cost the school lettings funding.

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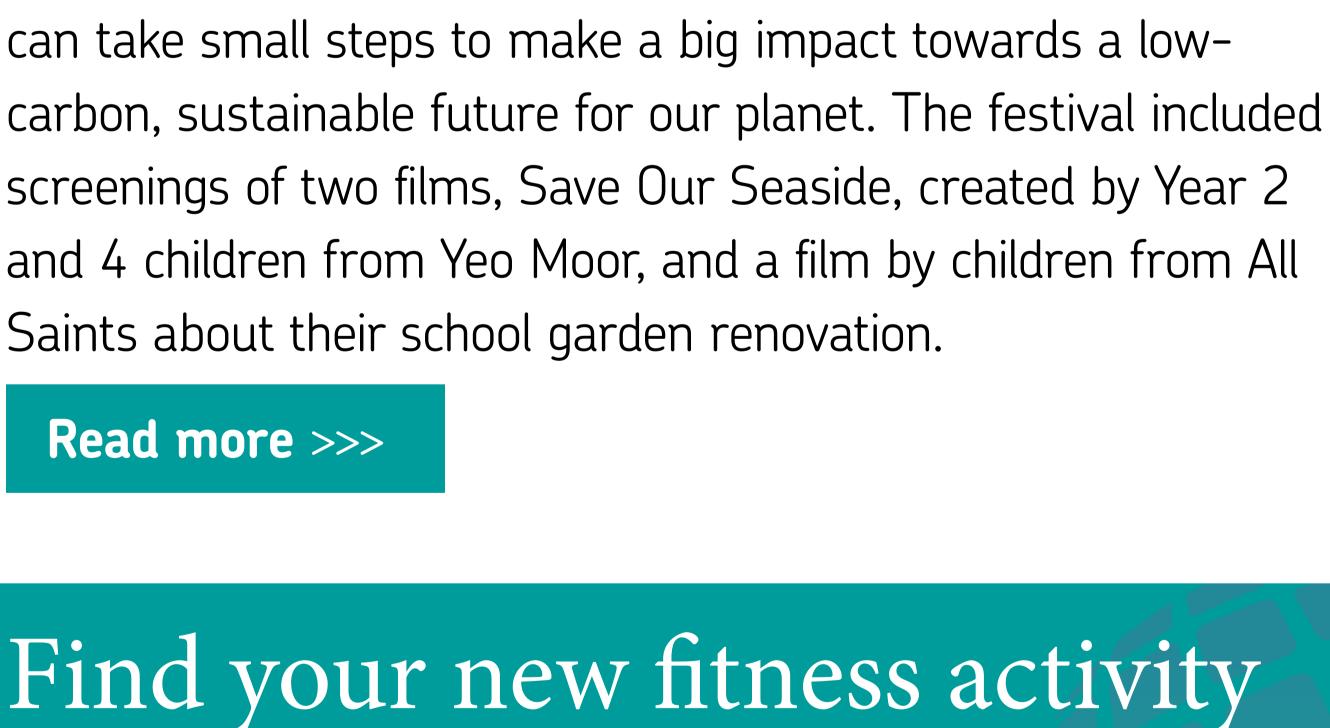
Save Our Seas

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Clevedon's Curzon Cinema at the end of April. The two-day event, coinciding with Earth Day 2024, explored how we

All Saints Garden

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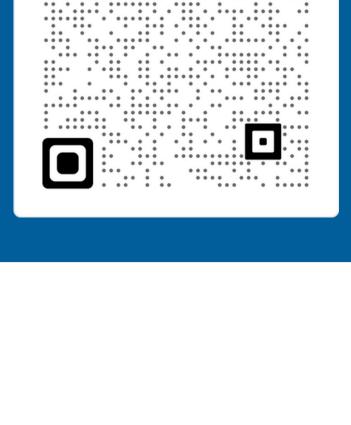




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