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Autumn Term

BBS Family Weekly Bulletin



Week beginning: 8th January 2024

Dates for your Diary: Monday 11th December 2023 – Friday 9th February 2024

Event Date and Time	Event	Who is it for?	Location
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	First day of the Spring Term	Whole School	
Thursday 11 th January 2024	Year 10 Parents Evening	Year 10 Parents/Carers & Students	Sports Hall
Thursday 8 th February 2024	Year 8 Parents Evening	Year 8 Parents/Carers & Students	Sports Hall



Canteen Update

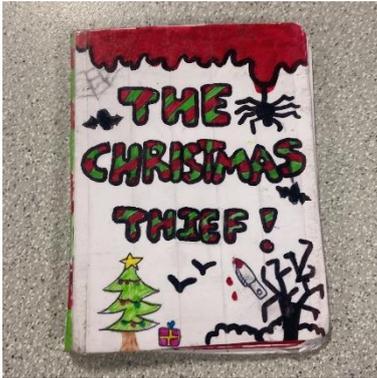
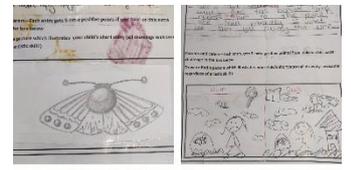
We are hoping that we are now seeing the light at the end of the tunnel in relation to the opening of the school catering facilities. As it currently stands, Paveways, the building company have given us the date of transfer as the 9th February, meaning that we should be up and running for full service from Monday the 19th February, if all stays as planned. We were aiming to open with a fully functioning cashless system but due to the delay in transferring to the trust, this may be postponed until March, or even after Easter, as it is dependent on the availability of the new trust bank account.

On behalf of the school, the local authority and Paveways builders we would like to take this opportunity to thank all students and parents for your patience and understanding through the refurbishment process.

News

Year 7 Creative Writing Competition

Congratulation to this young lady who won the Year 7 Creative Writing Competition (below). (Right) are some of the illustrations that parents sent in alongside the entries.



Teaching Dance to Reception Pupils

Yesterday Mrs Goswell took 7 of our students to Church Aston to teach the reception pupils of Church Aston Primary School a dance. They were all brilliant and everyone looked like they were having a great time.



Newport HUB

After school yesterday some of our students were invited down to The Newport HUB to see the facilities they are now offering. They are open Monday - Friday from 3.00pm-5.00pm where young people can go to be warm, play on the Xbox, use the charging facilities, do homework on laptops provided, or just socialise and get cheap food and drink deals!!



Jack and the Beanstalk Performance

Our wonderful drama students put on performances of Jack and the Beanstalk this week. The first performance was on Tuesday afternoon for the Year 6 pupils from NJS, and the second was open to everyone and was on Wednesday evening. Well done to everyone involved, it was a fantastic production and performance!!



Year 8 Stars

Scarlett won a £2.50 snack shack voucher for winning the reward points! (left)

Alfie with yet another positive note! (right)



Year 7 Maths Skills



Izzy Stovin was showing a unique way of dividing to the rest of the class. (left)

Year 7 Assembly

Well-deserved awards and a fantastic performance from Mo Bird, who sang 'I'm still Standing' (right)

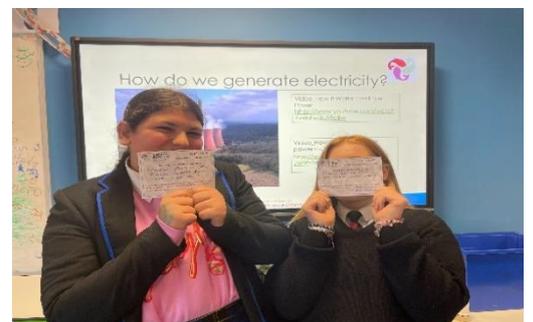


MFL Christmas Card Winners

We have had an overwhelming response this year and it was very hard to judge!



Year 10 Positive Notes



Christmas Jumper Day

We can always rely on Mrs Williams to go the extra mile!!



Year 11 Rewards.

11TAL won a breakfast for most improved attendance, and **11JBE** had a chocolate treat for having the most reward points. Well done Year 11s.



Year 8 Rewards Assembly & bundles of Positive Notes for two amazing Year 8s!!



Year 9 Celebration Assembly



Year 10 Celebration Assembly (below)

Year 10 – Thank you Hot Chocolate

As part of the Year 10 assembly, some students had been picked by their Form Tutors to be served hot chocolate for being generally brilliant students!



Awards in Maths - Below are all the students who completed 100% of their maths homework every week since the start of the year, Super Stars!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Well done all of you.

Year 7		Year 7		Year 8		Year 10	
Ethan	Archer	Ella	Sutton	Philip	Sedman-Smith	Eliott	Howell
Alex	Asson-Roberts	Esme	Swaffield	Faith	Sims	Chloe	Locke
Casey-James	Bickerton	Oscar	Swales	Evalyn	Strydom	Phoebe	May
Ferris	Bickerton	Charlotte	Tickner	Owen	Talbot-Parker	Erin	Millward
William	Bollands	Maisie	Timmis	Harry	Taylor	A J	Smith
Jack	Borrett	Gracie	Voiculescu	Dominic	Thompson	Gurdeep	Sunner
Logan	Bradley	Beth	Waylett	Aiden	Till	Rohan	Thiara
Brad	Brown	Evie	Wharton Hopkins	Niamh	Tivey	Year 11	
Wills	Burton	Maisie	Wilde	Alexandru	Voinescu	Holly	Atkinson
Angus	Cadwallader	Olivia	Woods-Jackson	Jessica	White	Evie	Bulman
Xin Yi	Chen	Martha	Young	Emily	Willets	Millie	Bishton
Fin	Clare	Year 8		Oscar	Worrall	Oliver	Callaghan
Caitlin	Crompton	Sophie	Bastow	Year 9		Gracie	Howell
Robert	Dobson	Ffion	Beale	Oliver	Armstrong-Barnes	Amelia	Jarrett
Charlie	Duffett	Ethan	Beer	Caitlin	Atkinson	Niamh	Stretton
Harry	Dunscombe	Amber	Bhavsar	Matthew	Ball		
James	Francis	Grace	Brumwell	Faye	Bradley		
Alice	George	Freddie	Cooper	Jacky	Chen		
Cameron	Gibb	Henry	Cooper	Michael	Chilonda		
Roman	Guthrie	Drew	Ford	Katherine	Creighton		
Jess	Hackett	Syler	Gadsby Musu	James	Daniels		
Matthew	Harris	Georgia	Gallier	Grace	Dillon		
Tia	Hough	Noah	Garvey	Will	Fletcher		
James	Howell	Andre	Hadley	Emilia	Grebosz		
Austin	Howells	Alfie	Hall	James	Hefford		
Naomi	Jones	Jay	Hankinson	Oliver	Jones		
Isla	Jones	Nate	Hyde	Hesandu	Kotuwegedara		
Gabbi	Keating	Daisy	Jackson	Isabelle	Lytollis		
Michaela	Kusi	Ann	Jacob	Paige	Millward		
George	Lough	Harry	Jones	James	Pickthall		
Matthew	Lovatt	Hannah	Katakwa	Lilia	Rees		
Oliver	Matthews	Hasan	Khan	Seb	Reynolds		
Sam	Meredith	Christabelle	Kuren	Archie	Scaife		
Oly	Meredith	Ethan	Mansell	Chloe	Syrda Smith		
Harry	Morris	Liam	Mansell	Oliver	Tilsley		
Austin	Moult	Edmund	Matheson	Kieran	Tonks		
Ted	Nadine	Lacey	Matthews	Sebastian	Westwood		
Hasan	Ozcan	Isaac	Mitchell	Freya	Whiteley		
Joe	Paginton	Archie	Naughton	Heidi	Williams		
Jake	Priest	Luca	Nuttall	Y10			
McCartney	Robinson	Ruby	Plant	Molly	Bell		
Joe	Sansom	Sophie	Polak Briggs	Seren	Cartwright		
Conor	Sherratt	Edward	Reece	Sebastian	Curbishley		
Charlie	Simmons	Xander	Regan	Rebecca	Dixon		
Dylan	Singh	Poppy	Richards	Abi	Edwards		
Ishbeer	Sran	Ava	Ridgway-Hoult	Katie	Harris		
Samuel	Stopford	William	Roden	Freya	Hill		





SLT spread some Christmas Cheer

Two elves (AKA Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Kane) welcomed all the students at the gate as they arrived on Wednesday. Our SLT then dressed up and delivered festive cookies to the Tutor Groups. Students then took part in a 'pass the parcel', all receiving chocolate prizes, and the winner of each form won a food voucher for the canteen.



Left – Mrs Clause dropped in! (AKA Mrs Woodhouse)



Thank You to the catering Team!

We want to say a huge thank you to the catering team who, despite difficult working conditions due to the refurbishment of the canteen, have gone above and beyond in providing treats like this throughout the term!!

Year 9 Dream Team!



Mrs Aver-Howdle and Ms Wright getting in the Christmas spirit.



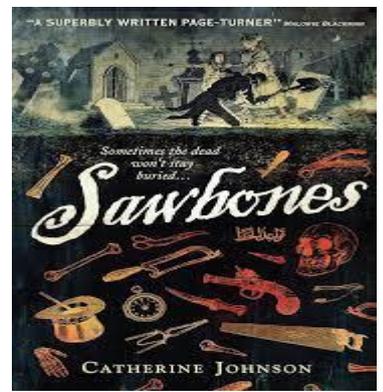
Year 7 Virtual Author Visit

We had a virtual author visit from Catherin Johnson this week for Year 7, and some of our students have written up a review.

"Yesterday, after school, me and some Year 7s video-called the author of Sawbones, Catherine Johnson. She spoke to us about herself, her family and her homeplace. We asked her some questions as well:

Student: How did you get inspiration for Loveday and Ezra in your novel?

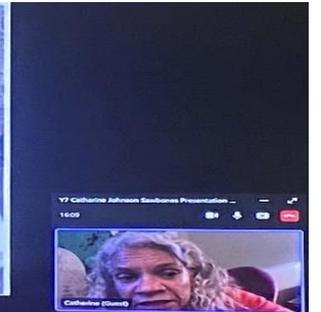
Author: I thought back about the clothing and wanted a female character for that time period – and for her to be a very courageous person"



Lola Colclough - On Tuesday 19th December, Year 7 had a very exciting virtual visit from Catherine Johnson, the author of 'Sawbones' - one of the books we have been looking at this term. It is packed full with gothic writing and the life of a historical surgeon in the 1800s. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed it. Catherine talked to us about her fantastic book and how to be an author like herself. She had some very useful advice on the thought process of being a writer, explaining the dedication, hard work, confidence and not being afraid to edit which helps a lot. Catherine also made some great recommendations for any fans of her books or aspiring authors. She recommends 'The Italian Boy', 'The Lords of the Horizon' and 'Dr Johnson's London'.

Jessie Coombes, 7 - We loved talking to her and sharing our thoughts, ideas and queries on Sawbones and really appreciate Catherine, taking time out of her day to talk to us. We hope any future Year 7s can enjoy this book as much as we did.

Lizzie – 7ABA - I really enjoyed the author visit with Catherine Johnson. I love Sawbones since it had a lot of pivotal moments in. I personally find if a book has lots of pivotal moments, they get more people to enjoy it. I don't know how you can come up with such an amazing book!



Youth Speaks

Mr Allen prepared three teams to compete head-to-head in 'Youth Speaks' this half term. The teams select a challenging and contentious subject topic and then take the roles of proposer, opposition and chair. We entered one team from Year 9 into the KS3 competition and two teams – one from Year 10 and one from Year 11 into the Senior competition. Held at Haberdashers Adams, the quality of the presentations was superb. Our teams held their own, speaking on The Elgin marbles, whether books should be banned and the death penalty. All teams performed with confidence, conviction and clarity, engaging the audience in their lateral thinking. In the Senior competition against two teams from Adams', our Year 11 team came second with Nyla Baig, Evie Bullman and Christeena Thomas narrowly missing the win against a Sixth Form team at Adams'. Well done to all who took part. Miss Owen thoroughly enjoyed accompanying the teams and was incredibly impressed. Let's win it next year!



Telford & Wrekin help for Supporting children and young people over Christmas.

Attachment in the classroom
 Tips for supporting children and young people with attachment and trauma needs at Christmas and over the winter break

Telford & Wrekin Educational Psychology Service

- In the run up to the Christmas break, try to keep the plans as explicit and predictable as possible. Remind pupils throughout the day what is going to happen and when
- Help pupils to prepare for the transition to the Christmas break through open conversations, helping them to name feelings that they might be having
- It might be useful to work with pupils to explore feelings around the Christmas break, practising acceptance and empathy
- Consider giving pupils the option to write a message, thought or feeling and stick it on a bauble or another favoured object
- The object is kept by their ELSA/other trusted adult in a safe and secure place agreed with the pupil
- Take a photo of the object in it's safe place to send home with the pupil to remind them that their trusted adult is keeping them in mind over the break
- Send home a winter break card (neutral where the pupil may not celebrate Christmas)
- The message should be short and highlight the pupil's strengths and moments of pride in the work that you have done together
- Focus on connection and keep expectations realistic
- Keep in mind that pupils who may be feeling anxious will likely need more scaffolding and more support than usual
- When term starts again in January, show pupils that you held them in mind (I thought of you when...)

Holiday Coding Club

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Christmas Greetings from the Diversity Team

The Diversity club have been learning about each others cultures and traditions around Christmas

As part of our diverse community, it is important to educate ourselves about our cultural differences

BBS would like to wish you a Merry Christmas in some of our languages

Crăciun fericit
 Wesolych świąt Bożego Narodzenia
 God Ji
 Veselé Vánoce
 Feliz Navidad
 Buon Natale
 Feliz Natal
 Aelnyh'ya pa
 विमर्षम सीमां यथाशीलं
 Mi deh wish yuh a Merri Crissmuss
 É kú odún Kérésimesi

Vrolijk kerstfeest
 Joyeux Noël
 Frohe Weihnachten
 聖誕快樂
 تهنیت میلاد مجید
 СЧАСТЛИВОГО РОЖДЕСТВА!
 Щасливого Різдва
 क्रिसमस की बधाई
 Gēzuar Krishhindjet
 Gesënde Kerstees
 Nadolig Llawen
 موزی کرسمس
 Krismas! Njema!
 Maligayang Pasko
 നല്ല ക്രിസ്മസ്
 നല്ല ക്രിസ്മസ്
 Весело Коледа
 සුව උත්සවය
 ക്രിസ്തുമസ് ആശംസകൾ

Those in our community who do not celebrate Christmas, we wish you a peaceful holiday.



“Chemistree” in Year 7
 Year 7 have made a fantastic “Chemistree” today, to practice their Working Scientifically skills. (left)

Year 10 made Christingles in RE.



Elf on the Shelf Updates for this week...

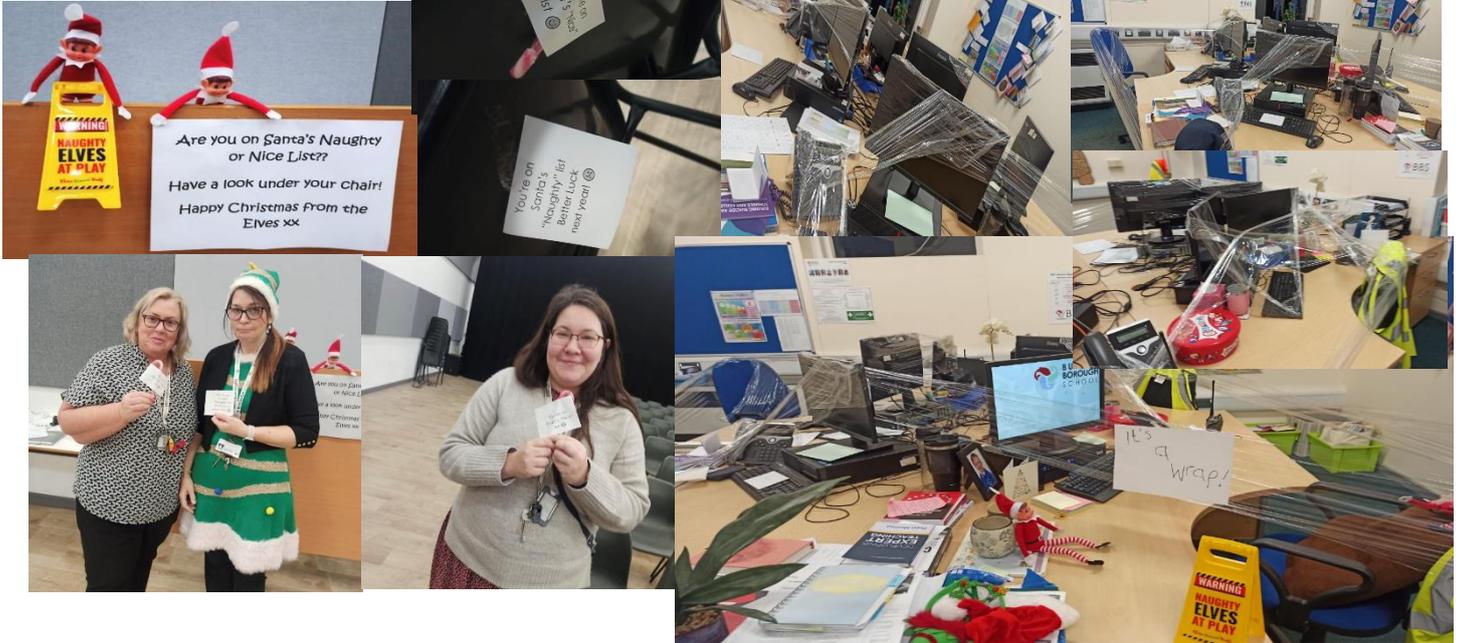
Monday – PE Block!



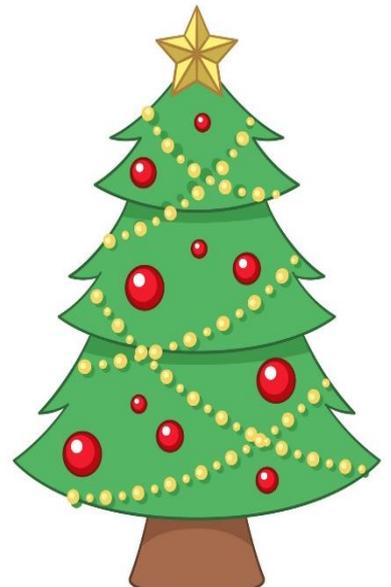
Wednesday – Business Office!



Thursday – Staff Meeting!



Well-Being Message



Music and Drama Clubs Timetable



BBS Music and Drama Clubs / Bands



TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Choir All years 3.05-4.15pm in MU2 Musical Theatre Dance Club All years 3.05-4.05pm in MU3	Pantomime Rehearsal All years 3.05-4.30pm in New Hall Woodwind Ensemble Invite only 3.15-4.15pm In MU3 Concert Band Invite only 4.30-5.30pm in MU3	Junior Band KS3 woodwind and brass players 3.30-4.30pm in MU3 	Drama Club All years 3.05-4.15pm in MU3
For more information about joining any of these clubs or bands, see staff in the Music & Drama Office			

Extra-Curricular Timetable

These sessions are open to all students. No need to book. See your subject Teacher about which room the session will be held in.

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	Boys football (start outside, move to inside when weather/pitch gets bad GRO/LTI)	Basketball JDA	Badminton Fixtures BBI/JDA Netball ZGO Girls Football MRO		
8	Staff CPD	Basketball JDA	Badminton Fixtures BBI/JDA Netball ZGO Girls Football MRO		
9		Basketball EMP	Badminton Fixtures BBI/JDA Girls Football MRO	Netball training MRO Netball fixtures BBI	
10		Basketball EMP	Badminton Fixtures BBI/JDA Girls Football MRO	Netball training MRO Netball fixtures BBI BBS Gym EMP	GCSE Intervention MRO/JDA/ZGO CNAT intervention RBI/EMP
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Year 10 and Year 11 Revision Timetable (from January 2024)

BBS Revision Timetable 2023-2024				
Year 10				
	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
White Week	Photography Art	English	Geography History RE Music Child Development (<i>invite only</i>) Y11 GCSE PEP	CNAT PE
Blue Week	Maths		Science	Computer Science Enterprise GCSE PE
Year 11				
	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
White Week	Maths	English	Science Music	Computer Science Enterprise
Blue Week	MFL DT Food (<i>invite only</i>) Photography Art	English Sociology	RE Child Development (<i>invite only</i>) Geography History Y11 GCSE PEP	GCSE PE Drama