

We have been informed this week that some BLC pupils in Year 8 are being invited to take part in a new national study called "Growing up in the 2020s". By following young people and their families over time, the study aims to provide a contemporary understanding of how young people's school, home life and relationships shape their attainment, wellbeing, and post-16 destinations. The study focuses on the opportunities and challenges facing young people during an important time in their lives and when the effects of the pandemic are still being felt by some.



This is coordinated by the Department for Education and is not anything linked to BLC. However, I do hope that those identified will choose to take part and let us know they are doing so – it will be interesting to follow the progress of the study as it develops over the years.

Primary showcase: I thought that you might also like to see a selection of work from some of our primary classes this week:

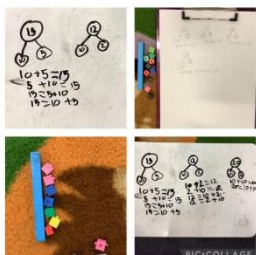


Nursery: 'We're going on a Bear Hunt!' The children loved talking about bears. They made bears faces from loose parts and playdough, and they also painted bears using forks to spread the paint.

Year 5 have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians. They wrote a fact file on the different ancient Egyptian gods.



Year 2 have been learning about the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. He was an Italian painter who used fruits, vegetables, animals, books and other objects to reassemble human portraits. Our Y2 pupils used water paints to add colour to their drawings.



In Maths, Year 1 have been making teen numbers, representing the two parts of the number in a part whole model, and writing number sentences. As a challenge, they were asked to compare their numbers using inequality signs to symbolise greater than or less than.

Finally, another reminder for all parents/carers of Year 11 pupils that our **Year 11 mock results day and parents'/carers' evening takes place on Thursday, 13th February from 3:30 pm**. This is the last opportunity for parents & carers to have 1-to-1 conversations with each of your child's teachers and learn how to help your child achieve the best exam results they can in the summer. Please do make sure you are there!



Best wishes,

Mr Maule