Newsletter

31st January 2025

Time really is flying at BLC and we are already only two weeks away from the end of term. Pupils and adults continue to work hard, though, building knowledge and inspiring each other to achieve the best possible every day.





Attendance often takes a bit of a dip in the winter months and this year has been no exception. As an example, Year 11 students had great attendance at the start of the term (making sure they were in school for their mock exams) but this tailed off in the last two weeks. It really is true that "Every Lesson Counts", no matter how old the child is. As a parent/carer, please make sure you are doing everything you can (including making sure they get plenty of good quality sleep) to keep your child in school every day. We are looking

forward already to our end of term Attendance Reward events & really want as many pupils to earn their place in the celebrations.

Bristol City Council have launched The Bristol SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2028 this week. The strategy explains how they will work in partnership to better the lives of children and young people with SEND over the next four years. The partnership is made up of organisations from various sectors,



including education, health, social care, and community groups like the Bristol Parent Carer Forum and The Listening Partnership.

For more details and to read the strategy, visit <u>www.bristol.gov.uk/working-together-SEND</u>"

Primary Culture Day: Wednesday 12th February

This year's theme is Carnivals and Celebrations.

- Nursery and Reception will be exploring carnivals from around the world.
- Years 1 & 2 will focus on St. Paul's Carnival.
- Years 3 & 4 will learn about Caribbean carnivals.
- Years 5 & 6 will discover the vibrant celebration of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).



Children are encouraged to wear colourful non-uniform clothing, and students in Years 5 & 6 can dress in costumes inspired by Día de los Muertos!

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