

# Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> February 2025



**Bridge Learning  
Campus**



**Safer Internet Day 2025** took place on Tuesday of this week and we marked it at BLC with age-appropriate assemblies across the Campus. The theme for this year is protecting children from online scams. A great way to do this is to set up parental controls on devices. Talk to your child about what they have learned but also what they are worried about. The UK safer internet centre have lots of hints and tips that can be found [here](https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/) and internet matters also have a great family toolkit that gives age specific advice and information on how to deal with online safety concerns. <https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>

Our primary phase held their second **Culture Day** on Wednesday this week, having a fantastic time celebrating the theme of carnivals and celebrations.

- Nursery and Reception have been exploring carnivals from around the world. They've created masks and held their own parade!
- Years 1 & 2 focused on St. Paul's Carnival, learning about its history, making masks, practicing dance moves, and even speaking Patois.
- Years 3 & 4 celebrated Caribbean carnivals, crafting masks, locating Caribbean countries on a map, and enjoying carnival music.
- Years 5 & 6 embraced the Day of the Dead, discovering the history behind the celebration and making sugar skulls.

We also had two amazing workshops: a dance workshop for Years 3 & 4, where they learned carnival moves, and a hair workshop for Years 5 & 6, where they explored different hair types, styles, and products. The children have had so much fun, and there's been an abundance of smiles all around the school!

## **Dance Workshop feedback:**

Adeola (Year 3): *"It was calm, and I have never done anything like it. I want to be a dancer!"*

Alexis (Year 3): *"It was so much fun and the dance teacher was kind and cool."*

A'Myrah (Year 3): *"I learnt new moves from carnivals."*

Shan Studios (Dance Teacher)- *"All children were focused and engaged. It was fun to teach. The children really embraced Caribbean music and were able to learn a dance routine. The school environment is very calm and children's behaviour is excellent. I really enjoyed myself. It is lovely to see a school in Bristol celebrating different cultures. Being from a Caribbean heritage, I would have loved something like this at school."*



## Hair Workshop:

Mel (Hairdresser): "Loved answering questions from the children. Children were able to practise different hair styles on each other and became confident with braiding hair. It was lovely to see children embracing other cultures/hair textures. It felt like a very inclusive school."

Mayzie (Year 6): "Loved having my hair braided. I hope it never comes out!"

Boe: "It was so fun having my hair braided, I learnt how to look after hair."

Sara- "Now I know how to braid hair and what hairbrushes to use."

I am very grateful to Ms Brill and the other staff who made it all happen.



## Iftar – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025



On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, we are delighted to invite all members of our school community to join our community Iftar and celebrate the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, building on our first community Iftar held last year. Iftar is the name of the meal eaten by Muslims at sunset to break their fast during Ramadan. Our community Iftar is an opportunity to bring our whole community together to celebrate the social richness, cohesion and cultural diversity of our community in the spirit of Ramadan. The event will start at 17:00 and includes a

presentation, which has been arranged by the students and supported by Bristol Muslim Cultural Society.

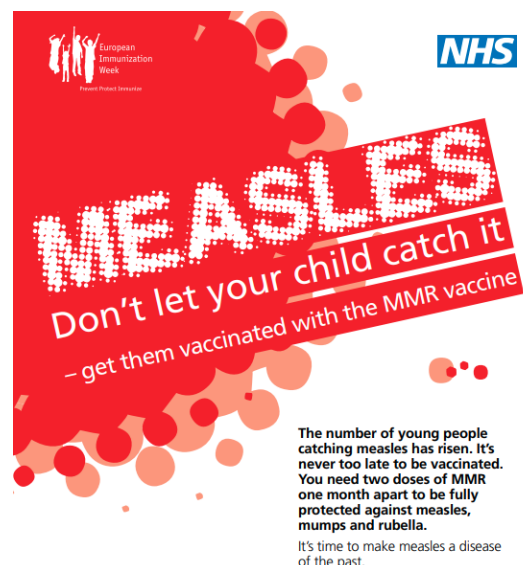
There will be lots of lovely food available to follow, courtesy of BS13 Cooking Club. Everyone is welcome - if you would like to attend, please help our catering planning by completing this [form](#).

## Measles

Schools have been asked to alert parents and carers to a recent rise in cases of measles across Bristol - even though these are small numbers, it is important for everyone to be reminded of the signs and symptoms and what to do if there is a suspected case of measles. Follow [this link](#) to find out more.

## Kinship Care

Kinship carers are friends or family who step in to raise a child when their parents may not be able to. This may be temporary or long term. You might be a grandparent whose grandchild has come to live with you or perhaps you are taking care of a younger sibling or niece. You may be a kinship carer in a formal foster care arrangement or special guardianship order. Alternatively, you may be providing informal care for a close relative or family friend. There are more than 141,000 children



living in kinship care in England and Wales (source: Kinship care charity) so you are certainly not alone.

If you are a kinship carer, please let us know. This will help us to better support you and your child, and we will be able to signpost you to further help and advice. We will handle any information shared sensitively.

Our Kinship Lead is Mr Jackson and you can contact him at [enquiries@blc.school](mailto:enquiries@blc.school). Mr Jackson has awareness of the particular needs of children in kinship care and the support available for children, carers and families.

You can also access information via:

- The HOPE Virtual School [Kinship care](#)
- [Kinship: Home | The Kinship care charity | England and Wales](#)

The Kinship care charity offer a wide variety of support for kinship carers including online workshops on a range of relevant topics and local coffee mornings.

You can sign up for the range of in person and online workshops provided by The Kinship care charity through this link [Free training and events for kinship carers | Kinship](#)

Kinship will also be running a Kinship Roadshow in Bristol on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Kinship carers can find out more and sign up here: [Kinship Roadshow Bristol - Kinship](#)

Finally, I just need to wish you all a very happy break next week. Don't forget that we have a staff training day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> so the new school term starts on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at the normal time for all pupils. See you then!

Best wishes,

Mr Maule

