

# THE BLC BUGLE

The Voice of BLC fortnightly Newsletter



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## Message from Interim Headteacher

I hope all members of the BLC community are continuing to enjoy life at BLC. It has been a very eventful and productive Term 3, during which we have made great strides in improving the school, particularly in the secondary phase.

I wrote to all families today with the news that we have received our Ofsted report following the Ofsted inspection in the first week of term. The report is glowing in praise about our primary phase, recognising that children 'thrive' in the school. Of course, this is not surprising, as BLC is one of the very top schools in Bristol for literacy and numeracy Key Stage 2 results and our humanities, science and languages curriculum is second to none.

It is fantastic that the report also recognises the good progress being made to improve the secondary phase, which we are working hard in bringing up to the same standard as primary. The report shows that inspectors very much believed that BLC school leaders understand what improvements need to be made and they are confident that we are making good progress in the right direction.

This Ofsted report is a terrific foundation for the new headteacher Danny McGilloway to build upon when he takes up his post in September. I am very confident that BLC will go from strength to strength under his leadership.



### What does it mean to **graft**?

Graft means putting in steady effort — especially when something is challenging. **Graft** is you keeping going until you improve or achieve your goal.

### Questions to take into your week...

- When my work gets tough this week, how will I show **graft** by sticking with it?
- How will I show **graft** by making the right choices even when no one is watching?



Mr Butler  
Interim Headteacher

# Year 11 Hospitality and Catering Final Exam Dishes

These are Hospitality and catering Final Exam Dishes whereby students worked to a brief and chose two dishes along with two accompaniments. They cooked within just four hours.



Jada



Samuel



Asta



Oumou



Lily



Jacob



Eva



Lily and Scarlett

Year 8 team won 4-3 vs Bedminster Down School on Tuesday evening. Fantastic performance from the team after a disappointing result last week vs Ashton park. Goals: Own goal, Blake Durnell, Reid Griffiths & Jackson Inder.



Year 3 (Magenta & Purple class) Had a lovely day on Monday 19th January. We completed some food technology as part of our design and technology curriculum. They practised new skills like peeling potatoes, cutting fruit in different ways and creating yummy dishes! They also created their own menus and food safety posters as part of the day!

We made: Seasoned chips and chopped fruit topped with yoghurt and a drizzle of honey!



## Bristol Youth Votes

A huge congratulations to Michelle and Cheyenne in Year 9, who ran in the Bristol City Youth Council Elections last week! It was really inspiring to watch their campaign videos in PSHE and exciting to see the democratic process unfold across the school. Schools throughout South Bristol participated in the vote and the result will be announced on the 13th February, so stay tuned! We are so proud of them and the exemplary way in which they have represented our school.



# Tutor Positives

## **Y7 Tutor Positive Points - Update**

Most positive points - Lexi, Taylor, Thea, Dinugi, Myla, Madison  
Most Graft value points - Jasmine, Jack, Isla, Freddie, Kaveer, James

## **Y8 Tutor Positive Points - Update**

Most positive points - Jack, Adil, Korey, Casey-May, Esme  
Most Graft value points - Shayla, Isabella, Thomas, Corine, Olivia

## **Y9 Tutor Positive Points - Update**

Most positive points - Riley, George, Grace, Anna, Alfie  
Most Graft value points - Corey, Bakary, Bronson, Evie, Tyson

## **Y10 Tutor Positive Points - Update**

Most positive points - Adrian, Freddie, Riley, Alicja, Aaron, Lillie-Rose  
Most Graft value points - Gabriel, Deontae, Adele, Aimee, Casey-Jo, Mollie

## **Y11 Tutor Positive Points - Update**

Most positive points - Emmanuel, Akemi, Melody, Preston, Chloe  
Most Graft value points - Dylan, Oumou, Nazim, Ronnie, Malike

## **Save the date...**

### **School Iftar - Tuesday 10th March (evening - Time TBC)**

We are delighted to share that we will once again be hosting a school Iftar on Tuesday 10th March, following the wonderful success of last year's event.

The Iftar is a special opportunity for our school community to come together in support, celebration and solidarity with our Muslim students, families and neighbours as we join them in breaking the fast during Ramadan, which runs this year from 17th February to 18th March.

The event will take place in the evening, and we will confirm the exact timings in the next Bugle. We look forward to welcoming families to what promises to be another warm and meaningful community gathering.

### **Year 11 Progression Evening - Thursday 12th February (3:30 - 6pm)**

We are pleased to invite all Year 11 families to our Progression Evening on Thursday 12th, running from 3:30pm to 6:00pm.

Meet subject teachers to discuss their progress

Explore the next steps to support them as they prepare for their GCSE exams

Appointments can be booked through Arbor, but please still come along even if you have any issues booking a slot—we will make sure you are seen.

If you need any support, please contact the Year 11 pastoral team, who are happy to help.

We look forward to welcoming you.

## Year 4 Circus Day



*Lots of sensory play in Nursery... .. and mark making...*



## Cultural Dress Day – Friday 13th February

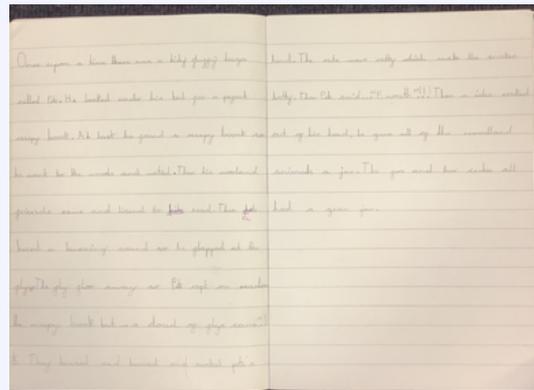
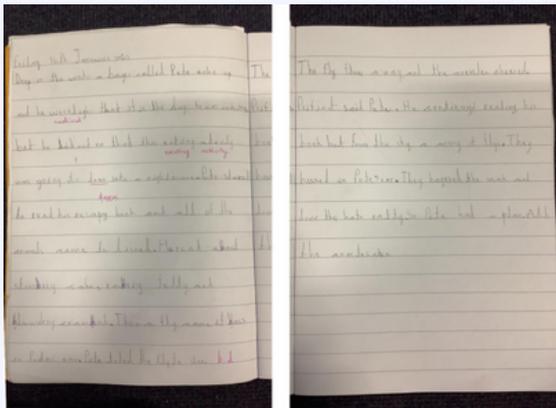
To mark the end of Race Equalities Week, we will be celebrating Cultural Dress Day on Friday 13th February as we bring Term 3 to a close.

Throughout Race Equalities Week, students will be taking part in a range of activities across the school that explore identity, heritage and the importance of equality. Cultural Dress Day offers a joyful opportunity for students and staff to express and share their own cultures – or to celebrate a culture they admire – through traditional dress, colours or accessories.

We look forward to a vibrant and meaningful end to the term as our school community comes together to recognise and celebrate the rich diversity that makes our school so special.

### Year 2 Writing

Over the past two weeks, Aqua Class have been retelling the story of 'Bothered by Bugs', by Emily Gravett. They have worked hard to master new skills like comma lists and a variety of conjunctions, and to use some really lovely words to tell their tales. Have a look at some of our pieces of work, and the stamina for writing we have built! Great graft!



### Year 4 Dodgeball tournament

Year 4 along with our Year 8/9/10 Sports Leaders who helped the event to run smoothly. Our school, and Sports Leaders received great feedback from other schools at the event.



# Staff Stars of the week this Week



- Ms Sian Williams - for always going above and beyond

## Belonging at Our School



### What is Belonging?

- Feeling happy
- Feeling safe
- Being part of your school



### You Belong When...

- People say your name
- You have friends
- Grown-ups care about you
- You can be yourself



### We Are Kind

We use kind words

- We share and help
- Everyone can join in

### We Listen

- Grown-ups listen to you
- Your ideas are important
- You can tell us when you are sad



### We Listen

- Grown-ups listen to you

## Nursery Places



at Bridge Learning Campus

Are you looking for a Nursery place for your 3 year old starting in September 2026?

Please contact Primary Reception on 0117 3534472 or email [Nursery@blc.school](mailto:Nursery@blc.school) for an Application Form.



## Important Date or Events

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February - 3.15-6.00pm - Year 11 Progression Evening

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Last Day of Term 3

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Inset Day - school closed to all students

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - First day of Term 4 - all students return at normal time.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February - 3.15-6.00pm - Year 9 Options Choices and Parents Evening

