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# THE BLC BUGLE

The Voice of BLC fortnightly Newsletter



## Message from Interim Headteacher

I hope all members of the Bridge community have had a good start to Term 4. I am pleased to report that school is running smoothly with a calm, productive atmosphere in lessons and warm relationships between students and staff.

On Thursday 5th March, it was terrific to see students in primary enjoying dressing up for World Book Day and secondary students also enjoyed seeing members of staff dress up as book characters.

This term we are continuing to have a big focus on attendance. All teachers know that attending school every day is the most important factor in gaining a good education. Students who have 95-100% attendance get substantially better qualifications than other students. Actually, 95% attendance equals 9 days absent during a school year, which still seems like a lot of time away from school! Unfortunately, students with below 90% attendance with 19 or more days absent during the school year get dramatically worse results than their peers. In fact, Department for Education data indicates that these students halve their chances of getting good GCSE results.

So, let's all work together this term to get students to school every day!

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The Bridge Value of the Week is...



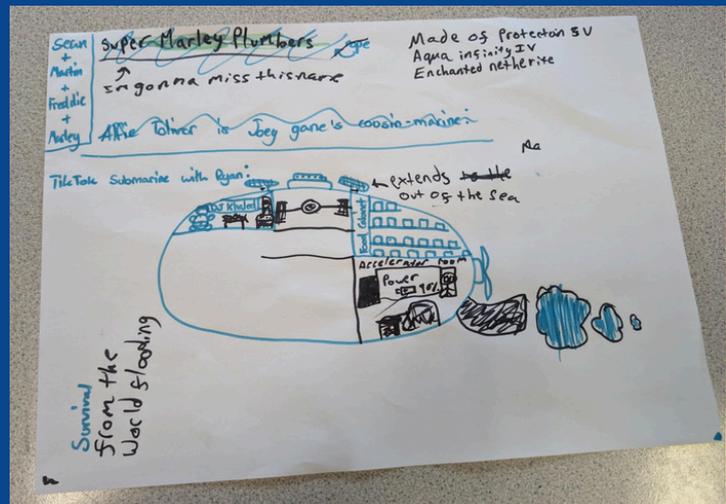
“Which  
extracurricular club  
will you empower  
yourself to attend this  
week?”



Mr Butler  
Interim Headteacher

## Year 9 Careers Carousel

Year 9 students took part in an exciting Careers Day where they engaged with a range of employers, including Hill, Watershed, Babcock and Airbus. Students took part in speed networking sessions. Throughout the day, students learned about different industries, explored a variety of career pathways, and took part in interactive workshops designed to build their skills and broaden their understanding of the world of work.



**Year 7 Elevating Excellence group** had another amazing trip this week with South Bristol Youth. The students completed a speaking skills activity day. They had three different workshops to complete all led by Brett from SYB.

The students engaged really well and gained some new skills in communication. We had positive feedback from the staff at SBY, about how hard the students worked and that their behaviour was excellent.

# World Book Day

A huge thank you to everyone from Nursery right through to Year 6 for the brilliant effort put into World Book Day – staff and children alike. The costumes, the energy and the love of reading across the school made it such a positive and joyful day!

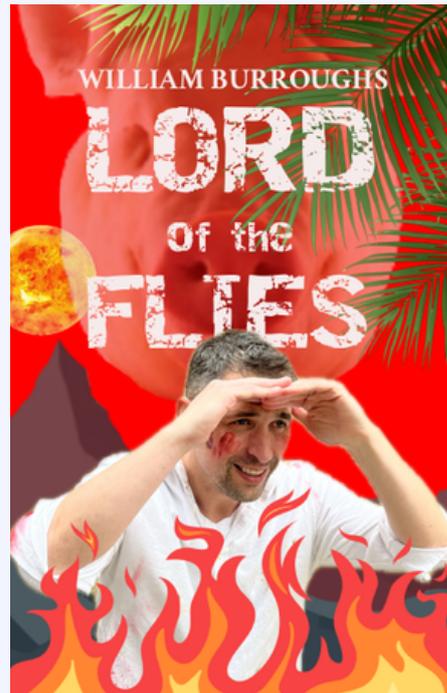
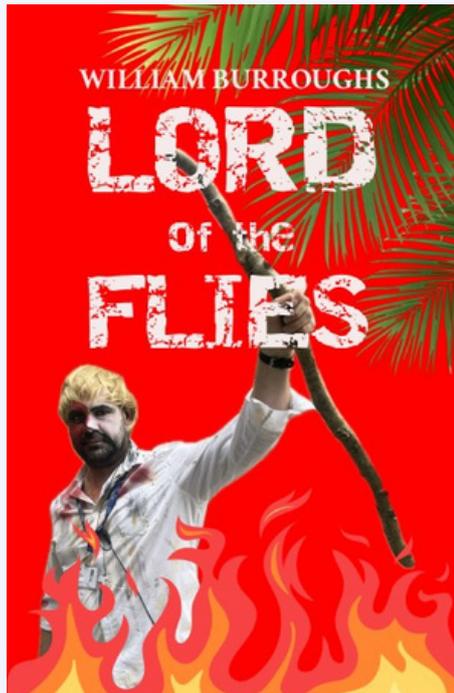


## World Book Day In Early Years

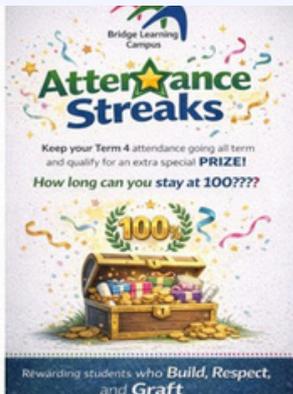
What an amazing turnout in Early Years for World Book Day today. It was so lovely to see so many of our parents coming in to share favourite stories with the children. The atmosphere was brilliant – books everywhere, children completely engaged, and families really enjoying being part of it. We absolutely love having our parents in and reading with our children, and today was a perfect reminder of why it matters so much.



# World Book Day BLC Book Covers



# Attendance Streaks



Starting on day 1 of Term 4. We are setting the ultimate Streaks challenge.

Everyday we will be tracking pupils that remain on 100% attendance.

A selection of the pupils with the longest streaks at the end of term win some massive prizes.

Every Friday there will be a Tannoy announcement for one pupil that has attended all week to come to reception and collect a prize!

It could be you!

26 tutor heroes will be selected by tutors every Tuesday.

The winner will be selected for having 100% attendance previous week and excellent attitude to learning

Reward trip to Adventure Bristol, Ashton Court for the top behaviour points in Years 7-10

Cinema trip for years 7-10. Each year group invite the top 42 attending pupils in term 3 and top 42 attending pupils in Term 4 (attitude to learning considered)

*BLC – attendance rewards, Term 4*

*Be here, be ready, belong*

# Staff Stars of the week this Week



**Nathan Richardson** - Every day he will check in with staff and students to see how their day is going and if they need anything. He is always so positive and works so hard to get the best for students. He will hold students to the highest standards whilst having a calm and caring approach. He is a great support to Year 7 and is always solution focused. It is a pleasure to work with him and it has been great to see what he has bought to BLC.

**Ben Salter** - This is for being such a calm, assuring and positive presence around the school, especially with Year 9. Ben's way of supporting students is something I really respect, appreciate and makes a huge difference to the running of the year group.

**Faye Lewis** - For all the support she gives to our SEN students, but also because she is someone that all of us in the pastoral team can rely on for support and guidance when we need it in working with our own students. She makes our jobs in school that little bit easier each day.



## Important Date or Events

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March - 5.15pm - Iftar at BLC**
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 3.20-6.00pm - Y6 Gold Parents Evening**
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March - 3.20-6.00pm - Y6 Gold Parents Evening**
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - 2.00-5.00pm - Nursery Parents Evening**
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - 3.05-4.00pm - Nursery Parents Evening**
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - 3.05-4.00pm - Nursery Parents Evening**
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - 3.20-6.00pm - YR-Y6 Platinum Parents Evening**
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - 3.20-6.00pm - YR-Y6 Platinum Parents Evening**
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Last day of Term 4**

