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# THE BLC BUGLE

The Voice of BLC fortnightly Newsletter



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I hope all is well for Bridge families. It is terrific to be writing this message on a sunny spring morning looking out at Clifton Suspension Bridge which I can see clearly in the distance from my office window. There is a saying that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, so let's hope the good weather continues for the rest of the month!

I am pleased to report that teachers and students are working hard to prepare for Year 6 SATs and Year 11 GCSE exams. This week, Year 11 students have been taking their final set of Mock exams in English and Maths. We are hoping to see a big improvement in their results to set them up for success in the summer. Thanks to all parents and carers who attended the Fish and Chip revision evening on Thursday 12th March. It was great to see parents/carers and teachers working together with students to help them succeed and the food was delicious!

On Tuesday 10th March we welcomed members of the community into school for an Iftar evening involving prayers, speeches and fantastic food. It was great to see the local community using our building for such a fantastic event. "Eid Mubarak!" to all our Muslim readers.

### The Bridge Value of the Week is...**Build!**



#### What does it mean to build?

To *build* means putting effort into improving yourself and your learning, so you can become stronger, more confident, and more successful.

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

How can I help build a positive learning atmosphere for others today?

What am I doing outside the classroom that helps me build good habits or positive relationships?



Mr Butler  
Interim Headteacher

# Year 10 Outward Bounds

On Monday - from the bus to the bay in just a few hours! Our 24 Year 10 BLC legends arrived at Aberdovey this morning and wasted no time getting stuck in. By Monday afternoon, they were already proving that teamwork makes the dream work—literally holding arms in a giant circle and charging into the sea together! There's nothing like a bracing dip in the ocean to turn a group of students into a solid team!

Tuesday was all about grit, growth, and getting off the grid. The day kicked off with some intense problem-solving challenges and wall-scaling feats that tested their communication and trust. Tuesday night, they traded the classroom for a stone mountain hut deep in the wilderness! No tents required—they're hunkering down in the heart of the hills for an epic overnight stay.

We couldn't be prouder of their resilience and team spirit. Sleep well, team—you've earned it! Our Year 10 BLC explorers reached new heights on Wednesday! After their night in the wilderness, they pushed even further, conquering some serious mountain terrain and reaping the ultimate reward. The grit and determination on display today have been next-level. From navigating rocky scrambles to supporting one another through the steepest climbs, these students have shown what they're truly made of.

The adventure continues for our incredible Year 10 BLC students in Aberdovey! Day 4 was all about going up, and then coming right back down—in style. On Thursday, the team traded their hiking boots for harnesses as they tackled some massive rock climbing and abseiling challenges. From conquering fears on the ascent to mastering control on the descent, the level of bravery and technical skill on show has been absolutely phenomenal!



## Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

BLC students enjoyed a variety of activities today including cake decoration, bake sale, pupil and staff quiz, soak the teacher, beat the keeper, face painting and chess competition.



## ¡Hola! Our New Spanish Website is Live

The Spanish Department is excited to launch our new website: [www.blcspanish.com](http://www.blcspanish.com)

It's a simple, safe space for students to connect with their teachers and practice Spanish outside the classroom. We will be using the site to run our Duolingo School Challenges, where students can join school groups, earn points, and see their names on our fortnightly "Top Students" leaderboard.

No photos or personal details are shared on this site. Duolingo is not a social network; it is a secure platform for free Spanish practice.

Visit the site today to get started and help your child learn a new language while having fun on an educational platform.

¡Gracias!

The Spanish Department



## Nursery

Nursery have been learning outside using their skills of scooping and planting to learn in the mud kitchen. Spring is in the air as well, with the Nursery beanstalks growing and the chicks coming to visit.



## Drum Lessons Make a Big Impact at Bridge Learning Campus

The new drumming lessons introduced this term at Bridge Learning Campus have quickly become a huge hit with students. The sessions give students the chance to try something fresh, build musical confidence, and learn exciting rhythmic skills.

Students across different year groups have enjoyed the energetic atmosphere. "The lesson was great," said one Year 7 pupil. "I started learning to play a rhythm on the drums."

The Creative team is already planning opportunities for students to showcase their new skills later this year. With demand growing fast, the school is exploring ways to expand the programme for even more pupils to get involved with more instruments and voice.

The sound of drums echoing through Bridge Learning Campus is a clear sign: this new initiative has set a strong beat for success.



## Year 1 Visit to Hartcliffe Farm

This week Emerald and Jade Class had a wonderful time visiting Hartcliffe farm. The children used a map to walk from school to the farm. They fed the animals, watered the plants, made their own seed pots and planted peas. They met two little one-week old lambs and still had a little time to play together in The Farm's front garden. In June, they will go back to Hartcliffe City Farm to harvest their vegetables and cook them.



The children in Year 6 have been using a method called Batik. The children used hot wax which was placed in a tjanting tool and used it to mark lines on a drawing. They then used Brusho to paint colour on material.



# NURSERY PLACES SEPTEMBER 2026



## WE OFFER FAMILIES:

- A nurturing & safe environment for children aged 3+
- Smooth transition to on-site primary and secondary school
- 15 – 30 hours of free childcare

First Steps To  
Next Steps

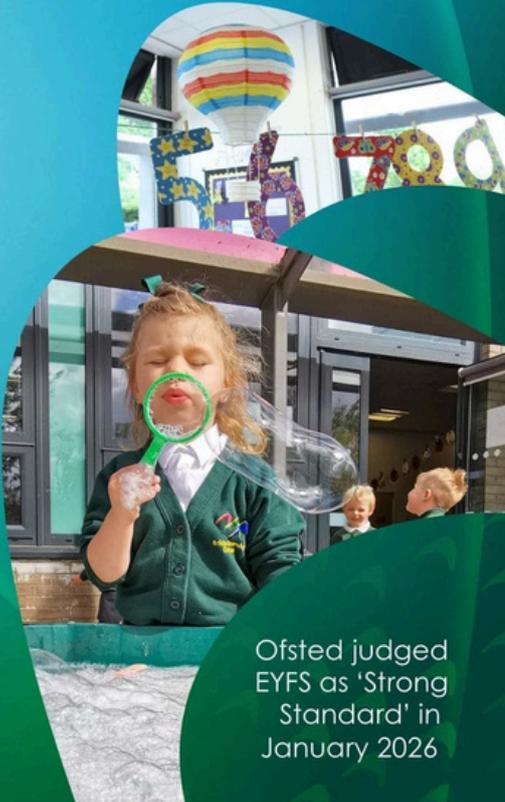
“Children in the early  
years thrive here”

“All pupils learn a rich  
diet of vocabulary”

“Children are exceptionally  
well prepared for Year 1  
and beyond”

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email [join@blc.school](mailto:join@blc.school) to arrange  
a visit at any other time!

Or book via our website at:  
[bridgelearningcampus.org.uk](http://bridgelearningcampus.org.uk)



Ofsted judged  
EYFS as 'Strong  
Standard' in  
January 2026



## Staff Stars of the week the Week

*Kevin Hough - because he is very helpful and talented. Whenever you ask him to support, he does this immediately.*

*Klara Rock - the star of the week goes to someone who brings colour, joy, energy and laughter with her wonderful personality. She is always there to support and nurture students but also commands respect. She has consistently achieved good results for her department and the school. Well done Klara!*



## Important Date or Events

- 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**

