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THE BLC BUGLE

The Voice of BLC Newsletter



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Message from Headteacher

As we approach the end of term one and indeed the month of October, it gives me great pleasure to present to you all, our 2nd edition of the BLC Bugle.

This edition exemplifies exactly why I am so proud of our young people. Should it be in lessons, on a trip, or listening to a visiting speaker, our students impress us every time. Their commitment to learning, to contributing to their own succees and celebrating that of others is fantastic.

I must add that the adults around them play a key role in this - their teachers and teaching assistants, our professional services staff, you as parents and those from the wider community. These children are amazing and we as adults must continue to see their talents and their ambitions, and continue to provide for them the best we can so they grow to be the wonderful adults we know they can be.

I wish all of you a safe and pleasant half term break and I am looking forward to seeing the children back on the 2nd November.

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Mr McGilloway
Headteacher

CURRICULUM

Y7 Belmont Estate

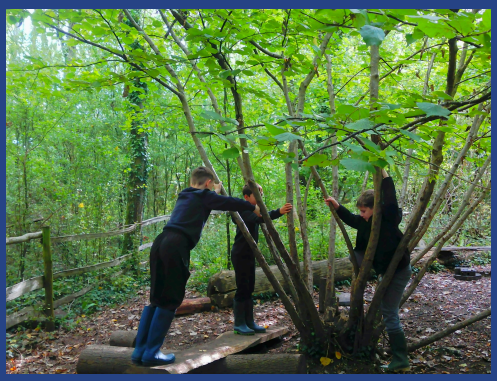
Recently, our Year 7 Learning to Lead group enjoyed a fantastic day at Belmont Estate, a rewilding project dedicated to restoring natural habitats through rewetting landscapes, restoring peatlands, replanting native woodlands, rejuvenating rivers, and supporting biodiversity through organic farming. Students enjoyed a countryside walk along the river, taking in the beauty of the natural environment while learning about conservation and sustainable farming. They also had the opportunity to learn about the animals on the farm and gain a better understanding of the important work being done to protect and restore local ecosystems.

Throughout the day, students demonstrated many of our Bridge Values, particularly Courage. Several students bravely stepped out of their comfort zones by taking a jump into the cold river, while others showed determination and resilience as they embraced new experiences. The group also enjoyed toasting marshmallows and spending time together outdoors.

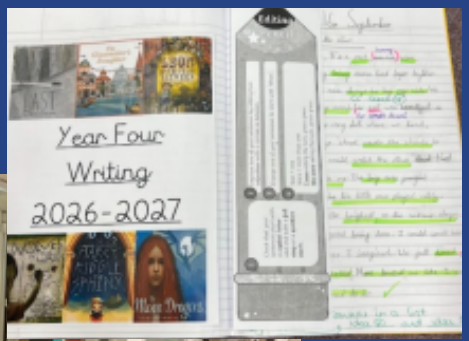
One student was delighted to find a four-leaf clover during the walk, which sparked plenty of conversation about whether a little extra luck might be coming their way!

The visit was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with nature, develop leadership skills, and build confidence outside the classroom. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented Bridge Learning Campus and the enthusiasm they showed throughout the day.











Year 4 visit from Nicola Davis

Our Year 4 student had a visit from Nicola Davis the author of *Last: The Story of a White Rhino,* the story they have been reading this term. The children discovered what inspired her to write her story and learnt author techniques to keep readers engaged. It was a great opportunity love by all the children. Thanks Nicola for sharing your knowledge with us.

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Year 7 Adventure Day at Treetops

On 7th and 8th October, all Year 7 students enjoyed exciting day trips to Treetops Adventure Centre in Bristol. Accompanied by their tutors and Year Team staff, students took part in a range of activities including high ropes, archery tag, axe throwing and a variety of team-building challenges.

The trip provided a fantastic opportunity for students to demonstrate our school values of **Belonging, Learning and Courage**. Throughout the day, students got to know their peers and tutors outside the classroom, helping them to build new friendships, strengthen existing relationships and develop a greater sense of belonging within the Year 7 community and the wider school.

Students embraced the value of **Learning** by developing new skills, tackling unfamiliar challenges and discovering strengths they may not have realised they had. Whether learning the techniques needed for archery tag and axe throwing or working together to solve team-building tasks, students approached each activity with enthusiasm and determination.

The value of **Courage** was also on display throughout the trip, with many students stepping outside their comfort zones to try new activities and challenge themselves. From climbing the high ropes course, to taking part in competitive team challenges, students showed resilience, confidence and a willingness to give everything a go.

Although the sunshine did not always make an appearance, the weather certainly did not dampen spirits. There was plenty of laughter, encouragement and teamwork throughout both days, and lots of fun was had by all.

The trip was a wonderful opportunity for students to make memories, build confidence and strengthen their connection to the school community. A huge thank you to all the staff who supported the visit and helped make it such a successful and enjoyable experience for our Year 7 students.

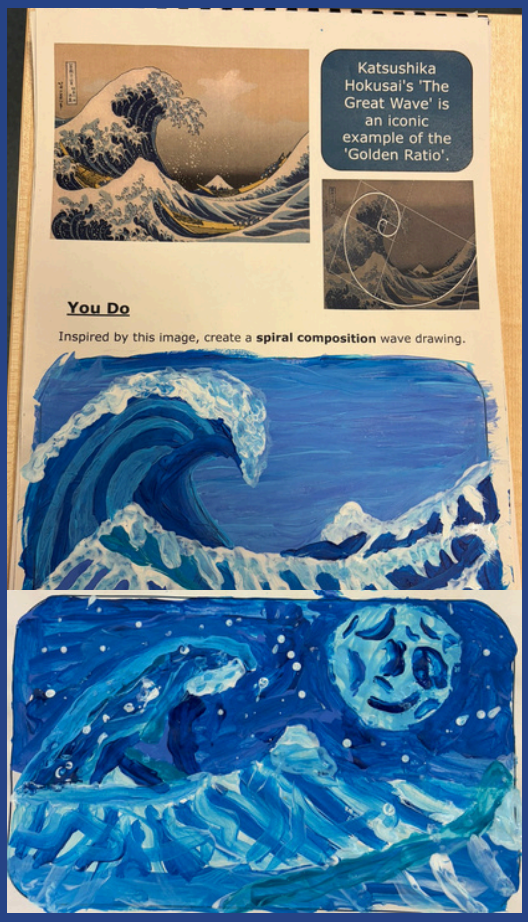








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Year 7 Art

This is the students' version of *The Wave* by Hokusai. The students were very diligent in their work and each took a different approach to the task. While one student worked in a more free-spirited and expressive manner, the other was more methodical and deliberate in their application of techniques.

Through this project, the students explored how a single colour can be adjusted and remixed to create a range of tones, shades and textures. They experimented with different paintbrush techniques and applications, developing their understanding of how colour and mark-making can be used to create depth, movement and visual interest within an artwork.

Opening Worlds Success

Out of around 300 schools teaching Opening Worlds, curriculum expert Christine Counsell chose us to film as an example of how it should be done.

A huge well done to our fabulous Year 6 teacher Nadia Khanum and her class, who were superstars on camera and behaved impeccably.

Christine was so impressed by our children's History, Geography and Religion work and by the standard she saw across the whole school.

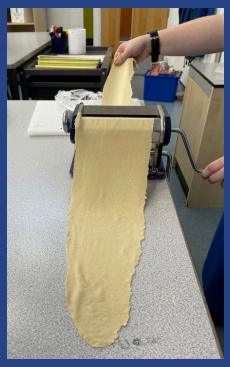
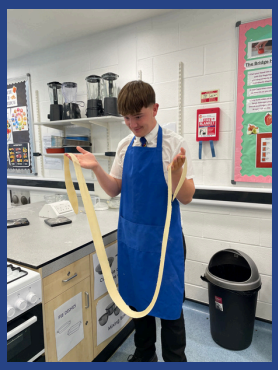
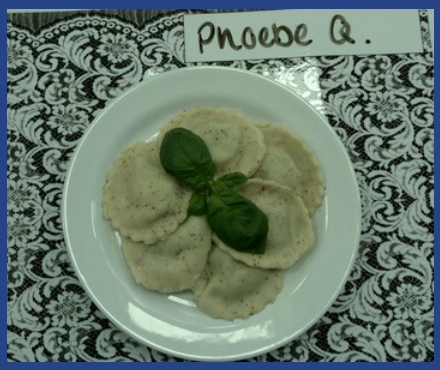




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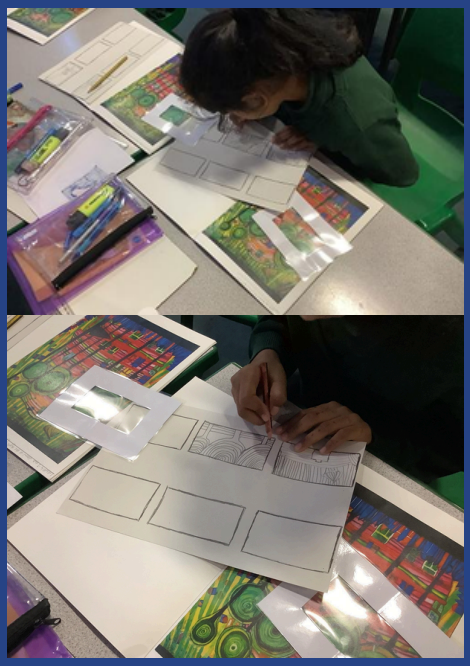
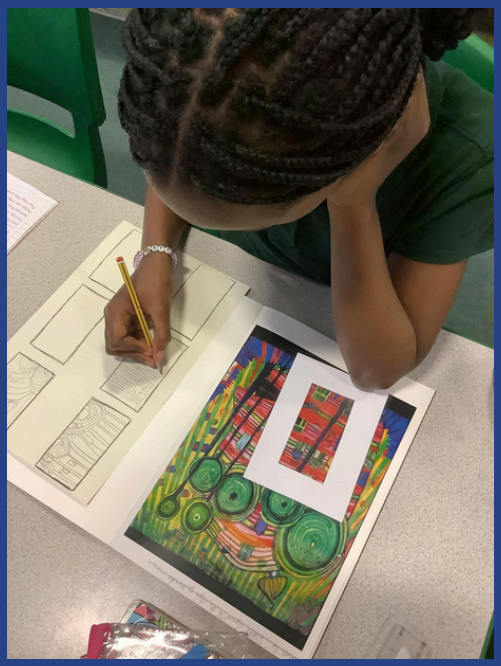
Year 11 Hospitality and Catering

This term our Year 11 hospitality and catering students have been busy cooking up a storm. They have been having fun making fresh pasta Ravioli to prepare for their practical mocks next term. They have been working to develop more complex cooking skills by cooking risotto, fondant potatoes and Chicken Kiev with wild rice. These dishes look delicious and we wish these student the best of luck in their practical mock.

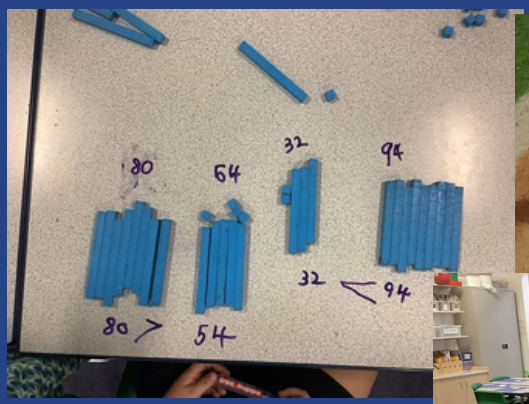


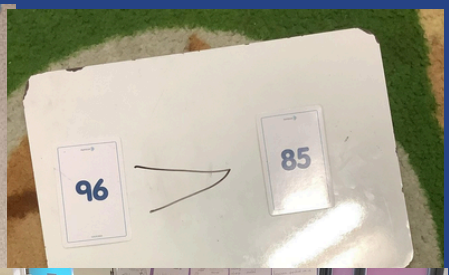


Year 5 Creative

In Year 5 creative lessons they have been looking at the work of Hundertwasser. The students have been using viewfinders to isolate part of the painting to replicate what they see. Hundertwasser like to avoid straight lines so the children were tasked with not using rulers.







Year 2 Maths

In Year 2 this term, they have been learning about greater than, less than and equals. To consolidate their learning the students played a game where they had to find the right number to complete the equation.

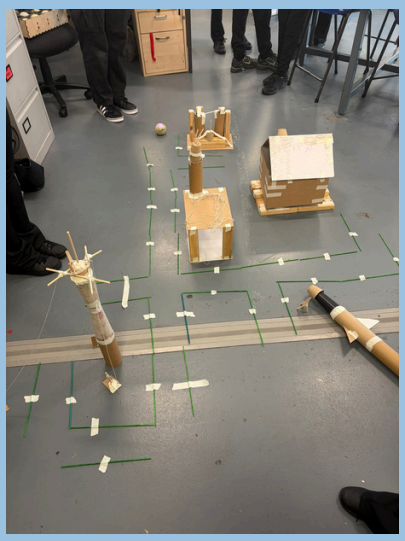
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COMMUNITY

Year 9 Future Ready

This Year 9 Future Ready session was hosted by Knowle West Media Centre. The students were tasked with building structures you find in a city. They had a budget to stick to a limited materials but there was great creativity demonstrates by the students. There was a radio tower, a powerplant among other creative ideas. Once the town was created they were challenged with planning and programming a route to drive a robot around the city.









Black History Month at BLC

Throughout October, BLC celebrated Black History Month through a range of activities designed to recognise and honour the achievements and contributions of Black Britons and communities. Each day, a different member of staff nominated a Black British Hero, sharing their story and achievements with students during Ready to Learn. Black History Month was also explored through assemblies and tutor-time activities across the school.

Our catering team joined the celebrations by offering a selection of culturally inspired dishes, and the month concluded with a Black History Month film screening after school, attended by more than 60 students, as well as a lunch time screening of the work of Hamza Ahmed Yassin a British wildlife cameraman and presenter.

It was fantastic to see so many students engaging with and learning from the events throughout the month.





Year 6 Learning to Lead

Joined by students from Hareclive our Year 6s were tasked with carry out a science experiment. The students had to test the dilute solutions so they could test its pH.

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Darrell Wakelam- Artist in Residence

This past term we welcomed Darrell Wakelam to BLC Primary to work with our students. In his week long visit he worked with students from Year 4, 5 and 6 to bring the Bridge values to life. Inspired by artist Keith Haring, the students used cardboard, tissue paper and creativity to make these wonderful boards that will decorate the school hallways, representing Bridge Values

❤️ RESPECT

⭐ INCLUDE ALL

📣 WE STAND UP FOR EACH OTHER – SPEAK UP!

The figures holding each other up say it all – at Bridge, everyone belongs, and we look out for one another. The children worked brilliantly as a team, and the finished pieces now have pride of place in school.

Big thank you to Darrell for helping our students creating these amazing works of art.









Misogyny Awareness at BLC

This term, BLC launched a whole-school focus on misogyny awareness as part of our commitment to creating a safe, respectful and inclusive community for everyone.

We were pleased to welcome Lewis Wedlock, who delivered engaging assemblies to every year group, encouraging students to reflect on the impact of attitudes, language and behaviours, and the role we all play in promoting respect and equality.

Next term, students will continue this learning through dedicated PSHE lessons, with themes of respect, healthy relationships and equality remaining a key focus throughout this academic year and beyond.



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NOTICES



Family Lunch Club
Thursday 29th October
11am-1pm
St Andrews



Winter Inclusive Multi-sport Festival
Sunday 22nd November
1-4pm
224 Youth Zone

Scan the QR code to register your interest

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Important Dates and Events

Monday 2nd November- Start of Term 2

Monday 9th November- Nursery Progression Evening 3.15-5.50pm

Thursday 26th November- Year 10 Progression Evening 3.30-5.50pm

Friday 27th November- INSET DAY

Wednesday 9th December- Secondary Winter Concert

Friday 18th December- End of Term 2

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