



Newsletter - 29th March 2018

HOW TIME FLIES!

I can't believe we are almost at Easter! It has been an incredibly busy term for staff and students at BMS and there have been so many celebrations, from our recent failure week to the whole school Sport relief effort, from UBC learning to our Year 7 and 8 French trip and end of term reward trip. We have a lot to be proud of, with our learners working hard to develop their independent learning through cognitive strategies.

We would like to wish all our students, parents and carers and staff a very happy and restful Easter break.

On behalf of the whole BMS team,

SPORT RELIEF 2018

Last Friday saw Mrs Serrano and a group of teachers from local schools run over 22 miles from school to school to raise money for Sport Relief. The whole school lined the path to cheer the runners on as they arrived at BMS!



As well as this, our students collectively ran further than the distance from here to Paris—over 400 miles! As a school we raised £373.72—a big thanks to all who donated!

UNIVERSITY OF BROADSTONE—GREAT DEBATERS WITH MISS MARRUFO!

It's been an exciting term for the Great Debaters! Pupils have explored a range of topics, including: the benefits of education, ethics concerning euthanasia and whether the death penalty is morally right. The topic that wins the majority vote is the topic under debate, and the groups have challenged themselves deeply by delving into these current issues, arguing with compassion and empathy. Our Greatest Debaters this term are: Evan S (8X), Ben P(8Z), Phillip G (5Y) and George C (5W). These pupils have researched their topics extensively and created cunning counterarguments to throw their opponents off. It is always a great privilege to listen to our enthusiastic and articulate pupils – and their ability to convey deep and profound arguments never ceases to amaze!

STEPS TO SUCCESS



GATHER – gather information i.e. group discussions, mind-maps/ researching on the internet (debatewise)

EXPLORE – explore each side of the topic

FORM – form your opinion and create an opening statement. Reference your argument, using expert opinion etc. Predict your opposition's stance and form a counterargument.

DEFEND – defend your position in debate. Be civil, listen and wait for your turn to speak.

SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO NORMANDY, FRANCE

Our trip to Normandy was a real success! Despite the snow when we left Poole and the heavy rain on our return, we were quite lucky with the weather in France! The children enjoyed their visits to the Mont St Michel, the American Cemetery and the Bayeux Tapestry. They also practised their French whilst buying delicious pancakes at the French market. At the PGL Centre, they participated in team building activities and also had the chance to show their climbing skills on a wooden tower. Overall it was a fantastic experience for all of us! A big thank you to Mrs Williams, Mrs Mackenzie, Mr Littleboy, Miss Stansby and Mr Kitcatt for their help and support on this adventure, and not forgetting Mrs Jones and Mrs Partridge for their hard work to make this trip possible! *Mme Baron*



BOOK FAIR

We are pleased to be holding our next Book Fair between Tuesday 23rd and Friday 26th April, 2018. Please note, these are rescheduled dates from its previous postponement due to adverse weather conditions.

There will be a fantastic selection of books to choose from and we would again like to warmly invite pupils and parents from Broadstone First School to attend too. Travelling Books have agreed to honour any outstanding World Book Day tokens, so please bring them along with you when you make your purchases. Remember, the more you spend, the more books we are able to choose from to restock and replenish our own selections in school.

The Book Fair will be open at lunchtime from 1.20-1.45 on the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (23rd to 26th April) as well as after school 3.10-4.10 on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We look forward to seeing you there! *Mr Yeates*

BIKEABILITY

The Borough of Poole have allocated us 3 Bikeability courses in the Summer Term. This means another 36 children will have the opportunity to take part. Names will be drawn from a hat again, from those who were not successful in gaining a place last time. Please look out for the letters which will be issued during the next half term. *Mrs Mackenzie*

SPECIAL EVENTS WITH LOCAL FIRST SCHOOLS!

We have been able to offer a number of transition and challenge days for Year 4 learners from our feeder first schools. Our staff have offered a range of experiences which not only help younger learners to get to know the BMS environment but provide them with the opportunity to mix with other children who they potentially will work with in Year 5. See the results of our recent Science and Maths events:-

G AND T SCIENCE WITH SPRINGDALE FIRST SCHOOL

On Thursday 22nd March we were joined by 14 Super Scientists from Springdale First School. They completed a number of the experiments being enjoyed by UBC students this year at our school.

Rainbows were created using prisms and Newton discs were used to recreate white light. pH colours were investigated, flame tests were observed and then match rockets were launched. A great morning of investigation fun was completed by demonstrating some of the air pressure rockets we have built this year. Many thanks to our Year 8 Science prefects who worked brilliantly with our guests from Springdale. *Mr Davies*



G AND T MATHS WITH OUR THREE LOCAL FIRST SCHOOLS

Last week we welcomed Year 4 pupils from Springdale, Broadstone and Merley First Schools to join us in our Gifted and Talented Maths Day. I thoroughly enjoyed hosting, with support from our Head Boy and Girl and our Maths Prefects. The Year 4s showed real resilience and problem solving skills throughout the morning, tackling tricky problems using a range of different strategies. They showed amazing team work and their mathematical discussions showed a real love of the subject. We look forward to hosting more Gifted and Talented events and welcoming the mathematicians of the future. *Miss Pike*

Dates for your Diary...

W/C 30th April—Art Week

W/C 14th May—Year 6 SATs Week

W/C 4th June—Mary Poppins performance

Reminders...

Please ensure you update the school office with your current mobile phone number and email. We do tend to send a lot of information via these forms of communication. Thank you!

ART WORKSHOP WITH DARRELL WAKELAM

Earlier this year Gaby W 6Y, won a Tesco design competition and chose the art department as the department in which to spend her prize money. We decided on an art workshop and invited local artist, Darrell Wakelam to join us for the day. Gaby was keen to have a Mermaid/Merman theme so Darrell showed pupils how to construct their own 3D models using cardboard strips to build a frame. The frame was then covered in tissue paper in a papier mache style to add a layering and colour. Pupils applied paint to our mermaid/merman to add further detail and once the structure is dry, we will complete the design by painting the background.



We had a very successful day and learned lots of new skills and techniques. Our thanks to Gaby for choosing the art department and Darrell Wakelam for making the day a fantastic experience! *Miss de Looze*