



Bankside School

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An increasingly warm week and, once again, our pupils coped admirably and engaged in lots of positive learning.

Another week involving some interesting and engaging trips supporting our curriculum. Carla led a 'Nature in Art' trip to Gloucester whilst Group 2 and 3 visited the Diglis Basin in Worcester exploring local History and Geography in relation to canals and the Industrial Revolution. Enjoy reading the contributions below.

In school today, there is quite a buzz as we prepare to host our very first Prom, not only for our Leaver's but for all of Key Stage 4. It promises to be a lovely evening and we look forward to sharing some photos with you next week.

We are looking forward to next week which will consist of a mixture of normal curriculum time and special activities. On Tuesday, Dom and Jade are organising a Sports and Wellbeing day, on Thursday we have our end of year Awards Presentation and on Friday we have our Summer fayre for pupils and staff. It should prove to be a positive, enjoyable last week of term.

We wish you a relaxing weekend (if that's possible with the England Football match on Saturday night!) and hope you manage to keep cool!

Important Dates

Thursday 16th July	- End of Year Awards Presentation
Friday 17th July	- Summer Fayre for pupils and staff
Friday 17th July	- Last Day of Term
Thursday 3rd September	- First day of term for new starters
Friday 4th September	- Autumn Term begins

Just as a reminder we are a **NO NUT** School, we have a number of pupils who have allergies, this includes for some pupils, coconut allergy, please be mindful of pupils using sprays or body lotions as they can be sensitive to this.

Canoeing Trip

Students from group 9 enjoyed another lovely morning canoeing in the sun this week, supported by staff from Boundless Outdoors. We set off from Upton Marina, and after some brief lessons to remember our paddling skills and some pointers to get us moving faster against the current, we set off up the river. Some students paired up and rowed their own boats, and our Duke of Edinburgh student even had a go at paddling solo! We spotted some wildlife along the way, including a heron and a friendly marina cat, and are all looking forward to going again next week.



Nature in Art Visit – Twigworth, Gloucester

On Wednesday, students enjoyed a fantastic trip to Nature in Art in Twigworth, Gloucester. The visit gave students the opportunity to meet a professional print artist and explore the inspiring artwork on display in the gallery.

During the day, students took part in an exciting hands-on art workshop, learning and practising batik and lino tile printing techniques. They showed great enthusiasm, creativity and determination throughout the activities.

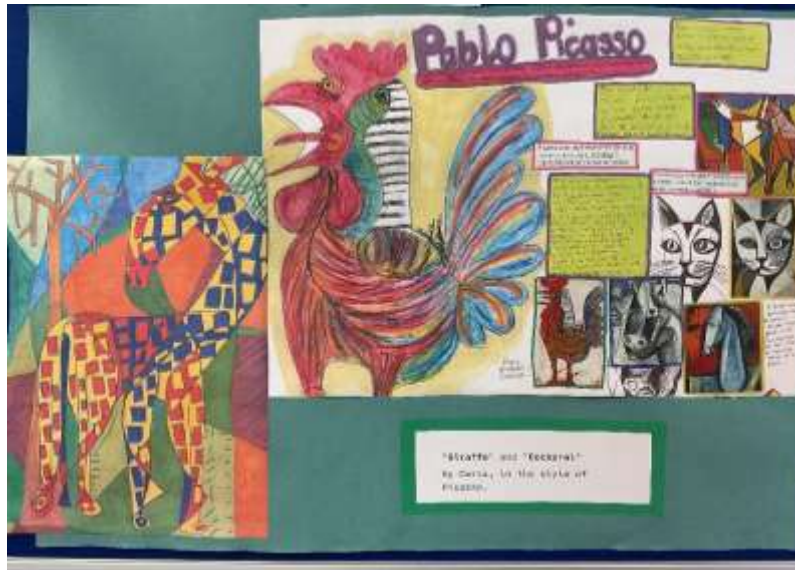
All students worked incredibly hard and produced some fabulous pieces of artwork that they were proud to take home. The trip was a wonderful opportunity to develop new artistic skills, gain inspiration from professional artists, and experience art in a real-world setting.

Well done to everyone for representing the school so positively and making the most of this exciting learning experience!



Bankside's Art Exhibition

The artists shown in the exhibit are:
Millie B, Archie H, Hannah H, Carla and Jo Martin.



Paula's Race for Life

My husband and I are running the Worcester Race for Life 10k this year, on the 18th of July in memory of a close family member.

We are collecting sponsorship for Cancer Research & have an aim to finish with a combined time of under 2 hours 🏃🏃🕒

Please, click on the link below if you would like to support me.

Thank you,

Paula



<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/paulas-race-for-life-171548>

Diglis Basin Trip

On Thursday, Groups 2 and 3 visited Diglis Basin and the Worcester to Birmingham Canal as part of our local History study. We set off early and managed a lovely walk along the canal up to The Commandery, where we met a man (and dog) whose boat had featured on Peaky Blinders! We looked at where Worcester Porcelain was produced and admired lots of beautiful boats in the marina. We even saw a heron and some ducklings! Then we walked to the point where the canal meets the River Sever. Zoe was starting to worry as no boats had gone through the locks, but luckily a boat arrived that was passing through a lock so we got to observe how the lock worked. We even helped push the levers to open and close the gates. As it was starting to get quite hot by then, we decided to cool off in the shade at the lovely Cafe Afloat which is a cafe on a boat in the Marina. Everyone was exceptionally well behaved and we had a fabulous morning!



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