



Bankside School

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Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

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What a half term!

There has been so much happening across school that it is difficult to know where to begin. From trips and new experiences off site, to sport, animals, outdoor learning and making the most of everything our site has to offer, our pupils have had a half term rich in opportunities.

What has made me particularly proud, however, is what we are seeing every day: excellent learning in classrooms, pupils becoming increasingly engaged in their education, generally excellent behaviour and young people taking positive steps forward in so many different ways.

We have also welcomed new pupils and staff this half term, and it is wonderful to see how quickly they have become part of our school community.

There is a real sense of energy, progress and possibility across the school. Every pupil's success looks different, and there have been so many moments, large and small, worth celebrating this half term. I hope this newsletter gives you a glimpse of just how much our pupils and staff have achieved.

Important Dates

Half Term	-	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October
Parents Evening	-	Tuesday 10 th November

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.

Important Information

This week's Safeguarding Briefing for Mental Health and Wellbeing can be found on Class Dojo!

Star Learners: For outstanding effort and focus in lessons:

- **Sophie M** - For always engaging in PSHE lessons, trying your best and applying yourself every week.
- **Group 4** - For all trying your best and completing the work in PSHE last week. You've shown what you're capable of, well done 😊
- **Sophie M** - Sophie, thank you for consistently following our school values. You are always kind and respectful towards everyone. You have a friendly nature and you like seeing that others around you are having a nice time in school too. Well done for your amazing engagement in lessons. You work hard, ask questions and are very helpful. You always join the activities, giving it a go even if at first, it's not your cup of tea. It's been a great joy to see you enjoying being a part of Bankside during this first term! Keep up the good work!
- **Jake B** - Jake has an amazing knowledge of WW1 and WW2, and has been sharing this with his class during history lessons this half term. He has added interesting facts and details about all sorts of topics related to the wars and helped bring the subject to life for his peers. Thank you, Jake!
- **Ren S** - learning to recognise and explain when she finds a topic tricky. This is an excellent mathematician skill. Huge well-done Ren.
- **Annabelle S** - During art sessions Annabelle has shown excellent engagement and has been able to produce excellent sketchbook work to reflect her exploration of other artists and responding to their artwork. Annabelle created a fantastic David Hockney 'Joiners' photocollage during lesson this week starring our very own Emma, well done Annabelle you are working hard, showing creativity and thought in all you do.

Kindness Champions:

For showing compassion, helping others and lifting the mood of those around you:

- **Elsa S** - Thank you for carefully, calmly and helpfully getting rid of a wasp during our PSHE lesson on Friday.
- **Ren H** - For taking initiative and filling up the rabbit water bottles when she noticed they were running low during her animal care session. Very thoughtful of you, Ren!
- **Jayden W** - He offered to give up his seat in the car and move to a different one to help his peer who was struggling with getting into the vehicle. It was a lovely to see you being supportive and understanding of other people's feelings. Well done Jayden!
- **Reuben H** - You showed respect and politeness during our drama session. Well done!
- **Jayden B** - For showing real kindness and sensitivity during our drama workshop.

Progress Heroes: For making visible strides in learning, behaviour and confidence:

- **Owen D** - Leadership skills demonstrated in BTEC Vocational core session; navigating a walk and leading the group. Well done, Owen.
- **Hayward F** - This week, Hayward demonstrated excellent leadership during football by using positive and encouraging language to motivate and support his teammates. He showed the qualities of an excellent captain, helping to build team confidence and contribute to the team's success, whilst also putting in a top performance himself. Well done Hayward!
- **Jacob S** - Jacob we're so proud of the process you're making coming into the lodge and completing the work that has been set for you. Those are such big steps to take, so well done to you!!!
- **Vinny G** - He stepped up to the challenge of GCSE maths really well and has shown a good attitude in the maths Quest this week.
- **Bran H** - Making great progress with understanding algebra which is the shared language of maths and computing. Bran is showing a great attitude to his maths work - well done Bran.
- **Vinny G** - His work in science this week has been exemplary. He has been enthusiastic about the task in hand, asked and answered questions appropriately and respected his peers.
- **Erin B** - For her enthusiasm and sense of fun during her cooking sessions. She has also recently made some gluten-free brownies for her gran/nan- very thoughtful of her.
- **Harrison S, Sylvie U and Archie H** - For their AMAZING participation in the Theatre Workshop on Tuesday. The confidence they displayed and the way they responded and collaboratively improvised to each scenario presented was incredible. Well done to all!

Mobile Phones

To meet DfE expectations and ensure consistency:

- Pupils must hand in their phones at the designated collection point each morning.
- Failure to comply will result in parental contact and temporary phone bans.
- Repeat non-compliance will lead to longer-term restrictions, and may require parents to collect phones directly from school.
- Phones must remain switched off and out of sight throughout the school day.

Thank you for your support.



BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED



WE'RE RAISING MONEY



WHAT

The Bankside Duke of Edinburgh Bronze group are doing a sponsored walk of the length of the Malvern Hills to raise money for Children in Need.

WHEN & WHERE

The walk will be on Wednesday 11th of November, starting at Chase End and ending at North Hill.

CONTACT

Donate at the school office, or on [JustGiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) (search Bankside Duke of Edinburgh Fundraising).



A Wonderful Experience with Open Theatre

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Open Theatre to Bankside School for a series of exciting and creative drama workshops.

Led by the fantastic Janeel, our students had the opportunity to explore drama in a different way, using movement, mime, expression and imagination to communicate, interact and create together.

It was wonderful to see the students respond in their own individual ways, with moments of laughter, creativity, confidence and connection throughout the day. The workshops provided an inclusive and supportive environment where students could participate at their own pace, without the pressure of spoken language or traditional performance.

Both students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and we are incredibly grateful to Janeel and the Open Theatre team for bringing such a positive and inspiring opportunity to Bankside.

We hope this will be the beginning of more exciting creative opportunities for our students!

Digging Holes in English Lessons

As part of our English lessons this term, we have been reading *Holes* by Louis Sachar. A central theme in the story is digging a hole. We had a go at digging our own holes, it was trickier than we thought!

Everyone showed great perseverance!



🐾 Animal Care 🐾

If your child attends
animal care...



please make sure they are
dressed appropriately as it is
wet and muddy!



Waterproof
coat



Waterproof
trousers



Wellies
(or sturdy boots)



Warm layers
(e.g. hoodie or fleece)



Gloves
(optional but
helpful)



🐾 ÷ Thank you for your support! ÷ 🐾

For Ages 11-16

SEND Holiday Club with the HUB!

October Half Term

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
27th, 28th & 29th**

9am - 3pm £30 per day

OR

8.30am - 5pm £42 per day

**Join us for Arts, Outside Activities,
Crafts, Music, Sports, Games, & More!**

SEND Group, held at The Hub

22 Market Street, Bromsgrove,
B61 8DA

**Book and
Pay here:**



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THE HUB
Bromsgrove Youth and Community Hub

BTEC Art: From Autumn mood boards to Christmas creations! Striking Success in PE!

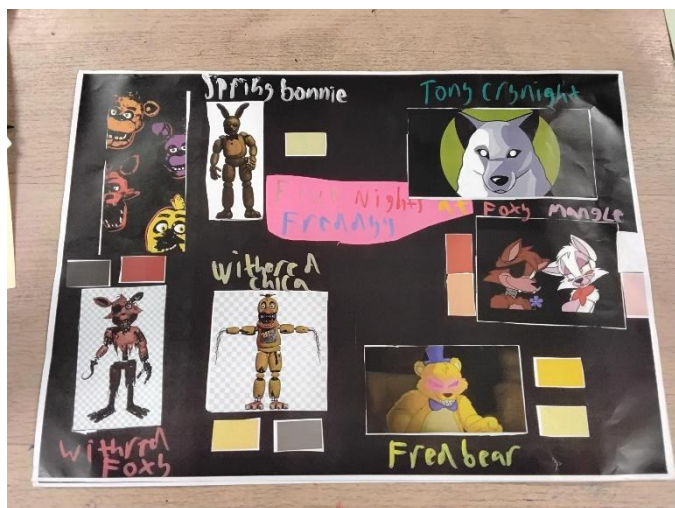
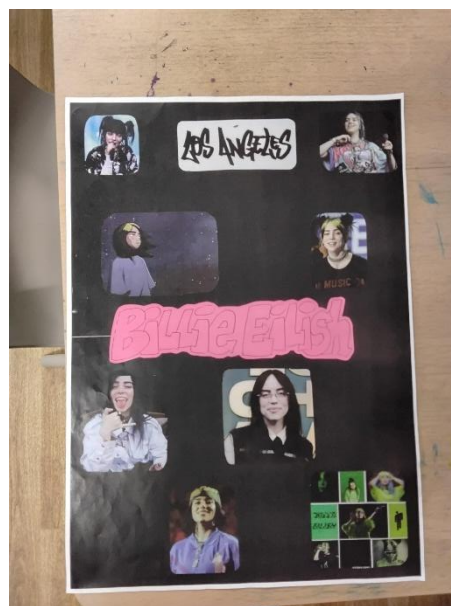
Our BTEC Art learners have been getting creative this term, exploring the world of mood boards and learning how to use images, colours, patterns and ideas to develop their own designs. Using the theme of autumn, students created their own mood boards, developing their understanding of how artists gather inspiration and bring different ideas together to influence their work.

Having built these skills, learners have now started an exciting new project: designing decorations for the Christmas tree they will be helping to decorate at Malvern Priory during the festive period!

This year, students have chosen the wonderfully imaginative theme of "All Things Weird", giving them the freedom to think outside the box and explore unusual, quirky and creative ideas. As you can see from the photos, learners have already started bringing their designs to life by creating their own 3D baubles.

Over the past few weeks, learners have had a fantastic time expressing their creativity, developing their artistic skills and showcasing their individual flair. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they turn their ideas into unique pieces artwork.

Well done to all our talented BTEC Art learners for their fantastic creativity and brilliant designs!



SEND YOUTH CLUB

AGE 08-12 YEAR OLDS

Junior Group

16:30 - 18:00

22 Market Street

Bromsgrove

B61 8DA

For young people on the autism spectrum or
with any SEND needs; wheelchair
accessible. We unfortunately don't provide
one-to-one care

Pool / Darts / Arts n Crafts / Music / Games

**£30 a month
Membership**

For more information and to book a place contact

Craig Mathews – syw@thehubbromsgrove.org



**Bromsgrove Youth
and Community Hub**

SEND YOUTH CLUB

AGE 13-17 YEARS OLD

Senior Group

18:00 - 20:00

22 Market Street

Bromsgrove

B61 8DA

For young people on the autism spectrum or
with any SEND needs; wheelchair
accessible. We unfortunately don't provide
one-to-one care

Pool / Darts / Arts n Crafts / Music / Games

**£35 a month
Membership**

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Teachers of Tomorrow

We are incredibly proud of Emma and Carla for successfully completing their Teachers of Tomorrow course and graduating with QTS. This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful reflection of their hard work, commitment and dedication. Huge congratulations to them both!



Foodbank Donations

This morning, some students delivered a fantastic selection of food donations to Upton upon Severn Baptist Church to support the local foodbank. A huge thank you to everyone who donated and helped make this possible!



Striking Success in PE!

Today, the students had a fantastic time taking part in a bowling trip as part of their double PE lesson! It was a wonderful opportunity to put their physical education skills into practice while enjoying a fun, engaging activity together.

During the session, the students built on their previous lessons, where they had to practise their skills by focusing on their aim, direction, control and coordination to try to knock down as many pins as possible.

Working as a team was also an important part of the experience. Learners encouraged one another, celebrated each other's successes and developed their communication and teamwork skills.

There was also plenty of maths involved, too! Each time it was their turn, learners looked at their scores, counted the pins they knocked down and followed how their scores changed throughout the game. This provided a brilliant opportunity to apply their numeracy skills in a real-life situation while developing their number recognition, addition and scorekeeping skills.

Most importantly, the learners had a wonderful time, showed great enthusiasm and enjoyed being active together. It was fantastic to see them putting their learning into practice, supporting one another and building their confidence through sport. Well done everyone for your fantastic effort!

