



Blanche Nevile Secondary School Newsletter

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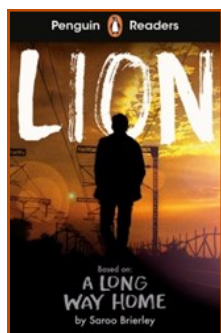
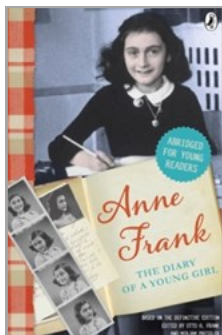
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Ms Wallis writes:

English

Year 7 have been reading Anne Frank's diary, written in Amsterdam between 1942 and 1944. Some of her diary entries are shocking and upsetting, but at the same time, we have found plenty of evidence to show that she is also a very funny and cheeky girl!

Year 7 have done so well to follow these contrasting themes in this amazing diary, that she refers to as her best friend called 'Kitty'.



Some of Year 9 have been studying 'Lion', the true story of Saroo Brierley who became lost and separated from his family in India when he was only five years old.

He was adopted by an Australian family and we have followed his search to try and find his birth family. Year 9 have been role-playing scenes and imagining what

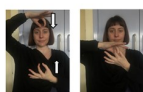
Saroo can remember from his past. Well done everyone!

Ms Worthington writes:

PSD

Students are learning about different aspects of a healthy life. We are discussing the recommended amounts of food, sleep, water and use of devices. Students are being asked to reflect on the benefits of meeting the recommendations and what happens when we don't!

We have also started a daily MINDFULNESS practise with students experiencing a range of different mindfulness activities they can use at home.



MINDFULNESS - Community Sign
Mindfulness - Connecting the mind, body and heart



MINDFULNESS - School Sign
Mindfulness - quietening/ calming the busy mind

Drama



Blanche Nevile's got talent had to be postponed on the last day of term. Students will finally get to show their talents on Friday 10th Feb!

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students,

We have had a wonderful Spring term with the students' enjoying many fun and informative days out and also visits to our School.

The long awaited 'Blanche Nevile's Got Talent' is going to be held today (9.2.24) and we are all very excited to see who will perform and what they will do...especially some of our staff who will contribute with a dance or a song!! We will let you know who the winner is in our next Newsletter!

Wishing you all a lovely February half term and look forward to seeing the students' refreshed and ready for our next half term on Monday 19th February.

Best wishes,

Helen Taylor, Headteacher

Mrs Demirci writes:

Humanities

In Humanities Year 9 have been learning about how volcanoes are formed.

Students made models of volcanoes on constructive and destructive plate boundaries.

They had fun and showed great understanding!



Mrs Christian, Ms Daly & Mr Gathani write:

Art & Design



Year 11 students studying GCSE Graphic Design and GCSE Textile Design are working very hard on their final exam. At the beginning of January, each student chose a title from their exam paper and they are now busy researching and analysing the titles and the designers and artists linked to the titles.

Students are working on designs linked with very varied topics; Creatures, the Environment, Portraits and Historical traditional dress!

In February, Ms Daly and Mr Gathani will be taking students to visit various London Museums and Galleries to support their exam research and development. As well as experiencing the amazing cultural resources that London has to offer, this will enable students to collect photographs, drawings, postcards and leaflets linked to their exam titles and boost their ideas for their own designs.



You will be able to see the results of all their hard work in June when Blanche Nevile School holds their annual Year 11 Art and Design Exhibition.

Well done everyone for all your hard work and good luck for your exams!



Mrs Antoniowicz & Mr Gathani write:

Maths

ELC exams are taking place next Term!

Good luck to Priya, Janat, Ayn and Hanna!

Please learn your key facts over the holidays.

To all students, please use the holidays to practice your addition, subtraction, multiplication and division on IXL <https://www.ixl.com>

Wishing you a relaxing half term break!



Ms Willis writes:

Life Skills

This half term Year 7, 8 and 9 students have continued with independent travel Skills.

Students have continued to navigate using google maps to walk and take public transport to specific places of interest. Students have gone bowling and visited Hans & Gretel World in Camden Town.

All students in Year 7 have completed Unit Award **Time Management Unit 2**. Well done Year 7 Keep up the good work. All students in KS3 have been planning a day out in London. The best team will lead a day trip of their choice. All students will receive a Unit Award – planning and preparing a day trip to London.

Year 11 students are learning about stranger danger, how to make new friends and how to communicate to someone they have just met. All students will choose a place of interest to meet students of the same age from a different school.

Year 8a & 8b This half term students have been learning Poetry from Different Cultures and the theme has been segregation and war. Students have learnt about Rosa Parks and 1950s segregation as well as Irish segregation and Religion. Students have watched songs around these themes and analysed poetic features such as repetition, rhyme and verse.



Year 9b This half term students have been learning about Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King and how they both changed lives of black people in the 1950s and 1960s. Students will be learning about persuasive language through Martin Luther King's famous speech 'I have a dream' and they will write their own 'I have a dream' speech. Keep up the good work 9b!



Year 11 This half term students have been learning writing for different purposes. Students have written informal letters, diary entries, blogs, reports, reviews and feedback forms. Well done Year 11! Keep up the good work!



REMINDER

Please send your child into school with spare hearing aid batteries.

Ms Daly writes:



Jack Petchey Award Autumn 2023



The winner for the Autumn vote was Hussain Year 11. He was presented the certificate and badge by Klaudia, Summer 2023 winner.

Staff and students said he is always polite and welcoming. He is interested in how staff are. Hussain is calming and helpful, thinks positive, talks nicely, is funny and a good friend. Well done Hussain! We are all very proud of you!



Air Ambulance visit Thursday 25th January

Richard is a paramedic and has been to our school on many occasions over the years. He was chosen to be a paramedic on the London Air Ambulance. He is also a Deaf role model for our students.

Richard and his colleague Rhiannon came to do an assembly for all our students on the work the service does. The staff and students were transfixed for the 40 minute presentation and the students asked such fantastic questions.

College Interviews 2024

Students in Year 11 are getting ready for college interviews. Some have already had a few interviews. We wish them all the best in the next stage of their post 16 career.



Year 7 Textiles

Year 7a and b have been focusing on tie dye and the different techniques used. Here are just a few amazing swirl designs they have learnt....



Important Dates

February Half Term break	12th—16th February
Half day closure Easter Holidays	28th March 12.30 28th March —12th April
Year 8 HPV immunisations	18th April