



Blanche Nevile Secondary School Newsletter

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Ms Donovan writes:

Science

It has been very busy in the Science department the last few months. We have celebrated international day of women and girls in Science with World Wildlife Day by taking a few of our students Whipsnade Zoo.



The whole school took part in a quiz linked to Wildlife with house points up for grabs the results were as followed:

- 4th place = Blue (10 points),
- 3rd place = Green (20 points),
- 2nd place = Red (30 points) and
- 1st place was yellow winning 40 points!



**WORLD
WILDLIFE DAY
3 MARCH**

We have just celebrated British Science Week with another school quiz. The main event for Science will take place at the end of the year – so watch out for the news on that.



The results for this quiz are as followed:

- 4th place = Green (25 points),
- 3rd place = Red (50 points),
- 2nd place = Blue (75 points) and
- 1st place was yellow winning 100 points!

Mr Gathani and Ms Antoniewicz write:

Maths

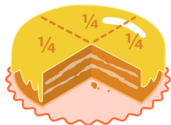
During this half term pupils will develop their knowledge and skills in numbers by focusing on 4 rules such as addition, subtraction, division and Multiplication.

Pupils will participate in a variety of practical and engaging activities to enable them to progress in their numeracy skills.

We aim to teach our pupils about the importance of Maths in everyday life. Our lessons focus on 'Preparing all pupils for all futures.' Therefore, it is important that our pupils understand how maths is linked to our lives in and out of school.

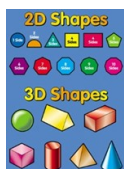
This term, please try to talk to your child about how we use addition and subtraction e.g. money, bills and receipts etc.

Fractions: fractions are like pieces of a puzzle. They help us understand parts of a whole. We use them when we share things, like cookies or pizza. They're super helpful in everyday life!



Statistics: have you ever done a survey? That's statistics! We collect information and look for patterns. It's like being a detective, finding clues in numbers. We can learn a lot from statistics, like what people like or how the weather behaves.

Shapes: shapes are all around us, from circles to squares. Geometry is the study of shapes. We learn about their sides, angles, and how they fit together. It's like solving a fun puzzle!



By learning about fractions, statistics and shapes, we're becoming math superheroes! Let's keep exploring and having fun with maths!

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students,

It is hard to believe that we are now at the Easter holidays already – the year is flying by!

It has been another busy term at Blanche Nevile Secondary. We have been involved in the Panathlon, interviewed by Channel 4 news about the upcoming BSL GCSE and visited zoos, cathedrals and museums to name but a few events.

We are also very pleased to let you know that, after Easter, we will have two new tutors joining our BSL department. This is going to further strengthen our team and enable us to provide even more opportunities for our young people, parents/carers and staff!

I also wanted to let you know that I will be having a period of maternity leave starting in June - another Blanche Nevile baby is joining us! Preparations for my maternity cover are underway, and I will be able to provide further updates soon.

Just as a reminder, we will begin next term with an INSET Day on the 15th April, and so will welcome all of the pupils back on Tuesday 16th April for the Summer Term.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Best wishes,
Helen Taylor, Headteacher

Mrs Christian writes:

Art & Design

We have a selection of excellent Art and Design work to share with you this newsletter.



Graphic Design logo by Samir, Graphic Design analysis by Hussain, Ceramic gargoyle by Klaudia.

Art & Design moodboard by Ruzelle, Dream cereal design by Emanuela, Architecture photography by Lucia.

Congratulations to everyone for your excellent Art & Design work. BNS is very proud of you!

Mrs Ruparellia writes:

BSL

One of our year 9 students created this art piece independently. Klaudia came up with the idea to incorporate text saying "DEAF CAN DO" into her art; showcasing her positive and pro-active attitude!



This is a very inspiring message both in relation to herself and to others around her; being proud of and celebrating her unique identity as a deaf British Sign Language (BSL) user!

It is wonderful to see students develop in their deaf identities as well as their BSL skills and confidence. Klaudia is aiming for university and Blanche Nevile is keen to equip our young learners for the future and prepare them to achieve their goals!

From September 2025, GCSE BSL will be taught across the UK. We are so excited about this development; raising the profile of such a rich and diverse language.

Mrs Demirci writes:

Humanities

Year 8 and 9 students enjoyed a sunny trip to Tower Bridge this half term!



We have been learning about famous landmarks in the UK.

It was very exciting to cross the glass walkways and eat our lunch inside one of the towers!

Ms Willis writes:

Year 8b

This half term students have been continuing to learn 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 and Aboriginal segregation.

Students have watched songs around these themes and made songs of their own using all of the poetic features they have learnt this term. Students have completed Unit Award : Analysing War and Discrimination through Poetry and Song.

Well done Year 8!



Year 9b



This half term students have been researching Martin Luther King and how he changed lives of black people in the 1950s and 1960s.

Students have written their own 'I have a Dream' speech and they performed their speeches at St Paul's Cathedral, the same place as Martin Luther King when he visited London in 1964.

Students were also given a workshop at St Paul's Cathedral and have completed Unit Award : Researching An Inspirational Person. Well done!

Year 11a

English - this half term students have explored the theme 'Preparing for College'.



Students have learnt skills necessary for a college interviews. All have taken part in a mock college interview as well as role play showing positive and negative practice while at a college interview. They have completed Unit Awards : Writing For Different Purposes and Preparing for College, College Interview. Well done Year 11!

Life Skills



This half term Year 7 students have been learning how to request information in a shop using role play and going into the local community. All students in Year 7 have completed Unit Award : An Introduction to Road Safety. Well done Year 7...keep up the good work!

Students in years' 8 and 9 have been learning team building. They have completed Unit Award : Team Building.

Keep up the good work Years' 8 and 9!

REMINDER

Please send your child into school with spare hearing aid batteries. School cannot supply them. Thank you.

Ms Daly writes:

Year 11 interviews

Year 11 have nearly completed their interviews for college.



HRUC
HARROW RESOURCES & URBAN COLLEGE

We have visited Newham, Harrow and Uxbridge colleges for formal interviews.

Many tutors commented on their good communication skills, polite manners and well organised Progress Files. Well done Year 11!

Former students

3 of our former students now aged 24 came to visit Year 11 for their Careers lesson on Monday 4th March.

Two of them now work in nurseries and all 3 had attended Harrow College. One is teaching BSL to hearing toddlers!

It is lovely to see our former students grow up and become deaf role models for their younger peers.

Careers Week 4th—8th March

National Careers Week is held every year across the country.



Staff and students were encouraged to do a 15 question quiz about different aspects of work, careers and learning.

Some students did very well, especially Saabrena Year 7 and Janat and Ayn both Year 11.

Ms Antoniewicz did very well for the staff!

Ms Wallis writes:

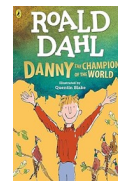
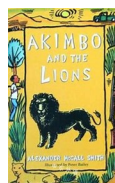
English

Some of Year 7 have been enjoying reading 'Akimbo and the Lions' by Alexander McCall Smith. It ties in with our science work because we have been learning about how animals survive in the African savanna.

Akimbo lives in Botswana, and after trapping a cub by mistake, learns how to look after the cub. Eventually, he has to decide whether to return the cub to the wild.

We have been role-playing, writing play scripts and having great discussions about keeping animals in captivity. Some of Year 9 have been reading, 'Danny the Champion of the World' by Roald Dahl. Now we all know how to catch pheasants in the woods!

There has been some very dramatic role-play involving the police chasing children who shouldn't be driving cars in the middle of the night!



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Important Dates

Easter Break	Half day Thursday 28th March— Tuesday 16th April
STAFF INSET DAY School closed to students	Monday 15th April
Year 8 HPV immunisations	18th April