

Message from the Principal:

It is such a privilege to be the Principal of Bournville School. I never stop being amazed by what all the children and young people do and achieve. One of the proudest moments I witnessed over the last few weeks was on Remembrance Day when all the children from both the primary and secondary walked out onto the courts in absolute silence showing their respect for our fallen soldiers. You could hear a pin drop as students laid poppy wreaths; they had prepared lovingly during tutor time to ensure that Remembrance Day was something to be celebrated with reverence.

The good character of our young people shone through again as they selflessly raised more money for charity during Odd Sock Day and again for Children in Need. It was great to see both primary and secondary students come together to take on the 500-mile challenge and collectively earn £408.51. A remarkable achievement.

Our year 11 students have been having a series of college and employer talks to help focus their applications as they prepare for next steps in their career. This has motivated our Year 11 students further as they prepared for their Mock GCSE exams. Not to be outshone our KS3 students have also been showing how seriously they take their studies as they have prepared for their recent KS3 BASE assessments. Reports will be sent home before the end of term to all parents.

There are still a number of exciting activities to come with our Year 10 students going to Birmingham Rep to see 'A Christmas Carol' and again year 10 will attend Newman University as part of their career education programme, inspiring their ambition. The Christmas Fayre is eagerly anticipated event with the students already deciding to use whatever money raised to improve access to sports equipment during lunchtime for all students.

I hope you enjoy reading all about what the students have been doing in this edition of "In the Know" and I look forward to celebrating what the next edition will hold.

Ms M Rooney



Key Dates:

03.12.24	Christmas Fayre
04.12.24	Y10 Theatre Trip
05.12.24	Y9 Progress Evening
10.12.24	Newman college trip
12.12.24	Y8 Progress Evening
17.12.24	Y11 Mock Interviews
20.12.24	Break up for Christmas
06.01.25	Return to School for staff
08.01.25	Return to School for students
24.01.25	Y11 Progress Evening



Communication

We are regularly posting on social media, celebrating school achievements and keeping you aware of what is happening in school. Please follow us on X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram @BournvilleSch
Our website is also a useful source of information: [Bournville School – Part of Fairfax Multi-Academy Trust.](http://www.bournville.org)

Assessment and attainment

It is important that we take time to assess the progress our students are making. As we conclude our recent assessment weeks, I must congratulate students for their approach to these assessments and thank teachers for their dedication to accurate assessment. Teachers are currently marking and moderating the exams papers to ensure the timely publication of results.

KS3 BASE Assessments

Students in years 7, 8 and 9 have completed assessments in all subjects and will receive results using the following criteria:

B – Beginning to show, where your child is beginning to demonstrate some of the criteria we expect at this stage of their learning.

A – Approaching, where your child is working towards the level we expect at this stage of their learning.

S- Secure, where your child is at the level we expect at this stage in their learning.

E – Exceeding, where your child is above the level we expect at this stage in their learning.

Y11 Mocks

Mock exams are always an important part of GCSE preparation. It is essential students sit their mocks in a formal setting, under full exam conditions and experience something that is as close to the real thing as possible. This is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the progress that they have made and to learn how they can improve further.

We know students worked tirelessly to prepare for these exams, with weekly attendance at period 6 sessions in core subjects and completing thorough revision at home. During the mock exam period our school values of ambition and dedication have been evident every day. Even the



interruption of the snow day didn't deter students! As we come to the end of the mock examination period, we must congratulate students on their efforts. Staff are already busily assessing papers, eager to know what students have done well and what will be the focus of support over the next few months.

At the end of December, we will be holding a mock exam result day to emulate the summer results day. We hope that this will be a positive experience for students and if not, students recognise what they need to do prior to actual exams in the summer. Results will also be sent home to parents.

Science

Please find below a summary of what students have studied in science lessons this past term:

Year 7 - After being introduced to fundamental lab skills, cell biology and the world of atoms and elements in their first term, Year 7 pupils have shifted their learning onto physics. They have been learning about energy, all the forms it takes, where we get our energy from and how you can calculate how much energy is used in a typical household. Later this term, they will go back to biology with lessons on movement with the opportunity of dissecting chicken wings to learn how joints work!

Year 8 - Year 8 pupils this term have begun investigating the digestive system in more detail, looking at what key nutrients we need to survive, how we can test for those nutrients and what key parts of our digestive system enables us to absorb them. Later this term they will return to looking at elements, atoms, and compounds, focusing on the periodic table and the properties of specific groups (1, 7, and 0).

Year 9 - This term, Year 9 students have advanced their knowledge in cell biology by looking at stem cells, their uses and the ethics behind their use. They will soon move onto looking at the periodic table in greater depth, how it was put together and, crucially, looking at group 1, 7 and 0 elements of the periodic table.

Year 10 - Since starting their learning for GCSEs in Year 9, Year 10 students are looking to finish off learning topics to do with paper 1 Biology, Chemistry and Physics. This will mean that they are half way through learning everything that they will need to know for their Year 11 exams. This term, the focus will be on electrolysis for chemistry, molecules and matter for physics and then looking at various non-communicable diseases for Biology. By the start of next term, they will be prepared for their first mini-mock of everything that they have been taught.

Year 11 - With mocks underway, this term has been dedicated to ensuring all year 11 students have the key concepts and knowledge required to do well in their exams. Once finished, they will return back to learning the last few remaining topics left for their GCSEs, mainly looking at how resources from water to metals are used and recycled.



Children in Need Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for rising to the challenge of walking 500 miles for Children in Need. It was great to see the whole school community come together, and all do their bit for this worthy cause from primary to secondary, staff and students. We lost track of how many laps were walked but it was way more than the 500 mile target. Some students even ran and clocked up 15 or 16 laps in their allocated session! Our Trust values were on show throughout the day with students showing dedication and ambition.

There was a great deal of generosity and kindness shown too as students supported each other, donated cakes for sale and donated lots of money for Children in Need which does so much for disadvantaged students across the UK. At first count we have raised £408.51, an incredible achievement for all involved!



Remembrance

It is a long-held tradition that all of the Bournville School community come together to mark Remembrance. This year the event was bigger and better than ever with the school community gathered outside to present wreaths, listen to Remembrance poems from our prefects Hannah and Sophie and observing two minutes silence with 'The Last Post' playing.



Read the full news article here:

[Bournville School Remembrance event involved hundreds of pupils](#)

Anti-Bullying and Odd Socks Day

Throughout Anti-bullying week students took part in activities to help support and raise awareness of the importance of keeping children safe. A highlight of the week was Odd Socks Day when students and staff demonstrated their support by wearing their weirdest and wackiest odd socks. **This is to show it is ok to be different and to promote support for diversity.**

Anti-Bullying Week is a special week to encourage everyone – children, teachers and parents – to take a stand against bullying all year round. The organisers of the annual event (The Anti-Bullying Alliance) say they hope this year's theme – “Choose Respect” – will empower children to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.



The Anti-Bullying Alliance has released new research that says more than 23% of school children are frequently bullied. A survey of almost 45,000 pupils in England (aged 4-18), showed that one in five experience frequent face-to-face bullying, with rates much higher for those with special educational needs or disabilities.

To combat this, this year was a call to action encouraging all to 'Choose Respect'. The anti-bullying alliance writes; 'From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, together we can bring an end to bullying, which negatively impacts millions of young lives. Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make'.

BBC Drama and Media Workshop

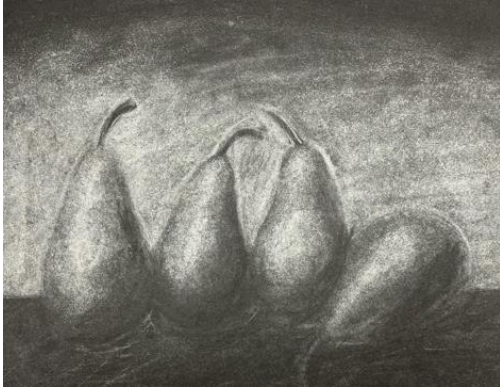


We learnt about the different careers you can have behind the scenes of a television program. Such as a runner who takes actors from one place to another as well as Boom operators who have to hold the microphone above actors. I particularly enjoyed the activity where we had to think of what the scene cut to at the end of a sequence. I also enjoyed watching the video on how they created the explosion scene in Eastenders. I learned that there are many career options open to people once they leave college and university at the BBC working in the media. A job I am interested in on TV programme is the make-up as that is something I find fascinating.

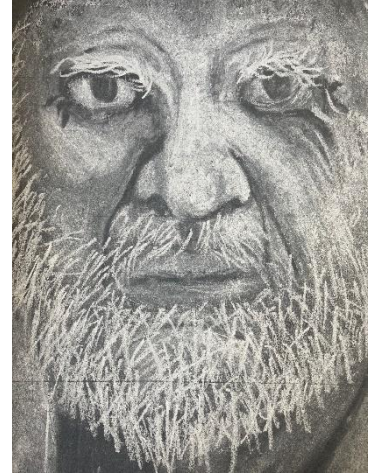
Written by student Amelia Claridge (9 Tolkien)

Art

During this half term our KS3 students have been working hard on their BASE assessments in Art and our Year 11 students have been preparing for and completing their 5- hour mock exam. Here are some KS3 highlights from Autumn 2.



<Vika Dotsenko, Year 7



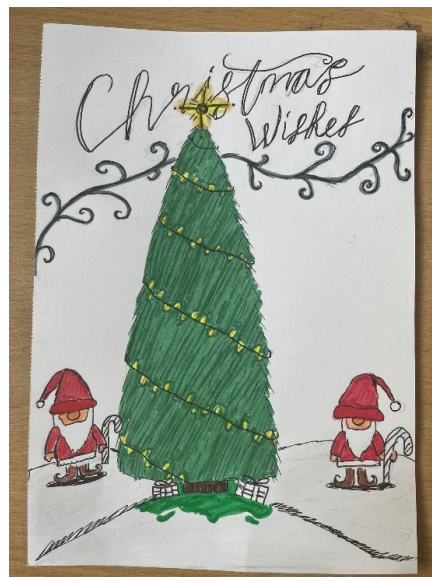
Alice Clewer, Year 8>

Kymani Bertram,
Year 9 >



<Angelica
Nembhard, Year 9

This half term students have been creating lots of art outside of their lessons too. We have had many entries for the Zest Education Christmas card competition as well as our own Bournville School Christmas card competition. Look out for our annual Winter Walks photography competition coming soon. Here are some examples festive Christmas card designs by Heavena Regy, Honey Walsh and Sophia Velasquez.



Character Education

We teach our students to STRIVE for success. This half term our character development work focused on developing 'Tolerance'. Students have engaged with topics related to the protected characteristics as well as Human Rights in tutor time and assemblies with the emphasis on teaching our students to be respectful and tolerant.



Careers Education

In the last few weeks there have been post-16 assemblies for Y11 students from a range of sixth form providers as well as a CV workshop. In PSHE lessons students will create CVs in preparation to give to employers who will conduct mock interviews later in the term. We expect all Y11 students to have two applications sent into colleges by the Christmas break. Our impartial careers advisor, Mrs Matto, is in school on Tuesdays and is currently supporting Y11 students with applications to post 16 provision.



Y10 students should be looking for work experience placements and in only a couple of weeks will have the chance to go to a University to get a taste of what this might be like to help them consider their future.





Year 8 and 9 students have the opportunity to do some work experience in school as Student Receptionists: an incredibly successful initiative so far! All students welcome to apply.

A reminder Unifrog, an online careers platform, is available for all students and parents to use, providing valuable careers advice and guidance.



House News

We are monitoring house points closely and must congratulate Tolkien who are very much in the lead. Students win house points every time they go over and above in school be it attendance, punctuality or behaviour.

House		Totals
Austin		2409
Boulton		2156
Cadbury		2193
Tolkien		3330



IN THE KNOW

BOURNVILLE SCHOOL PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER

Extra-Curricular

We have a wealth of extra-curricular activities on offer to students. This includes, art, drama, music and sport. Our multi-skills club before school is proving popular but lots for students to sign up for! Also, students can enter the Christmas Card competition to win house points and prizes as well as have their design chosen for the official Bournville School Christmas Card 2024! We invite you to our Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 3rd December. Students are raising money for sports equipment to be used during social times. Lastly, it's not too late to get involved with our school production of 'Hansel and Gretel', performances will be in January.

BOURNVILLE ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME | AUTUMN 2024

MONDAY			
Before School	KS3 Multi Sells	Gym	Primary Education
Breaktime & Lunch	Book Club	Library	J. Chalmers
Lunch	SHG Lunch Club (Sports)	Gym	Spoke Active
After School	Y11 - PE Home	Various	Home team
After School	Y7 & Y8 Rugby	Field/Gym	Spoke Active
After School	Basketball - all years	Gym	PE

TUESDAY			
Before School	KS4 Multi Sells	Gym	Primary Education
Breaktime & Lunch	Book Club	Library	J. Chalmers
Lunch	Y11 PE Revision	ES4	V. Mackay
Lunch	Chess/Art Club	ES4	K. HoGama
After School	Sports Club	PE2	K. Brown
After School	Y11 - PE English	Various	English team
After School	Kooteball - all years	Gym	PE team

WEDNESDAY			
Before School	KS3 Multi Sells	Gym	Primary Education
Breaktime & Lunch	Book Club	Library	J. Chalmers
After School	KS3 Art Club	ES4	L. Wilson
After School	Drama Club	PE2	K. Brown
After School	Music Band	ES4	405/406/407
After School	Y11 - PE Science	Various	Science team

THURSDAY			
Before School	KS4 Multi Sells	Gym	Primary Education
Breaktime & Lunch	Book Club	Library	J. Chalmers
Lunch	Mindful Colouring	ES4	V. Mackay
Lunch	KS4 Spanish Revision	ES4	405/406/407

FRIDAY			
Breaktime & Lunch	Book Club	Library	J. Chalmers
Lunch	Business and M&C Support	ES1	H. Poole
After School	KS4 Art Club	ES4	L. Wilson
After School	Sports - all years	Gym	Spoke Active
After School	Badminton - all years	All Years	Spoke Active

DESIGN A Christmas Card COMPETITION

DEADLINE:
FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER

THEME:
MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM BOURNVILLE SCHOOL

THE WINNING ENTRY WILL BE PRINTED AND SENT OUT TO ORGANISATIONS IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

BOURNVILLE SCHOOL

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY TO:
MISS WALTON, E9

BOURNVILLE ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL

Christmas FAYRE

Crafts, sweets, gifts and food's galore!

and Father Christmas in his grotto!


Refreshments, foodies & fun!

03 DEC | PRIMARY ONLY 2-3PM | PRIMARY & SECONDARY 3-5PM | **FREE ADMISSION** | Everyone welcome!

BOURNVILLE THROUGH SCHOOL

The Primary and Secondary Students of Bournville Through School proudly present a Winter performance of dark folklore, literary sibling rivalry and comic twists:

HANSEL AND GRETEL



A GRIMMER THAN GRIMM TALE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21st 2025: Matinee, starting at 4pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd 2025: Evening show, starting at 6.30pm

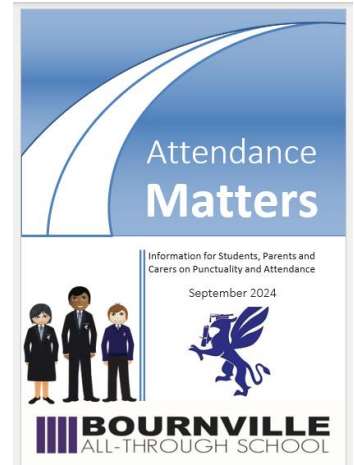
Tickets on sale to family, friends, students and staff from December 1st

Attendance

At Bournville, excellent attendance is one of our top priorities. We are keen to encourage all pupils to take full advantage of every teaching and learning opportunity available to them, and for that to happen it is important they are attending school daily and that they are punctual.

To find out more about our attendance and punctuality work, please read our 'Attendance Matters' booklet which can be found on our school website OR click the link below:

[Attendance-Matters-Booklet-24-25-PDF-003.pdf](#)



These past few weeks we have been very pleased to offer a variety of incentives and rewards to those with excellent attendance:

- * Freddo chocolates for those students who have 100% attendance each week
- * 100% and 95% attendance certificates presented in the end of term celebration assembly
- * **An iPad to be won each half term.** Congratulations to Noah (Y9), our first winner! Who will be next?
- * Celebrating success through school displays and events

R. Mullings



Christmas movie afternoon

When? Thursday 19th December P5
Where? PPC
How do I get invited? You need to have great attendance, complete your homework and great behaviour
What else? Drinks, popcorn and a special guest appearance.



SEND

As part of our continued commitment to providing opportunities to meet with parents the SEND Department are going to be available for 'Drop in' sessions planned monthly during the rest of the year. The SENDCO – Mr Archbold will be available to discuss any concerns you have regarding your child and SEND during these times. If you would like to see Mr Archbold, please arrange a time with Miss Kesziova our SEND Administrator (d.kesziova@bournville.fmat.co.uk).

	Wednesday 18 th December between 8:30 and 11am
	Wednesday 15 th January between 8:30 and 11am
	Wednesday 12 th February between 1:30 and 3pm
	Wednesday 19 th March between 8:30 and 11am
	Wednesday 9 th April between 1:30 and 3pm
	Wednesday 21 st May between 8:30 and 11am
	Wednesday 18 th June between 1:30 and 3pm

As part of our planned SEND events, we are trying something different this month. All our SEND parents and carers have been sent a link to an online event happening on 16th December at 6pm. If you haven't received your invite, please contact Miss Kesziova our SEND Administrator (d.kesziova@bournville.fmat.co.uk) who arrange for the link to be sent again.

Bournville school is partnering with the local Family Hubs and NHS Services be part of a project to collect **family voices** with regards to local services and supporting our local community.



Join us for our inaugural Family Voices event!

11 December, 9-10am
Bournville School,
Hay Green Lane,
Birmingham, B30 1SH

- Join us to discuss challenges, share experiences, and connect with other families for support.
- Let's work together to build a stronger network for our students and families.
- Refreshments provided. We look forward to seeing you there!



Find your local Family Hub





You are invited our first-ever Family Voices event on 11th December between 9am and 10am.

This is an opportunity for you to come together as a community to discuss any challenges you and your families may face. You will be able to connect with other families to share your experiences and identify priorities you would like to focus on to work with services to improve.

Let's work together to build a stronger network for you and your families.

Refreshments provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Northfield Family Hub



Join our Family Voices WhatsApp Information Communication Channel

Information Sharing will also enable you to receive city-wide updates and information.

Administrators can grant access for key stakeholders to post updates.



Selly Oak Family Hub



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