

Message from the Headteacher:

Welcome to another version of the newsletter.

I am delighted to announce that our Newsletters will now be read out by our students which will be an amazing achievement.

We have had such an eventful week and it has been thoroughly enjoyable.

We have had a sensory session around emotions and how we manage specific emotions Eg. happy, sad, or anxious. The students thoroughly enjoyed the session and most importantly, developed some new strategies to manage their emotions.

We have our first Duke of Edinburgh parent meeting coming up so please look out for the date. It is a session for you to find out more about the program, how it will look in practice and the benefits to our young people and their futures.

We have had an increase in Covid_19 cases recently and we are doing all we can to reduce the risk of infection Eg. Carbon dioxide monitors, increase in deep cleaning and increased use of PPE. We are encouraging regular testing is possible to support the school during these challenging times.

Have a great weekend!

SCHOOL CALENDAR



7 December	Parents Evening
10 December	Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch
13 December	INSET Day 3 – school closed to pupils
14 December	Pupils return to school
17 December	Last Day of Term
20 December – 3 January	Christmas Holiday

Parent Survey – Parent Engagement

Please take your time to complete this so we can look at our strengths and areas for development so we can plan actions on how to further improve communication with parents.

<https://forms.office.com/r/JJ7tgWXWWT>

Parents Evening – 7 December 2021

You can choose your time slot for Parents Evening, using Parent Portal/Arbor App.

Please download from your Play Store on your phone, the Arbor App.

Please follow the link below on how to setup your account.

Go to <https://login.arbor.sc/> and click Forgot your password?

To finish creating your account you just need to set a password. Your username is your email address.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Learning @ BFH – Blue Class

Blue Class has had a very busy week. They have been particularly enjoying undertaking and developing their sensory story about the four seasons. This ties in well with the sites thematic cycle which is currently winter wonderland. The sensory story has allowed the blue class students to engage in multi sensory exploration, while developing their communication skills, and expressing their preferences.



Blue Class students have also been enjoying their food technology lessons. This has allowed them to develop life skills, such as cutting the banana, pouring the milk, as well as activating the blender with a switch. Students showed their excitement when they heard the noise of the blender, and they thoroughly enjoyed getting to taste the finished project.



Learning @ WM – Hawking Class

Remembrance Day



On Thursday 11th November, our school gathered via teams to remember those who gave their lives for their country during both World Wars. We began our online assembly at 10.45am, to learn about why we celebrate Remembrance Day. Learners learnt how to wear their poppies correctly, by making sure that the leaf is pointing in the 11 O'clock direction – the time that the war ended.

We also had a guest speaker, Frank Osei (A past music teacher here at the academy). He gave us all an insight into what it was like for him, being a soldier and all the struggles that came along with it. The learners were ecstatic to see him on their screen, and it was a huge honour to hear his story once again. All learners then participated in a two minutes silence. We are so proud that all learners were respectful in this time and were able to remain silent, Well done all!

Classes around the school, contributed to a beautiful display of poppies, wreaths and poems to honour the day - which you are now able to see in our school reception. It was a great effort by all to show our respects to the fallen heroes. Lest we forget.

Lambourne End - One week of outdoor learning

Last week, 27 students took part in an educational project of one week of outdoor learning at Lambourne End Centre. The students were involved in an intense programme of outdoor physical activities and team building exercises, aimed at building their confidence, resilience and self-esteem as well as giving them opportunities to try new sport and unfamiliar tasks. It was amazing to see their enjoyment, resilience and determination to complete each task.

Here is what few of them had to say:

Taylor: I went on the ropes and fell off balance. I went into the caves, we got to the other side and it was dark. Our class went on a pony and cart ride. Our class did bushcraft and we made bread. I did biking at Lambourne around the fields. I hadn't done zipwire before.

George: Lambourne End is a large place with lots of activities to do including: rock climbing, abseiling, biking and archery. The large open space is lovely and it clears your head from all distractions and lets you focus on the present.

Kelsey: When we went to Lambourne End we done a lot of activities. We did caving, biking, ropes, raft building and loads more. I really enjoyed myself because we got to get out of school and participate in fun activities. What I didn't like about Lambourne End is it was always muddy & cold. I didn't enjoy caving because it was too dark and very scary, I couldn't see anything and I thought I was going to get stuck in the cave, I was really brave, so I just followed the person in front of me and I managed to get out of the cave. Then after I got out of the cave, I got really muddy and had to get changed.

Mustapha: During our educational trip to Lambourne End I learnt how to work better in a team. It helped me when biking, team building and rafting, this also improved my communication skills.

Marley: I was shocked that I was able to do all the activities, I felt good about myself.

Maqsood: I learnt how to raft like how to make a boat if you are ever stranded on an island. I learnt how to make a fire if I am ever in the wild or forest.

Ursalan: I had the courage to do the zip wire and I enjoyed it. I expected to enjoy pond dipping and I did. I didn't let me fear win over my courage.

Bailey: I enjoyed Pony and cart activity because Bob was fast pony and I liked raft building because I jumped in the water at the end of the activity. I loved the rope course and rock climbing because I reached the middle point. I wanted to reach the top but it was very difficult. I also loved the camp fire. I learnt how to light a fire- it was super cool!!!

Here are some of our snaps.



Mihaela and team (Class Holland)