



Blanche Nevile Secondary Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students,
We have had such a busy half term as you will see from the information in this newsletter. I have been really impressed by the students' focus in lessons and know that you will see this for yourselves when you have a chance to look at their work in parents' evening on Tuesday 12th November 2019. I look forward to meeting you then.

And now a plea for help:

On Tuesday, Kathryn and I attended a CHSWG meeting. We are fond of acronyms in education! CHSWG stands for Children's Hearing Service Working Group. The working group is an opportunity for professionals and parents in Haringey and Enfield to come together to improve provision for Deaf children. Two parents from Enfield were present and we would love to have parents from a Haringey school join the group too. Do get in touch with Kathryn or with me if you are interested.

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Mr Walker writes:

We have had two assemblies about our Student Council this half term. Students know that the Student Council is the voice of the student body. Its role is to help share students' ideas, interests and concerns with the school leadership team and the wider community. The Student Council is supervised and guided by Mr Walker, our Deputy Headteacher and Miss Christian, Art teacher. We currently have students representing years 7 to 11 who meet on a fortnightly basis. Blanche Nevile Student Council will meet with student councils from other Special Schools during the school year. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain experience of issues beyond our own school.



Mr Demirci Writes:

Physical Education has got off to an exciting start this year. This half term our focus has been on football.



Students have been practising shooting, passing and dribbling, along with vital teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills.

Students have particularly enjoyed a game called 'stick together'. Students in team A are connected in a line by holding onto bibs. Students in team B try to pass a ball through the line, while team A work and move together to stop them. At first Team A let go of their bibs and broke the line (and the rules!). Luckily they gradually worked out how to stop the ball together.

We have an exciting opportunity next month. Some students will take part in a ten-pin bowling competition organised by the Panathlon Foundation.

Miss Christian writes:

BNS Sketchbook Circle 2019 Update

Last year a group of year 7 students began the first Blanche Nevile Sketchbook Circle by corresponding artistically with pupils in years 5 and 6 regularly.

This year we are doing things a little bit differently. The 'Blanche Nevile Sketchbook Circle' will take place on Friday 31st October. Pupils from Primary and Secondary will join together to create shared sketchbooks.

Our theme is 'ink' (to link in with 'Inktober' activities across Europe) and 'the alphabet' - to stretch our literacy, as well as our artistic skills. I can foresee some wonderful and exciting artwork happening!

We look forward to sharing photographs of the day and showcasing the artwork later in the year.



Mr Gathani writes:

With the start of a new school year the ICT department has had a focus on e-safety. We have prioritised teaching students how to stay safe online and how to deal with issues as they arise. Topics covered include cyber bullying, protecting your computer from viruses or hackers and how to stay safe when using social media sites.

For Parents/Carers:

- Go through these rules with your child and keep them near to the computer
- Check the Internet sites your child is visiting by clicking on History and Favourites - do this regularly
- Reassure your child that you want to keep them safe rather than take Internet access away from them
- Create a dialogue and a relationship of mutual respect as far as the Internet is concerned

For students:

- Ask permission before using the Internet and discuss the websites you're using
- Agree the websites you use with your parents
- Check before opening an email sent by someone you don't know
- Do not use your real name when using games or websites on the Internet, (create a nick name)
- Never give out any personal information online either about yourself, your friends or family. Do not share your home address, phone or mobile number
- Never arrange to meet someone you have 'met' on the Internet without talking to an adult first; always take an adult and meet in a public place
- Never tell someone you don't know where you go to school or post pictures of yourself at school
- Only use a webcam with people you know
- Tell an adult immediately if you see anything you are unhappy with.

For further information go to:

- CEOP: www.ceop.gov.uk
 Think U Know: www.thinkuknow.co.uk
 Childnet: www.childnet-int.org



Miss Daly writes:

British Red Cross training

Our students and staff are very well qualified in First Aid. Students in Years 10 and 11 had their training in 2017. Over the last few weeks Suzanne Palka from the British Red Cross returned to BNS to work with all students in Years 7 to 9.



Yasir did a good job of bandaging Kameron!

Miss Daly writes:

Pride of Brent Awards 2019

Mekhi won an award for the most improved person of the year. There is a display at school in the foyer. We are very proud of him and he deserves this achievement.

We are very proud of you, Mekhi.



Important Dates

Sketch Book Circle	Thursday 31st October
Last day of Autumn Term 1	Friday 18th October
HALF TERM	Monday 21st-Friday 25th October
First day of Autumn Term 2	Monday 28th October
Sketchbook Circle at BNS	Thursday 31st October
NSPCC workshop for students	Friday 1st November
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 12th November
Skills London Day (years 10/11)	Friday 15th November

Miss Daly writes:

Group C are organising a Winter Sale on Wednesday 11th December and the money will go to a Deaf school in Nepal called Sri Jana. Kathryn McCarthy, Assistant Head Teacher at Primary worked at this school in the summer holidays with two of our new teachers, Rose Oliver and Matt Williams.

The money raised will go directly to help these children and young people.

