



Blanche Nevile Secondary Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students,
Last week was anti-bullying week and we have been talking about what bullying means. It is important that we all have a shared understanding of this. The Department for Education (DfE) guidance is really clear and helpful and I wanted to take this opportunity to share it with you all:

**There is no legal definition of bullying.
However, it's usually defined as behaviour that is:**

- repeated
 - intended to hurt someone either physically or emotionally
 - often aimed at certain groups, for example because of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation
- It takes many forms and can include:

- physical assault
- teasing
- making threats
- name calling
- cyberbullying - bullying via mobile phone or online (for example email, social networks and instant messenger)

I would also like to reassure you that we are all vigilant in monitoring behaviour throughout the year! Please get in touch straight away should you ever have any concerns.

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Richard Walker (Deputy Headteacher)

I am sorry to let you know that Mr Walker is seriously unwell and is unlikely to return to school this half term.

I'm sure you join me in wishing him a speedy return to good health.

The students designed a beautiful card for him and I will update you further when we have better news.

Mr Demirci Writes:



What a fantastic day out! We competed in a bowling competition against other deaf schools. It was a great opportunity for our children to socialise with other deaf young people. We would like to thank Panathlon for organising this and I know that the children would all love to go again next year.

Miss Christian & Miss Smith write:

BNS Student Council November 2019



In the Student Council meeting last week, we were joined by some very special guests.

BNS Alumni Mr Demirci, Mr Er and Ms Neeves-Pinto met with the Student Council and described their memories of BNS in the past.

They reflected on their time at BNS and highlighted the outstanding opportunities and environment that today's students learn in at the school.

We look forward to the Student Council reporting back with their thoughts in the next newsletter.

Miss Rees writes:

Several members of our Student Council together with other students spoke to one of our many visitors this week and did our school proud! Thank you all.

Mrs Christian writes:

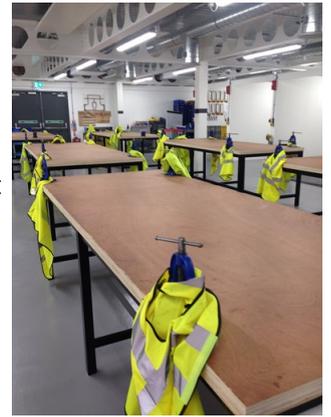


BNS Inktober Sketchbook Circle 2019

Blanche Nevile School Primary and Secondary students and staff all worked together on 31.10.19 to create the wonderful works of art that you see in the photographs below. The event was coordinated by the TEAM9 students who were by inspired by artist Anna O’ Neil’s alphabetical illustrations (<https://www.boxroompress.co.uk/projects-and-ideas>) and by ‘Inktober’ practical skills (<https://www.mrjakeparker.com/>). The aim was to continue the BNS Sketchbook Circle shared between Primary and Secondary departments that had begun earlier in the year. Everyone attending on 31.10.19 contributed inked artwork to the shared sketchbooks and enjoyed a creative, collaborative and overall fun afternoon. Well done to everyone who organised, helped and participated.

Miss Daly writes:

As part of my work, I help Year 11 students to visit different colleges. Zac went to see the Deaf Unit and Construction Department at Harrow Weald Campus recently..Here is a photo of the new plumbing workshop:



Mr Hooper writes:

I am so pleased that 14 students passed either Unit 102 or Unit 104 of their NBSL level exam this month. More exams to look forward to next month!

Miss Daly writes: Skills London 2019 @ EXCEL Centre

On Friday 15th November all Years 10 and 11 students went to this event in East London. It is an opportunity to collect information about careers, colleges and universities. Students get an opportunity to try out lots of activities. Michel and Sabawoon were with me and they experienced a 3D flight simulator with the Royal Air Force, 3D virtual reality with Lloyds Bank, touched a real corn snake from Capel Manor College, handled confiscated items including a dried crocodile and polar bear skin at the Border Control stall, tried their hands at a computer game to use a JCB truck, touched an animated crow used in theatre productions as well as sit on a police motorbike and go in an ambulance. Whew that’s a lot!!!



Miss Daly writes: Roselina and BBC Sounds

We are all really excited that Roselina (Year 7) has been chosen to work with the BBC on a radio story. She was chosen out of 40 other young deaf women. All this reading and speaking will really help to make her English even better. We are so proud of her and will let you know how it all goes. Filming starts at the end of November.

Important Dates

27/11/19	Group C are holding a winter sale for pupils and staff in aid of Deaf Children in Nepal
02/12/19	Group D trip to Live Yoga
06/12/19	Year 11 G CCSE Art and GCSE Textiles Workshop
06/12/19	Humanities Trip to The Tower of London
09/12/19	Year 7 and Group D to Kingsbury primary School for Christmas outdoor learning challenge
11/12/19	Fortismere School Christmas Matinee Performance for students
13/12/19	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation)
17/12/19	End of Term
06/01/20	Staff Inset Day
07/01/20	Students Return to School