



Blanche Nevile Secondary Newsletter

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Dear parents, staff and students,

Recently, I was asked, 'what are Blanche Nevile's unique selling points (USPs)?' In many ways this was easy to answer:

1. We are a bilingual school providing excellent models of British Sign Language and spoken English
2. We offer the best of both worlds including specialist teaching and meaningful mainstream inclusion
3. We provide continuity from Early Years through to Key Stage 4

Then I stopped to think and realised that our most important USP is the impact that we have on our pupils enabling them to become confident in both Deaf and hearing communities.

Thank you to all of you for the vital role you play in helping to make this happen.

Next year, we celebrate Blanche Nevile School's 125th Anniversary and I look forward to sharing our plans with you in January's newsletter.

Finally, may I wish you all a peaceful holiday with family and friends and every good health and happiness for 2020.



Miss Beavis writes:

Years 7/8 Humanities pupils had an awesome trip to the Tower of London. We participated in a special workshop all

about Ann Boleyn, King Henry VIII and the Tudors.

It was a wonderful (and windy!) day out!

Years 10/11 Humanities pupils have been busy too. After studying "People and Protest" this term we organised our very own **Fridays for Future** climate strike protest a few weeks ago in Muswell Hill.



Miss Beavis writes:



On Friday 13th December, staff and students dressed in Christmas jumpers and raised money for the charity. This year we had a focus on homemade jumpers. Khadija won the student prize and Ms Bissell the staff prize. We raised and a fun and festive day was had by all!



Miss Willis and Ms Daly write:



On Monday 9th December Group D and Year 7 went to visit Kingsbury Green Primary School Total Communication Unit. They had also invited other Primary and Secondary schools with Deaf Units.

We had a nature art competition, an orienteering race, and a Christmas card activity. After lunch the pupils performed a signed song for us and we all joined in. The afternoon was finished off with fruit, mince pies and prizes. We all had a lovely time and some pupils from the school are already thinking of coming to us in Year 7!

Miss Antoniewicz and Ms Beavis write:

Well done to all Year 7s for making a fantastic start to the year.

It's been a huge adjustment for you but you have all settled in well, worked really hard and your behaviour has been excellent.

It's a pleasure to be your Form Tutors.

Have a lovely holiday.

Ms William and Mr Demrici write:



On Monday 2nd of December 2019 Group D represented Blanche Nevile Yoga in a Live Yoga Session run by Special Yoga Ltd. Teachers from all over the country were invited to attend to learn how to teach specialised yoga properly. Kathryn Jackman our Special Yoga teacher said our students were amazing!

The Year 11 Team writes:

Year 8 had a fantastic start to the year by collecting over £100 for the charity Jeans for Genes Day. Well done! There have also been new additions to the class, we have welcomed both Etido and Tavvy to Year 8 since September. Zahid has proudly joined the BNS Student Council this year as a representative for Year 8. Some of the year 8 students have been busy creating some stunning work in Ms Daly's Textiles class and others have been involved in making a beautiful mural of 'BirdFish' inspired by the artist MC Escher.



All the students feel very proud of their achievements and the Tutor Team feel extremely proud of them.
Year 8 Tutor Team – Ms Worthington, Mrs Christian, Ms Watson and Ms McNally.

Ms Doobeh writes:

Yr 10s have done really well their first term, growing fast in maturity as they take on the challenge of the KS4 curriculum! They've had the opportunity to visit a media studio with myself and saw how they did the 'in-vision signer' behind the scenes. They also attempted to do it themselves and it was no easy feat - however, some were inspired and are now contemplating this as a career pathway!

The Year 11 team writes:

All Year 11 students have been practising interview skills with the Speech and language team. They are now busy filling in application forms and some have already had interviews. Zak and Shimon have already been given unconditional offers for places at Harrow College. The students all have beautifully organised Progress Files. The NDCS visited and explained clearly how Personal Independence Payments works when students are 16 years old. The NDCS also chose us to be a focus group for a new Careers film they've made. Year 10 students were also involved in this. Well done Zak, Shimon, Aodhan and Mekhi.



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Mr Gathani Ms Daly Mr Er and Mrs Thompson

Ms Daly writes:

Group C organised a Winter Sale as part of their Life Skills course.

They were responsible for collecting, pricing, displaying and advertising the sale. We invited Years 5 and 6 from Primary to come and buy some bargains. It is a great way to re use and recycle things. Group C also sold plants and bulbs with pots they decorated themselves.

We raised £211 which will be sent to Sri Jana Deaf School in Nepal to help the children with essential bedding for their residential school. Well done Group C and thank you all for your support.

Important Dates

Miss Daly writes:



Roselina has just finished six days of recording for this BBC production which will be broadcast in March 2020. She worked long days alongside many professional actors from EastEnders, Doctors and Call the Midwife fame. We are extremely proud of her!

19/12/19	End of Term
06/01/20	Staff Inset Day
07/01/20	Students Return to School
24/01/20	NDCS Careers' Roadshow