



## Blanche Nevile Secondary Newsletter

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Dear parents, staff and students,

This is an exciting year for our school as we celebrate our **125th Anniversary**. I am in awe of the vision, determination and 'can do' approach of our founder. These qualities continue to inform our current vision which is 'To provide the best bi-lingual education for deaf children by becoming an outstanding school that is recognised as a leader in Deaf education'. Thank you for all that you do to help us to achieve this.

Pupils at Primary and Secondary paid homage to **Miss Blanche Nevile** on the 14th January and on the 14th February we will come together to enjoy an afternoon of various activities such as designing a new logo for the school.

Thank you to the **Friends of Blanche Nevile** for their fundraising efforts. Our Chair of Governors will be running in the **London Marathon** for us on 26th April. You can find out how to sponsor her on our website and Facebook page. Alison is also encouraging us all to take part in the **Marathon in a Month Challenge** during February. A group of us at Secondary are doing this together. My contribution is to walk five miles. I'm off to the Lake District at half term so I might even manage the full marathon!

At the beginning of term we learned that our over-the-fence neighbours on Creighton Avenue have got planning permission to demolish the existing bungalow and build a block of flats. I am working closely with colleagues at Fortismere School and the Project Manager to minimise the impact of the build on our school community. Please get in touch if you would like any further information.

### BNS Student Council



### Mrs Christian writes:

#### News from the Student Council

Our Student Council has been thinking about our 125th anniversary and especially about our founder Miss Blanche Nevile. We wanted to say a most sincere 'thank you' to Miss Nevile for all that she did in starting the school and in persevering in her work for Deaf children and especially their education. To celebrate the opening day 14th January 1895, members of the Student Council joined Ms Daly in presenting a special assembly on 14th January 2020 to share why we are all so grateful to Miss Nevile.

### Ms Daly writes:

#### Blanche Nevile School 1895 - 2020

#### Happy Birthday!



Blanche Nevile was one of 13 children. On 14<sup>th</sup> January 1895 she started her own deaf school in Phillip Lane, Tottenham, when she was 23 years old.

The school started with just 8 deaf children. Her approach was an oral education. The school was so successful that she inspired lifelong friend Mary Hare to start her own school of the deaf.

Blanche Nevile took the children on many trips to Tottenham Hotspurs FC, Tower of London, London Zoo and Westminster. We continue to follow her example and plan many educational trips and visits every term.

Many male teachers from Blanche Nevile served during the Second World War and when the war ended the children got 10 minutes extra playtime to celebrate!

After the war, on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1946 the famous deaf/blind writer Helen Keller visited the school and students from Blanche Nevile gave money to help children blinded in the war. Our school continues to support various charities such as Jeans for Genes, Save the Children and the NDCS.

Many students left school and went to work in factories or domestic work. Two girls went to work at Liberty's in central London. Nowadays our students have more opportunities for work, college and university.

A huge change for the school happened in the summer of 1987, as British Sign Language was introduced. This was the beginning of the creation of our fully bilingual school.

#### Our Celebrations

We started our celebrations with an assembly about the history of our school. This was followed by some amazing messages from our students who value the provision of the school. We are enormously proud that 125 years on, our school continues to provide a unique and inspiring provision for Deaf students from across London.

**Please check our school website and newsletter regularly for updates and invitations.**

**Computing: Mr Gathani writes:** An App (short for 'application') is software which gives your smartphone, computer, laptop or tablet extra functions. As the technology advances, there are now all sorts of apps suitable for Deaf people for everything from leisure and entertainment to learning, work and daily communications. Apps can be downloaded from various app stores. If you're using a smartphone, you'll see that the app store you need is already installed on the phone:

- iPhones have the App Store
- Android phones have Google Play
- Windows Phones have the Windows Phone Store

Here are some useful Apps you might like to try. Let me know if you have any recommendations!



**Your Local Cinema:** can quickly and easily find which cinemas show the latest films with English -language subtitles / captions. It allows you to search by location or by movie, showing where and when your favourite subtitled films will be screened



**Tube map** has live service information, maps and journey planning options for the London Underground system. You can plan your journey anywhere using places, postcodes, points of interest and tube stations. Ideal for a day out sightseeing in London.

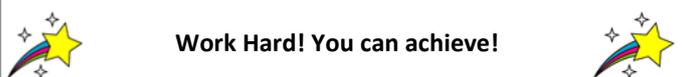


**Brainscape:** This app is designed to make learning and revision faster and more efficient. It works by letting you create flashcards for your chosen subject and then tests you. You and your friends or staffs can make your own and share them with other Brainscape users.

**Mrs Christian writes:**

The year 11, GCSE Textile Design and GCSE Art & Design students have received their official exam papers. They have each chosen a title and have begun working hard towards their individual exam projects. This year the students have chosen 'Animals', 'Concealment', and 'Out of the ordinary', all very exciting and creative!

The students will work on their exam projects from January to May and we will look forward to seeing their finished work in the annual BNS Year 11 Art and Design Exhibition in June.



**Miss Doobeh writes:**

The students did well in their mock exams and I can see that they've tried very hard. Well done to all. This term, Yr10 and 11 are learning about 'The World of Work' exploring in great detail about employment and how to write articulately and academically.

To improve vocabulary, students are always encouraged to read. The website below is a great place to find engaging texts mostly about current news. It is categorised in different levels (1 - 3) of difficulty. Pick a text that interests your child then pick a level. Read together and encourage them to explain what the text is about. The texts are very short and shouldn't take more than 15 minutes. Happy reading!

<https://www.newsinlevels.com/>

**Miss Worthington writes:**

**Personal & Social Development**

**Groups C&D**



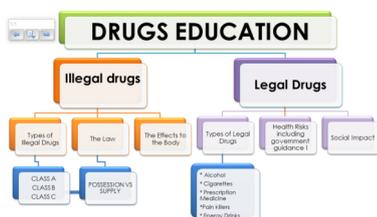
**Years 7 & 8**



**Year 9**



**Year 10 & 11**



**Important Dates**

24/01/20	NDCS Careers' Roadshow
29/01/20	GCSE Art & Textiles trip to London Galleries
06/02/20	Year 9 Immunisations
12/02/20	Year 9 Drama performance
14/02/20	Whole School Anniversary Activity Afternoon
17/02/20	Half Term
24/02/20	Return to School
24/02/20	Jo Howe (Artist) workshop