



Blanche Nevile Secondary Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers, staff and students,



We are so glad to be back at school properly.

The students have been absolutely brilliant - they have adapted so well to the safety measures we have put in place. Never have so many hands been washed so many times so often!

A huge thank you to Teresa and all the staff - Teachers, Communication Support Workers, Learning Support Assistants and our Admin Team for making sure that we were ready to welcome children back to BN Secondary safely in September.

I submitted my whole school risk assessment to the Local Authority and our Governing Body and was pleased that no further actions were required.

We continue to be thorough in our management of risk and would ask for your help with two issues:

- Please keep your child at home if exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (continuous cough, high temperature, loss of sense of smell and/or taste)
- All students over 11 need to wear a face mask when on their way to and from school

I would also like to thank Alison (William and Harriet's mother) and the Vice Chair of our Governing Body for running the virtual marathon for us on one of the wettest and coldest days this year. Alison - that was very, very impressive! Thanks to Alison's efforts and those of the Friends of Blanche Nevile, we have now raised a healthy £6,800.

Heulwen Rees Head Teacher
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Our BSL classes have returned!

<u>BSL Level 1</u>	<u>BSL Level 2</u>
When? Every Monday morning	When? Every Tuesday morning
Where? Zoom	Where? Zoom
Time? 9.45am-12.00pm	Time? 9.45am-12.00pm
Who? Richard Carter our BSL Tutor.	Who? Richard Carter our BSL Tutor.

If you would like to join these sessions please send an email to the address below:
primary@blancheneville.org.uk

Parents' Evenings

These will have to take place virtually this year because of the COVID-19 situation. We are working on the timetable and will be in touch after half term to make arrangements with you. Thank you for your patience.

Miss Donovan writes:



"I chose Halima Cassell as I am inspired by her work, I like her style because I find it interesting as it is linked to Islamic and Africa culture." **Khadija**

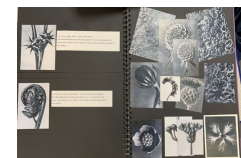
"Art is fanatics! The famous artist I am looking at is Georgia O'Keeffe. It makes me feel calm when I am drawing the beautiful purple flowers. I have painted the flowers, including taking photographs which I have glued into my book." **Asiya**



"I am learning about Chris G. Their biscuits artwork looks like wolf fur. When I first saw Chris Gryder work, I was really excited and attracted to his art work and wanted to know more." **Latia**



"I choose Karl Blossfeldt because I though he was really interesting, as his photography was fantastic. I am going to use his ideas in my work." **Faiza**



Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely it has been to have all the children back at our school. They have adjusted so well to the new 'norm'. I would also like to thank all the staff too as they have also had to readjust to new working arrangements.

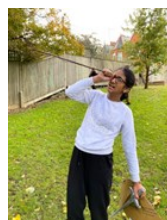
A big 'thank you' to Fortismere IT Staff and Mr Gathani, our computing lead, for working together to set up Google Classroom. Teachers are setting tasks on Google Classroom for children to complete over half term so that they get used to online learning. Fingers crossed we get to keep your children at school. Have a safe half term!

Teresa Willis (Acting Assistant Head Secondary)

Mrs Demirci writes :

October 14th 2020 marked the 954th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings.

Year 7 and 8 have been studying and re-enacting this event that changed the course of British history. We thought it was clever how the Normans tricked the Saxons into coming down from their strong position on the hill! We have also been looking at the evidence from the Battle, and thinking about how the winners usually get to tell their version of events.



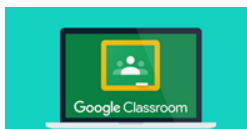
Mr Gathani writes:



Following our return to school after lockdown, pupils have been focusing on e-safety.

It's vital to keep up to date with e-safety, especially with the continuing Covid 19 pandemic.

Pupils have produced a 'cyberbullying' poster to increase awareness of this issue in school.



Currently, pupils are learning how to use and benefit from the online learning platform 'Google Classroom' in case of any future lockdown. They are engaging well and making good progress. We will be offering sessions for parents next half term

Miss Donovan & Mrs Christian write:

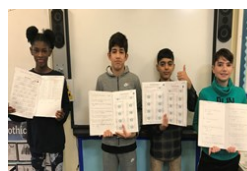


Along with Mr Pacquette, Mr Er and Ms Watson, our bubble group have been thoroughly enjoying warming up the day with a short exercise game during morning registration time.

Students have taken turns to devise an exercise move that everyone else has then followed. It is great fun and gets us all motivated and ready to learn for the day ahead.

Ms Antoniewicz writes:

Well done Year 8/9!



Year 8/9 have made an excellent start in Maths this term.

They have been learning about number, function machines, writing numbers and number bonds,

Maths Team Reminder

Please remember to encourage your child to use IXL regularly at <https://www.ixl.com>.

They should know their log in details. If not, just get in touch!

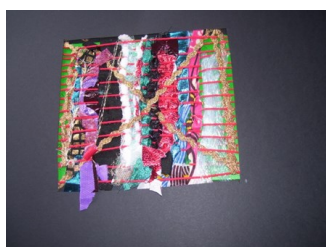


Ms Daly & Ms Doobeh write:

Year 11 have achieved a wide selection of Functional Skills exams and accreditation from Year 10. Well done to all of you for your achievements in English, Maths, Information and Communication Technology and Personal and Social Education!

Now the Year 11s are focused on their next steps in all their exams and are planning for their post 16 options at college in September 2021.

Here is some GCSE Art and Design and Textiles Design work done by the students. The focus this term is their Project 2.



Important Dates

End of Autumn 1	Friday 23rd Oct 2020
HALF TERM	Monday 26th Oct 2020—Friday 30th Oct 2020
Start of Autumn 2	Monday 2nd Nov 2020
End of Autumn 2	Friday 18th Dec 2020
Christmas Holidays	Monday 21st Dec 2020—Friday 1st Jan 2021
Start of Spring 1	Monday 4th Jan 2021