

# Weekly Update

## Inspire Bristol 2014

Earlier this week a group of Year 8 students, Ellie Haines, Catrin Hale, Justine Budenis, Aswin Shibu, Martin Kiss, Ahmed Zakout and Matthew Ghosh went on a course at the Headquarters of Barclays (South-West).

There were two sessions – money management and presentation skills. In money management we learned how to plan a party for 120. In presentation skills we learned how to use body language to our advantage.

Over all it was a great day and we had lots of fun meeting the people from Barclays, especially Martin French, Managing Director.

Report from Ellie Haines



## Words from the Headteacher

I hope you've all had a restful break and are finally enjoying a little respite in the weather. During the February break Bristol Free School ran its first overseas trip, to the Italian ski resort of Claviere. It was very successful and our students left an extremely positive impression on everyone they met, from our ski instructors to our coach drivers. These students have set the bar high in terms of expectations for all future trips, so thank you and well done. The trip was organised by Miss Furness-Smith and before her tragic death last year she was looking forward to leading the trip. Below are extracts of a letter I wrote to Miss Furness-Smith's parents following the trip and these serve to remind us of what a loss Miss Furness-Smith (Buffy) is to the School and of her legacy to the students and staff who were able to go on the skiing trip.

"...Buffy arranged for 44 students along with 7 staff to visit the Milky Way resort of Claviere. All students and staff had a wonderful time and this is in no small part to your daughter's enthusiasm and expert organisational skills to make the trip happen. The ski trip was Bristol Free School's first foray overseas and our students were fine ambassadors of the school. We paid tribute to Buffy on the trip by taking a photo of her with us which I hope you can see in the centre of the photograph, I then took the photo of Buffy to the top of red route 93 (a favourite amongst the staff that week) and left her at the top of the mountain.

When I interviewed Buffy for her job at Bristol Free School we talked about a skiing trip. I said that if she was successful in gaining the post at BFS then she'd have a very short turn around to organise and fill a ski trip. I asked her if she could do it, she looked me in the eye and with a wry smile said yes. I'm not sure who held whom to this promise but we met regularly from then on and several months later I have returned from another ski trip but this one is certainly my most satisfying; one full of, and fuelled by emotion.

It will always be a deep regret that I, together with the staff and students at Bristol Free School did not have more time with Buffy. She made an immediate impact on us all and I am certain that she would have become a fine leader in any school or organisation. Her passion for the outdoors was worn on her sleeve and I spent a fun afternoon with her building our climbing wall before she had to rush off to meet up with friends.

As Headteacher of Bristol Free School I will always be proud of the fact that I appointed Buffy to the School and sad that I did not have longer to see her grow in to a leader of the future..."

**Richard Clutterbuck**

**Bugsy Malone**

Rehearsals for the whole school musical "Bugsy Malone" are running again this term on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Students need to check the rehearsal schedule in the Sports Hall window to see if they are required for the Wednesday practice. All cast members are needed on Fridays. Please note the important all day rehearsal on Saturday 10 May for all cast.

Tickets for the show will be on sale at the end of this term.

We need your help to make this a complete success so please donate 1920's style clothing and accessories (dresses, hats, shoes, jewellery, jackets, trousers etc) which can be re-cycled to produce costumes for our actors. All donations are to be taken to the School's Reception.

**World Book Day**

Thursday 6 March is World Book Day. As part of our exciting celebration of the magic of books and reading, students are able to come to School dressed as their favourite literary character. Dig out that magician's cloak from the loft or find some sackcloth and come dressed as a Dickensian urchin! As in previous years, students will donate £1 to Book Aid International which supports literacy in developing countries. Last year we raised a significant amount and this year we hope to raise even more.

We will also be holding a charity book sale to raise money for Book Aid International, so if you have any unwanted books looking for a new home please bring them in and give them to Miss Hogg.

For more information about World Book Day, please visit [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

- Join a team
- Help on the bar

See separate flyer

**Maths Challenge**

Five of our Year 9 students have been awarded certificates by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust for their performance in the Intermediate Maths Challenge which took place earlier this month. They were competing against other students from Years 9 to 11 from across the UK, using their mathematical problem solving skills together with lateral thinking. Portia Neville has been awarded a silver certificate, together with a certificate for the best in school. Celeste Silcox, Patrik Fugedi, Daniyal Tariq and Jeevan Jacob have been awarded bronze certificates. Congratulations to all students who participated.



**Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 3 March**

**Monday:**

**3.00 – 4.00:** 6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Stephen Beggs, structural engineer

**4.00 – 5.00:** Latin for Beginners

**Tuesday:**

- Band Academy
- Bristol Fantasy Stock Exchange
- Girls' cricket
- Dance Club (Y9)
- Duke of Edinburgh (Y9)
- Boys' Football (Y7 & Y8)
- Textiles Club

**Wednesday:**

- "Bugsy" rehearsals
- Chess Club
- Enterprise (6<sup>o</sup> of Stationery)
- Italian Club
- Orchestra
- Reading Group (Y7 & Y8)
- Science Club (Y8 & Y9)

**Thursday:**

- Art Club
- Choir
- Creative Writing
- Eco-club
- Food Lab
- Girls' football
- Boys' football (Y9)
- Model United Nations

**Friday:**

"Bugsy" rehearsals

Homework Club will run every day except Friday.

**Term 4 –Key Dates**

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<b>March</b>	
Monday 3	Y7 netball vs Red Maids' (home)
Thursday 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Book Day</li> <li>• Y7 &amp; Y8 boys' football vs St Bede's (away)</li> <li>• U14 girls' football tournament at Oasis Brightstowe</li> </ul>
Friday 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary School Sports Festival</li> <li>• Y9 disco, 6.30 – 8.30</li> </ul>
Monday 10	6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Griff Holland (Friska Food)
Wednesday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y7 &amp; Y8 boys' football vs Oasis (away)</li> <li>• U14 girls' football tournament at Clifton College (Abbots Leigh)</li> </ul>
Thursday 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y9 boys' football vs Oasis Brightstowe (home at Coombe Dingle)</li> <li>• The Big Bang Fair at NEC, Birmingham</li> </ul>
Friday 14	FoBFS quiz evening
<b>April</b>	
Friday 4	End of term 4: 3.00 pm

For further dates see the calendar at <[www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk](http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk)>