



# Weekly Update

## Message from the Headteacher

This week we have opened our school gates and welcomed the prospective families of Year 5 and Year 6 for our annual open day and evening. Both events were extremely well attended. I would like to thank the 170 student volunteers, including our sixth formers, who acted as guides and subject ambassadors on Wednesday. BFS sparkled and the pride that both students and staff showed in the school was wonderful.

I also want to thank our language department, who organised a range of activities and competitions to celebrate the European day of languages. At break and lunchtimes Year 7s enjoyed interviewing staff, to find out which language they were linked to as part of a treasure hunt. The international Bake Off competition resulted in a colourful display of cakes and bakes from across all age ranges.

This week we have introduced a 5-minute warning bell, to ensure all lessons can begin promptly. Punctuality is very important and something we expect of all our students. We ask you to remind your child to arrive in the morning by 8:25am, so they have plenty of time to walk to their classroom for an 8:30am start.

I thank you for your continued support.

*Mrs S King  
Headteacher*

## European Day of Languages

BFS celebrated European Day of Languages (26 September) in style this year with a plethora of activities which excited and set a buzz across the school.

We had over 40 entries for the first EDoL BFS Bake Off and judging was done by a mystery guest – who caused quite a stir in the staff room.

Charlotte (8TG7) claimed the coveted prize of BFS Star Baker 2018 with her creative and intricate suitcase cake. Sophie (7TG6) was 1<sup>st</sup> runner up with her Flamenco Dancer madeira sponge and butter-cream fondant cake.

Year 7s were very busy on their linguistic treasure hunt encouraging staff to participate and speak in over 30 different languages!



All students started each lesson with a linguistically enlightening activity, assemblies raised students' language aspirations and tutor sessions engaged students in the diversity within spoken British English.

The themes continued into our Open Evening where staff, students, parents and siblings were invited to have a croissant at our International café and to take a Selfie at our MFL Selfie Booth.

What a fantastic day was had by all at BFS on European Day of Languages 2018.

*Miss Ryan*



### Clubs for Term 1 and 2

Please visit this link <https://goo.gl/YR3qcb> for details of the clubs running until Christmas.

The week commencing 1 October is **Red Week**.

### Homework Timetables and Student Planners

Over the course of this week your child should have discussed their homework timetable during tutor time and written it in their planner. You should have received a copy by email, and they are now all on the website at [www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/bristol-free-school---homework.php](http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/bristol-free-school---homework.php)

Please get into the habit of checking your child's planner weekly, and signing to say you have done so.

### Attendance Matters

If your child is going to be absent from school, please make sure that you let us know in advance for emergency medical appointments. Non-emergent appointments should be after school where possible. Absences due to ill health on the day should be reported before 8:30am, ideally using the Studybugs App or website: <https://studybugs.com/>

We recommend that you use the App which is easily downloadable for both Apple and Android devices. If a student is absent and we have not received notification, then you will receive an automated text or phone call from Truancy Call.

### Book Fair

The Book Fair has been a wonderful success story, with many students finding new gems to add to their book collection.

We have seen particular interest from our younger pupils, with many Year 7s and 8s coming in to browse and purchase. Collectively the students have bought over £300 worth of books and stationery, earning the school £150 worth of vouchers!

As this is the first Book Fair we have hosted, this is an encouraging figure and a great reflection of how keen our students are to further their reading pleasure.

We would like to send a big thank you to all our parents/carers who have supported their children with this event, This, in turn, will support the school to make additional purchases for the LRC which every child can enjoy.

### FoBFS news

The Friends of Bristol Free School **AGM is to be held on Tuesday 16 October at 7pm in the Sixth Form Common Room**. We are pleased to say that Mrs King and Ms Huzzey will be attending.

We will be reviewing last year, discussing this coming year and voting in our members. It would be great to see as many people as possible and to hear people's ideas on how we can support and raise money for the school.

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding another **Fish and Chips Quiz Night**. Last year's was highly entertaining and much fun.

Please save the date: **Friday 23 November**.



**Sports Report**

On Wednesday, the Year 11 netball team attended the North Bristol Netball Festival at Clifton College Sports Ground, finishing a very respectable 2nd place out of 7.

The team, made up of Captain Tasha, Elisa, Alice, Flo, Coco, Millie, Emily and Evie (both in Year 10), played amazingly well over their 7 games, winning 5 out of 7 comfortably.

They had a strong start against City Academy, winning 13-0, followed by another success 8-1 against Colston's Girls'. Their next two games were their toughest yet, and BFS were narrowly defeated by St Bede's, finishing 5-6, and Redland Green, 4-9. However the girls were able to lift their spirits and finish triumphantly beating Henbury 13-0, Cotham 15-0 and Colston's Girls' 2s by 9-1.

A fantastic total of 67 goals were scored throughout the tournament by Coco, Alice, Emily and Tasha. There were nominations for Flo, Coco and Tasha by the other teams for player of the match. Well done girls, you did yourselves and BFS proud!

*Miss Hammond*

**Year 10 and 11 Curriculum Information Evening**

On Thursday 11 October we will be hosting both the Year 10 and Year 11 Curriculum Information Evening for parents.

This is a change in the date for the Year 10 evening.

The evening will allow for parents to speak with some of the Subject Leaders with any specific questions, as well as providing a lot of useful information about these vital two years.

Further information will be sent to parents next week.



Events in the next fortnight	
01/10/2018	
02/10/2018	Year 8 Boys Rugby vs Oasis Brightstowe, away at OAB. Community Involvement Project out visiting 1:30pm - 3:15pm
03/10/2018	Y10 Girls Netball Festival, at Colston's Off the Record Pop Up Shop, 12:40 - 1:20pm
04/10/2018	Y10 Boys Rugby vs RGS, at Kellaway Avenue Y7,8&9 Girls Netball vs St Bede's, home
05/10/2018	Y7 Activity Evening (Year 7 TG4-7) FoBFS BBQ
06/10/2018	
07/10/2018	
08/10/2018	
09/10/2018	Y9 Boys Rugby vs Oasis Brightstowe, away at OAB. Community Involvement Project out visiting 1:30pm - 3:15pm
10/10/2018	Y9 Girls Netball Festival, at Colston's Y10 Boys Rugby vs Oasis Brightstowe, away at OAB
11/10/2018	Y9 Boys Rugby vs St Mary Redcliffe, away at Old Reds RFC Year 10 and 11 Curriculum Information Evening, 6pm

**Student Photos**

The photos taken at the start of term by NextGen are now available for parents to purchase. Proof cards were given to students during tutor time this week.

The deadline for orders is 18 October. Parents can either order online or hand in order form to main reception no later than 18 October.