

Bumper edition due to the snow!



The BFS staff are a dedicated and committed team, none more so than Mr Ashley, our caretaker. On Friday 1 February, also known as 'snow day', he arrived at 1:30am to start trying to clear the site. Unfortunately, his efforts were in vain, but he was able to take some lovely wintry photos of the site as the light returned...





Weekly Update

Message from the Headteacher

The snowy weather feels like a distant memory so we thought we would share some photos of the site last Friday. Mr Mitchell wins the prize for the most creative snow-day homework which he set his Year 8 science class. Poppy's photographs of a melting snowman are just wonderful!

It was lovely to meet so many parents at the Headteacher's surgery last night. I am very grateful for the positive support and the constructive feedback. I would like to thank my PA, Ms Holyoake, who does a fantastic job organising the appointments and supporting me.

The Sixth Form interviews are almost complete and we have received a record number of applications this year which is very positive. Year 11 now need to be thinking about revising for their mock 2 exams and completing their practical assignments in their option subjects. I have asked all subject teachers to set revision tasks on SMHW for over the half term break. We will also have a few half term revisions sessions on offer, and details will follow next week.

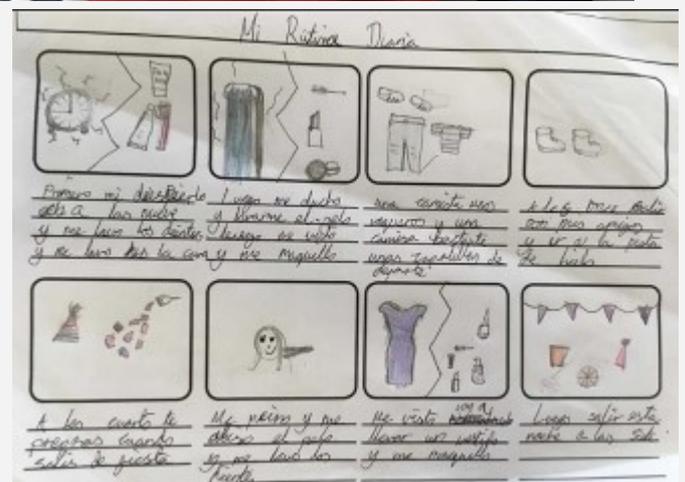
Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs S King
Headteacher*

This week in MFL

The last couple of weeks have been busy in languages! A Level French and Spanish students (pictured right) have begun their film study of 'La Haine' and 'Volver' and are thoroughly enjoying the analysis of dark and contemporary themes and concepts in these two fantastic examples of French and Spanish cinema.

Years 7, 8 and 9 have been preparing for their end of term assessments by creating really imaginative and fun comic strips to show off their new vocabulary in describing their daily routine! Our walls are certainly glad of their great range of colour and language.



This cohort of Year 7s are the first to do both French and Spanish in Year 7 and it is so fantastic to see them thriving in both languages! Their work is very encouraging and we hope that many will take both languages at GCSE.

Miss Ryan

Sport Report

The U16 girls' football team played Orchard School on Tuesday, beating them 5-2 with only nine players compared to their 11-a-side team.

Two goals were scored by Martha and three goals scored by Pip in what was a tough game of football. Special mentions to Lucy and Charlotte in Year 9, who are playing in the above age category, and made an exceptional contribution to the game. Lucy (an U14 player) was even awarded player of the match!

Well done girls!

Miss Hammond



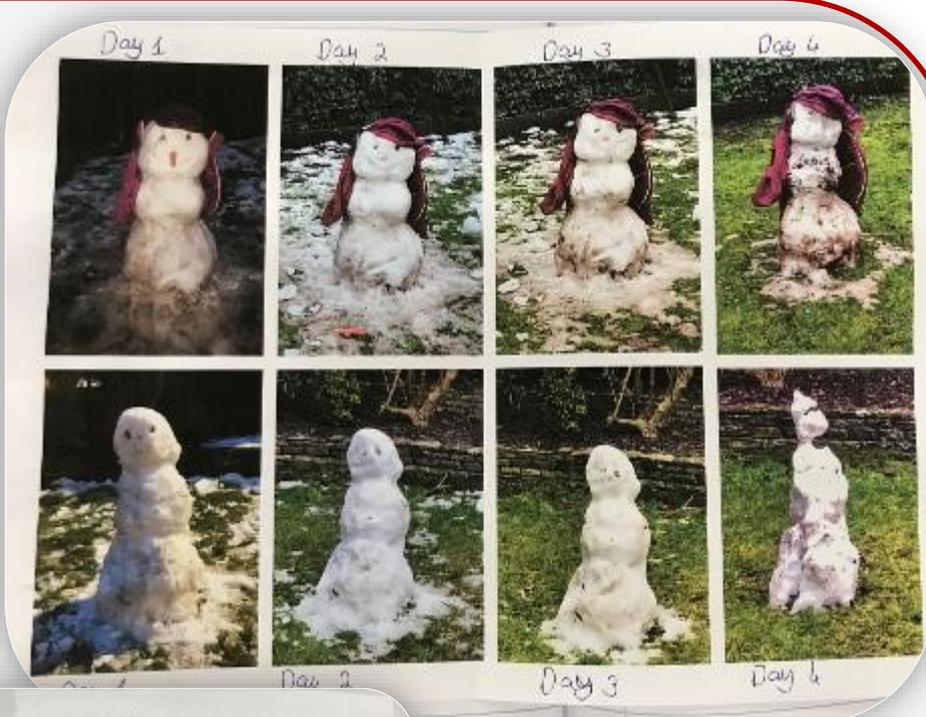
Snow homework!

8TG3 have been learning all about heat transfers and what a better use of a snow day than to carry out their very own investigation into radiation?!

Here is the pick of some brilliant work by Poppy B!

Well done 8TG3.

Mr Mitchell



Answer: The snowman without the coat melted faster.

Explanation: The heat from the sun is transferred, this is also known as radiation. The coat isn't a good conductor, instead it actually acts as an insulator. Therefore the heat doesn't travel through the snowman. But with the snowman without the coat there is no insulator so the heat goes straight to the snowman and melts it. The coat also allows the cold to stay in and the heat to stay out leaving the snowman a solid.

Clubs for Term 3 and 4

Please [click here](#) for details of the clubs running until the Easter break.

The week commencing 11 February is **Red Week**.

A plea from Art!

The following items would be very useful to the Art department—deliveries can be made to Reception.

- Newspapers (always!)
- Clean jam jars with lids of any size
- Clean yoghurt pots (of all sizes - happy to have the giant bucket type pots too)
- Clean takeaway tubs/smaller ice cream tubs with lids if possible.

LRC News

The shelves of the LRC are looking a little bare of late, and whilst this is a clear sign that our students are engaging in the 'Reading for Pleasure' initiative, it would be great if we could have some of the longer-term loans returned so others can enjoy them.

We are, therefore, asking parents, carers and students to have a quick scout around the house for any reading material they have borrowed and finished with. You can identify a BFS book in several ways;

- It may have a plastic jacket
- It will have a bar code and date stamp sheet inside the front cover
- It will have a Bristol Free School stamp on the first page.

Please help us to continue to inspire your children with new reading ideas and enable them to expand on their literature choices by checking the bookcase, under the beds or any other possible areas at home, for any books that should be back on our shelves.

Year 11 History Revision trip

59 Year 11 students took part in the School History Revision scene trip yesterday. First up was a revision-busting workshop which gave them direct feedback from the examiners as to how best to approach each type of question. They were then treated to a theatrical treat in the form of 'a light-hearted look at the history of medicine through time', where each character was brought to life by actors. The 'explosion' re-creating the bombing in WW2 certainly added to the experience.

Following a well-earned lunch break, further revision and exam technique ensued, only this time the focus being Paper 3; Weimar and Nazi Germany. It was a real pleasure to see the students working hard and accurately grading exam papers. Up next, we saw that most infamous of leaders, Adolf Hitler, face trial for crimes against world peace. This was in the format of a court-room scene with actors portraying key characters in both Weimar and Nazi Germany.

BFS overwhelmingly voted that Hitler was most certainly guilty of crimes against world peace, but as we waited for Hitler to be taken to prison, he was shot dead right in front of us!

'Historically', the trip has been of great value to our Year 11s and I am confident that the students who attended yesterday will feel the same.

Special thanks to Mrs Giblin, Miss Ryan, Miss Gould and Mr Stone who accompanied us.



Mr MacBlain

GCSE Music Performances

Over the last 2 weeks our KS4 students have been doing assessed performances as part of their Music GCSE studies.

Year 11 students performed ensemble pieces in bands playing everything from Adele, to Black Sabbath!

Our Year 10 GCSE performances included some very high level violin, viola, piano, guitar, oboe, flute and clarinet pieces, and our Music Practitioners group gave some wonderful ensemble and solo performances including emotional ballads, acoustic anthems and jazz standards.

Well done to all students for playing brilliantly and supporting each other with your performances!

Mr Pate

Catering Update—Sixth Form Cafe



Sixth Form Café customers can purchase a re-usable cup for their hot drinks.

These cost £5.00 to buy, you get your first drink free and then enjoy 10p discount on every drink purchased when using your cup.

To make this an even better deal, we have a Hot Drinks Loyalty Card—collect 9 stamps and get your 10th drink for free!



We also have a couple of great value meal deals in the Sixth Form Café:

- For £4 - Mezze or Sushi box + Fruit Pot + Diet Can or Water
- For £3 – Pizza Hot Wrap or Salad Shaker Pot + Fruit Pot and Still or Sparkling Water

FoBFS Update

Unfortunately, due to site restrictions, the planned FoBFS Supernova event is on hold.

We will update you on this and other FoBFS events through the newsletter.

Changes to the A4018

Bristol City Council is proposing changes to improve the A4018. One of their aims is to invest in public transport to keep the road flowing to support local residents, businesses and tackle the increase in demand on the road due to housing development on the former Filton Airfield site. The other aim is to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly for students attending schools in the local area.

The consultation will be going live next Monday, where local residents and organisations are invited to comment on the proposals.

You can make your comments on the online hub here: www.bristol.gov.uk/a4018improvements

They are also holding several drop-in sessions to discuss the proposals at Westbury and Henbury libraries:

Saturday 9 February 11:15am – 3:45pm
Westbury Library, Falcondale Road, Westbury, BS9 3JZ

Monday 11 February 2:15pm – 6:45pm
Westbury Library, Falcondale Road, Westbury, BS9 3JZ

Saturday 23 February 11:15am-3:45pm
Henbury Library, Crow Lane, Henbury, BS10 7DR

Wednesday 27 February 2:15pm-6:45pm
Henbury Library, Crow Lane, Henbury, BS10 7DR

Monday 4 March 2:15pm-6:45pm
Westbury Library, Falcondale Road, Westbury, BS9 3JZ

Events in the next fortnight

11/02/2019	Flying Start Competition, Aerospace Museum
	French Speaking Mocks
12/02/2019	GCSE Food practical exam
	Girls' Netball: Y8 Bristol Schools' Final vs St Bernadette's, away
	Boys' Football: Y7 Red vs St Bede's, away
13/02/2019	GCSE Food practical exam
	Sixth Form Interviews (3-5pm)
	Year 8 Subject Evening; 4:30pm - 7pm
14/02/2019	Spanish Speaking Mocks
	Girls' Football: U14 vs Cathedral, home
	DofE Bronze information evening, 4:30pm
15/02/2019	Spanish Speaking Mocks
	Sixth Form Bursary Application Deadline
16/02/2019	<i>Hollow Trees</i> (Folk Band) performance at Southmead Library, 3-4pm
17/02/2019	
Half Term—18-22 February	
23/02/2019	
24/02/2019	
25/02/2019	Sixth Form Application Deadline
	Y11 & 13 Mocks
	Year 10 Rugby 7s, 2pm kick off @ Colston's Collegiate
26/02/2019	Y11 & 13 Mocks
	Girls' Football: U16 vs St Bede's, away
27/02/2019	Y11 & 13 Mocks
	Boys' Football: Y10 & Y11 vs St Bede's, away
	Girls' Football: U14 vs Oasis Brightstowe, away
28/02/2019	Y11 & 13 Mocks
	Boys' Football: Y8, Y9 and Y7 Blue vs St Bede's, away
	FBP & SD Governors Committee Meeting
01/03/2019	Y11 & 13 Mocks
02/03/2019	
03/03/2019	

Kids Cook Up & Dig In Day

February Half Term

Just £5
a family!

Join us for a family day of
cooking and seed sowing with
Real Economy Southmead

Friday 22nd February

10 - 11am : cooking session

11 - 12 am : sowing seeds
in our polytunnel

12 - 1 pm : lunch time!

At Southmead Community Centre,
Greystoke Avenue

Limited spaces! Ages 5+

To register your place or for more information contact
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