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Oasis Academy Brightstowe

Newsletter - Term 2



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Welcome to #TeamBRIGHTstowe's latest newsletter.

This has been a memorable term for all of us.

One reason for this has been the continuing impact of COVID-19 on our community. Although this has been incredibly difficult for everyone, it has also shown BRIGHTstowe at its best, with huge amounts of support from parents and carers, as well as wonderful organisations such as our Oasis North Bristol Hub youth and community team.

Another reason is that – despite the many challenges of the pandemic – our students have continued to achieve wonderful things, in lessons and beyond. The articles in this newsletter are testament to their bravery and kindness.

Our students genuinely shine **BRIGHT** every day.

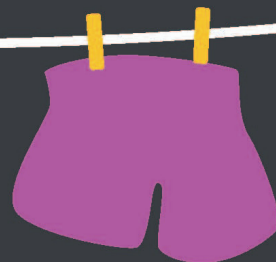
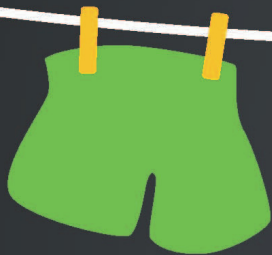
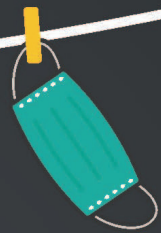
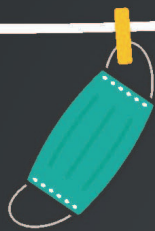
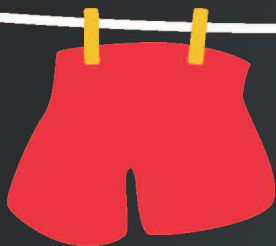
Happy reading!

Alan Dane
Principal



Exceptional Education at the Heart of the Community

TREAT YOUR MASK LIKE UNDERWEAR!



**DO NOT
SHARE IT**

**MAKE SURE
IT IS CLEAN**

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**DO NOT
BORROW OR
LEND IT**

**MAKE SURE IT
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NOT TOO TIGHT**

Outstanding!

Year 9 student **Stephen Finch** has been very busy this year raising funds for the Bristol Royal Hospital for Children's 'Grand Appeal'.

He has climbed the rigging of the SS Great Britain, braved the longest zip wire in Wales and paddle boarded in the Bristol harbourside. His efforts have raised nearly **£1400**. Stephen has requested that the money he has raised goes to family accommodation for those whose children are in hospital.

He is an inspiration and his achievements embody the school motto of **Be brave. Be kind. Shine bright.**



Thank you to Sanctuary Church for donating this beautiful Christmas tree for all of us to enjoy here. A special thanks to the BRIGHTstowe staff and the BAM caretakers for putting it up.



Oasis Horizons Project

The Oasis Horizons project gives every new and current pupil at BRIGHTstowe an iPad to use during their time at school. This project has come at a time when young people need digital literacy more than ever to help them succeed in work and life, as well as supporting us all with home and online learning during the global pandemic.

The fact that each pupil and staff member has the same device means that there is equal access for all, and learning together – at home and at school – is easier than ever. We also provide dongles for families who do not have access to the internet, so that connectivity is never an issue, and no child is left behind.

We are a pilot school for the Trust, which means we are at the forefront of the project, and we are proud that during our recent bubble isolation's we were able to provide a continuity of education for all our pupils through live lessons and assignments in Microsoft Teams.

These devices and this way of working is still new for all of us, and as we go into next term we will be providing an ongoing programme of training for pupils on using their iPad's effectively, and how to stay safe online through e-safety advice and the Safer Schools app on each iPad.



We are excited that blended learning will become a bigger part of our curriculum; iPads will be integrated into our classroom teaching more and more, and all home learning for pupils will move to their Microsoft Teams class from January. It will be important that pupils bring their iPad to school every day, fully charged and protected in a bag, so that they can take part in all our lessons successfully.

Oasis Horizons puts a world of knowledge, discovery and responsibility into the hands of every pupil. As they become more proficient in using the iPads, we hope our pupils will become as confident in their digital literacy as they are in their subject knowledge and skills. The independence and empowerment that comes from blended and online learning will ensure our pupils feel prepared and ready for their next steps in life, and that they leave us ready to 'shine bright' in their next stage of life.

Alison Eynon (Head of School)



Focus on Year 9

We were delighted to welcome Year 9 back to the academy after their fortnight of self-isolation and home learning. It is during Year 9 that our students establish the routines and behaviours for learning that they will need to be successful in their GCSEs.

While students were learning at home, the Year 9 team worked hard to make sure that our students returned to a positive learning environment in which they can be their best every day.

Attending school every day and behaving well in class are the keys to success in life and we are working with students to make sure that they learn these valuable life skills.



For the rest of this school year, we are focusing on showing respect for ourselves, other people and the community by following the BRIGHTstowe 3 golden rules.

These are:

1. We do as we are asked first time.
2. We contribute to discussion when invited.
3. We stay in our seat until we are asked to move.

Students are reminded of these rules every conversation and displayed in all of our classrooms. We have been proud of how well students have adopted these BRIGHTstowe behaviours.

Thank you for your support with making sure that your children follow our golden rules for success.

Claire Price (Year 9 Team)

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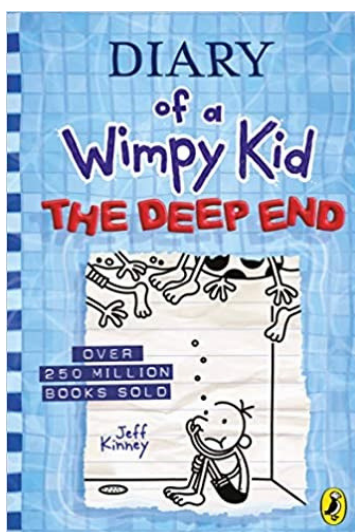
Make sure you visit the corridor library before we break up for the Christmas holidays! We're fully stocked with the best winter and festive reads – the perfect books to curl up with at this time of year.



Book of the Month

It's here! Jeff Kinney's 'The Diary of a Wimpy Kid' series is the most enduringly popular book series amongst BRIGHTstowe students and multiple copies of his newest book, 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Deep End' is now in the library.

This time, Greg Heffley and his family hit the road for a cross-country camping trip, ready for the adventure of a lifetime. But things take an unexpected turn, and they find themselves stranded at a campsite that is not exactly a summertime paradise...



Popular titles include:

- 'A Boy Called Christmas' and 'The Girl Who Saved Christmas' by **Matt Haig**
- 'Let it Snow' by **John Green**
- 'The Winter Horses' by **Philip Kerr**
- 'Winter Damage' by **Natasha Carthew**
- 'Prisoner of Ice and Snow' by **Ruth Lauren**
- 'Hetty Feather's Christmas' by **Jacqueline Wilson**

This Term's Library Stars

Shining bright this term is **Sam Curtis** in Year 10 who has made his way through all of Sherlock Holmes' short stories and is now on the second of Conan-Doyle's four novels in the canon, 'The Sign of Four'.

Dylan Dimambro in Year 10 has continued educating Mrs G-G in the world of manga – thanks to Dylan, the 'Toxic Blue' series is now available for all to borrow from the library.

Ryan Graves, also in Year 10, has been powering his way through the ever-popular 'Cherub' series by Robert Muchamore. This fast paced series is a perfect way to rediscover your love of reading and is pure escapism.

In Year 8, **Lottie King** is a regular visitor to the corridor library and one of Mrs G-G's favourite students to talk about books with – she's always open to reading something different and is one of a number of Year 8 students who have followed up last term's introductory library lesson on 'Novels in Verse' by reading a number of different titles in this genre.

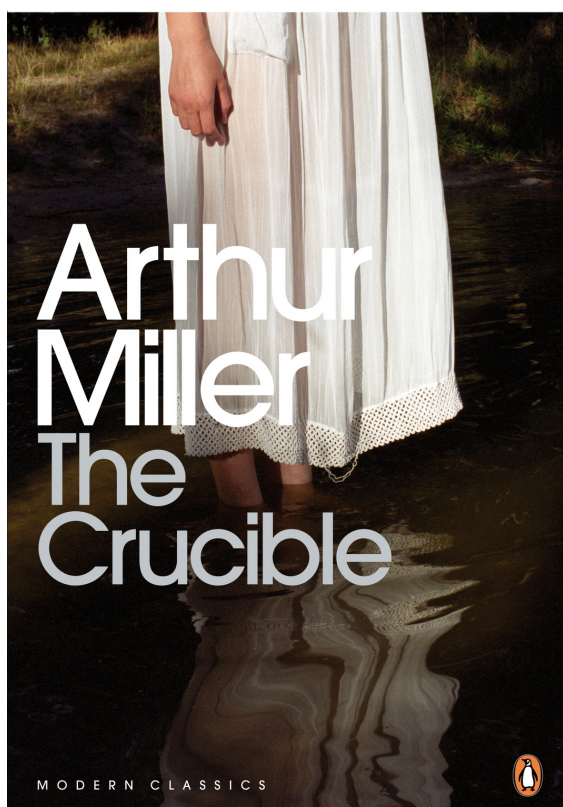
Our Star of Year 7 has to be **Patrick Gower** who is rarely found without a book in his hand! A fan of action and adventure, Patrick has discovered the high adrenaline world of Chris Ryan and Chris Bradford's addictive 'Bodyguard' series.

Library Update

What's been going on in the Classroom?

In this term's library lessons, Year 7 have been continuing their introduction to the library by looking closely at different fiction genres and even speed-dating with fiction books!

In year 8, we've looked at events that inspired Herman Melville's '**Moby Dick**' and we studied the **Salem Witch Trials of 1692** and their depiction in Arthur Milller's '**The Crucible**'. Some fantastic class discussions were had about different examples of McCarthyism in history and the reasons behind modern-day witch hunts.



iPads and Reading

We are delighted that all students have been issued an iPad! Our Accelerated Reader Programme for Year 7 and 8 students is due to start in the New Year and now all students will be able to quiz on their books as soon as they have read them!

Next term we'll also be introducing students to the school's online library catalogue where books can be reserved, renewed and reviewed. If you would like to use your iPad to read books online, there a number of websites offering free resources. For example,

www.barnesandnoble.com have a large number of free young adult e-books available. Don't forget that joining your local library gives you access to thousands of online e-books that can be borrowed for free!

The Bristol Teen Book Award

Please remember to let Mrs G-G know if you would like to be involved reading the books shortlisted for the Bristol Teen Book Award and to vote for the winner!

We'll be attending the award ceremony virtually in February where there will be workshops and a Q&A session with the shortlisted authors.

It's going to be a great event!



NEED SOME SUPPORT?



SPEAK TO SOMEONE

Speak to a loved one like a family member or friend. Or have a chat with your Head of Year, Assistant Head of Year, Tutor or any member of staff.



TALK TO MR CLAYTON

Visit Mr Clayton in The BrightZone between 3:10pm - 4:00pm on Mondays D1-3 (Y7-10).

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Useful Information

#TeamBRIGHTStowe Term and Inset Dates – 2020-2021

Term 1	Tuesday 1 September 2020 – Friday 23 October 2020
	Inset Days - Tuesday 1 September 2020 & Wednesday 2 September 2020
	Inset Day – Friday 16 October 2020

Term 2	Monday 2 November 2020 – Friday 18 December 2020
	Inset Day – Friday 20 November 2020

Term 3	Monday 4 January 2021 – Friday 12 February 2021
	Inset Days – Monday 4 January 2021 & Tuesday 5 January 2021

Term 4	Monday 22 February 2021 – Thursday 1 April 2021
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Term 5	Monday 19 April 2021 – Friday 28 May 2021
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Term 6	Monday 7 June – Wednesday 21 July 2021
	Inset Day – Monday 5 July 2021

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COMMUNITY



Change Makers

Sadie Fox, our youth and community engagement worker is working with students and parents, providing opportunities to develop projects which make a positive change. Our first Community Change Maker projects have started with Year 4 at Long Cross and Year 6 at Bank Leaze planting bulbs around the academy sites. Whilst doing so, they have been learning about the environment and why flowers and having a clean and tidy community can make a positive impact.

Our next community project is a buddy project with Blaise Weston Court and Kingsmead Lodge where students will have weekly video calls with residents, sharing work, reading stories and having conversations. The winter months can be a really lonely time especially during the current pandemic and we want to ensure we are still reaching out and making connection with others.

Enterprise Design Project

Throughout October and November we ran an enterprise design project through our community shop. Winners have been selected and will be announced on our social media pages in December. The winning designs will be used to create a range of products which will go on sale next year. Watch this space!



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