



Student success

Exemplary readers afternoon tea



At the start of the school year interested students were invited by the Literacy team to take on the challenge of reading 25 books by the end of the academic year.

However, just five months into the challenge, two students have gone above and beyond, reading over 100 books between them. To celebrate this fantastic effort, Anna, Year 9, Parks House and Osarin, Year 8, Frank House,

were invited to an afternoon tea with Headteacher, Mr Jefferies.

Mr Jefferies, said; "We place a lot of emphasis on literacy and reading for pleasure at Bournside so it was delightful to spend some time discussing favourite books with such avid readers". Read more [here](#).

Ted tackles trash



Year 7 student, Ted, Hawking House, has inspired us all this week with his community efforts. After visiting the park over the weekend, he decided to tackle the rubbish he saw himself and went home to collect some gloves and bags. After some hard work, he returned home again, this time with more than 8 full bags of rubbish!

Ted, who called himself 'Ted the Trash Killer', said he wanted to inspire other kids to do the same and to keep our green spaces clean and tidy.

Mr Freeman, Head of Hawking House, said; "Having taught Ted since he joined us in September, I am not surprised to see him making a difference. Ted's energy and enthusiasm ensure he is an asset to the class, and clearly to his local community as well. Well done!".

Diary dates

Monday 7th March

12-15 COVID vaccination programme
(see 04.02.2022's bulletin)

Monday 7th March

National careers week

10th, 11th, 12th March

School production (evening)

Thursday 17th March

Year 7 PTC

Friday 18th March

DOFE silver practice expedition

House points

Congratulations to Parks who remain top of the leaderboard this week!

Parks



15339

Frank



14986

Hawking



14416

Owen



14139

Attenborough



14114

Rowling



14014

Student success continued ...

Sixth Form music evening

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Chapel Arts for our Sixth Form Music Evening last term.



School updates

A-Level business students prepare for success

Year 13 A-Level Business students were invited to attend an exam preparation workshop at the end of last term, led by Helen Coupland-Smith from Time2Resources. The workshop focused primarily on newly released Business A-Level topics alongside helpful revision techniques, to give students a solid understanding of what they may encounter in their upcoming exams.

Ready, steady, pancakes

Congratulations to Owens House who were awarded the 2022 pancake racing champions in our Tuesday lunchtime mini House Competition. Great fun!

World Book Day

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of World Book Day students were tasked with asking members of staff what book they are currently reading, every student with a list of 5 staff members and books were rewarded with a house point.



Staff members were also encouraged to dress up, with the Alice in Wonderland being a top hit. Alongside other classical characters such as Curella de Vil and Gandolf.

Community notices

Volunteer for our school

Cheltenham Bournside School and Sixth Form are currently looking for volunteering to be trained as Marshals, to help assist students when crossing Warden Hill Road (near the school entrance).

For more information please contact:
pa@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk

Make plastic fantastic competition

Cheltenham Education Partnership are hosting another competition for students to enter. Find out more [here](#).

Current school vacancies

Lettings caretaker
Find out more [here](#)

Easter revision classes at Dean Close School

Dean Close School are hosting revision courses for GCSE and A-Level subjects over the Easter break.

For more information please see the booklet [here](#).

Useful links

- [Careers newsletter](#)
- [What's for lunch?](#)
- [School calendar](#)
- [Extra-curricular timetable](#)

Sport fixtures



Monday 7th March	Y10 football (H) V St.Eds @2:30pm Y7 AB rugby (A) Balcarras cancelled Y8 district hockey @ CLC @ 3:00-5:30pm Y11 football (A) V Cleeve @3:00pm
Tuesday 8th March	Y7,8,9,10 netball (A) V Pate's @ 3:45 Y9 football (H) V Balcarras
Wednesday 9th March	U13 netball tourn @ CLC @ 2:30pm U18 football (H) V Balcarras
Thursday 10th Match	Y11 rugby sevens BGS sports group cancelled U13 girls rugby (A) KLB @ 3:30pm

Follow [@bournside.pe](#) on Instagram for match pictures and results

Covid 19 updates

Covid precautions

It is no longer a legal requirement to stay at home if you have covid. However, the advice remains unchanged: if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Of course, the symptoms of covid are very general and it may be difficult to distinguish between covid and many other infections or illnesses which have similar symptoms. Therefore, although it is no longer necessary to test twice a week, we suggest that your child self-administers a test if you suspect they have covid. We have a number of tests available so if you do not have any at home, your child can obtain a new pack from their house areas or from the school's business centre.

If your child tests positive they should remain at home in line with the current guidance. On the first day, they should access online resources, including Oak Academy. For subsequent days, they will be emailed appropriate work to help them keep up to date with their learning.

If your child tests negative, providing they are well enough to do so, they should come to school in the normal way.

If your child is too ill to come to school due to illness (covid or anything else), they should stay at home. If they are well enough, they could access work via Showbie, their exercise books, GCSE Pod, the Oak Academy or other online resources but, in general, if a child is too ill to come to school they are likely to be too ill to complete school work.

