

Weekly Update

Words from the Headteacher

"You give a little love..... And it all comes back to you..... (Da da da ra da da da),

You know you gonna be remembered..... For the things that you say and do..... (Da da da ra da da da)"

Once you have been able to remove the image and sound from your head of me singing along to the final song from "Bugsy Malone", I would like to say not only how much I enjoyed seeing the performance of "Bugsy Malone" on Wednesday, as did my wife, Lynne, but also how proud I was to see the way our audiences reacted to the show. When secondary schools put on whole school musicals, the whole school normally refers to Years 7 to 11 as well as 12 and 13. We did not have the luxury of being able to call on all of these year groups, nonetheless, when you expect the best of people, they give their best. Our three year groups put on a series of performances to rival the very best which I have seen over the last 18 years of teaching and certainly far better than my own two left-footed stumbling in "Oliver" and "Half a Sixpence" when I was at school. One of the most pleasing aspects of the whole run was to see so many members of the audience who did not have a son or daughter in the show making the effort to come and see our students perform; this passion and support is priceless and a true reflection of the community which is growing around our school. Last night I avoided a splurging from the students but Miss Rose made sure that I didn't get away lightly! You can read the thank you message from Miss Rose later in this newsletter but this last week has been another red letter day for BFS and has sent us all into the holiday with the songs from the show buzzing around our heads. It just remains for me to say that the students gave so much and they will be remembered for the things which they say and do. Da da da ra da da da...

Reminder: Term starts at the normal time on **Tuesday 3 June** and in spite of today's return of the rain and cold, from that day students do not need to wear their blazers. However, shirts must be tucked in and ties done up to cover the top button.

Have a good holiday....

Richard Clutterbuck



“Bugsy Malone”

What an amazing week we have had with our first ever whole school musical production. Over 60 students from all year groups and a variety of staff members have been involved in this production. The journey started in November 2013 with an initial meeting and auditions and has taken the cast and crew on a route which has included decking out the new studio space with high tech equipment (which we have now covered in splurge mix!). I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge “well done” to everyone involved in this production; it has truly been a team effort and has been such a pleasure to work so closely with such a professional group of performers, orchestra members and back stage crew. We have certainly set the bar high for future productions and I look forward to seeing everyone’s confidence and skills grow and develop as we move on. Thank you for everyone’s hard work and support which has made our production of “Bugsy Malone” such a success.

Miss Rose

Years 7 & 8 boys’ cricket vs Henbury School

The sun was shining over the pitch at Coombe Dingle Sports Complex, and the students from Years 7 & 8 were eager for their season to be underway. Captain Cyrus Shafi won the toss and chose to bat. There were some strong batting performances from BFS, including a 23 run partnership between Cyrus and Jacob Neville before they retired to let others have an opportunity to bat. Amir Farooq hit two fours on his way to a total of 11 before a lack of communication led to him being dismissed. BFS finished on 64/2 after 12 overs, and turned their attention to bowling and fielding. Amaan Rashid secured two wickets to put BFS in a strong position early in the innings, which was followed by a superb piece of bowling from Josh Blackman who sent the bails flying! Man of the match George Fowler stormed the middle order with three wickets after excellent catches from the field and took one catch for himself off a delivery from Hachim Muhumed. Unfortunately two determined Henbury players struck a forceful partnership, hitting three fours and numerous singles to creep the visitors closer to our total. Henbury finished on 65/8 and stole victory from BFS who were punished for too many wides and no balls. A steep learning curve for this young team with great potential.

Mr Truan

Science Club, Term 6

Can a person fly using only helium balloons? Are your hands really dirtier than a toilet seat? Is it really that difficult to find a needle in a haystack? Science Club will be debunking these myths and many more. Come along on Wednesdays during term 6 for MythBusters, BFS style!

‘6 degrees’ Business Brunch

Our inaugural Business Brunch earlier this month was a great success. You can expect to see and hear more from these professionals across a diverse range of business interests such as law, creative media, engineering, construction, to name but a few. They were all keen to join our efforts to provide BFS students with the highest quality information, advice and guidance and we’re looking forward to working with them.

“Think Big School”

Earlier this week Mrs Lombard and I were lucky enough to accompany a group of Year 8 students to “Think Big School” where they spent the day with employees from 02 designing an app around the themes of ‘digital’ and ‘community’. They were fantastic ambassadors for the School and were complimented by staff from other schools and the arranging organisations. One of our teams reached the final, presenting their app concept ‘mi’; a career simulation game where the user designs a character who pursues a particular career, tackles real-life scenarios and gains valuable insight into said career through the experiences which follow. Watch this space to see whether we are able to proceed with the creation and roll-out of this app. Well done to you all.

Mrs Collis.

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 2 June

Monday:
School closed to students

Tuesday:
Cricket (Y7 & Y8 boys)
Orchestra
Textiles Club
Yoga Club
Rounders (all girls)
Tennis (Y8 & Y9)

Wednesday:
Athletics
Book Club
Computer Game Design
Enterprise (6^o of Stationery)
Science Club

Thursday:
Art Club
Dynamics Choir
Creative Writing
Dance Club
Cricket (Y9 boys)
Model United Nations
Tennis (Y7 & Y8)

Friday:
Climbing Club (Y7)
Band Academy

Homework Club will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



The Friends of BFS are a group of active parents and teachers who **support social and school events**. Our aim is to **raise funds** to provide resources that enhance the learning experience for the students; FoBFS have purchased the **outdoor Table Tennis Table** and are currently considering further bids from both the **Sports and the Drama Departments**, along with bids for a **community engagement** project and to support a **gardening club**.

For more details of how you can be involved and support the school, please email fobfs@bristolfreeschool.org.uk or follow us on twitter: @FOBFS