



Weekly Update

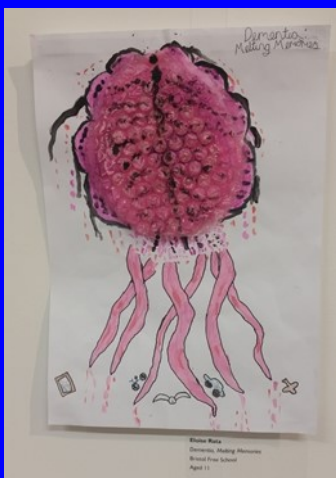
Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 9 April 2018

There are no clubs in the first week of a 'big' term. Clubs lists will be issued during this week and they will start again on 16 April.

GCSE Pod

Year 11 have a valuable period of time ahead of them to revise.

They should focus on the areas they have had feedback on following the mocks, and also make use of GCSE Pod; details are on the website.



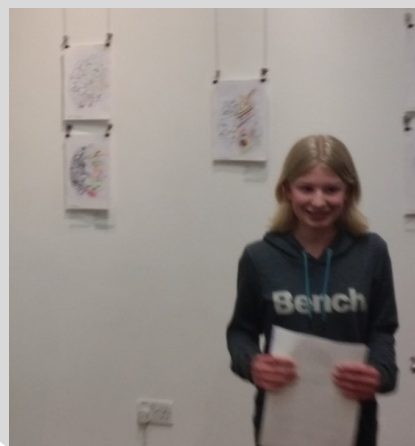
Words from the Headteacher

For a term only five weeks in length, we have crammed an awful lot in. The last two weeks in particular have been exceptionally busy. We have battled with the weather, organised STEM extravaganzas, exchanged to Spain, and this afternoon embark on the Ski trip.

Overleaf is a comprehensive report from Miss Dawson on the fantastic creations of our students. Below are further examples of the Brain Art mentioned. They are so brilliant I wanted to share them all with you.

I wish you all a restful Easter break, with a healthy dose of revision for Year 11 and Year 13 of course. Meanwhile, I will be searching the garden for eggs left by the Easter Bunny with my children. I'm looking forward to it.

Ben Sillince
Acting Headteacher



DofE Update

Last weekend 21 intrepid Year 10 students embarked on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award practice expedition. Despite waking up to snow and a wind chill of -5°C on day 3 all participants completed their (slightly curtailed) expedition with smiles, enthusiasm and determination.

Thank you to all staff who gave up their time to help out. Well done everyone!

| Key dates for next school week | |
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| Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates | |
| Monday 9 April 2018 | INSET DAY |
| Tuesday 10 April 2018 | |
| Wednesday 11 April 2018 | Community Involvement Project visiting St Katherine's House |
| Thursday 12 April 2018 | Year 12 UCAS Convention Year 7 Subject Evening |
| Friday 13 April 2018 | Chinese Cooking Workshops |
| Saturday 14 April 2018 | Treble Bass at The Old Duke; 4pm—5:30pm |

Art and Photography Update

This term has been a busy one for our art and photography students. On 21 February, Year 12 Photography students had the exciting opportunity to visit and use the community dark rooms at St. Paul's Learning Centre. They spent the day learning about analogue photographic processes and film development. Using the enlargers at the dark room they produced Photograms and contact prints, and even built their own pinhole cameras, chemically processing the images they had captured later that day. It was a productive and fun morning enjoyed by all.



We are also proud to see so many Bristol Free School students represented at the Royal West of England Academy (RWA) in collaboration with the neuroscience festival for the brain art competition, Zoe Gibbs winning first prize for her piece *Trapped in the Mind*, left, with Aiden Bidgood receiving second prize and Harry, Eloise, Pippa and Keziah having their work exhibited or receiving a highly commended! You can still see their work on display at the RWA.

Finally, Eloise Chown, Zoe Gibb, Emily Warr and Philippa Davies

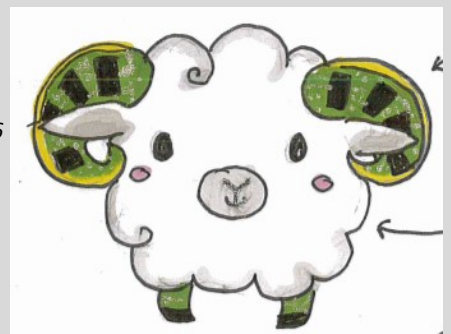
have been busy working on painting a flamingo (right) for the annual Broadmead trail which takes place from 24 March for the two week holiday period. It would be fantastic to see photos of as many people as possible who spot it. Please e-mail me them to g.dawson@bristolfreeschool.org.uk



Treble Bass at International Jazz Festival

On Saturday, Treble Bass attended the Jazz and Blues festival in the Colston Hall! We played for 45 minutes and a set list of old, new and original songs. The atmosphere was incredible, we had our own room backstage and played in front of a massive audience. This was our last performance with our fantastic saxophone player, Charlotte, who has been with the band since the start. We will be very sad to see her go. Thank you to all of the wonderful musicians who filled in for our members who were busy. We are very honoured to have had the chance to perform in this incredible event. Thank you Mr Pate!

Grace Redfern, 9TG6



BFS E-Safety Mascot Winner!

This week, the Digital Leaders had the pleasure of deciding a winner for the E-Safety Mascot competition. We were very impressed with the quality of entries and they had a tough decision to make. They deliberated efficiently (without falling out!) and whittled down the entries to a worthy winner. Congratulations to Lily Barton in Year 11 for her submission. The Digital Leaders were impressed with her play on words and brilliant drawing of a 'RAM' (right) with appropriate horn colours as well! Next step, 3D print our friendly mascot and turn into key rings! Watch this space!