

Cambian Bletchley Park School

Spring Term News – March 2017



Dear Parents

What a busy term we have had! The school has been a hive of activity and the students have been involved in so many exciting activities and trips. There has been a wealth of Arts and Crafts activities taking place with Mother's Day cards and Easter bonnets. Students have been visiting the Caldecote Experience to have the opportunity to participate in caving and archery on Wednesday mornings and we have also been taking advantage of the local sports facilities and making links with the MK Dons sports programmes.

To encourage the students further and to help them reach their true potential staff and students have been working on developing a whole school rewards system this half term. It is essential that the students' hard work is rewarded and there is nothing more motivating than recognition for the efforts you have put in. With this in mind I have also introduced my 'Student of the Day' award for good effort or progress with school work and my 'Student of the Term' who automatically receives a certificate and a prize. Those students who receive the 'Student of the Day' award are entered into a prize draw at the end of each week for a token prize and also a prize draw at the end of each term for a more substantial reward. The more Daily certificates they receive the more chance of winning in the prize draw. Staff will be discussing this with students when we return in April but please do discuss with your boys over the holiday.

Finally a reminder that we school reopens on Thursday 20th April at 8.30am. May I wish you a very happy Easter and I look forward to seeing the boys on their return.

Laura Sharman
Head of Education

Head's Student of the Term

This term Terry Vanderpuye received the Head's 'Student of the Term' for his amazing progress not just in his behaviour but also in his academic studies. Well done Terry – we are very proud of you!



Career's News

This term some of our students have had the opportunity to meet with Jackie Finnegan from Prospects, our independent careers advice service. The boys all had individual 1:1 consultation sessions where they could discuss the things they enjoyed doing and the things they thought they were good at. Each was given a handout with some useful websites to begin to explore what career areas they might be interested in. As part of the session Jackie set the students some targets/activities to complete before her next visit. Staff in school will support students to do this before she sees them again in May/June time. This support will be ongoing for all students in KS4 and 5.

Attendance Information

It is really important for our students to attend school on a regular basis to ensure that not only are their routines not disrupted but also they have the best opportunity to make progress. However, we do understand that from time to time students may be ill, have issues with transport or have medical appointments. On these occasions please can we request that you call the school office on **01908 048380** and let Mrs Wallace, our school administrator know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mother's Day

As always our students took great delight in helping staff prepare their Mother's Day gift and we hope all our mums were pleased with their gesture.



Drumming Club

Mrs Plant, our music teacher, with the support of Mrs Getchell and Mrs Ndah-Annordjoe will be starting a drumming club initially for our Class 6 students but with a view in the longer term to making it whole school. We look forward to them performing at our next school concert!



Class 2

It has been a very busy term in class 2 and students have been focussing on lots of different activities linked to the topic 'Public Services'. They have also spent time in the Food Technology room and have been cooking a variety of scrummy dishes. Most recently they have made some Easter cakes which were delicious!



Students have also visited the 'Caldecote Experience' to try out a variety of outdoor pursuits. They have had the opportunity to try out caving and archery. Josh demonstrated a particular talent for the archery hitting the target accurately on a number of occasions. Well done Josh!

Josh has also had great fun attending Bletchley Leisure Centre on a Friday morning to participate in a multi-sports session run by the MK Dons. This has given him the opportunity to try a number of new sports and meet a number of new young people from other schools and colleges in the Milton Keynes area. He has found this very exciting especially as his class mate has not been in school for a while this half term.



Class 3

Class 3 have continued on with their steady progress across the board. We enjoyed our trip to Caldecotte to try caving and archery where Bailey showed his prowess with the bow and arrow and Gary held his nerve (and his breath) to squeeze through the narrowest of crevices.



In Science lessons we've conducted some brilliant investigations into energy stores, energy transfers, power and efficiency. Gary has begun preparing for his Level 1 Maths exam having completed his Level 1 English assessments soon after the half-term break. Bailey has developed his written work in many subjects, writing a detailed evaluation of his experience of working at Thrift Farm earlier in the year and helping to producing a wonderful poster promoting the value of work experience at that venue.

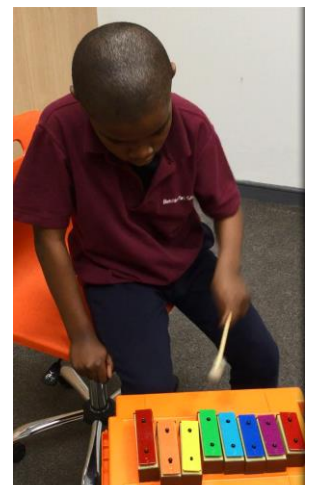
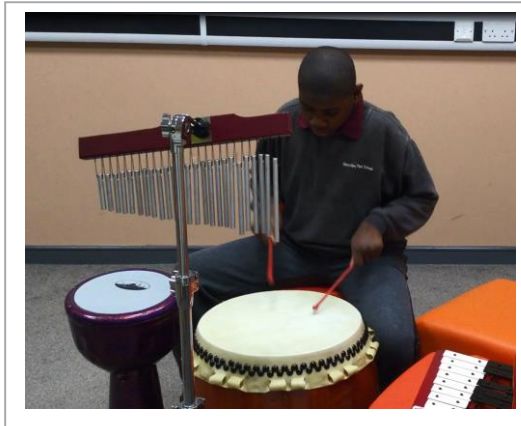


We've also enjoyed the improving weather on our Thursday work experience days and have persevered despite losing a crop of new cauliflower seedlings to the slugs and the birds. We're planning to have a second attempt with another lot of seedlings after Easter, as well as having a go at potatoes and peas.



Class 6

Another term has come and gone so quickly and we are all enjoying the change of weather and lighter evenings. Class 6 have as usual been busy with their daily schedules and all the students look forward to their daily music sessions and even staff are getting involved in the lesson which the students seem to enjoy enormously. Emmanuel and Terry are getting on well together and have participated in some of the music sessions with both enjoying the drums and chimes, who knows we may yet have a Bletchley School Band!!



Our latest topic Public Services saw the boys looking for emergency vehicles passing the school and staff took photographs to go on the display boards in the classroom. Jasir particularly enjoyed this topic as his love for all vehicles continues.



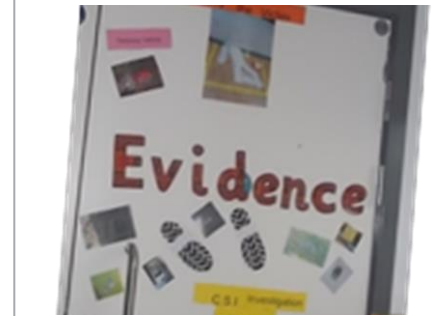
On a Wednesday morning in all weathers it was wonderful to see Emmanuel, Terry and Michael venture out to Caldecotte to experience some outdoor activities such as Caving and Archery. This will continue after Easter and they can look forward to some water sports.

Class 7



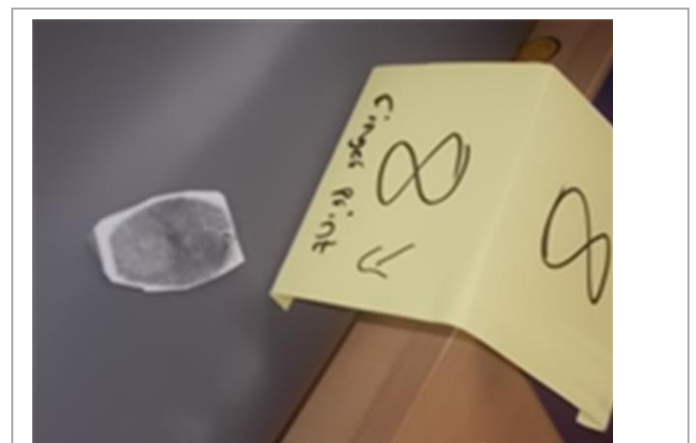
Murder Mystery

'Who Done it?' at
Bletchley Park School



This term's topic for class 7 pupils was "public services." As part of the topic, students transformed the classroom to a crime scene. Sadly, as with all crime's there was a victim and in our case, his name is Timmy. To ensure the crime was successfully resolved students created a suspect and an evidence board. To date the pupils have investigated several suspects including Mr Lowe who the boys believe has the "DODGIEST" alibi for when the crime was committed, although he could be covering for someone.

Using English, maths and science the pupils have solved several of the clues and taken the fingerprints of all members of staff to create an evidence and suspect board.



Occupational Therapy News

Our new Occupational Therapist, Mrs Robinson, has been a huge hit with the students and has been busy doing both 1:1 sessions with students as well as working with some groups. She has focussed on developing balance, core strength and co-ordination to support students with more controlled movement and body awareness. In addition she has also been looking at zones of regulation which explores feelings and ways to manage them. We are delighted to have her on board.



Our Easter Bonnet Parade...

On the last day of term students had the opportunity to participate in an Easter bonnet parade to show off their Easter Bonnets. The standard of the bonnets was even higher this year and it was very hard to make the final decision as to the winning hat. However, the winning hat for the students was Kian and the staff winner was Miss Opanuga. Well done to both of them! I must also give a huge thank you to our Easter Bunny who made a special appearance and delivered Easter Eggs to all the students.



Happy Easter from Everyone at Bletchley Park School