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BLOXWICH ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME



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I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. I'd like to express a huge thanks to all the parents and carers for their support during these unprecedented times. Some of the work produced by our pupils has been superb and I have included some examples.

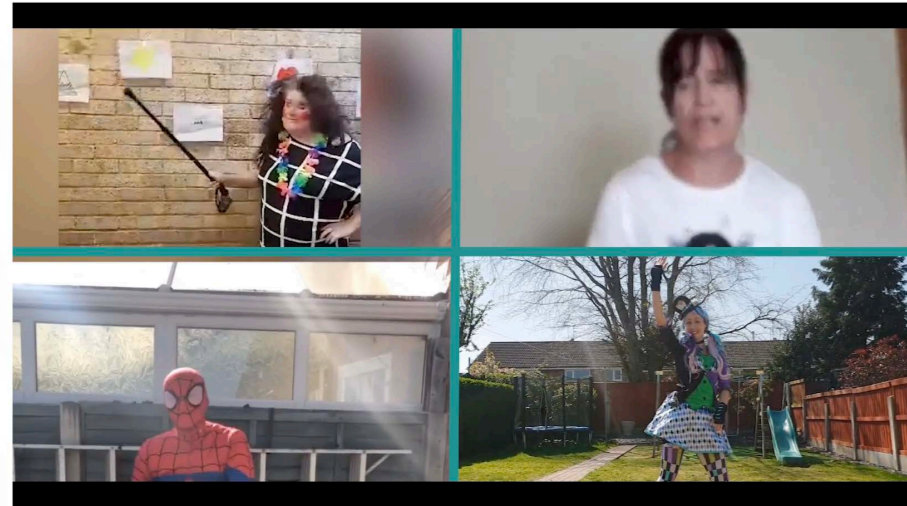
Pupils who have remained attending school have shown a fantastic attitude to work whilst also adhering to all safety measures we have in place. Whilst we are planning for a phased opening over the next few weeks, please continue to contact us at postbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk if you have any questions or queries.

Stay safe and well

Mr A Seager



MESSAGES FROM YOUR TEACHERS



The Primary staff had great fun creating a video for pupils!

You can find the 'Reach for the stars' video on our Twitter, Facebook or Vimeo!

@bloxwichacademy
www.vimeo.com/419891744



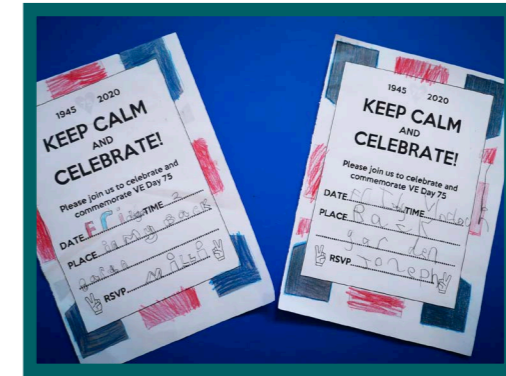
"Hello Bloxwich Academy, we can't wait to see you again. We miss you, stay safe".

Primary Teachers



VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

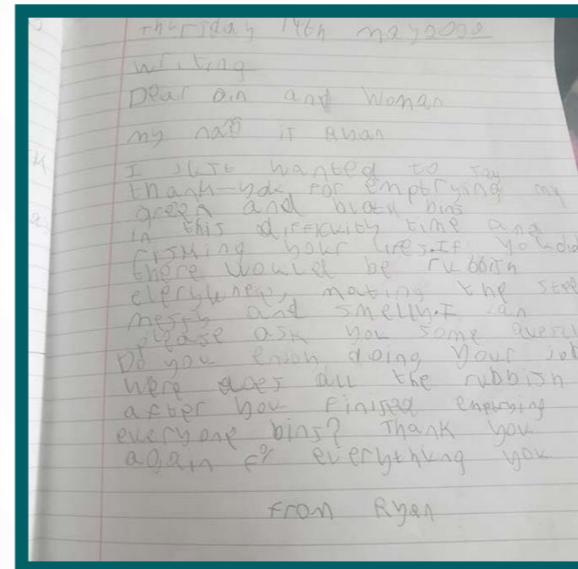
To commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day we asked you to get creative and we weren't disappointed with the outcomes. As well as some great art work, our Bloxwich Academy CCF shared a message to all key workers.



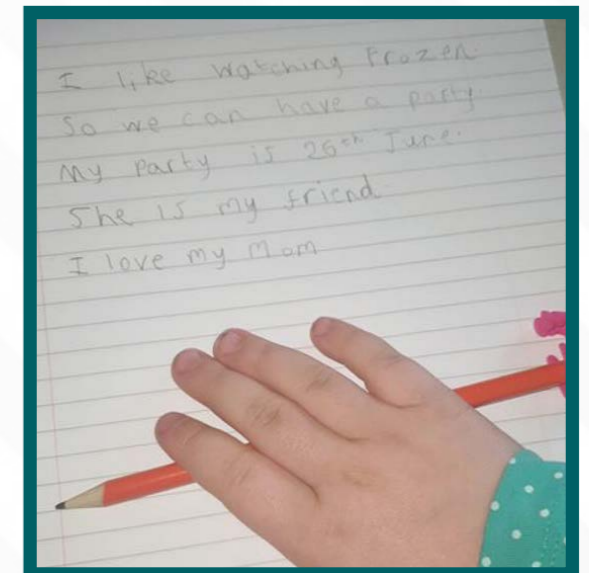
KEY STAGE 1 HOME LEARNING

All of the teachers in KS1 are amazed with the home learning the children are completing. We enjoy seeing the work on teams and providing the children with feedback and sometimes even a few challenges! Keep up your hard work, you are amazing!

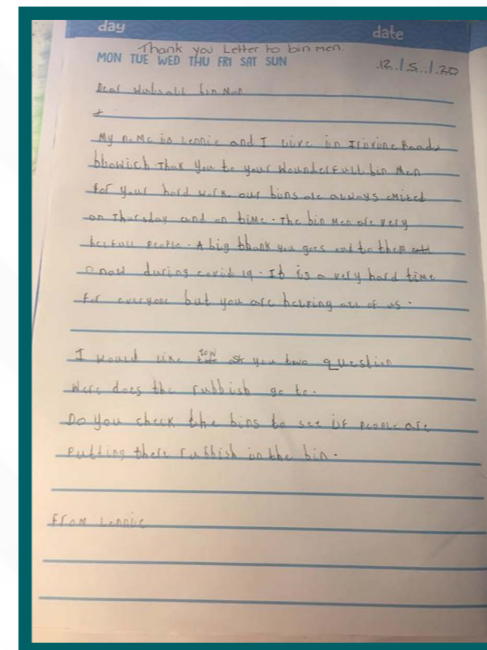
From Mrs Sheen, Mrs Fenton, Mrs Gandhi, Mrs Boswell and Mrs Watkins



Ryan. J 1CS



Zuzanna. B 1CS



Lennie. H 2LW



Bailey. C 2LW



Marleigh-Rae. B 2LW



Bailey. C 2LW

WELL DONE YEAR 3 & 4!

Hello Year 3 and Year 4,

Firstly, let us say a big congratulations for being fantastic. We have been so impressed with your wonderful online learning. Your photographs and beautiful pictures have really made us smile.

We are looking forward to being back together again as soon as it is safe for all of us. In the meantime, please continue to login to your online learning platforms. If you need us, drop us a message on Teams and we will get back to you.

Please know that we are missing you and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you.

Keep well and take care,
Year 3 and Year 4 Team

CARE HOME PROJECT

In such unprecedented times, community spirit and care is vitally important. Ensuring that we stay connected and offer thanks to those who play a vital role in keeping our communities thriving. Bloxwich Academy joyfully accepted the request from local MP Eddie Hughes, to offer support and positivity to the residents and staff in our North Walsall care homes.

Primary and secondary pupils currently attending the academy during the lockdown period, joined creative forces and produced beautiful heart shaped bunting, colourful craft flowers, as well as pictures and letters to send our well wishes and lift spirits during this difficult time. The process encouraged pupils to reflect on the feelings of others and the importance of key workers in our community. Most importantly, recognising that a small gesture can mean so much to others.

It was lovely to hear that the efforts of our pupils were greatly appreciated by staff and residents at Woodcross Care Home in Bloxwich, noted with a kind thank you from Eddie Hughes MP (North Walsall).

“Thank you to all staff and pupils involved, hopefully, your great work will help lift the spirits of residents and staff at Woodcross. Best wishes, Eddie”.



NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY

20TH MAY 2020

Thank A Teacher Day is a national initiative supported by the Department for Education. We received many Thank Yous from pupils and parents this year, for individual teachers as well as the school as a whole. Here are some of them.

Pupils from across the Matrix Academy Trust also submitted their Thank Yous for all our wonderful staff which were collated into a video.



You can find the 'Thank A Teach Day' video on our Twitter or Vimeo!

[@barrbeaconsch](https://twitter.com/barrbeaconsch)
www.vimeo.com/419891744

SPORT RELIEF

Sports relief uses sport to raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. This includes vulnerable children and young people, people who are homeless or living in extreme poverty. Its fund hundreds of amazing organizations who are working on the ground to support the most vulnerable people and communities in society. Sports relief uses resources to work with young people to improve their mental health issues by putting support groups in place as well as providing lifesaving maternal healthcare for mothers and babies. They help those at risk of trafficking or domestic violence and join the global fight to end malaria killing children.

During the week of 9th to 13th March in PE lessons we held inter house competition to see which house could swim the most lengths as well as various staff doing their bit by coming into school early in the morning to swim lengths. The pupils and staff had been set the challenge to see if we could complete enough lengths to achieve the distance of swimming the English Channel.

On the 13th March, Bloxwich Academy held a Sports Relief Day which was organised by School Council. The event took place during break time in the dining hall and we had penalty shoot-out to beat the Teacher in the gym run by Mr Hamnett. Over a hundred cakes were donated by generous pupils and staff which went down a storm. The pupils had difficulty in choosing which cake they wanted to eat which meant some had to buy a small selection. The fundraiser showed how generous both pupils and staff are in our Academy with us raising a fantastic total of £613.

Miss Stanley
School Council

On Friday 13th March, in aid of Sport Relief, Bloxwich Primary had their very own Dance-A-Thon! The Children had the chance to showcase the dance routines they have been perfecting during PE lessons. They came to school dressed ready for the event in their PE kits ready to hit the stage and showcase their best dance moves!

They raised an impressive £291.64!

A huge well done to all of the pupils involved, your dancing was fantastic!



IN THIS TOGETHER POEM

#INTHISTOGETHER

Working through this they are remarkable,
they make living through these hard times possible.

The NHS, Carers, and key workers are amazing,
and on Thursdays need praising.

For us, everything they sacrifice,
even their lives, isn't that nice.

They put their patients first,
even when times are at the worst.

To help save lives and protect the heroes stay home,
with household family or alone.

Some people are stupid, some people are daft,
In crowds, some people go out just for a laugh.

Don't take advantage of these hard times
and don't forget to watch out for the Covid-19 signs.

Keep two meters between you and anyone else,
just to maintain your health.

C. TAYLOR - BLOXWICH ACADEMY



Name of Pupil



**TWEET,
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THE LATEST NEWS FROM
OUR TWITTER ACCOUNTS



We have loved seeing what people are doing at home. Many of you have shared your activities with us on Twitter or by sending us photos through e-mail.



Some fantastic art work by pupils to show their appreciation for the NHS.



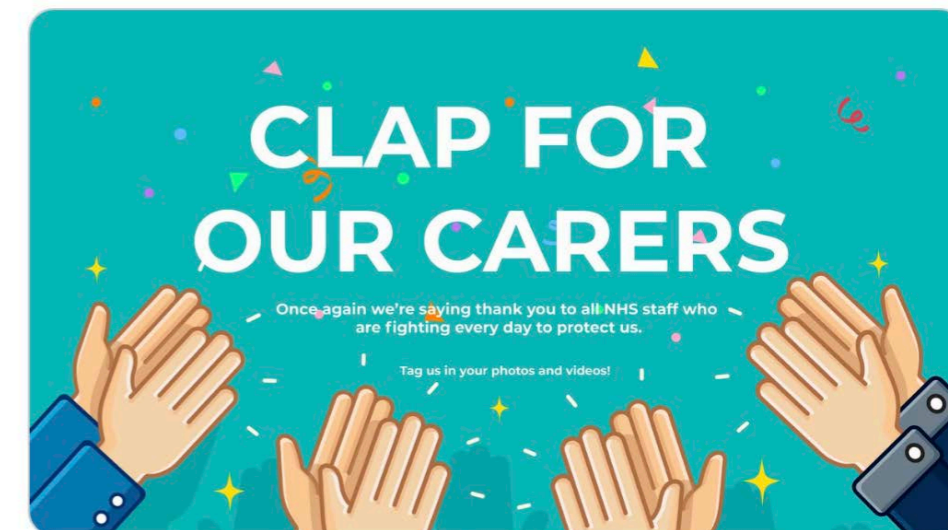
The school catering team produced take away food for the children of key workers to take home to parents.



Bloxwich Academy @bloxwichacademy · Apr 23

It has been moving to watch the country unite every Thursday at 8pm to #ClapForOurCarers who are doing a phenomenal job 🙌

Tag us in your videos or photos so we can share them!
#ThankYouNHS #ClapForCarers



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Bloxwich Academy @bloxwichacademy · Apr 2

Some excellent scraffito work with our primary and secondary children! Thank you to Mrs Reid for her excellent lesson!



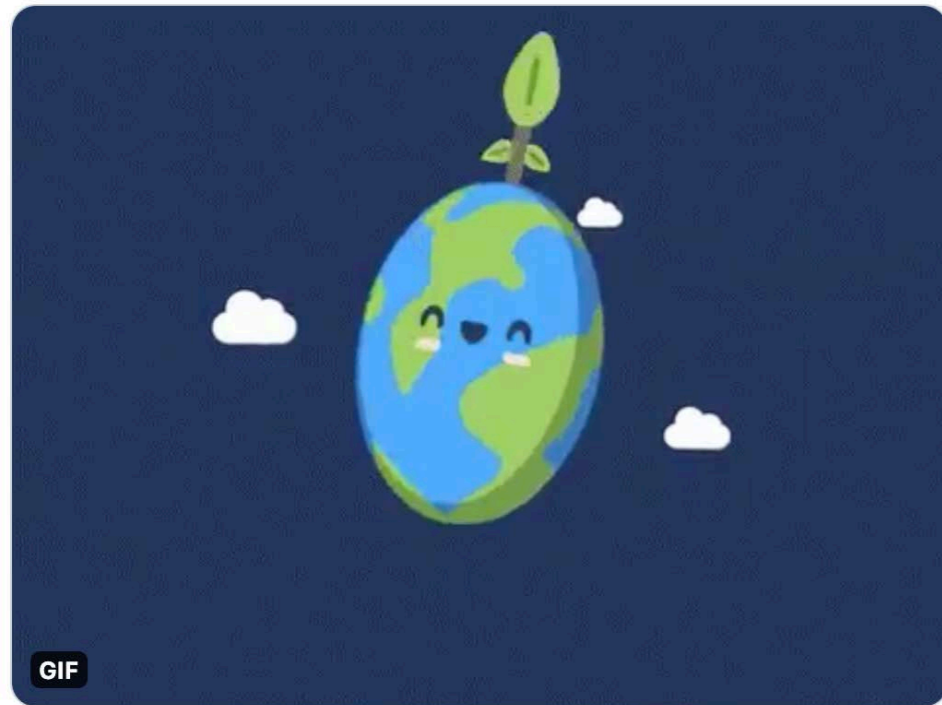
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Bloxwich Academy @bloxwichacademy · Apr 21

Tomorrow is #EarthDay2020 🌍

If you want to have a go at producing something creative in response - art work, a poem, a short story, a dance... whatever you like! - make sure you tag us so we can share your work!



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🔄 You Retweeted



Walsall Link Line @walsalllinkline · May 1

Well done Bloxwich Academy, what a lovely way to keep in touch with the children. Looking forward to continuing our partnership as soon as we are back to normal. Stay safe all 👍



Bloxwich Academy @bloxwichacademy · Apr 29

Bloxwich Primary staff have been having a sing and a dance and have an important video message to share with the children! 🌈👏👏

Keep reaching for the stars!

#dancetogether #TeacherAppreciationWeek #reachforthestars #bethebestyoucanbe

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Bloxwich Academy @bloxwichacademy · Apr 30

This 'meaningful May' calendar is a great way to focus your thoughts during our time away from each other. 😊



Action for Happiness

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Carl Hooper @HooperCarl · Apr 29

Well done guys, we've had a right laugh as a family over that.



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Bloxwich Academy @bloxwichacademy · May 12
 Thank you Bloxwich Academy CCF team for sharing this lovely message with us over the weekend! #VEDay75



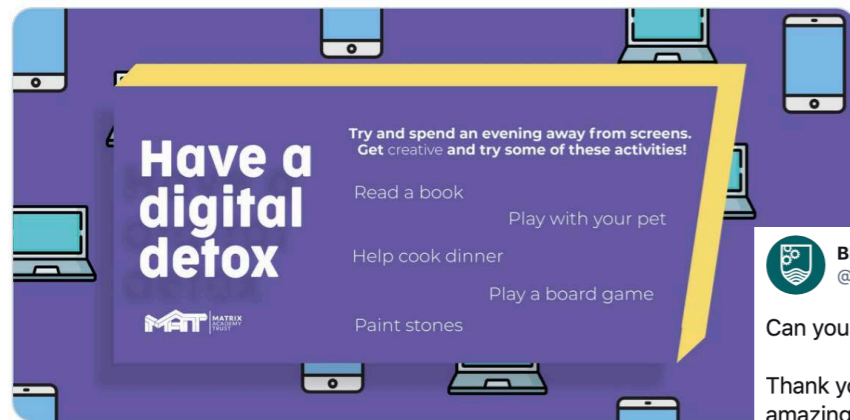
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As the sun is shining why don't you try a 'digital detox' this evening and give one of these activities a go! 📵🌞

We would love to see what you get up to!

#MentalHealthAwarenessMonth 🌱 #digitaldetox
 #GetCreativeAtHome

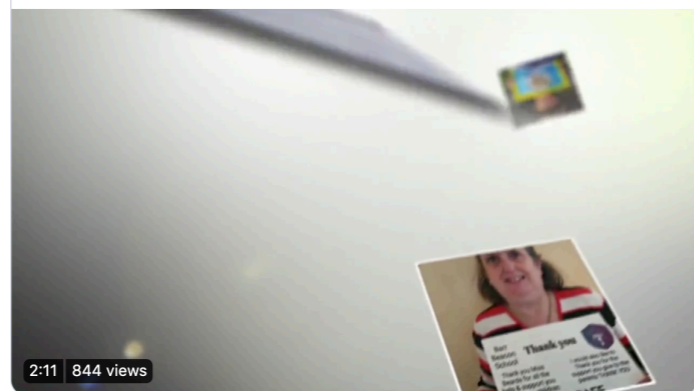


Bloxwich Academy @bloxwichacademy
 Can you spot yourself?
 Thank you to all of our teachers at Bloxwich Academy, you are amazing! ❤️

#bethebestyoucanbe #thankateacherday

Matrix Academy Trust @MatrixAcademyT · May 20
 As today is #nationalthankateacherday we want to say a HUGE thank you to all of our wonderful staff. We are privileged to have such hardworking, dedicated and inspiring teachers across our trust.

We also have some special people who want to say a BIG thank you! 📧❤️



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TELFORD HOUSE NEWS

Well upon starting this term I did not think that this would be how we would end the Spring term. I wanted to pass on my well wishes to one and all and hope that you are all coping as best you as you can with the current restrictions and uncertainty placed upon us all, and hope that you are all safe and well. These really are unprecedented times and I wanted to congratulate not only Telford pupils but all Bloxwich Academy pupils for the endeavour shown in trying to complete home learning under such peculiar and difficult circumstances. I also wanted to pass on my thanks to parents for your continued support with home learning, as a parent myself I understand how difficult this can be but be rest assured in which ever way you are supporting your children with their continued learning it is making a difference.

I wanted to specifically congratulate the following pupils on their excellent completion rate in home learning; S. Wieczorek (7T1), L. Perkins (7T1), R. Wieczorek (8T1), L. Hawkins (8T1), J. Bloomer (8T1), P. Hampton (9T1), S. Cavagnini (9T1), C. Franks (9T2), P. Salan (9T1), N. Wainwright (10T1) and A. Poxon (10T1). Not only is the completion rate fantastic but the reports I have had from staff regarding the standard of work makes me extremely proud, I look forward to being able to congratulate you all in person when it is safe to do so.

During these times of uncertainty there will be difficulties for everyone whether that is physically, mentally or financially, can I first highlight that if there is any support you need from the academy please do get in contact with us, as we will offer support in whatever way we can, or be able to signpost you in the direction of the best people to support. There are also some useful links below which may provide help and support during these testing times:

COVID-19 toolkit:
<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/coronavirus-resources-for-mental-health-and-wellbeing-toolkit-1/>

COVID-19 help and support for Walsall residents:
https://go.walsall.gov.uk/covid-19_information/coronavirus_covid_-_19_help_support_for_walsall_residents Telephone: 01922 652250

Mind – for better mental health:
<https://www.solentmind.org.uk/coronavirus-helpline/> Telephone: 023 8017 9049

I hope you all stay safe and well, like I have already said parents you are doing a fantastic job and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Mr Booth
 Head of Telford House

WATT HOUSE NEWS

In the unusual time we are facing at the moment, you often get time to reflect on the many challenges you are facing but also to consider the great celebrations. Sitting here, in lockdown, there are quiet times to remember the many successes of the academic year so far.

Speaking to a great number of parents and pupils, you have been staying safe and working together to ensure you have supported each other. It has been great hearing some of the hobbies you have started to take up with many spending time outdoors, and not just in front of a screen, to pupils learning to play the guitar. I am hoping to hear from many more pupils taking up new and interesting ways to spend their time.

I would like to give thanks to all the hard work being carried out by the parents and pupils, supporting the home learning taking place at Bloxwich Academy. There have been some outstanding pieces of work by many pupils in Watt House. Well done to all, but I would like to say a special well done to the following pupils for their hard work and determination to complete their home learning. S. Nelson (10W1), G Hawkins (10W1), A Benion (10W1), C Rhodes (9W1), J Sheppard (9W2), R Kelley (8W1), C Drane (8W1) C Williams (8W1), T Dutton (7W1), C Reeves (7W1) C Wain (7W1) S Wheat (7W1) L Welsh (7W2) and M Wozniak (7W2).

As we move to a new phase of the academic year, I would like to congratulate all the Year 11 and 13 pupils. It is not the end you would have hoped for, but the work you have achieved to this point will not have gone to waste. Working towards an exam, is not just about revising content, and preparing to sit an exam paper. It helps to build character, determination, motivation, and drive to achieve your goals. None of this will have gone to waste as you move into the next part of your journey. I hope to see many of the Year 11s back in 6th Form. Good luck to you all for the future.

One final thank-you and well done must go to the Year 11 Prefect team of 2019/2020. You have contributed to every school event, supported younger pupils, and represented Bloxwich Academy in a positive way every time. To the senior team, R Matthews, D Iradotou, M Nyatanga, B Enuoma, L Slater and E Duah well done for leading the team successfully during the year. To the rest of the team A Garbett, J Kielczewska, B Chigbe, V Gribuska, M Sliwinska, L Perkins, K Jones, I Baugh, G Poxon, W Westley, C Pickstone, E Bowyer, O Grosvenor, S Price, S Boamaong, C Ward, C Billingham, Z Jones, S Matthews, S Sabbagh, J Ladbury, T Simmonds and B Westwood, thank you for your hard work and commitment to support Bloxwich Academy. You have set a high standard for the new cohort of prefects to follow.

I would like to thank, once again, each and every person in Watt House for their contribution. Stay safe, look out for each other and hope to see you all again soon.

Miss Williamson
Head of Watt House

STEPHENSON HOUSE NEWS

It has been a busy year for Stephenson, and it seems to have rocketed by, just like Stephenson's "Rocket". I firstly would like to thank all the parents for their support over this year at Bloxwich Academy.

The form tutors have been working hard in their forms to improve attendance and punctuality. It is at this point we need to send our congratulations the pupils below for achieving 100% this academic year.

Year 7 – K Benion, M Ebbans, A Gnatoi, J Omodunni, K Parker, K Platt,
K Tapscott, J Wildman

Year 8 – L Hanley, C Hitchcock, C Taylor, A Webb, K Wood

Year 10 – M Omotuyi Omotuyi, H Rashidzada, A Bishop-Withall

Year 11- A Fox, D Irodotou

Stephenson has had a group of girls attending "Teens and Toddlers". The girls said they have gained a lot of experience working with small children and learning how to support the children's needs for example helping them with their interpersonal skills. This helps the pupils when completing assignments in Child Care and Health & Social care. The girls from 10S1 that have taken part in the course and successfully passed it are:

E Wood, C Welsh, S Holmes

This experience gained will help them to decide which career they would like to choose and what courses they need to complete at the end of Year 11.

So without further hesitation I would like to wish you a happy and safe summer, relax and play hard in preparation for hard work in September 2020. Go Stephenson!!!

Miss Stanley
Head of House

BRINDLEY HOUSE NEWS

Well this term has been a very different one for all. Unfortunately, it has been cut short and we have been forced to deal with (and live around) something that we would never have thought we would have to. My thoughts are with all the pupils and families during this time of uncertainty and I am hoping that all of you are safe, well and managing the situation as best as you can.

Firstly, I would like to give a special mention to pupils in Brindley who have been working extremely hard throughout this uncertain time; these pupils have been completing all, or almost all, subject work on a regular basis: T. Spellman (Year 7), J. Mills (Year 7), R. Partridge (Year 8), K. Lewis (Year 9), G. Williams (Year 9), T. Ford (Year 10), J. Slater (Year 10), A. Francis (Year 10), B. Hopkins (Year 10), K. Lawrence (Year 10), I. Lowicki (Year 10), P. Luis Pimenta (Year 10), T. Mills (Year 10), J. Moseley (Year 10), T. Ndiweni (Year 10), K. Ridgway (Year 10), S. Russell (Year 10), C. Street (Year 10), C. Withers (Year 10) and M. Withers (Year 10). Well done to all of you, you have made me proud with the dedication that you have shown to making sure that you are keeping up to date. I am over the moon with the amount of Year 10 pupils keeping on top of the work!

Stay safe and well everyone- parents, please continue all of your hard work with your children; you are doing a fabulous job. Hopefully I will see all of you, safe and well, very soon.


Mr Bradley
Head of House

Mental Health Awareness Week 2020

18th - 24th May 2020 is Mental Health Awareness Week. We want to remind all of our pupils and their families to take time to focus on their mental well being. We have posted activities on our Twitter for you to try out!



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES


PRIMARY


Bloxwich Academy
 'Be The Best You Can Be'

SECONDARY

Support for Families


COVID-19 is an extremely challenging time for everyone. During this time, we need to ensure that we continue to work together to support our pupils and families. The links below contain some useful information to help raise awareness of preventative measures, support networks and resources. We want you to look after yourself during this difficult time.



Every Mind Matters

Are you looking after your mental health? Get practical tips and expert advice from Every Mind Matters.


Click me!



NSPCC

The NSPCC is the UK's leading children's charity, preventing abuse and helping those affected to recover.


Click me!



Kooth

Kooth, from XenZone, is an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people.


Click me!



OAK NATIONAL ACADEMY

Oak National Academy is a new collection of high-quality lessons and online resources.


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Walsall Safeguarding

Walsall Safeguarding Partnership have produced resources for you to help during these times.

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BBC Bitesize

Find free videos, step-by-step guides, activities and quizzes by level and subject.

Click me!

Beware of Scams

We will **NOT** email or phone you to ask for your bank details.

This scam has been linked to payments for free school meals.

This is a Covid19 scam, please be vigilant.



You can find the 'Parents & Carers guide to home learning' on the school website.

PARENTS & CARERS
A GUIDE TO HOME LEARNING
Ages 3-18



Keep It Regular

Establish a routine for the school day and set clear boundaries. Be prepared to be flexible.

Keep It Short

Do not try to mirror the school day exactly. Use the following guidelines and have regular breaks.

Early years up to a maximum of 2 hours; KS1 - 3 hours; KS2 - 4 hours; KS3 to KS5 - 4-6 hours

Keep Organised

Try to zone your home and create a space where your child can work. Make sure they keep it tidy and organised, so they are prepared for work the next day.

Keep Them Active

The recommended advice is at least two or more hours of physical exercise every day, outdoors preferably.

You can also join Joe Wicks the body coach Monday - Friday at 9am for online PE lessons on his Youtube channel.

Primary Maths Resources

CLICK HERE

Special Educational Needs Resources

CLICK HERE

Hungry Little Minds

CLICK HERE

GOV.UK

Support & Guidance

CLICK HERE

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IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?



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APPLY NOW!

Please apply for free school meals, as we receive additional money for every child who is entitled.

We use this to buy additional equipment, resources, trips and support. If you do not apply and are entitled, we cannot receive extra funding for such things.

Application is quick and simple. Visit the school website and follow the link to apply online.

If you receive any of the following benefits, your child/children may be entitled to free school meals:

- **Income Support**
- **Income Based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income Related Employment & Support Allowance**
- Support under **Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999**
- **Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have a gross annual income of no more than £16,190)
- **Working Tax Credit** run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** if you apply on or after April 1st 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who receive these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get a free school meal.

www.bloxwichacademy.co.uk/fsm



Helping you get the best uniform service safely

Dear Parents/Carers, we truly hope you and your families are all safe and well in these uncertain times. The Covid-19 Pandemic has created unprecedented circumstances for everyone across the UK and Clive Mark is no different.

This summer we will operate our stores very differently to ensure the safety of all our customers and staff. Our primary objective is your safety coupled with the need to provide you with the best possible service, to that end we will be offering you various options to purchase your uniform this year.

All parents and carers can access our services once our stores re-open as per governments guidelines. Your local store manager will then contact the school and get the process rolling.

1. **Mandatory appointment System for all new intakes either in School or at our store dependant on the schools request once lock down measures are eased.**
2. **Appointment system for all years.**
3. **Specific allocated school days in our store.**
4. **Online ordering facility, this should be encouraged for all parents and carers.**
5. **Telephone orders.**
6. **Extended opening hours.**
7. **Induction evenings in school with strict social distancing measures enforced for everyone's safety.**
8. **Social distancing measures and queue controls deployed in all our stores.**

Walsall

19 Park Place Shopping Centre
Park Street
Walsall WS1 1NP
Tel: 01922 622 556

Bearwood

4-5 Three Shires Oak Road
Bearwood, Warley
West Midlands B67 5AX
Tel: 0121 429 4244

Kings Heath

38-40 Poplar Road
Kings Heath
Birmingham B14 7AD
Tel: 0121 728 6860

Newcastle-under-Lyme

25 High Street
Newcastle-under-Lyme
ST5 1QZ
Tel: 01782 621 721

Boldmere

11-13 Boldmere Road
Sutton Coldfield B73 5UY
Tel: 0121 728 4452

Sheldon

2286 Coventry Road
Sheldon
Birmingham B26 3JR
Tel: 0121 722 2286