

FULLNESS! LITE

"Living life in all its fullness."
John 10:10

Blue Coat
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Here is the March edition of *Fullness! Lite*, our regular newsletter bringing you all of the latest news from Blue Coat School. We wish you a happy, peaceful Easter and we look forward to the Summer Term which starts on Monday 19th April.

EASTER MESSAGE FROM MRS SHELLEY

It's hard to believe that it is over a year since we first went into Lockdown and life changed so significantly for us all. It's easy to focus on the hardships we have endured and the challenges we still face. Indeed, I am so incredibly proud of all of our students and the resilience they have shown over the past 12 months. Being back in school has been so uplifting and hearing the 'noise' of a full school – of our students learning, playing, talking and laughing is what makes teaching and leading a school such a privilege.



Spring, and in particular Easter, is such a special time of year when we can be reminded of the hope and the new life that we have in Christ. I love the start of Spring as the daffodils and hyacinths bloom and I see them surround the cross at the front of school. We know that despite everything, God is with us and there is always hope and much to be grateful for.

At Easter I always reflect on the power of the resurrection, and that the power that raised Christ from the grave is the power that also resides in us through the Holy Spirit as Christians as we are told, in Romans 8:11, 'The Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.' Amazing to think that we have so much power within us!

As we finish now for a two week break, I wish all of our school community a much deserved and restful Easter. The link to our Easter service can be found [HERE](#) or by clicking on the image of our fantastic musicians.



DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

For the safety of our students, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers to park away from the school when they drop their children off and when they collect them from school and NOT to use the turning circle. This area is for buses only. We thank you, in advance, for your co-operation.

USEFUL RESOURCES

On our website you will see a link to a *Useful Information* page. This is a page which contains links to external websites and resources. To have a look at these, please click [HERE](#) or click on the logo. We hope you find the material useful to you and your family.



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Since the last edition of Fullness! Lite, back in December, we have welcomed Noah, Nairen, Rashmini, Agatha, Monique, Charlotte, Toby, Caiden, Jasmine, Victor, Arianna and Pujashree to our school and we hope they enjoy being a valuable member of the Blue Coat family.



WELCOME

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

(Romans 5:8)



STAND TOGETHER CAMPAIGN

Two of our students, Naryan and Jayan, together with some of their family members, feature in a new film as part of the 'Stand Together' campaign. The campaign encourages everyone to make a stand against all forms of intolerance and prejudice. To see this powerful video, please click [here](#).

We are really proud of Naryan and Jayan and their stand against racism and, as a school, we fully support this initiative.



POSITIVE COVID TEST?

If you or any member of your household tests positive for Covid-19, at any time, please remember to let us know by clicking on the logo, or emailing admin@bluecoatschool.com.



EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on everyone's daily routine and lifestyle. This can have a big affect on our emotional and mental wellbeing. It is important to know that nobody is alone. It is okay to feel anxious, stressed or low in mood and it is okay for you to talk about these feelings. If you are worried about your mental health you can find some great resources by clicking on the links.



There are also a number of staff you can talk to in school if you need help.

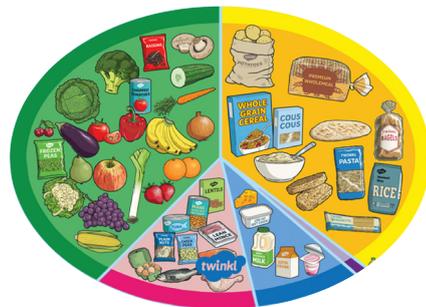
EAT WELL, FEEL WELL

Eating a healthy, balanced diet will boost your mood, give you more energy and improve your thinking.

Eating breakfast everyday will prepare your brain for the day ahead, helping you to concentrate and learn.

Ideally we should avoid snacks that are high in sugar such as sweets, biscuits and fizzy drinks. These can make your blood sugar rise and drop rapidly which can cause you to feel irritable and tired.

To help families with planning and preparing meals for the day or week, it might help to use the Eatwell Plate (above), to help you to achieve a balanced diet.



Take a look at the Change4Life recipe page (click on the logo) for great healthy meal ideas.



For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.



(John 3:16)

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UNIFORM, PE KIT AND SCHOOL RULES

As we enter the summer term, students are required to wear their summer PE kit. Please click [HERE](#) to see what that looks like.

We require high uniform standards at our school and expect all of our students to be dressed in full school uniform and to follow the school rules at all times. Thank you to the overwhelming majority of students who follow the uniform rules all of the time.

Please click [HERE](#) for a reminder of the uniform policy and expectations.

CITY OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION



We were delighted to be informed that the Lord Mayor's Peace Committee have uploaded images of our students' work on the theme of 'Peace' to their Coventry City of Peace and Reconciliation website. There is also an explanation from Mrs Hathaway about why peace is such a significant feature of our school's vision and values.

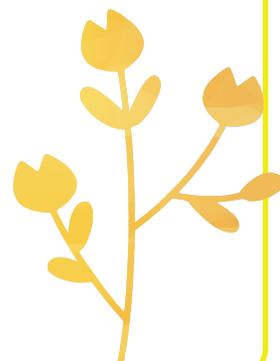
The lovely art work that featured is that of Joe Hall, Daniel Stanley and Jacob Woodrow, above.

Mrs Hathaway said "At the heart of the education provided at Blue Coat School are our "CHRIST values" (Care, Hard work, Respect, Integrity, Servanthood and Togetherness), which are inspired by Jesus's example of a compassionate, courageous, wise and powerful life. Therefore our mission is about preparing children for life, not just exams."

RELAXATION

By taking part in relaxing activities we can reduce feelings of stress and anxiety.

Click [HERE](#) for tips and ideas of how to relax.



WINTER GRANT SCHEME

We know that in these unprecedented times many people will find financial concerns particularly worrying. Coventry City Council are working closely with their partners so that together they can ensure helpful and reliable information and support is available around money worries, access to benefits and employment issues.

One of the available means of support is the Covid Winter Grant Scheme which has been extended until mid-April.



Coventry City Council

To find out more, click on the logo.

FEMALE LEAD SOCIETY

by Katie Edwards, Year 10

As part of an event for International Women's Day, I attended the first session of an online project designed to allow girls and young women to come together, make friends and receive guidance and support in relation to future aspirations. It also encouraged discussion and debate around how our lives and future aspirations might be impacted by our gender.

For example, in some parts of the world, one in ten girls arrive at school without sanitary products, others do not attend school during their monthly periods due to not having sanitary products.

In some countries and cultures women do not have access to the same opportunities as men, for example the right to drive a car without having permission from a man. Such inequalities, and the impact on the day-to-day lives, plus the impact on the futures of these young women was something considered by the group.

I found it really interesting, as well as frustrating at times as some of the statistics are shocking, but it was very thought provoking and I really enjoyed it. I am looking forward to the remaining sessions, which I hope will provide the chance to discuss how people can work for positive change moving forward.

Mrs Hathaway said "At Blue Coat we are always searching for opportunities of enrichment and I am really pleased to see that Katie attended a seminar that explored feminism to highlight International Women's Day".



INSPIRE STAFF CHALLENGE

In November, Blue Coat staff joined forces with other staff across the Inspire Education Trust in embarking on the Inspire Staff Challenge.

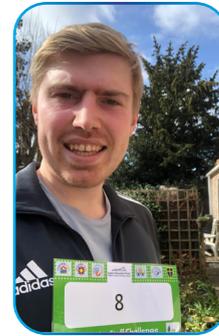
The challenge encouraged staff to get out and walk, run and cycle and at the same time raise money for The Trussell Trust.

The target was to collectively cover 1626 miles – representing the distance of a return journey from the most northerly to southerly Trussell Trust Foodbanks.

The challenge culminated on 21st March where a number of staff ran either a 5K or half marathon. Mr Corden said "We were blown away by the commitment of staff to this cause and I can announce that we have completed over 7000 miles during the duration of the challenge and managed to raise an incredible £1240 for The Trussell Trust. A massive thanks to all staff who contributed and also to all those who supported us and donated."



Pictured below are Blue Coat staff, Mrs Coventry, Mr Skelley and Mr Corden.



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

(1 Peter 1:3)

NEW CONTACT DETAILS?

It is crucial we can contact all parents and carers during the school day. If you have changed your email address or phone number(s) or if you have moved house recently, and not let us know yet, please click [here](#) to email your new details to us. Alternatively, please let us know via the School Gateway app.



If you have not received emails from us, please check your email spam/junk folders to make sure there are no emails from us as sometimes they do end up there.

Please could you ensure your phone is set to receive text and email notifications as well as those from the School Gateway app (if you are a registered user) as we could send messages to you from early in the morning until late into the evening.

THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW

Our Year 12 Graphics students have been working hard on their return to school making images for the Historic Coventry Trust. We were tasked with making a creative response to the Charterhouse Heritage Park, entitled 'The View from my Window'. Head of Art, Mrs Flanagan, said "As we have a lovely view of the historic Priory we made images that emphasised the materials that make the building, and the textures that we see. We are looking forward to seeing a selection in their forthcoming magazine which will be distributed to our local community."



GENEROSITY AND THANKS

Now that we are no longer collecting for food and essential parcels with the reopening of school, a number of parents have contacted us to say that they would like to continue with their donations.

In light of this we have decided to start up a Hardship Fund. This fund will be used to purchase school uniform, PE kit, other subject equipment or any other essentials needed for school. Any family struggling to finance these items can then apply for these funds.

If you would like to donate to the Hardship Fund please use the details below:

Sort code:- 30-92-33 Account No:- 24770263
Lloyds Bank Account name :- Inspire Education Trust

Please add the reference:- Hardship Fund.

Thank you to those of you who have so generously donated.

thank you

WEARING FACE MASKS CORRECTLY IS IMPORTANT!



CONCERNED ABOUT A CHILD?

If you are worried about a child or young person in your family, there is a wealth of support available to you. This support ranges from mental health support services, autism support, SEND Support, health and lifestyle issues to name but a few.

We have placed a handy guide to available support on our website and this can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

VISITING SCHOOL SITE

We would like to remind you that we do not allow parents/carers on to the school site to drop off lunches, PE kits, books or any other forgotten items for their child. Nor do we allow parents/carers on site to collect their child for appointments. Appointments should be made outside of school time ideally, but if they *must* be made in school time, students need to know in advance so they can leave their lesson and make their way to reception to sign out. We will then allow your child to meet you at the gate, once we can see you on the CCTV cameras.

THE VOICE

You will remember from our past bulletins that two former Blue Coat School students, brothers Jordan and Wesley Henry, entered ITV's The Voice.

We eagerly watched their progress and were delighted that they progressed through to the semi-final stage. At the end of the semi-finals, there was a public vote where four, from the eight acts, were to be put through to the final show. Unfortunately, Jordan and Wesley didn't receive enough public votes and were eliminated at that stage. However, we were proud to see them progress as far as they did and we wish them well with their future singing career. To see their last performance on The Voice, click on their image.



SELF-ISOLATION FINANCIAL SUPPORT GRANT

As you know, if your child tests positive for Covid, the whole household must self-isolate. The government has recognised that this may put a strain on family finances and therefore they have put in place a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment of £500 to assist parents/carers who meet the criteria. To find out if you meet the criteria, please click [HERE](#) where you will see if you are eligible and how to apply.

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Colossians 1:13-14)

COVENTRY MOVES

Our Year 7 students have been working hard since returning to school in March. Blue Coat School was chosen as one of 12 schools across the city to design and make a six metre collage for the City of Culture launch event, 'Coventry Moves.' Our banner will be made into a larger one which will be hung in the City, representing one of the themes.



We were given the word 'Resilience' to illustrate and had to study the work of Henri Matisse who made paper cut-outs. It was a large collaboration project by lots of Year 7 students.



Students in Year 7 and Year 8 have also been working hard on making designs for flags which will be selected to be made into smaller hangings. These will be attached to lamp posts as part of the City of Culture celebrations. For this, students have had to work with the additional themes of social justice, youthfulness, innovation, sustainability and people power.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all of the students who celebrate their birthday in April - happy birthday to all of you!



Junaid, Jacob, Amelia, Michal, Natasha, Nadia, Ermias, Ann Sarah, Sem, Anna, Zahrah, Austin, Hubert, Nathanael, Ahmad, Alicia, Lea, Millie, Moses, Elijah and Bakani

Elizabeth, Jakub, Daniel, Sanya, Josiah, Lili, Liam, Greg, Peace, Peculiar, Felicity, Malkiel, Amaan, Caitlin, Annelie, Ebony-Louise, Ralph, Peter, Sabrina and Georgia



Jonathan, Dennis, Angel, Kirstie, Chantelle, Esther, Joel, Temiloluwa, Daniel, Maddison, Noah, Kithu, Alfie, Naimah, Harjot, Sarah, Kevin, Madembe, Nathan, Jack, Julia, Daniel, Isaac, Ruth, Riyan and Joy

Mollie, Sam, Hannah, Daniel, Matthew, Ryan, Oliwier, Toby, Lili, Mitchell, Ishaq, Tyrese, Ola, Ella, Victoria, Noah, Davina, Fantasia, Theodore, Grace, Mekhai, Mical, Laura and Defne



Iffat, April, Lucia, Ju-Eun, Mateneh, Vishal, Adam, Diya, Caitlin and Jamelia

Katie, Helen, Emily, Jacob, Elena, Ella, Jael, Uzo, Aidan, Taylor, Joseph, Alex, Maria, Casey, Shaun, Wiktorja, Jack, Miracle, Naomi, Elliot, Brooke, Dawn, Grace, Eli, Harriette and Leo



Lucy, Michael, Samuel, Ellis, Isabelle, Katie, Ishmeet, Bethany, Newton, Carlos, Atifah, Elizabeth, Marcus, Mia, Ryan, Amelia, Emily, Orla, Ellena, Charlotte and Serena

HAPPY EASTER!

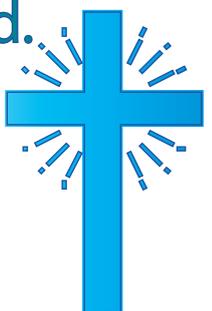
We wish all of our families a very happy Easter.

Summer Term starts on Monday 19th April.

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said.

"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen!"



(Mark 16:5-6)

