

FULLNESS LITE

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



Blue Coat

Church of England School
& Music College

As you know, our termly school newsletter, *Fullness!*, has been replaced by a more regular newsletter called *Fullness! Lite*. The next edition will be issued in the new year. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy reading this edition of *Fullness! Lite*. We wish you a restful and peaceful Christmas.

As we finish for Christmas, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support of our school this year. It has been a particularly challenging year for us all, however the Blue Coat spirit remains strong! We would like to share with you our Christmas song which can be viewed [here](#).

I am privileged to lead a committed and talented staff group who care deeply for our children. We have come a long way since March with the new language of remote learning, Microsoft Teams, Centre Assessed Grades, bubbles, zones and social distancing! In particular, I would like you to thank you for your patience as we have responded to these changes on a local and national level. We continue to work hard to develop our provision and to make sure we are doing the very best by your children. Please continue to check your emails over the Christmas break in light of recent Government announcements.

There have been so many highlights this half-term that it's hard to choose my favourites! However, a special mention must go to my Year 9 History class who are an absolute pleasure to teach and who remind me every lesson why being a teacher (despite COVID) is the best job in the world!

If you get the opportunity this Christmas, please watch our virtual carol concert which can be viewed [here](#). Once again it provides us with the opportunity to remember the true meaning of Christmas, that Christ came for us all.

Whatever your plans this Christmas, I wish you a restful, peaceful and safe time.

Mrs Shelley, Headteacher



Our Christmas Card Competition

Each year we have a competition where our students design the Blue Coat School Christmas card. This year, we were looking for not one, but *two* winning entries. One would feature on the front of *our* Christmas card and the other would feature on the Inspire Trust's Christmas card. This year's theme for the Blue Coat card was *Equality: Christ came for us all*. Central to Christian theology is the belief that every single one of us is made in the image of God. Every one of us is loved unconditionally by God. Our Christmas card competition this year embodies this belief as we are reminded of the significance of the birth of Christ for all.

The card chosen to feature on the IET Christmas card was designed by a very talented artist Joe Hall, Year 9 (top, left). Joe said he loves to paint for other people and his card design is sure to bring happiness to a lot of people this Christmas. Year 7 student, Daniel Stanley (top, right), designed a beautiful card and this was chosen to feature on the front of our Blue Coat card this year.

We had lots of fantastic entries which we decided were too good to go unseen so they all featured on the back of the Blue Coat Christmas card and they can also be seen by clicking on the image (right).

As the designs were so good, we made them into Christmas cards for the residents of nearby Nursing and Dementia Care Home, Abbey Park. As we all know, care home residents have been affected particularly hard by Covid this year and we hope these Christmas cards will help to spread a bit of Christmas cheer amongst the residents.

In true Blue Coat family spirit we involved lots of members of our community in this venture with Mrs Hathaway's daughters, Grace and Sophia, helping to make a Christmas post box for the cards whilst Mr Skelley's Tutor Group, DOR7B, wrote personal messages, in their very best handwriting in over 200 cards so each resident of the care home could receive four cards each. Once all of the cards were written, they were posted in the post box and delivered to the care home. We hope the residents enjoy their cards.

The kindness of DOR7B Tutor Group continued as they also collected some goods for a Christmas hamper for the care home residents. Their kindness, care and thoughtfulness were wonderful to see and this tutor group showcase Blue Coat at its best!



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School Council



With all of the essential changes we have made this academic year, student voice is more important than ever and our Year Councils are meeting half-terminally to help move the school forward.

During our meetings this half-term students have raised the following agenda items for discussion:

- Changes to the school day and break/lunch arrangements.
- Canteen provision for all students.
- Careers provision for all years, with a focus on the changes to provision during these uncertain times.
- Student cycle shelters - Year 11 Prefects are looking into raising the funding for this.
- Rewards for students this academic year to motivate those with the highest achievement points and attitude to learning.
- Improvements to the toilet facilities.

Our Year Councils will continue to meet each half-term for the rest of the academic year. If students have ideas, concerns or suggestions please pass these onto your Form Prefect to share at your Year Council meeting.

Importance of Human Rights

Some of our students took part in a Zoom call with the RISING Global Peace Forum which is a group of peace-builders, policymakers and academics from around the world who meet to discuss global issues. During the Zoom meeting they discussed human rights.

Miss Clemo's Year 9 RE class were invited to an online lecture delivered by the Coventry RISING group about the importance of peace and human rights.

Jack Mattock has written about his experience after he attended the lecture. He said "This lecture was all about why it is important to protect human rights to keep peace. Judge Shira Scheindlin described how people had their right to vote denied or made difficult in the recent US election. One example was that in Texas, curb-side voting was removed which made it very difficult for people to exercise their right to vote.

When listening to her lecture, it made me realise a lot of this was similar to the events in the film 'Selma' that we watched in Black History Month. This is because African Americans were treated unfairly and stopped from being given the right to vote, even though they were legally allowed to vote. For example, they had to pass unfair literacy tests, which were made impossible on purpose.

The right to vote is a human right and is essential for peace. I think that it is important to have voting rights because everyone deserves the right to have a say in the world and the country they live in."

Roman Centurions

Year 7 have been making Roman Centurions for homework as part of our Roman Project in partnership with Warwick University. Here are some examples of their fantastic efforts.



"But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus."

Luke 1:30-31



Cavell Week - 'I can do more'

We recently celebrated Cavell Week and our students managed to fund-raise a fantastic total of £1,289 for the House charity, WaterAid. WaterAid help people around the world to access clean, safe water.

The challenge set by House staff, was to do something 100 times, just as Sir Thomas Moore (Captain Tom) did for the NHS. The theme was chosen because Edith Cavell was a nurse and her famous quote was "I can do more".

There were lots of interesting challenges such as a student who sang 'Ten Green Bottles' a hundred times and another who swam a hundred lengths of a swimming pool.

Two individuals raised a phenomenal amount of money. Jacob Woodrow and Thomas Daniel, both in Year 7 are pictured here with Mrs Shelley and Miss Jones after a socially distanced certificate presentation!

Jacob hand-made cards for patients and staff at UHCW and Thomas raised over £400 hosting a general knowledge quiz for family and friends.



Cavell House students also designed t-shirts as part of a competition with the theme 'Edith Cavell' and 'Thanking the NHS'. Lea Barz (Yea 7) and Evie Jones (Year 10) were the winners of the t-shirt competition.

Miss Jones and Miss Williams said "We enjoyed walking around with our t-shirts designed by our competition winners. Thank you to everyone who helped raise money during Cavell Week - we are incredibly proud of everyone who took part in the 100 Challenge."

New books for the Library

Our Library Manager, Mrs Treadwell, was interviewed recently by TES (Times Educational Supplement) magazine for an article on how school libraries were surviving during the Covid pandemic.

She was delighted when, a few weeks later, TES contacted her to donate a £50 book voucher for our school library. You can read the full article [here](#).

Wearing face masks correctly is important!



International Day of People with Disabilities

3rd December was International Day of People with Disabilities - an annual celebration of people with disabilities. The 2020 theme, 'Not all disabilities are visible', focuses on spreading awareness and understanding of disabilities that are not immediately apparent, such as mental illness, chronic pain or fatigue, sight or hearing impairments, diabetes, brain injuries, neurological disorders, learning differences and cognitive dysfunctions, among others.

In school we wanted to raise awareness of the importance of creating a future where people with disabilities experience equal opportunities and face no barriers in all aspects of their lives. Across PE lessons, students played volleyball and football games within an 'equal opportunity' setting promoting inclusion for all. Participating students commented about the importance of the Paralympic movement to sport and society recognising that '*anything is possible*'.



Remote Learning



Please check your emails over the Christmas period as we update you regarding remote learning following the Government's recent announcement.

We have set up our Remote Learning page on the website (click on the image, right). On that page there are detailed explanations on how to access Microsoft Teams (for online lessons and remote learning).

Delightful Decorations

As part of this month's SMSC Challenge, Jacob Woodrow, Thomas Daniel and Stephen Hart have designed these lovely Christmas tree decorations - well done boys, these are fantastic!



'Click and Deliver' Books

Your library books are just a 'Click and Deliver' away!

With the Library being partially closed we wanted to find a way to keep our students reading, so we have introduced a new 'Click and Deliver' service.

Students can log onto Reading Cloud (click on the image below) and then search for your next book.

You can then select 'Reserve' and our Library Manager will deliver your book to your classroom within a couple of days!

All the information to access both Reading Cloud and instructions for 'Click and Deliver' can be found on our website - by clicking [HERE](#).



"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6



Martha's amazing achievements



As part of our International Day of People With Disabilities focus, students were shown an interview with ex-Blue Coat student, Martha Evans. Since leaving Blue Coat, Martha has represented Great Britain in Para-climbing. In the interview with Mr Corden she discusses the theme of this year's event 'Not all disabilities are visible', alongside her experience of living with a disability that is not visible. Martha is a fantastic role model for Blue Coat students. This was a great opportunity to celebrate Martha's amazing achievements. Mr Corden said "We thank Martha for taking time out of her studies to share her story".

Year 7 Readers

The Year 7 students are working so hard in Accelerated Reader lessons. They have been reading many books, passing lots of quizzes and ringing the celebration bell when they achieve 100%!

Lots of certificates have been given out to the students already.



To date they have read 16,934,079 words and have passed 428 quizzes. An impressive start, well done!

Inter Faith Week on Zoom!

As with most meetings and gatherings this year, things have had to be rearranged or changed due to Covid. At Blue Coat we are as committed as ever to ensuring the students here have opportunities to take part in all kinds of extra-curricular activities, where possible.



We were invited to take part in a Zoom call during Inter Faith Week with people of different religions who were discussing what they have done to help others during the coronavirus pandemic.

Jessica Turner, Year 9, took part in the Zoom session and she said "Some people made donations to charities such as the Coventry Foodbank to help families struggling with money. Others spoke about how they donated items to Key Workers at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire, such as hand creams to help those with dry hands from constant washing and hand sanitiser. They talked about their religious beliefs and how that inspired them to help in these difficult times."

Postcard Exchange

As part of celebrations for Inter Faith Week 2020, Year 7 students wrote praise and positivity cards to students at Eden Girls' School and Seva School. Below are photographs of some of our Year 7 students reading the replies. The messages were full of positive thoughts and hopes for the future. We thank our neighbours Eden and Seva for taking part in this uplifting partnership. We loved reading their messages!



The Inspire Staff Challenge

Members of staff at Blue Coat are getting involved in 'The Inspire Staff Challenge'. Staff across the schools in the Inspire Education Trust will be logging all of their exercise, be it walking, running or cycling to raise money for the Trussell Trust.

The Trussell Trust co-ordinates over 1200 foodbanks nationwide. The furthest north in the UK is Highland Foodbank and the furthest south is Helston and Lizard Foodbank. The distance between the two is 813 miles.



Our aim is to collectively cover this distance through our exercise as many times as possible between now and 21st March 2021. This will culminate in staff running in the Coventry Festival of Running in either the 5K or half marathon events on 21st March.

We would greatly appreciate your support in helping us reach our fundraising target of £813 by sponsoring us.

Please visit this website www.justgiving.com/IET if you are able to donate.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 1:14



Well done, Esther

Congratulations go to Esther Johnson who was awarded her House badge by Mrs Shelley. Esther demonstrated the school value of 'Care' when a child was hit by a car at the crossing down the road from school. Thankfully the child was ok. Esther acted promptly, remaining calm and calling an ambulance to the scene. She stayed at the scene with a member of the public until the staff on gate duty arrived to support. She spoke to the ambulance personnel and checked on the child communicating backwards and forwards between the two. When she was congratulated by Mrs Shelley her first question was, "How is the boy now?". We are so proud of Esther!



Inter-Faith Week Celebrations

Inter Faith Week 2020 took place from 8th-15th November and we spent the whole week celebrating in school. Activities included entering students in the Coventry and Warwickshire Peace Poem competition, exchanging 'Peace and Positivity' postcard with Eden Girls' School (Muslim faith) and Seva School (Sikh faith) in Coventry, taking part in lessons about alternative faiths such as the Rastafari movement, and making lanterns to celebrate the festival of Diwali, pictured below. We also delivered a very special Inter Faith and Remembrance combined tutor periods where students reflected on the contributions of different nationalities and faiths in the World Wars.



Pictured here are some of our Year 7 students reading the postcards from Eden School. Emily Johnson said "This term in our Year 7 Religious Education classes we were asked to make postcards to send to Eden Girls' School and Seva School. In return we received postcards back from them. I have a friend at Eden Girls' School and she said they were really excited to receive our postcards. This task opened up communication between the different faith schools, talking about religion, equality and discrimination." Head of RE, Mrs Hathaway said "We would like to thank our neighbours Eden and Seva schools for taking part in this uplifting partnership. We loved reading your messages."



Word Millionaires

Congratulations to Oliver Molnar, Sem Gazae and Charlotte Tizik for reading over one million words in the first term and becoming our first word millionaires!

All of our Year 7 students participate in the Accelerated Reader programme, where they can read and take a quiz on their books and as a year group they have read just under 17 million words altogether.

Our students also have access to both myON and SORA Reading Apps so that they can read anytime, anywhere!



"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed."

Matthew 2:10



Careers Spotlight

On Wednesday 9th December, Year 10 students attended a zoom meeting with BBC employers to widen their knowledge of the many pathways currently offered. Students got to hear from a current radio production apprentice and gained valuable insight into skills and guidance for those considering a future career in this area.

Friendship Prize

We are very proud of our Year 8 students Imogen Taylor, Jocelyne Williams and Tabasom Rahmani who have been acknowledged for their wonderful entries in a competition by the Coventry Association for International Friendship.



We are working towards our



Blue Coat remembered them

On Armistice Day, 11th November, staff and students paused to remember those who died in the two World Wars and in subsequent conflicts. To mark the 11 hour, on the 11 day of the 11 month, Mr Johal asked Peter Raistrick to play the Last Post on his trumpet to signal the beginning of the two-minute silence. Peter was note-perfect and the moving tune could be heard across the site and beyond. Everyone on site paused for a period of reflection whilst some students gathered at the cross at the front to hear Year 13 student, Grace Adjei recite the Litany of Reconciliation after the silence.



In their tutor period in the week following Remembrance Sunday, students watched a film about how people of all faiths fought in the war for our freedom. Often we see war images depicting white men, whereas the reality is men (and women) of all faiths helped the British war effort including many Sikhs, Hindus and Muslims.

14th November 2020 marked 80 years since the Coventry Blitz and to commemorate this, on behalf of the school, Mrs Hathaway laid a wreath at The Blitz Memorial at the London Road Cemetery and recited a moving prayer which was written by Year 11 student, Peter Raistrick. To see the wreath-laying and to hear the prayer, click on the image of the wreaths or [here](#).



Face Masks

Face masks MUST be worn by students in all communal areas in school, as well as on public transport and in indoor public places (unless someone is mask exempt). At the beginning of the school year, students were issued with two Blue Coat branded blue face masks. If any student has lost these masks, they can wear a plain navy, plain black or a disposable face mask.

Not wearing a mask (unless exempt) is a breach of the school's Behaviour Policy. If a student forgets their mask, they must go to reception with 20p for a replacement disposable mask. If they do not have 20p, they can bring it the next day. After 24 hours, their parent/carer will be asked to pay for the mask (cost 45p to cover the admin fee) on Parent Pay. There is a face mask payment option for all students on Parent Pay - this is in case the 45p needs to be paid. Parents/carers will be notified and an alert will also be sent on Class Charts. Blue Coat cotton face masks can be purchased from Andy Blair Schoolwear for £4.



Acceptable face masks

Keeping warm this winter

As you will know from our Covid-19 Risk Assessment, we have to have windows and doors open to create more ventilation in the attempt to try to rid ourselves of coronavirus. During the winter months we recognise that this could create discomfort in lessons for students, particularly as temperatures drop. With this in mind, we have temporarily amended our uniform and behaviour policies to allow students to wear plain navy sweatshirts or cardigans. They can be round or v-neck. Knitted round or v-neck cardigans or jumpers are also allowed. We DO NOT allow any logos, hoodies or zips. For more information and to see our full uniform requirements, please click on the images below. We hope this change gives parents/carers the option to purchase more affordable items.



It's YOUR Newsletter!

So that the newsletters are useful and meaningful, we would be interested to hear what you would like to see in future editions. If you would like to give your ideas or feedback, please click on the image below.



We would like to hear from ALL readers, not just parents/carers but students and other members of the Blue Coat Community or readers from outside of the school.

"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."



Luke 2:12

Contact Information - Keeping in touch

Now, more than ever, it is important to stay up-to-date with information that we send to parents/carers. We email 2-3 times a week on average, often more. In cases where we need to send students home for self-isolation, we send emails to parents/carers explaining the details. It would be helpful to us if parents/carers checked their emails daily so nothing vital is missed.

Please ensure that if you change email address, phone number(s) or home address, you email admin@bluecoatschool.com to inform us of the changes.

If you haven't yet downloaded and registered to use the [School Gateway](#) app, please download it from your regular app store (click on the logo for more information) as we can keep in touch with you, and you with us, much more easily via this app. Thank you.

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Happy Birthday!

All of these students have celebrated, or will celebrate, their birthdays in December or January - happy birthday to all of you!

Ghasan, Adarshini, Mohammad, Tahlia, Labiba, Sophie, Aaisha, Sara, Lacey, Betiel, Aaron, Daniela, Hartej, Valerie, Jamayra, Summer, Thomas, Amena, Zalie, Arbion, Eleanor, Jack, Lowena, Jolene, Peter, Ahmad, Siddharth, Rumaysaa, Chiderah, Ademide, Rina, Victoria, Gabriel, Darcey, Udhay, Fahim, Ekkam, Melvin, Leo, Denni, Amanveer, Manbir, Esha, Anya, Daniel, Rosie, Bartosz, Gloria and Jayson.

Raei, Danny, Aiyanna, Cai, Taran, Alfie, Yendi, Mikolaj, Aiden, Keira, Jay, Michael, Anwar, Hiyab, Elia, Ruby, Rayaana, Ann, Isobel, Jack, Jacinda, Finley, Autumn, Cian, Kimi, Darcey, Anna, Joanna, Bryony, Zainab, Nana, Gyrsa, Tanaka, Gracie, Summer, Hannah, Ashton, Tyler and Luna.

Elizabeth, Iyindola, Phoebe, Joel, Noor, Myer, Keila, Katelyn, Gracie-Mae, Mariama, Eleonora, Elizabeth, Samuel, Jessie, Hafsa, Claude, Finley, Amir, Erin, Samuel, Tamem, Kevin, Nitash, Joshua, Liam, Devine, Michelle, Adrian, Kiynyuy, Magdalena, Sandile, Keleigh, Rhian, Milton, Denzel, Caleb, Damien, Anuoluwapo, Chloe, Olivia, Jamie, Suhayb, William, Akubom, Tinovimba and Louis.

Bethany, Eniola Mary, Grant, Abdulhadi, Aditya Shree, Maximiliano, Harshavardhan, Joel, Fionn, Nathan, Emma, Tobias, Evan, Joy, Ellis, Sharon, Darlene, Karen, Jerome, Jjay, Cameron, Aaron, Jacob, Madeleine, Iremide, Hannah, Levi, Amber, Calvin, Victoria, Zack, Michael, Karis, Noah, Kieran and Katie.

Hodan, Rahat, Papa, Jonathan, Alishaba, Daniel, Nehemie, Simren, Caleb, Keira, Diya, Ria, Midhusha, David, Gia, James, Dhaniya, Joseph, James, Konner, Jochebed, Chloe, Bradlyn, Charlie, Alisha, Bailey, Thomas, Kyle, Lily, Toby, Osaluguemhen and Kelly.

Janice, Chimemeriele, Sabaa, Lauren, Harvin, Mahima, Daniel, Hanna, Orna, Stephen, Matthew, Sucharitha, Shahadh, Faith, Malachi, Haydon, Theo, Megan, Jamie, Aaminah, Isaac, Laurence and Amal

Asiya, Grace, Jack, Sally, Naomi, Chelsey, Paul, Sophie, Aimee, Joseph, Benjie-Lubula, James, Chinyere, Mirjam, Alicia, Dayah, Sophie, Luke and Kornel

Liam

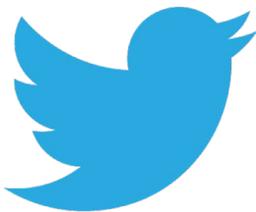


Shout-out!



Do you know anyone who deserves a mention in the newsletter? It could be a student or a staff member - someone who has done something that should be recognised? It doesn't matter how big or small, just let us know and we will give them a mention. To request a shout-out, click on the logo to email the details to us.

Don't miss out on the latest news from Blue Coat School - follow us on Twitter - just click on the logo to visit our Twitter page.



We have over 670 followers but more are always welcome!

Youth Open 2020

One of our Post-16 students has had her work displayed at the Youth Open 2020 at Rugby Art Gallery. Unfortunately, due to Covid, the Gallery cannot admit members of the public due to Warwickshire being placed in Tier 3, however they do hope to open again in the public in the new year.



Admissions Policy Consultation

The Governing Body of Blue Coat School is consulting on the admissions policy for September 2022. The consultation runs from 20 November 2020 until 1 January 2021. Please click on the badge for more information.



Our first online art exhibition

As with most events and exhibitions this year, our Art Exhibition is having to take place online this year. We would be delighted if you would visit our exhibition by clicking on the image.



"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."



Isaiah 7:14