



BEDLINGTON
Academy

SPRING NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2021



WELCOME to our spring newsletter...

Dear parents, carers and friends of Bedlington Academy,

What a term it has been! Once again we have been so impressed by the resilience of our students in adapting to the challenges which have been thrown at them in the last year. We are really proud of the way they have engaged with home learning and with the progress they have made in their learning. We have also loved receiving the positive feedback from you this term; it has been really humbling to read your words of encouragement and has certainly given staff a boost on those dark winter days!

It has been lovely to welcome all our students back to face to face learning in recent weeks. We have missed them so much and it is wonderful to have a building full of young people again. They have responded,

as ever, with a positive attitude and an enthusiasm for learning.

As we look back on the term, we would like to celebrate all the wonderful things that happened, both in school and at home while learning remotely. From our brilliant student council to budding artists, we are so proud of all of our students' achievements.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support during these difficult times. We look forward to the summer term and all the opportunities it will bring.

I wish you all a restful break and a Happy Easter.

Joanna Lamb

Mrs J Lamb, Head of School
Bedlington Academy

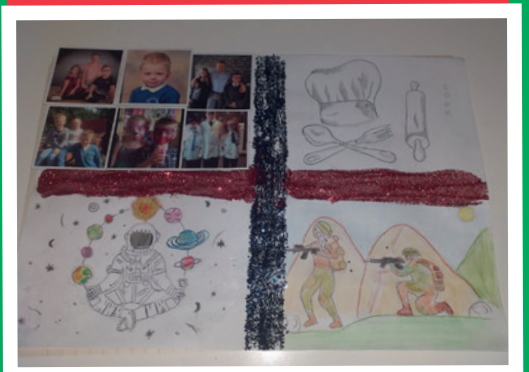
NEW FOR 2021...

The geography department has launched a series of monthly competitions for students to get involved in!

Kicking off in February, the first challenge was for students to design a flag that represented themselves, their culture, heritage, friends and family, sports, hobbies and even pets!

We saw some fantastic entries and are proud to announce Lauren Cook (Year 8) as the winner.

March's competition follows a spring theme with two options either to create an image of spring time using natural materials or write a poem about springtime. There is still plenty of time to enter – see Miss Churnside or our Facebook page for further details. Good luck!



Budding artist gallery...

Our budding artists have been working hard to develop their artistic skills this term.

Year 7 have been learning about the lives and works of some of the great artists.

Year 8 have been looking at a variety of different illustrators and trying to replicate their drawing techniques.

Year 9 have developed their portraits project by creating work influenced by historical and contemporary artists.

Our Year 10 artists have started an architecture project,

producing research on Antoni Gaudi, Norman Foster and Frank Gehry in preparation for some 3D outcomes next term.

Our eldest artists in Year 11 have been researching and designing on the themes of 'close-ups' and 'the sea' to produce their final outcomes before they move on to the next stages of their education.

Take a look at some of the amazing work!

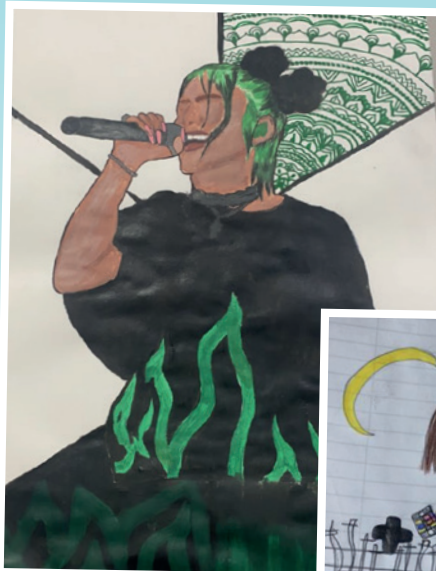
IMPORTANT DATES for your diary

26 MAR - Break up for Easter

12 APR - Back to school

03 MAY - Bank holiday

Please keep checking our website and social media channels for the latest updates.



We're social!

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Staff Challenge

Bedlington Academy staff have taken part in a range of sporting challenges over the past few months completing the 'All End Up' challenge.

Staff covered 874 miles - equating to the journey from Lands End to John O'Groats - by converting time spent exercising into virtual miles to achieve the distance.

Having successfully completed the first challenge, staff then embarked on 'The Grand Tour of Scotland' covering 2000 miles in 7 weeks. Starting the virtual journey in Edinburgh, staff headed west to Glasgow and the shores of Loch Lomond before taking the road north to the Highlands climbing a number of Munro's along the way. This has been a great opportunity to support staff physical and mental well-being.

Well done all who have taken part!



Lockdown cooking

Another lockdown saw the return of our DT Wall of Fame. We were so impressed by the effort students put in to create tasty dishes for their families to enjoy.

Lucie, Year 8, did a great job developing her practical skills as she produced and shaped a dough that later became tasty cheese scones.

Emerson, Year 8, demonstrated her practical skills at home by producing blueberry muffins which went down a treat.

Year 9's Chloe produced a cottage pie after investigating foods from the UK.

We are so proud of the work students produced. We think you will agree that they did a superb job!

Chloe from Year 8 developed her understanding and skills in gelatinisation by producing a delicious dish of macaroni cheese.





WORLD BOOK DAY 2021

World Book Day 2021 was a virtual victory for our Key Stage 3 classes! Each class watched a short video at the start of periods 1, 3 and 4 where a member of staff read an extract from a short story. Over the course of the day students watched staff read the story in its entirety.

There were predictions and messages of concern and enjoyment about the characters within the story throughout the day and we are sure that all students would agree that our staff readers did a fabulous job!

In Key Stage 4 and 5, staff shared their love of non-fiction books by taking pictures of them reading or showing off their collections on shelves at home.

Staff also recommended reads for furthering students' understanding of their subjects and there were discussions around the impact that non-fiction has had on their everyday lives. This proved to be a great success with many students sharing their favourite non-fiction reads with staff.

Throughout the day, Year 9 students were also taught

about the importance of reading and the positive impact it can have upon their mental health and wellbeing, with many enthusiastically taking up the challenge to read at least one book, fiction or non-fiction, before the end of the Easter holidays.

The positive impact of reading upon our mental health and wellbeing was also highlighted through our whole-school World Book Day assembly with many more students across all Key Stages joining Year 9 in taking up the challenge to read at least one full book by the end of the Easter holidays.

All students were sent a World Book Day voucher to spend in their local supermarkets or shops via their school email address ensuring all students now have access to a book to read in their own time – for free!

Student council

The Student Council is a democratically elected board of student representatives. The student council meets each half term with the senior leadership team to discuss all aspects of school life. The points raised by the student body are also shared with Mrs Lamb, the board of governors and the Trust.

Primarily, the aim of the council is to provide a forum for students to not only represent the views of their peers but also to take an active role in school life and the decision-making process. If you have an idea you would like to raise or a topic you feel strongly about, you may wish to have your views represented at the next council meeting. Please contact Mr Hinshaw or Ms Hudson and submit your views in writing via email or letter.