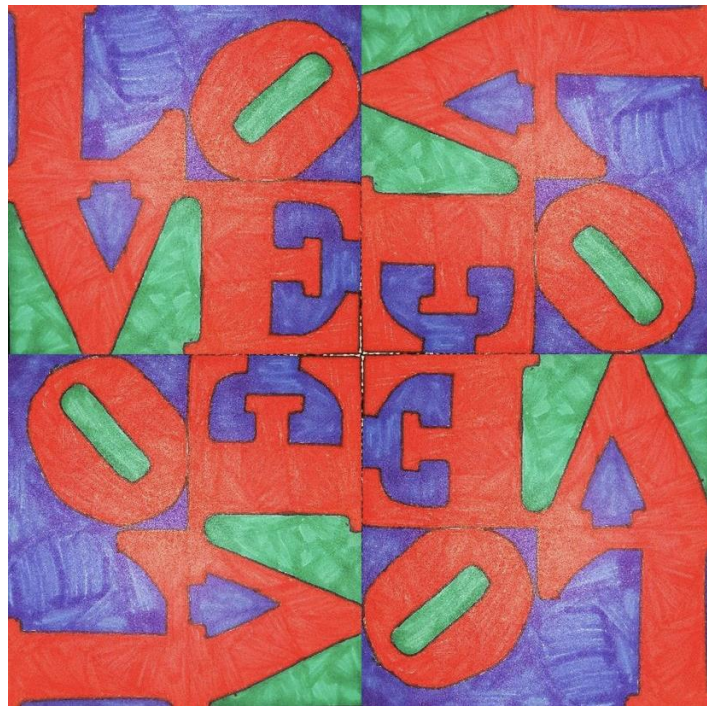


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10th February 2021



Home Learning in Art @bournville_school_art on Instagram

Message from Miss Green:



I am so very proud of how our school community is pulling together and embodying our value of ambition in even these most trying of times. The Leadership Team and I are excited to see the increasing numbers of students attending lessons and sending in their work to get feedback. I'm also proud of how our staff have risen to the challenge of our new online learning environment using teams to get students to submit their work in a variety of ways and mastering the challenges of online teaching. We have made an intentional decision to continue with our classroom curriculum, and with our policy of extended writing and deliberate practice in our lessons to ensure that valuable learning and progress is not lost whilst students aren't physically in school. We are devoting our time to giving feedback to students on all of the work they send in either by

email, online through teams, via verbal feedback in lessons or the Teams 'chat' function, through interactive polls within lessons, and by looking at the pictures of work that students send. This regular, live feedback means that learning and progress continue at pace, and students will be ready to continue their in class learning when they return to school. This week sees our usual Milestone Assessments taking place in core subjects in order to assess progress and gaps in learning so that these can be addressed by our teachers in next ½ term's lessons. Whilst we have been

fortunate to be able to support families who need them with laptops and support with internet access, issues with IT have been dealt with swiftly by the team behind bvastudentremotesupport@bournville.fmat.co.uk, who students can email if they have any queries about how to access online learning. We are also pleased to greet students at their 'family breakfast' tutor time, and if we don't see them there, our form tutors are quick to follow up with a phone call, so that every student in every class makes contact with our pastoral teams each week and we know that everyone is safe and well. We are unbelievably proud of our 150 Home School Heroes who were nominated by their teachers for a special certificate for the fantastic work they have completed during the last 5 weeks: true dedication and determination.



However, lockdown life at Bournville doesn't stop there: Y10 and Y11 have had fantastic assemblies run remotely by their Heads of Year where we have shown them the dedication and standard of learning that is expected whilst they are at home. We have also continued to run extra-curricular opportunities for our students including Lockdown Library reading challenges, the Brilliant Club, the Y7 Friday Art Club, Fit in February and the Winter Walks Photography competition. I couldn't be prouder of the fantastic ambition and dedication of our students and staff, and cannot wait to welcome everyone back to the classroom as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, I have confidence that we can keep providing excellent opportunities, lessons and feedback to our students as they learn at home.

Follow us on Social Media

Please do follow us on Instagram @bournvilleschool , or on Twitter @BournvilleSch for all of the latest news and competitions. Over at @bournville_school_art on Instagram you can see examples of artwork from our students, as well as information on clubs and competitions.

Bournville Family Breakfast



We've been very pleased to continue the tradition of our tutor time family breakfast. This has taken a different format with Form Tutors running a session each day with a small group, though students are welcome to attend every day if they wish to. It's clear to us how much our students value this opportunity to connect with friends and trusted adults in a less formal setting than a lesson. This has given our students an opportunity to understand current affairs, use their voices, and to explore their shared values.

Value of Ambition

This ½ term has focused on the Bournville School value of ambition. At Bournville School one of our school values is Ambition, we aim to support students to excel not only in their academic learning but to gain and develop their skills and character in order for them to achieve their future goals and careers. Students this week will have received the latest career information and support via email and Show My Homework. This information includes, virtual careers fairs,

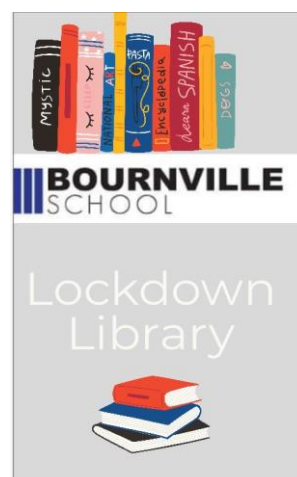
virtual work experience opportunities, college tours and open days as well as ways to develop character. This information will be updated and sent out regularly to student, please read through the information and sign up to any event that interest you.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Lockdown Library

There is no better time to get your family reading, even if we can't really go anywhere physically we can explore so much through books. We are running a competition, which closes after ½ term for the best review of a book read during lockdown. Each child has been sent the information by their English teacher. There will be a £10 voucher for the best submission.

The links below connect you and your family to free books and audiobooks you can access. The Oak National Academy's Virtual School Library has author interviews, activities and a free book to read each week – this week's featured author is Konnie Huq, and you can also access books from previous weeks.



A promotional banner for the Virtual School Library. On the left, there is a portrait of author Konnie Huq. Next to her is the cover of her book 'Cookie!', which features a cartoon character and the text 'WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY KONNIE HUQ'. To the right of the book cover, there is a green banner with the text 'Virtual School Library' and 'Author of the Week: Konnie Huq'. Below this, there is a green bar with the text 'Visit library.thenational.academy to find out more #VirtualSchoolLibrary'. The background of the banner is white with some faint text and logos.

Y7-9

[Virtual School Library | Oak Academy \(thenational.academy\)](https://library.thenational.academy)

[Audible Stories: Free Audiobooks for Kids | Audible.com](https://www.audible.com)

[Books in Children's Literature \(sorted by popularity\) - Project Gutenberg](https://www.gutenberg.org)

Y10-11

[Audible Stories: Free Audiobooks for Kids | Audible.com](https://www.audible.com)

[Top 100 | Project Gutenberg](https://www.gutenberg.org)

Brilliant Club

This half term, selected students in year 8 and 9 are beginning their journey with the Brilliant Club to offer stretch and challenge. Despite the school site being closed, students were able to take part in a fantastic live launch event, where the Brilliant Club was introduced to students by Zoom. Students are now beginning to introduce themselves to their university mentors and will begin the course with their first online tutorial on the 26th January. This opportunity will provide an excellent chance for students to engage with university style learning and broaden their horizons for ambitious futures. We are really looking forward to seeing how the students engage, and the work they are involved with in the coming weeks!



Fit in February



Bournville School Physical Education



'Fit in Feb!' - Attention staff, students parents and pets! This is for everybody!

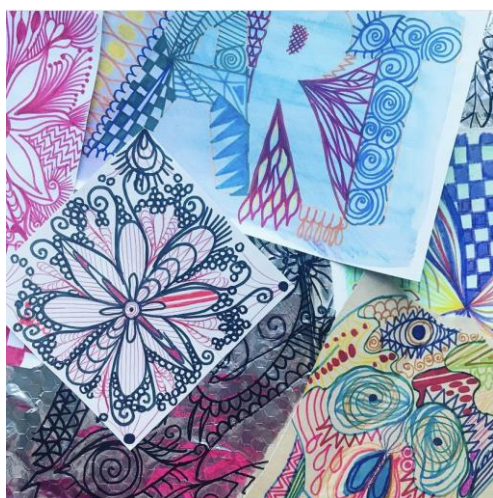
We as a school community are going to get fitter during the month of February and see how many times the school can walk from Birmingham to New York (3,367 miles)! Miles can be completed by walking, jogging or cycling! Everybody's total mileage will be added together at the end of February! 6734 miles is the target!

No Fitbit or smartphone? No worries!
1 mile is approximately 2000 steps
So you can work on your maths too!



Process:

- Keep count of your steps/distance each day.
- Record your distance at the end of each day and keep a running total!
- Email your weekly total to Mr Merrick every Friday, so a running total can be made d.merrick@bournville.fmat.co.uk



Art club and activities

Our fantastic Art department have been offering students opportunities to practice mindful doodling at the Y7 Lunchtime Teams Art Club, where they have been able to relax, be social and enjoy the benefits of creativity. Y7 students who would like to join in should click on their Teams invitation. Here are some examples of what they have created.

For students in other year groups there has been the opportunity to combine art with the chance to take a walk, and

appreciate nature – all of which have a positive impact on mental health – through our Lockdown Photography competition. Why not join them by taking some photographs on a local walk this ½ term.

Mental health for young people during Coronavirus and lockdown

If you're worried about the impact of coronavirus on your mental health, you are not alone. The COVID-19 pandemic is a new and uncertain time for all of us and will affect our mental health in different ways. However you are feeling right now is valid. With the right help and support, we can get through this. The Young Minds website gives valuable advice on things you can do to keep mentally healthy.

BOURNVILLE SCHOOL

LOCKDOWN PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Calling all students to enter our photography competition. You must take a photograph which fits into the theme of 'winter walks'.
COMPETITION CLOSSES 5TH MARCH

To enter, submit a photograph to Miss Walton via email at twalton@bournville.fmat.co.uk

1ST PRIZE: £20 <small>Amazon voucher</small>	2ND PRIZE: £10 <small>Amazon voucher</small>	3RD PRIZE: £5 <small>Amazon voucher</small>
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<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

The Mix

- You can find information for young people about coronavirus and ideas for things to do while staying home on their website.
- The Mix's emotional support services are open as normal – and if you're under 25 you can talk to them about anything that's troubling you over the phone, email or webchat. You can also use their phone or online counselling service.
- Helpline open daily 4-11pm: 0808 808 4994 • Email service • Webchat open daily 4-11pm
- Counselling service

Childline

- If you're under 19 you can confidentially call, email or chat online about any problem big or small
- Freephone 24h helpline: 0800 1111

YoungMinds Crisis Messenger

- Provides free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK if you are experiencing a mental health crisis
- If you need urgent help text YM to 85258
- All texts are answered by trained volunteers, with support from experienced clinical supervisors
- Texts are free from EE, O2, Vodafone, 3, Virgin Mobile, BT Mobile, GiffGaff, Tesco Mobile and Telecom Plus.

We'd also like to remind all parents that our website has a dedicated safeguarding section which contains information on key safeguarding topics and links to find information and help:

<http://www.bournvilleschool.org/academy-life/safeguarding/> You can also contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads via email safeDSL@bournville.bham.sch.uk

If you or your family is struggling at this unprecedented time, support is available from the Birmingham City Council Educational Psychology team:



Do you as a parent or carer at home with your children during the school shut down, feel that you need someone to talk to about how you can cope with this challenging time for families?

Birmingham Educational Psychology Service is providing a telephone helpline for any parent or carers of children, who feel they would benefit from a consultation with a psychologist to support them with any concerns arising at this time, for them or their families.

Areas of concern you may wish to discuss could include:

Anxiety around the current situation and its impact on your children and family.

Supporting you to support your children's emotional needs.

Concerns about family relationships.

Concerns about friendships, learning, daily structure and activities.

How to best look after yourself so you can support your children.

The concerns can be related to school or family life. You will be offered an initial telephone consultation of 30 minutes with a psychologist and a potential follow up session of another 30-minute consultation at a later date. These will be Monday -Friday, within standard working hours. If you would like to access this service please email: Stephanie.Bowen@birmingham.gov.uk with the following information:

Your name

The telephone number you would like to be contacted on.

The name of your child's school.

Times and dates you are not available for a consultation.
Whether an interpreter is required for you to access this service.

We will aim to get back to you within 2 working days to confirm a time and date for your consultation.

This service will, as far as possible, be confidential.

Health and Wellbeing

Bournville School is committed to promoting good health and wellbeing, in part this is taught and discussed through our PSHE curriculum where we promoted good physical and mental health. We also follow government guidelines in teaching sex and relationships education. All students will be studying an age-appropriate curriculum during the summer term. The content of what is studied can be found in our curriculum planning documents on the school website. If you would like further information, please contact the school, following the directions from the school website.