

KS3 News.

We are so proud of the commitment shown by our fabulous KS3 pupils to their learning. Pupils have been fully engaged in their lessons and have produced some impressive work. Their creativity in both class and homework must be commended and is a definite strength of our Key Stage. We want to congratulate all of our pupils on their successes. Well done all.

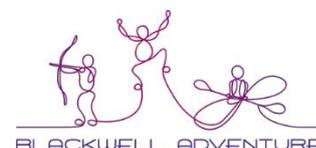


Remembrance Day We are so proud of KS3's contribution to our whole school Remembrance Day Service. Our pupils demonstrated the greatest respect. Their research on individual soldiers made it all the more significant. Well done to all.



Anti-Bullying Week In line with our new school value of respect, KS3 has taken on the **7 Day and 7 Night Challenge** where all pupils are only going to call each other by their names and nothing else! We know that all pupils will be successful with this challenge.

Blackwell Court – Some pupils have been back to Blackwell to complete their Outdoor Pursuits Day from last June. Pupils took part in rock climbing, wall climbing and team building activities. All pupils had a great time.



Worcestershire Skills Show – Fifty pupils visited the NEC for our second time at the Skills Show. Pupils were given the most amazing opportunity to consider their futures and think about what they want to do beyond school. There were so many exhibitors.



Baking Challenge – Pupils have been busy baking cakes for charity. The first cake sale took place on Friday 16th November. Pupils swarmed to the selling point at break time knowing that their purchases would be going to charity! It was a fabulous success and pupils made a significant amount of money. Well done.



Talk the Talk Workshop

Two groups of Year 7 pupils were given the opportunity to improve their self-confidence when talking to others. The workshop also focussed upon resilience, communication skills, speaking confidently and persuasively with impact. In one section of the workshop, each student wrote, structured and delivered a speech, to the rest of the group without their notes. It was a pleasure watching their confidence grow throughout the sessions. Well done Year 7!

Collaborative Creative Car Challenge 7C1 had the chance to be creative in English last week. Group members worked in pairs. Each pair was given a printed set of instructions, some card, four pencils, a

pair of scissors, a box and some string. Completely independently, group members constructed a car. We are all so impressed with the results.

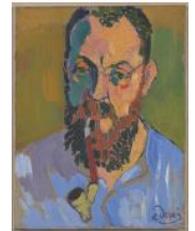


Love to Learn

History – Our Year 8 historians are looking at the English Civil War and Year 7 are extending their knowledge of The Romans. All are fully engaged in their lessons and very proud of their work.



Art - Year 8 Pupils have been studying a highly skilled French artist called Matisse who drew simple figures but made them very powerful through colours, shading and using many art techniques. Pupils are also creating light boxes, using inspiration from his drawings. Pupils are really inspired by his work.



Year 7 Pupils have been asked to design and make a decorative product inspired by nature that uses minimal natural resources. We are delighted with their final products. Well done all!



RE Year 8 pupils have studied the prophet Oscar Romero in RE. They have learnt how he helped many El Salvadorians to resist the government's repression before his eventual assassination. He was a truly inspirational Christian from whom we can all learn.

Science: In science, pupils have learnt about ceramics and composites. This is very interesting and they are comparing the advantages and disadvantages of them. Pupils have researched using brand new ipads.

Scientific Bungee Jump Investigations

Pupils have been investigating the relationship between the amount of mass placed on a bungee jump cord and the potential length that the cord might extend down to.



Music - Alongside learning to read music and playing musical instruments, KS3 pupils have been planning their own musical events. Their inspiration was taken from **The Jingle Bell Ball**. Pupils had to consider the format, the theme, the title, the cost of a ticket and the artists that would support the event. The final results were presented to the whole class, once again, improving the confidence of our pupils.