

Friday Focus



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Highlights of this week's news at school
and forthcoming events

Photo of the week
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WELCOME

You may have seen from social media that our football teams have already had great sporting success in five-a-side competitions, with both the U16 boys and girls winning their tournaments. In other sports news, our house table tennis competition took place on Thursday with the results being announced next week. Many thanks to all who took part.

Mrs Johnson

Headteacher

Pride, Respect & Kindness

FANTASTIC YEAR 8

Congratulations to Isaac and Millie in Year 8 for excelling in running and taekwondo. Isaac won a county race and Millie recently earned a 1st Degree Black Belt. Well done to you both on your success!



BE SOMEONE

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 22nd
October
6pm



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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Year 11 parents and carers, we are delighted to invite you to our sixth form open evening. Please **check your email inboxes** for a flyer with full details of the event, including a **link to book additional information sessions**. We look forward to welcoming you and helping your son/daughter take the next exciting step in their educational journey. Send any queries to sixthform@bb-hs.co.uk



SPORTING SUCCESS

Last week the U16 Boys and Girls 5-a-side teams, travelled to Excel for the City 5-a-side tournament. Both teams did exceptionally well, winning their respective tournaments. It's great for them both to have success so early in the academic year, well done and hopefully a sign of more to come.

SHREK JR

Tuesday rehearsals for Shrek are continuing with pace, enthusiasm and commitment as well as the occasional belly laugh! This week Shrek and Donkey got to meet for the first time and Lord Farquaad was lording it over his subjects. Please note there will not be a whole cast rehearsal on Tuesday 6th October due to the music event in the hall and only Shrek, Donkey, Lord Farquaad and the Duloc performers are needed.



MARVELLOUS MATHMETICIANS

Congratulations to Year 11 students Mikayla, Bella, Anneliese and Kayleigh for their success in the UKMT challenge.



UK Maths Trust



READING ADVOCATE



Mrs King is reading The Moomins by Tove Jansson

One of my absolute favourite book series is The Moomins by Finnish author Tove Jansson. Her influence is huge in the magical and enchanting world of Moominvalley. The adventures mainly focus on Moomintroll, Moominmamma, Moominpappa and the many friends they meet along the way.

The books explore themes of friendship, personal growth, challenges and human emotions, showing how friendship and perseverance can help us overcome difficult times. The settings and changing seasons are described in a dreamy and soothing way, with beautiful illustrations that make the world feel even more magical.

The imagery transports you deep into snow-filled forests beneath moonlit skies, or to the ocean gently calling as the seasons change from cosy winter slumbers to the sweetness of spring and summer. It creates a world of escape and comfort while also showing the beauty and magnificence of nature and the human spirit.

The Moomins are timeless books that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and revisited again and again whenever you need a little reminder of the beauty of life.



- Year 7: Health & Wellbeing: Healthy habits for adolescence
 Year 8: Identity & Equality: Protected characteristics and equal treatment
 Year 9: Relationships: Consent, readiness and respectful relationships
 Year 10: Voice & Vigilance: Image abuse and deepfakes
 Year 11: Thinking & Choices: Scams and coercive online influence

KEY DATES

Tuesday 6th October

- Primary cluster concert

Thursday 8th October

- Year 12 University / Apprenticeship Visit

Thursday 22nd October

- Sixth Form Open Evening

Friday 23rd October

- Year 7 & 8 Halloween Disco



CAREERS SPOTLIGHT BENCHMARK 8

Year 11 are continuing with their careers sessions, looking at all post-16 pathways including our **Blythe Bridge Sixth Form** on Thursday 22nd October from 6pm.



ASSEMBLIES

Year 7 - Year 11: Harvest

Sixth Form: Focus on the skills, careers and apprenticeship fair and how to make the most of the experience



Group	Block 1 (6 1 st Sept – 9 th Oct
Year 7 Girls AC	Netball
Year 7 Girls DV	Swimming
Year 7 Boys AC	Football
Year 7 Boys DV	Rugby
Year 8 Girls AC	Swimming
Year 8 Girls DV	Netball
Year 8 Boys AC	Handball
Year 8 Boys DV	Rugby
Year 9 Girls AC	Swimming
Year 9 Girls DV	Netball
Year 9 Boys AC	Rugby
Year 9 Boys DV	Volleyball



RE M I N D E R

A reminder for students to check their timetables and bring in the correct kit for their PE lessons with appropriate footwear. Please also remember to bring in ingredients for food technology lessons.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

EDI/Charity/PRK Champions and Y11 Prefects

- Thank you all who have applied this week. We will be selecting and announcing all students towards the end of next week.
- Literacy Leaders are continuing to do a fantastic job.
- Year 11 Prefects will also be confirmed into each additional role they will be attached to. They have done an excellent job so far, including at the open evening.
- Sixth Form subject ambassadors
- Literacy Leaders (KS3 and KS4)
- House Captains
- Year Group Ambassadors
- School Parliament
- Dance Leaders
- Communication Champions
- Skills Champions
- Year 7 Inspires
- Year 8 Inspires
- EDI Champions
- Charity Champions
- Chess Leaders
- PRK Champions
- Wellbeing champions
- Sixth Form Sports Leaders

HOUSE UPDATES

- 6th form/year 11/staff Netball competition dates to be communicated next week.
- House table tennis results to be announced next week
- House captains to be selected next week and students informed. Thank you to all who have applied.

M E N U C H O I C E

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Those in receipt of free school meals are entitled to £2.72 per day.



If you are interested in purchasing second-hand items of uniform, please email t.matthias@bb-hs.co.uk and we will let you know what we have in stock. Donations are always welcome.



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Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form is excited to offer our school facilities to the local community and businesses.

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