

BASSINGBOURN
VILLAGE COLLEGE



Weekly Mailing 11.11.22

What a busy week it has been! Our theme of the week has very much been about remembrance and as a community showing our respect. I was delighted to see our student lead assemblies and I want to congratulate the students who volunteered to stand in front of their peers and do this - they all did an excellent job.

Today, several of our students decided to show their respect by wearing their uniforms of the troops and units to school and I know a number will be attending the various events organised this Sunday. We have two Year 11 students representing Bassingbourn Village College at the local service on Sunday and will be taking an active role.

As we look to next week, we are excited to be running our Enterprise Day once again for our Year 8s and I will look forward to sharing with you next week the winners of the day. In addition, our student ambassadors will be taking part in a COP27 event which involves 16 other Cambridgeshire schools with a keynote speech from Dr Simon Morley from British Antarctic Survey.

Finally, do remember that the school is closed on Monday 14th November for staff training.



Remembrance

This week, our community has been showing our respect and discussing and focusing on Remembrance. In mentor time we have had student lead assemblies on what Remembrance and Remembrance Day is about, and why as a country this is still an important day of reflection.

In addition, we have been running our intercollege Remembrance Day competition and received some amazing entries. Winners will be announced shortly!



Creative Arts

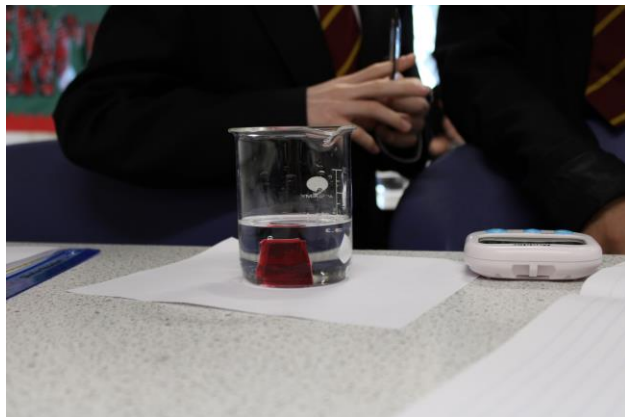
Our Year 9 GCSE Dance are currently exploring the use of props, how they can be used to generate and exaggerate movement, to create rhythm and convey mood and feeling. Through this exploration students are building choreography skills that will be developed throughout the GCSE course.

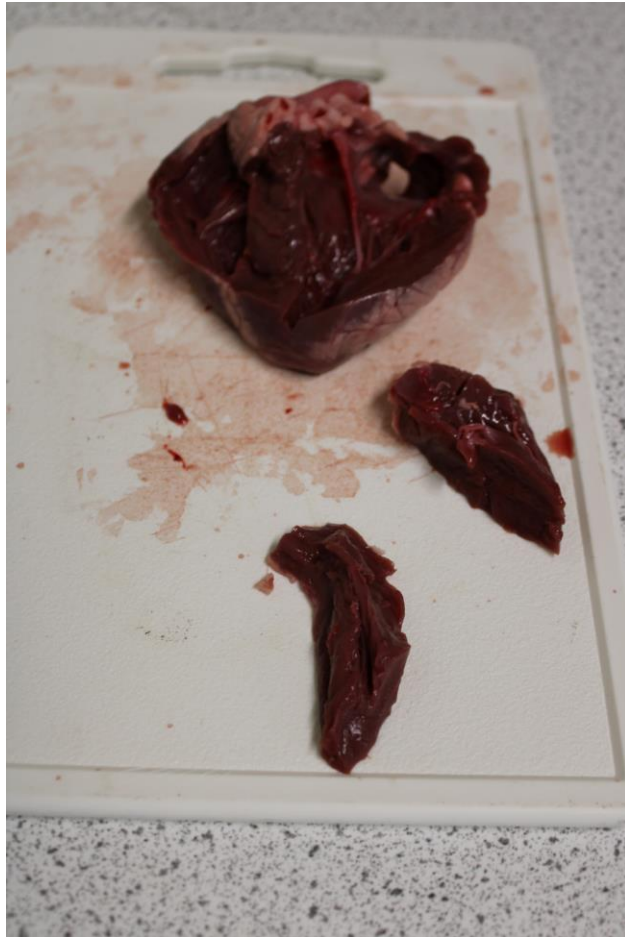
For our Year 11 Dance students they took part in a workshop on Friday 11th November with an AQA examiner. They focused on the two set phrases which form part of their Component 1 practical work in their GCSE. We were delighted to welcome back Clare Palethorpe from Rubix Dance who worked with the students on their applications of physical, technical and expressive skills. This provided the students with invaluable insight into what the exam board are looking for in the performance of their set phrases. We look forward to having Clare back in school in the new year when she will be running a practical mock exam for all of the Component 1 practical work.



Science

In Science this week it has very busy with lots of practical experiments taking place. For our Year 7 students they have been looking at the rate of dissolving types of sugar, to the effect of surface area on dissolving time using jelly. Our Year 8s have been investigating the effectiveness of different indigestion tablets on neutralising stomach acid. Year 10s took part in an eye dissection and our Year 11s undertook a heart dissection to learn about the structure and function of the heart.





Sports fixtures

On Tuesday, our Year 7 & 8 girls hockey team played against Melbourn Village College. Although it was a very close game, we ultimately lost 1-2. Well done to our goal scorer, Crystal and our captain Millie who led the team brilliantly. Our player of the match was Megan!



Christmas Concert

Mr Cowlan is in the process of organising a Christmas Concert to end the year with a festive event for us all; as well as providing an opportunity to showcase the musical talents of our students. If your child is interested in taking part by singing or playing a musical instrument in the concert, do ask them to speak to Mr Cowlan directly or email him on ncowlan@bassingbournvc.org¹



Communications sent home this week:

- Nasal Flu Immunisation
- Survey for young people
- Remembrance Day and reminders of training days
- Reminder of Year 8 parents' evening

Please be reminded that we have a staff training day on Monday 14th November when school will be closed for students.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

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