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Weekly Mailing 18.11.22

It has certainly been a busy week of extra-curricular activities here at Bassingbourn Village College. For our Year 8s they took part in our annual Enterprise Day on Tuesday. This is a fantastic event in our calendar and important to develop teamwork and interpersonal skills as well as learn about all the considerations for establishing your own business.

On Wednesday, I was delighted that our student ambassadors took part in a youth COP27 Climate Conference. With over 190 students taking part from 14 local Cambridgeshire schools, it was an important event to be involved in. Taking responsibility for our community and its environment is a key message promoted here at Bassingbourn Village College and I very much look forward to hearing about the ideas and initiatives taken from the day and how these can be implemented here at school.

As we look to next week, we will be holding our Anti-Bullying Week. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will be running year group assemblies, and in mentor time we will be discussing the issues and looking at the importance of simply being kind.

Year 8 Enterprise Day

On Tuesday 15th November, Year 8 had Enterprise Day, a Dragon's Den style day which was great fun and helped us build our teamwork skills. The idea of Enterprise Day was to create an idea for a business that would solve a problem. Most of us focused on an idea to do with the environment or climate change.

We had the whole day to plan and create a business idea – we had to come up with a logo, pricing structure, marketing strategy and prepare a pitch. In the afternoon, we pitched our ideas to the rest of our class to vote on. The winning pitch from each class went on to compete to be the best pitch overall - the winner of the winners. In the final we had to pitch to the Business volunteers who had been in helping us for the day and Ms Poulter, who asked lots of questions about our product. Our pitches were streamed to the rest of the year group, who were watching in their classrooms as if it was an episode of Dragons Den. Afterwards we went to the hall for the prizes to be awarded.

My team was called ECOZA. ECOZA is an app which is like Amazon and Ebay combined. My team won the award for Best Overall Pitch. Enterprise Day helped to improve our teamworking and presenting skills as well as our resilience, and respect for others, as we had to work with people we would usually work with and listen to their ideas. Enterprise Day was really fun and enjoyable and we would like to say thank you to the volunteers who came in to help.

Well done to our winners:

Best Overall Pitch - Ecoza

Most Innovative Business Idea - Naturalis Amicus



Youth Climate Change Conference

On Wednesday our student ambassadors joined 13 other local schools at Sawston Village College for a special youth COP27 climate conference.

The Keynote speaker was Dr Simon Morley, from the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) who shared how the research conducted by BAS informs and reinforces what actions are required to protect the Antarctic as well as the impact this has to the global climate.

To understand the complexities of global cooperation, the next segment of the conference was run as if the students were taking part in global negotiations. Each school was assigned a country and asked to prepare in advance opening arguments on the main environmental issues facing the country, ideas on how they could overcome them, as well as make a request of an allocation from the Climate Resilience Fund of £100billion. Countries then voted on what proposals they would consider. Bassingbourn Village College, represented Bangladesh, and reached the final five proposals. However, when it came to the required unanimous decision, all five were unable to achieve a unanimous vote. Dr Morley, explained to the students that this is a current challenge facing global cooperation with climate decisions and allocation of resources, and that all countries must agree but very rarely do.

The final stage of the conference was to provide the students with the opportunity to discuss how they can impact change to their own communities. Students explored ideas such as recycling initiatives and

green spaces to shape the key commitments and objectives that would be taken away from the event and to deliver as part of schools' climate change objectives.

We are very proud of our students that represented us at this event, and we are very excited about the initiatives that they will be introducing to our school over the coming months.



Remembrance Day Competition Winners

We were so impressed with the entries for our inter-college Remembrance Day competition winners last week. Well done to all those that entered, it is wonderful to see so many of our students taking the time to show remembrance for those that have made sacrifices for us all.

Our winners are:

1st Place – Eleanor Yr 11

2nd Place – Henry Yr 11

3rd Place – Freya Yr 7

4th Place – Izzy Yr 8

5th Place – Seb Yr 11

Youth Survey

We have been asked to share with you a survey by the Local Authority about the interests and needs of young people in Bassingbourn regarding youth activities and projects. The information collected will help the Parish Council best support the young people in the Bassingbourn area.

The survey will only take a few moments for your child to complete, although section 11 does not need to be answered and can be left blank, unless you would like to get involved.

The link to the survey is here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZLMn4x4EUUyC8skGp4-cyVoEk2zerdRMpOlM4GiMAUIUmZyAUIBCV1VFSUY2Njc0NTkxVVhDTIUwUS4u1>

Communications sent home this week:

- Year 10 Targets

Finally, a reminder that we have a staff training day on Friday 2nd December, therefore school will be closed to students on that day.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal

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