



BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE



Weekly Mailing 10.02.23

This week I must make a special mention of the PE department who have been incredibly busy with so many fixtures taking place. Regardless of whether the team won or lost, I know our students always show grit and determination throughout every game and have represented our school admirably. Well done to those that took part - as always we are very proud of you.

I also know it has been a busy week in our MFL department with all Year 7s now completing the first round of our Spelling Bee competition. I hear that all our students who took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the challenge it presents. Again well done to the students that had the courage to enter and to take part in front of an audience of their fellow peers.

We have also been busy making plans for our Curriculum Day which will run on 21 March. More information will follow after half term.

Finally, next week is half term and I think our students deserve a well-earned break. We return to school on Monday 20 February where it will be on week 2 of our timetable.

PE fixtures

The PE department has been incredibly busy this week with lots of fixtures taking place. On Monday our Under 16 Basketball Team played Cambourne and although our team fought hard, they lost 22 - 44. Our Year 8 Football Team also played on Monday against Cambourne and won 5-1.

On Tuesday our Year 9 Football Team played Comberton but sadly lost 2-0 after a gritty performance.

On Wednesday our Year 9 and Year 10 Netball Teams both played Comberton. Our Year 9s won 13-8 with Bassingbourn having a great second half to secure a win for their first outing as a team as at half time they were losing 3-4. Ms Gilder reported some great shooting by Annabelle and Gemma to secure the win as well as some excellent defensive play with many interceptions being made by the whole team.

Our Year 10 side lost 10-28, playing against a very tough Comberton side who had a number of club players in their squad. At half time Bassingbourn were losing 4-20. However, they played a much better second half with more determination and better defensive play, which kept the score down (second half score 8-6 so a much closer battle). Player of the match chosen by Comberton was Joyce.

Well done to all our students that took part in fixtures this week and representing Bassingbourn Village College.



Spelling Bee

This week our Year 7 students took part in the first round of our annual Spelling Bee competition. Students have had to learn 50 words to spell in either Spanish or French with the challenge being how many they could spell in 60 seconds. The winners of the first round will be announced after half term and will move on to the next round before the final in the Summer Term.



World Book Day - 2nd March

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March we are inviting our Year 7 students to come as a character from a book - but with a difference! This year we would like students to create a character with only 3 items of accessories, such as a hat, wig, prop or badge. Students will be expected to be in normal school uniform on the day, so no full costumes please. The idea is to see if people can guess who students are from their 3 items as clues!

We will have a number of additional activities running throughout the week to celebrate World Book Day and to promote reading to our students, with more information following after the half term.

If you would like to purchase a World Book day book from a supporting shop, the digital token can be downloaded here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/secondary-digital-token/>



Online Safety - Alan Mackenzie, SafeICT Consultancy Ltd

At just over 7 minutes in length, in this video I'm taking a look at social media. I'm only covering the basics as social media is huge, it is the one area where we find all the most serious issues (content, contact, conduct and commerce) but I have also included some links below the video link that I hope you will find useful.

<https://vimeo.com/743008058/bd664551f6>

Useful Links:

Common Sense Media – this is a one-stop shop to find further, useful information for parents. Whether it's an app, a game or a book it's a good chance it's here. Just use the search bar at the top of the page.
<https://www.commonsensemedia.org>

TikTok Safety – TikTok have been introducing a few, useful safety and wellbeing features. You can find out all about these features here: <https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-gb/safety>

Instagram – a guide for parents. <https://about.instagram.com/community/parents>

Internet Watch Foundation - In the video I mention the IWF in relation to concerns over live streaming. You can have a look at the IWF live streaming report here: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/news/iwf-research-on-child-sex-abuse-live-streaming-reveals-98-of-victims-are-13-or-under>

Live streaming – risks and advice: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>

Social Media Risks and Rewards – guides to help your family navigate the risks and rewards that social media can bring as well as guides to the most popular social media apps:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/>

Dance Show

We are thrilled to announce we will holding a Dance Show on 17th March, our first since 2019. Our Dance Captains have been working very hard with various groups of students across all years to create a show that expresses individuality while exploring a range of themes which they cannot wait to showcase!

More information regarding the night and how you will be able to purchase tickets will be released after half term.

Communications sent home this week:

- Year 11 PSHE
- Year 8 PSHE
- Year 11 Parent's Evening
- Food Practical Lessons
- Dance Show

Wishing you all a relaxing half term break.

Ms V Poulter

Principal

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