

BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE



Weekly Mailing 3.11.23

It has been a very busy week of house competitions running as well as visitors in school. Our extra-curricular activities are a quintessential part of life here at Bassingbourn Village College, so I do hope our students have enjoyed taking part in our Halloween Bake Off, our Remembrance Competition, and for our Year 10 students, watching the moving performance given by a visiting theatre company yesterday. For those that haven't taken part, there is still time for them to get involved in our Christmas Card competition Mrs Miller is running as well as the Antarctica Flag Competition running through Ms Ward.

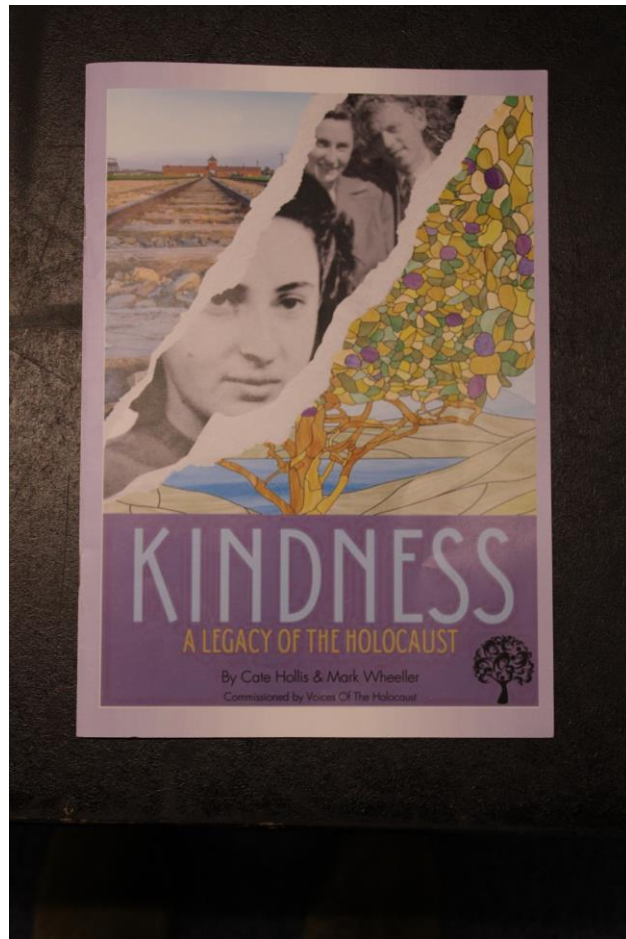
As we look to next week, our Year 9 Health & Fitness students will be involved in a Living Sport workshop with the opportunity to win our school with a thousand pounds of funding - so we wish them luck for the day! In addition, we will be releasing details of our Year 8 parents evening which will be taking place on 15th & 16th November.

Finally, we have been advised that Cambridgeshire Highways will be carrying out pre-surface treatment on the Litlington Road in Steeple Morden for two days starting on Tuesday 14th November. This is worth noting for students who travel through to us via this route.

Voices of the Holocaust Production

We were delighted to welcome into school, Voices of the Holocaust, a critically acclaimed theatre company dedicated to preserving the memories and stories of Holocaust survivors, sharing its play "Kindness" a largely verbatim play with our Year 10 and selected Year 9 on Thursday afternoon. Kindness is based on the testimony of Hungarian survivor Susan Pollack OBE, aged only 13 when she was sent to the notorious Auschwitz-Birkenau in the summer of 1944. Interwoven are a number of complementary narratives, including that of Mala Zimetbaum and Edek Galinski whose stunning love story and spiritual resistance is painted across a backdrop of one of the darkest periods in human history. It has been described as "beautiful and empowering" and "compelling and emotive" and ensures that Susan's legacy of the Holocaust stays with us all for a very long time.

Our Year 9 & 7 Drama students were also privileged to have workshop sessions run in the morning by founder Cate Hollis, allowing them to explore their own moving interpretations of survivor accounts.





Year 7 & 8 Halloween Bake Off

Well done to all our Year 7 & 8 students that took part in our Halloween Bake Off, the quality of entries made it very hard for the judges indeed! Huge congratulations to our winners:

Year 7

1st Place - Charlie for his Graveyard Brownie

2nd Place - Jessica & Ruby for their joint entry of Pumpkin Patch Brownie & Eye Donuts

3rd Place - Arina for her Spiderweb Cake

Special mention to Jessica for her excellent sugar-craft on her cupcake & Jazzmyn for her beautiful and creative presentation

Year 8

1st Place - Mia for her Worst Witch Hat Cake

2nd Place - Benji for his Pumkin Pie

3rd Place - Amelie for her Brain Cookies



Uniform

As we return after half term, can we remind parents of the correct uniform. Students can be wearing a plain black v-neck jumper under blazers now the weather is colder, but no sweatshirts or hoodies should be worn at any time and students will be asked to remove these. Blazers should always worn over the jumper. Coats only worn over the top of blazers when outside and not in lessons.

Can we also take a moment to remind parents that if students bring personal items into school, they do so at their own risk.



Sports Clubs

Please note the sports clubs running this half term which have also been shared with students.

NOVEMBER 2023		
	Lunch Sports Clubs 1.00-1.30pm	After school Sports Clubs 3.20-4.20pm
Mon		Years 10/11 Basketball DB Years 9/10/11 Girls Volleyball HJ
Tues		Girls Football (all years) – HG/DB (Bring boots and trainers) Badminton club (all years) MB
Weds		Netball Club – Years 7&8 HJ/HG Dodgeball – Years 9, 10 & 11 MB Fixtures – HG/DB
Thurs		Netball Club – Years 9, 10 & 11 – HG/HJ
Fri	Year 7/8 Basketball club	Y9 and U14 Team Basketball – DB

Knife Crime Week of Action

Cambridgeshire Constabulary has asked us to draw your attention to the forthcoming National Knife Crime week of action - Operation Sceptre taking place 13th to 19th November. This operation is designed to educate Children and Young People and to raise awareness of the consequence of knife crime.



Communications sent home this week:

- Dance Club
- GCSE Dance Component 1 Practical Examinations - Year 11

Wishing everyone a relaxing weekend!

Ms V Poulter

Principal

Respect, Resilience, Responsibility