



Bredon Hill Academy

Summer Term 2023



A message from the Headteacher...

This summer term has probably been the busiest on record! In the last three weeks, we have had a summer concert, summer school sports' day, a talk from a magistrate, our production of 'Oliver!', first aid training, designing a new school competition, track afternoon, a leavers' party, trips to Slimbridge, Compton Verney, Bonkers in Pershore, Aztec in Upton Warren, Cotswold Wildlife Park, a film at The Henrician for our Zero Heroes, bowling for our prefects and walks up Bredon Hill. From making bookings, collating money, organising lists, completing risk assessments to supervising pupils – we have all been involved and my sincerest thanks to our staff – without them trips simply wouldn't take place.

Our Summer Newsletter 2023 gives an overview of the last term. There have been many highlights, including meeting Mark Lester (the 'original' Oliver in the 1968 film) who came and spoke to our 'Oliver!' cast.

We say goodbye to Mr Timson at the end of this academic year. Sam has been an Assistant Headteacher and SENCo and has supported many children over the last 8 years. His passion and determination to provide the very best provision for all pupils are exemplary and we are truly grateful for all that he has done to develop teaching and learning for SEND pupils at our school. We will all miss him terribly but wish him well in his new assistant headteacher post at a primary school in Gloucestershire. We also say goodbye to our Year 8 pupils. They really have been a super year group and we wish them the best of luck at their high school. It has been a pleasure to work with them over the last three years and we will miss them too.

Finally, thank you to every member of our BHA community for your support this year. We really do appreciate it. Have a lovely summer break.

Debbie West

Activities Galore!

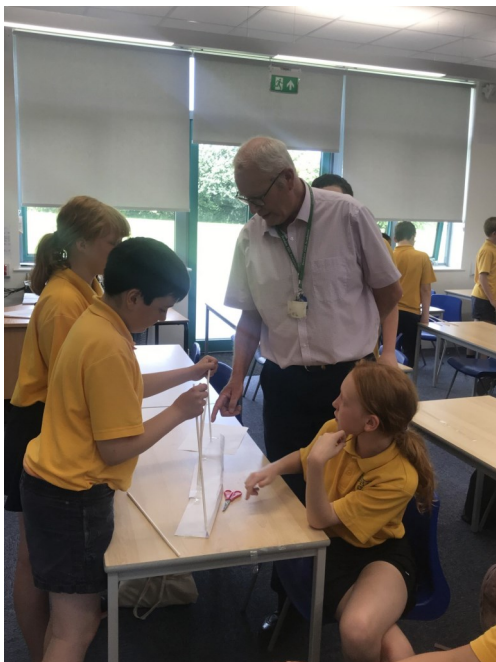
The final few weeks of term have been crammed full with a range of activities, allowing pupils to open their minds to the world beyond the curriculum—supporting teamwork, communication and celebrating a fantastic year of learning.

Year 6 had a lovely day at Cotswold Wildlife Park, exploring the scenery, vast array of animals and, seemingly most importantly, visiting the gift shop!



Year 6 also had an in-school activities day, completing a carousel of activities comprising:

drama skills, Lego marble-runs, bridge construction, dance, music and Minecraft. Additionally, all of our year 6 pupils have spent time off-timetable learning some vital first aid skills, including how to make an emergency call. We hope this session will given them the confidence they need to help others in a variety of different situations, if the need ever arises. They have also learned about law and order with a visit from the Worcestershire Magistracy. The talk complemented their understanding of community, British Values and the Rules of Law.



Earlier in the term, the year group celebrated the end of their SATs examinations with a much-deserved walk up Bredon Hill. A large number of pupils had never experienced the stunning views of the surrounding countryside and it offered a perfect time to reflect on what had been a very busy and successful week.



Over the course of two days, the whole of year 7 visited Compton Verney, enriching their understanding of art. As well as picking up some top tips on their artistic technique, pupils were able to explore an exhibition by renowned illustrator Quentin Blake and an outside installation by Morag Myerscough, which focused on creating a sense of joy and belonging through colour and sound. We look forward to seeing how this deeper understanding of art will be demonstrated by pupils in their art lessons next year.



Year 7 spent their activities day at Aztec Adventure over in Upton Warren. The year group had a fantastic time on the aqua park, making the most of the glorious weather and the challenging obstacle course.





The weather was, sadly, not so kind to year 8, who visited Bonkers in Pershore for their end of year activity. That didn't matter however, as happy memories were made in the rain whilst having lots of fun on the water with paddle boards and boats, with some slippery fun on a land-based obstacle course thrown in too.

After COVID during year 6 and rain in year 7, this year group also finally got the chance to do their Hill walk together—a perfect opportunity to do a butterfly hunt and spend time with friends.



Year 8 Leavers' Party

On Wednesday evening, the BHA staff and year 8 pupils came together to celebrate a fantastic three years together. Their year 6 was incredibly challenging: COVID-19 caused considerable disruption to learning, being able to move around school and spend time with their friends. It was only at the start of year 7 that the year group were permitted to move between classrooms and actually use our specialist classroom facilities, such as the computing room and science laboratories. Despite the initial setbacks, the year group have shown resilience and determination, camaraderie and endeavour to be a lovely group of youngsters we will greatly miss.



Celebrating Achievement

Congratulations to over 350 pupils across the school who went across the whole summer term without receiving a sanction and were rewarded with an ice-olly to cool down with this week.

Furthermore, we impressively had over 220 pupils who were true 'Zero Heroes' and went a whole academic year without receiving a single sanction. These pupils were invited to The Henrician at Prince Henry's High School for a viewing of *Puss In Boots: The Last Wish* topped off with an ice-cream during the interval. A big 'well-done' to all for maintaining consistently excellent high standards.



Our year 8 prefects have been exceptional this year, supporting staff and the school community and ably demonstrating our school values of Belief, Honesty and Aspiration. They were rewarded with a trip to Ninja Warrior in Gloucester for their efforts. A record number applied and successful received their prefect ties—we look forward to seeing how year 7 will take up the challenge to develop their leadership and communication skills next year.



House Points 2022-23

Our pupils have continued to shine across all areas of school life, picking up a wealth of house points for their efforts, achievements and participation and really demonstrating their appreciation of our motto, Learning Together For Success. Congratulations to Castle, who have finished as House Champions for 2022-23 and 6 Castle for being the Attendance Cup winners. Make sure you keep up to date with your child's achievements through the My Child At School platform.

Avon	Brook	Castle	Hill	Tower	Vale
6078	6877	7141	7045	6776	7120

It's a Fine Life!

Perhaps the highlight of our academic year was the return of the school production, which this year was 'Oliver! Jnr'. Sold out over three nights, the show demonstrated some stunning individual singing and stage talents. We had also lined up a treat for all involved as Mark Lester, child star of the original film musical in 1968 popped by for a visit to share his experiences and memories.



We are incredibly proud of all the pupils involved in the production, who consistently showed dedication and perseverance and put on a marvellous spectacle. A big 'thank you' to all who took part, both on stage and behind the scenes. Thank you also to all the staff who spent many hours supporting the pupils and the school with rehearsals, props, costumes, staging and production.



Track Day

On Wednesday, a friendly air of competition was in the air as pupils took to the track to represent their House during Track Day. As well as our usual running events, this year saw the launch of a wider range of races not normally covered on the PE curriculum: egg and spoon race, skipping and bean bag racing. These additional races were a great success and meant a far wider range of pupils took the opportunity to represent their House with pride.

Tower ended up worthy winners of the Track Day Trophy, with Miss West presenting the cup to 8 Tower's Sports Captains, Ella J and Kai H.



Year 8 York Trip

In June, 90 Year 8 pupils and 10 members of staff travelled by coach to York for a three day residential trip. This is the first time, as a school, that we have visited York and it did not disappoint!

Day 1: On arrival, we visited the National Railway Museum, which tells the story of rail transport in Britain and its impact on society. It is also the current home to the *Flying Scotsman*, which is celebrating its 100 year anniversary. Following this, we took a river boat cruise through the city on the River Ouse – this was a good opportunity to see the city from a different angle and hear about the escapades of Guy Fawkes. After checking into the hotel, we had a fantastic dinner of pizza at Valentino's restaurant and an evening playing football in the park.

Day 2: A very busy day involving much walking – luckily the weather held out! The first visit was to York's Chocolate Story, where we learned about the production process and history of chocolate making in York. We all had the opportunity to make our own chocolate. Our tour guide then took us on a walk around the city with a stop at The Shambles, which is a medieval street with houses dating back as far as the 14th Century. Pupils enjoyed some free time here to explore the array of shops.

Lunchtime was spent in the Yorkshire Museum Gardens, enjoying a packed lunch provided for us by a local company. We then explored part of the city walls, which is a scheduled monument encircling the ancient city of York; the views of the city were amazing! The walls comprise of 2 miles of surviving masonry – the longest town walls in England. We stood in one of the 'bars', one of the gates protecting the city, and heard gory tales of heads being placed on spikes!

Our final visit of the day was to the Castle Museum, where we were able to experience hundreds of years of York's history including Kirkgate, a recreated Victorian street, and York Castle Prison, which was once a Georgian prison.

After visiting Valentino's for a pasta dinner, it was time for our ghost tour of York! Our guides took us to various sites within the city walls where we heard gory stories of murder and death and the resulting ghosts and hauntings.



Day 3: The final day of our visit and the day many were looking forward to.

It began with a visit to the York Dungeon where we were scared witless by live actor shows telling 200 years of York's dark history. Characters included Vikings, Guy Fawkes and finally— the scariest of all— Isabella Billington, a Yorkshire witch.

Our final visit was to York Minster, the largest Gothic cathedral in Northern Europe. Many of us climbed the 275 steps up the tower to see the amazing views of the city and surrounding areas, whilst the rest of us explored the interior of the Minster with its 2 million pieces of stained glass in 128 windows.

Everyone, pupils and staff, thoroughly enjoyed our stay in York – a big 'thank you' to everyone for making it such a fantastic trip!



Don't forget to keep up to date on all things BHA online!



Visit the MCAS website regularly for up to date information on your child's achievements and assessments, as well as other key information.



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Certificates Galore!



The final two weeks of term have seen an absolutely enormous—over 1000—certificates and awards being handed out to pupils, celebrating their successes and endeavours. These have included Zero Hero awards, house point certificates, subject commendations, school values ambassadors and many more linked to house and out of school competitions. A huge well done to all our certificate collectors—we hope there's enough space left on those walls at home!



UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge

The Junior Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

The problems on the Junior Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience.

In April, 60 of our Year 8s and 10 of our Year 7s took part in the challenge. Pupils were awarded certificates as follows: 29 Bronze, 15 Silver and 3 Gold. All other pupils received a certificate of participation.

Congratulations to Tymoteusz K, who was awarded Best in Year 7. Our Gold award winners were Charlotte F, Jack B and Susannah G. Pleasingly, Charlotte also made it through to the next round – the Junior Kangaroo. She took part in this, achieving a very respectable score. Well done to all of our participants!



History Update

In history, Year 6 have been reviewing the KS1 and KS2 history curriculum and have been recalling information on British history from the Stone Age to the 1960s in the twentieth century and ancient civilisations such as the Egyptians, Greeks, Maya and Romans. We are finishing the year by making a scene or something that you would associate with a particular time period, such as an Egyptian pyramid or snake headband, Roman gladiator or Celtic Roundhouse. The year 6 interhouse competition was based on a word wheel challenge to find as many words to do with the ancient Greeks as they could find and a nine-letter word.

Year 7 have started to look at the Reformation and the consequences of the actions of each Tudor monarch. Their interhouse competition was to complete a challenging wordsearch based on catholic and protestant beliefs and ideas. They find the words and then write down underneath under a heading of catholic or protestant. Year 8 are examining the USA in the 1920s. Learning how our modern world was born and the contrasts in how people were living. Those that were part of the 'Roaring Twenties' and those that faced harsh prejudice and intolerance such as African Americans and immigrants. They have also completed an interhouse challenge of putting together jigsaw pieces of the United States of America.



Summer Concert

We were able to host our Summer Concert on 5th July to showcase our many artistic talents. Musical numbers were performed by the BHA Band and Singers as solo and ensemble numbers. Pupils had the opportunity to choose their own musical material, performing to an audience of parents and friends. It was a great opportunity to showcase artwork from all years, demonstrating the artistic journey our pupils take. Some of our Year 8 pupils wrote and presented some thought-provoking speeches on a topic close to them, captivating the audience. A great evening of entertainment!



Trauma Informed Schools

This year, Mrs Dunkley has completed a diploma in Trauma Informed Schools and is now a Trauma Informed Schools practitioner. Mrs Dunkley is very much looking forward to sharing her knowledge and understanding with the rest of our school staff, so that we can all have a better understanding of helping those pupils who have lived experiences of trauma.



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Geography Update

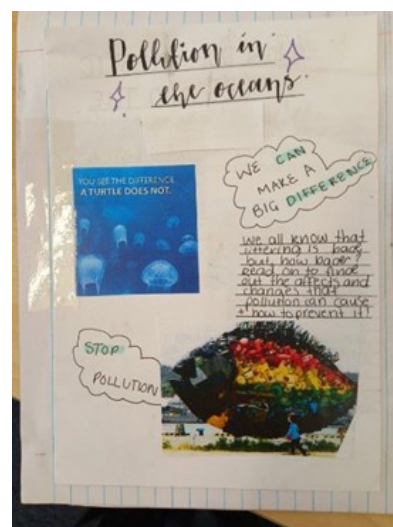
In Geography Year 8 have been looking at a topic called The Dangerous Earth. In this topic the students examine the structure of the Earth, plate tectonics, earthquakes and volcanoes. The recent devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria brought into sharp focus the power and destructive forces within our planet. We used this earthquake as a stimulus to our lessons and we examined some of the causes and effects of earthquakes in Turkey and looked at the effects on the country, its towns and cities and the people.

Year 8 followed this topic with work that looked at China. They looked at the reasons why it has managed to grow its economy so rapidly and they examined the city of Chongqing, one of the fastest growing cities in the world.

Meanwhile Year 7 have been looking at how the shape of our landscapes can be changed by the effect of weathering and erosion. We have looked at how buildings can be affected by these processes and the students have undertaken some fieldwork in the school grounds to investigate how our school buildings, paths and roadways are not immune to the power of weathering. They then went on to look at how sea erosion changes the coastline with a focus on the Jurassic coast around Swanage.



Year 6 have just completed a topic called The Local and Global Environment and have investigated the huge impact that plastic pollution is having on our oceans. Hopefully they will become more aware of their role in reducing the effect of pollution on the environment by re-using and recycling plastic products and packaging. They also examined the effect of producing electricity and how it contributes to air pollution and climate change.



English Learning in The Summer Term

This term has been an outward looking and dramatic one. Our students' learning continues to go from strength to strength in English.



The year six cohort have immersed themselves in writing for their portfolios. They enjoyed imagining they were characters from Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland' writing to complain in a formal letter to the Queen of Hearts.

They all developed their writing skills by

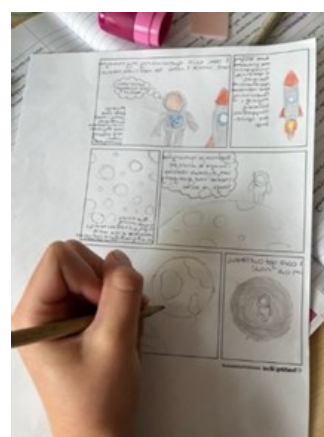
completing their own writing based around our outstanding gardens for Ashton-Under-Hill Open Gardens. They all produced information leaflets for visitors. The students continued to develop their retrieval, comprehension, summary, questioning and inferring skills whilst reading a selection of shared novels. In particular, students continued developing vocabulary choices, sentence structures and have been exploring the effect punctuation choices have. The year six cohort also behaved superbly during the May SATs and applied themselves diligently. Well done, year six. We are proud of you.



Year seven continue to explore the concepts of heroism and villainy. This term they have explored Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. They have developed their understanding of the historical context of the play and how actors take the text and work it into a performance. The cohort have been developing their creation of metaphors thinking about tenor, vehicle and ground. They enjoyed a workshop by the company West End in Schools.



Year eight learning continued to be based around the concept of 'conflict' in English. They completed analytical look at Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. They have all been engaging with the language, historical context and the idea of text in performance over the early part of the term. They have all then been given the opportunity to learn about the genre of Science Fiction focused around conflict and how different writers craft these experiences for readers. They have been crafting their own stories and graphic novels based on those by H. G. Wells, Ray Bradbury, Douglas Adams and John Wyndham.



Reading buddies has helped to boost reading skills this year and build academic relationships between year groups. We look forward to growing this group next year. Dyslexia Gold and the Thursday group have been helping to support our students who have diagnoses. We are looking to develop this support next year. Spelling frame has engaged and supported our year 6 learners this year. We have enjoyed entering The Day Celebration writing competition, and whilst we were not winners, the runners up received a certificate.

All students in years 6 and 7 have been issued with our Summer Reading Bingo Challenge. The challenge is also on our website in case a new copy is required over the summer. We have also included a copy below—you may like to get involved yourselves as families, too. This is a great way to counteract the summer dip and start September with house-points, commendations or an award. If you want advice about which books to read, do look at the Reading Newsletters and booklists which can be found on our website.

We wish all our students and their families a relaxing summer break. We wish all our year 8 students the very best as they move to their new schools and into year 9.

The English Department

Reading bingo challenge

Choose a reading challenge to complete. Shade in the boxes as you read the books. Return to your English teacher in September 2023.

There are three levels of challenge:

- bronze: two boxes 1HP
- silver: a row or a column 1English Commendation
- gold: the whole set! English Department Award

There might be books that fit more than one of the descriptions, but try to choose just one for each description. Write the title of the book you read in the box.

A book from the Carnegie shortlist	A teacher's recommendation	A biography or autobiography	A book written in or about another country
A collection of short stories	A comic book or graphic novel	A book published before 1914	A book that has won an award
A book you've always wanted to read	A book by an author you like	A detective or mystery story	A collection of poems
A science fiction novel (original or junior version)	A book recommended by a friend	A book by a children's laureate	Wildcard - any text of your choice

House Logo Competition

Mr MacDonald and Mrs Oakley were very impressed with the creative ideas of pupils who entered our House competition to establish our House logos. The winning entries were judged to be:

- Luke C for Avon
- Emeilia M in Brook
- Inna H in Castle
- Freddie W in Hill
- Susannah G in Tower
- Ella D in Vale



Showcasing Y7 within the Art Department pupils explored painting their local environment including human figures.



Science Update

The summer term has been a busy one. With the better weather, it was lovely to go on a year 8 fieldwork trip to Lower Smite Farm, Droitwich. Here, pupils learned about wildflowers, the important role pollinators play in our food supply and how we can assess and improve our environment for species recovery.

In addition, there have been many opportunities for science lessons to make the most of our fabulous outside learning environment, from looking at plant reproduction and seed dispersal to completing resultant force calculations on the playground.



SATs Results 2023

At the start of the summer term, year 6 rose to the challenge and were impeccably focused and behaved over the course of their SATs results. The outcomes came into the school at the start of July and we're really pleased to report the strong progress we have made in comparison to last year's outcomes and the national averages, particularly given that we only have the pupils for two full terms prior to the assessments taking place. The tests are based on work covered throughout KS2, from years 3-6. Well done to all of year 6 for their excellent efforts during the SATs and their achievements across the curriculum during their first year with us.

		2023 BHA	2023 National
English Reading	Expected Standard	78%	73%
English Writing	At Least Expected Standard	78%	71%
English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	Expected Standard	62%	72%
Mathematics	Expected Standard	75%	73%
Reading, Writing and Mathematics Combined	Expected Standard	61%	59%
Science	Expected Standard	94%	80%

French Update

Year 6


This term, year 6 pupils have learned about la Francophonie. After doing their own research on where French is spoken around the world, they created posters on the country of their own choosing. Pupils also found about key geographical aspect of France through a detailed reading activity. To show their understanding of the text, they then created their own map of France as part of our year 6 House competition, adding places or their own interests. Congratulation to these three superb maps of France.



Year 7

Last term, year 7 created their own stories using regular -ER verbs in the present tense. It's wonderful to see our pupils being creative with the language they have learnt to write their own fun stories in French. The winner of our year 7 House competition in French is Bess T in 7 Vale.

Bravo, Bess!

The image shows four small, hand-drawn illustrations arranged horizontally. The first illustration on the left depicts a brown fox and a white dog standing on a grassy patch. The second illustration shows a dense forest of tall green pine trees under a blue sky. The third illustration features a brown bear standing in a field. The fourth illustration on the right shows a small brown animal, possibly a rabbit or a squirrel, near a single green tree.

In year 7, pupils have made a lot of progress using their language skills describing their local town where they usually visit and what they do there. They are also beginning to use the near future tense to describe what they are going to do 'next weekend'! We have been very impressed by the quality of the work of our pupils: using a range of vocabulary, using and applying new grammar skills and different sentence structures. Bravo! They have also enjoyed practising their speaking skills at the tourist office!

Finally, we are wishing our year 8 pupils all the best for their language journey, some continuing with French and other choosing to learn Spanish or German. Congratulation to George C on receiving this year BHA French Award for his creative and accurate use of the French language. Bravo et merci George, we are really proud of you!

Madame Amzallag et Madame Dorrell.



Sporting Successes

Once again, the summer term has yielded further achievements and accomplishments for individuals and teams. Notable highlights have included:

- Our Equestrian Team performing incredibly well at the Area 9 Pony Club Dressage Qualifier at Badminton House. Fern W riding Rickfield Flash Gordon in the Grassroots 70 Class finished second and was part of the winning team qualifying for the regionals. In the 80 Test, Heidi P rode Emmy and finished just outside the top ten in their first experience of an area competition. Rose C-M, riding Tregair Tiger Lily won her event, whilst Lily H on Voight's Messiah finished fifth. They also qualified for the regional championships over the summer holidays and we wish them all the very best.
- First and second place at the district team tennis tournament, leading to a silver medal at the county event earlier this half-term.
- A visit to New Road to see some county cricket and take part in a range of cricket activities.
- Retaining the U13 girls' football County Cup—a fabulous achievement with a 3-1 win in the final held at South Bromsgrove High School.



- First place in the year 5 and 6 county swimming gala in June.
- School representation at the boccia county finals, held at Bromsgrove School.
- Multiple successes in rounders games for all year groups against a range of local schools.

