

BRADON FOREST SCHOOL

TERM 4 NEWS

Term 6 - July 2026



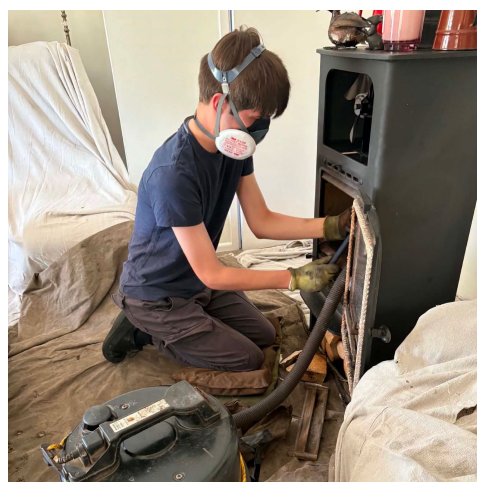
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE



On one of the hottest June weeks on record, our Year 10's went out on their work experience placements. We received so many wonderful comments and positive feedback on how well our students did and heard lots of success stories, with some being offered volunteer and part-time roles as a result of their hard work.

Thank you to Mrs McGovern for coordinating this wonderful opportunity for our Year 10's.

She told us: "Students impressed their employers, showing initiative and a great interest to learn. This is always a fantastic week for our Year 10s, to experience the world of work and to gain a better understanding of what they might want to do in the future. It was so wonderful to hear how they had embraced this opportunity."



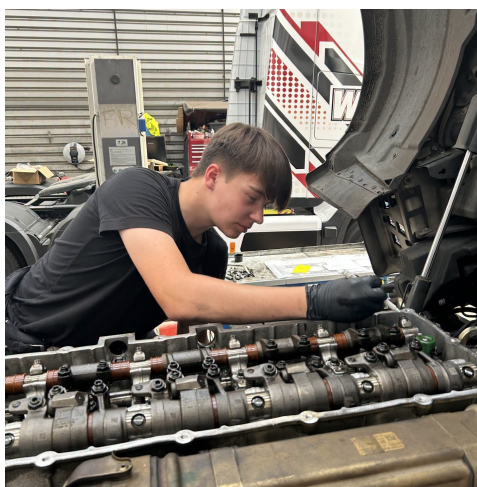
Some of the feedback comments included:

"Your students are a credit to you, they have been polite and willing to do anything they have been given with enthusiasm."

"Your student is a delight to have and many staff have passed on positive comments, she's hard working too."

"Absolutely brilliant, would employ him if we could! He's made a huge difference in helping with office duties."

Well done Year 10 on a super successful work experience week!



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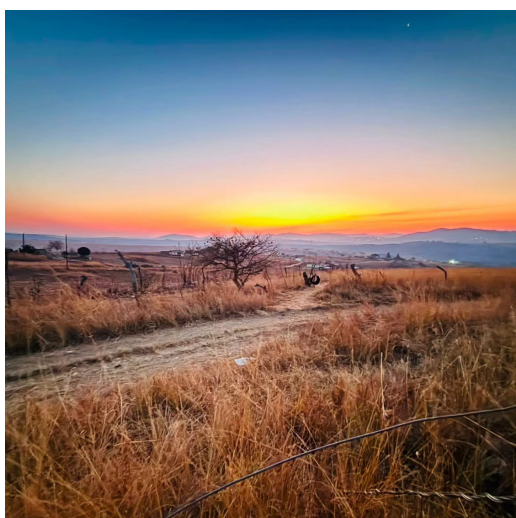
BRADON'S GOT TALENT

WOW! What a show! At the end of term we hosted the finals of our annual Bradon's Got Talent House competition and it was incredible! From Tap and gymnastics, solos and duets, a self written piano composition and drum performance, every student gave it their all. Mr Hutchings, Head of Pear Tree, told the audience: "I don't want to sound like a cliché, but it genuinely was very difficult to pick a winner." The judges were so impressed with the talent on display, and the confidence of every performer to get on the stage in front of a packed audience. Well done to Eunice, Storm, Brigitta, Isabelle, Easton, Sharvel, Ella-Louise, Heaven & Izzy and Leanne.

Mrs Wilson, Head of Battlewell, told us: "This was our best year yet, everyone was outstanding - roll on next year! Congratulations to the Audience Vote Winner, Leanne, for her powerful rendition of Adele's Rolling in the Deep."

The Judges Vote went to Easton for his enthusiastic drum performance of Uptown Funk by Bruno Mars. Mrs Johnson said: "Rarely do you see showmanship like Easton's!"

Lastly, we'd like to shout out to our wonderful student audience who encouraged, applauded, cheered and sang along with the finalists. True school spirit right there!



WORLD CHALLENGE TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Mr Kershaw and Mr Sturla took a group of intrepid adventurers to South Africa on a World Challenge experience, and they managed to fit so much in! "After an epic journey taking us from Purton to Johannesburg via a stopover in Rwanda, we saw rhino, ostrich and Cape buffalo (out the back of a service station of all places) before a home cooked meal next to the

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campfire in eSwatini. The team were superb handling the long journey. We moved on from our first camp to our community project in Nsuka Neighbourhood Care Point where we then assisted in a water project for a local school. We're very grateful to Katherine and A our hosts for welcoming us into their community. We were lucky enough to spend three incredible days in a Swazi community helping to dig trenches for water pipes, paint school buildings and maintain the property. Our hosts, especially Katherine were incredible and we got to see everyday life in a rural Swazi village and got to try our hand at making traditional crafts. Our students can officially say they contributed to the United Nations SDG for Global Education. *Siabonga* to our amazing hosts. The grand finale to our trip was the visit to Kruger National Park where we went on several safari drives to see all the magnificent wildlife. We saw so many incredible animals and finished with a whole pride of Lions on our night safari. It's not hard to see why this is the place to come and see these beautiful creatures. Camping in the park and listening to the animals at night from our tents was also very special. A great way to finish our trip, myself and Mr Sturla are very proud of the whole group for the resilience and determination they've shown."



SAYING GOODBYE TO YEAR 11

On Friday 22 May we said a fond farewell to our Year 11 students during a memorable Leavers Event. We started with a special assembly, where students were taken on a journey through their school years. Sharing adorable Year 7 photos to achievements and experiences at KS3 and KS4, produced plenty of smiles, laughter and a fair few tears! Students received a range of prizes including sweets, study packs and vouchers, with huge excitement being created by the top prize of a free Prom ticket. One of the most emotional moments came when 11P1 surprised Mr Duncan with a very special personalised message



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from his idol, Coyote Peterson. It was a thoughtful gesture that clearly meant a great deal. Students then took to the stage for a karaoke session during break time. After break, students gathered on the field for more prizes, shirt signing, group photos and final goodbyes. We also took the opportunity to say farewell to Mr Bray and thank him for everything he has contributed to our school community. Mrs Lister said: "We are incredibly proud of how impeccably Year 11 conducted themselves throughout the event. They represented themselves and the school brilliantly, and it was wonderful to see everyone celebrating together so positively. Then on Thursday 25 June 2026, on possibly the hottest



day ever, Year 11 had their end of year Prom at the Blunsdon House Hotel and what a lovely evening it was. From vintage cars and motorbikes to fire trucks and even a scooter, the students arrived in style, all looking incredibly smart. They had a fantastic evening taking some memorable photos and dancing the night away with their friends - the most important element of any celebration! Several awards were also handed out including Best Dressed Boy/Girl and Dance Floor Legend. We wish them a huge amount of success in their exam results on 20th August and in their future pathways." - Mrs Jackie Lister, Head of Year 11.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE LAUNCHPAD DAY

Well done to the 60 Year 9 students that took part in Young Enterprise Launchpad day on Wednesday 3 June. Mrs Clarke said: "Students worked in small groups to create a business from scratch: they produced marketing materials, worked out the finances and even had to gain investment from our volunteers to fund their business ideas. At the end of the day, each group presented their business during an elevator pitch and the best presentations were given awards. Students developed their employability skills and seemed to really enjoy the day!"



BATTLE OF THE SOMME - 100 YEARS



July 1, 1916 - 110 years ago - the first day of the Battle of the Somme, which saw 57,000 British casualties at the end of the first day... Mrs Loxton told us: "Year 8 learned about WW1 in their term 5 lessons. We asked them why the Battle of the Somme should be commemorated: "This was the bloodiest day in British history - we should take time to remember their bravery." "It makes me really proud to have family members who fought in the battle - they survived but lots of their friends didn't." "I'm just so thankful we don't

have to face that reality." This is a link to many soldier's stories if you would like to read more: <https://tinyurl.com/58bjx4fm>

GERMAN SCHOOL VISIT

Students from Illertal-Gymnasium Vöhringen in Germany visited Bradon Forest School this term. Despite the exceptionally high temperatures and a shortened visit, our students made the most of the opportunity to spend time with their German



peers. The visitors accompanied Bradon Forest students to lessons, giving them an insight into everyday school life in the UK, and enjoyed getting to know them throughout the day. Mrs Marsh said: "The visit provided a valuable opportunity for students to practise their language skills, learn about another culture and build new friendships. Thank you to all the students and staff who helped make the visit such a success."



YEAR 9 MUSEUM TRIP

Mr Matthews, Mrs Burton and Mr Allen took some of our Year 9 students out for a day trip around Oxford to visit the Ashmolean Museum, the Museum of Natural History and the Pitt Rivers, finally ending up at Robins farm for some dinner.

Mr Allen told us: "The students were excellent. They engaged in each museum, were impeccably behaved and polite throughout the day, and we hope took a lot from it! If nothing else, I think their phone memories will be full from the amount of photos they took! Big shout out to Mr Matthews for some outstanding organisational skills."

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SPEECH AND DEBATE FESTIVAL

Miss Gibb reports: "Five students from across Key Stage 3 attended the annual Athelstan Festival of Speech and Debate at Malmesbury School. They competed in some tough competitions in the debate, poetry and speech categories. All five of them worked incredibly hard in the build-up to the competition and a special well done to Eunice who won the silver medal in the poetry final."

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE QUALIFIER

This term saw the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying weekend. Mr Sturla reports: "Sixty eight intrepid students embarked on their DofE Bronze qualifier over 2 days. It was a very hot one this year, so students not only had to cope with the demands of navigation, walking, cooking and camping but also the intense heat."

Day 1 started at Chippenham and students walked 12.6km to their campsite in Calne. They then pitched their tents, had some food cooked on the Trangia's and then embarked on a bit of downtime, which consisted of a football, tennis ball throwing and photography. It was great to see the students interacting and having a great time without the need of their mobile phones. Day 2 was a trickier day, a 16.3km route which began by walking up the steep hill towards Cherhill Monument. It was a long day for some groups but they showed the values that DofE is all about; resilience, perseverance, teamwork and grit.

I hope the students will remember this experience for years to come, and apply a lot of their experiences to their future studies. A massive thanks again to Mr Allen and Mrs Burton who supported the students across the 2 days and also the many staff that stayed overnight, it's hugely appreciated. Finally a huge well done to the students for their effort and attitude across the weekend! Looking forward to many of these students taking on Silver next year."



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THANK A TEACHER DAY

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in National Thank a Teacher Day. We've seen so many lovely messages of appreciation to our wonderful teaching and support staff who work tirelessly to make our school a positive and inspiring place to learn.

NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC THINKING CHALLENGE

Back in May we entered 57 Year 10 Separate Science students into the National Scientific Thinking Challenge run by Warwick University. They completed an online Science challenge, with the aim for students to think like a scientist by answering questions which required them to interpret data/information about current scientific and engineering research projects. This year there were over 16000 students nationally who took part in the challenge. Mrs Pullen proudly told us: "This year we achieved our best ever set of results with 39 students getting major awards. Thirteen students received bronze awards for being in the top 40%, 19 students earned silver awards for being in the top 25% and we had seven students receive gold



awards for being in the top 10%! Our top performing student was Amy B who achieved an incredible 89% on some really challenging questions. Well done to everyone who took part."



YEAR 9 iMEDIA

Mrs Johnson would like to share some of the amazing work being done in her Year 9 classes: "Since September, the Year 9 iMedia carousel students have been creating visual identities (logos) and then adverts for a made-up client who provides

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graphics for people to use in the metaverse. I think you would all agree we have a high class of graphics being produced – well done!”

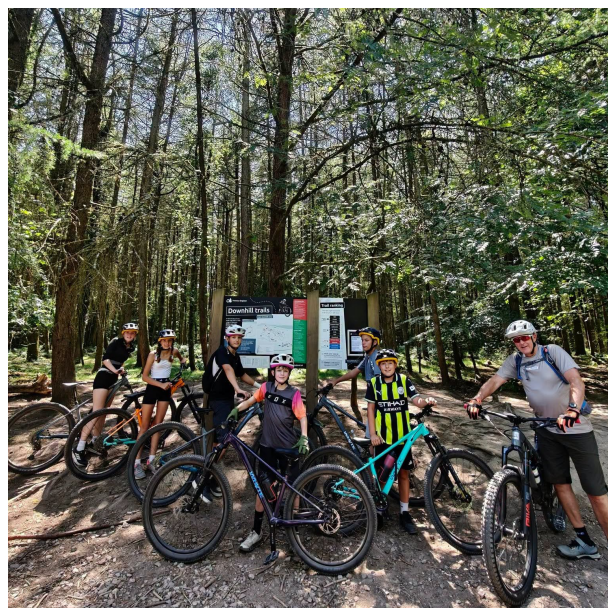
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER TRIP

Thank you to Mrs Marsh for organising another successful Year 7 trip to Boulogne-sur-Mer. “The students were a real credit to the school throughout the visit, with staff and members of the public commenting on their excellent behaviour, respect, and enthusiasm. The group enjoyed a fantastic experience and represented the school brilliantly from start to finish. After arriving in Boulogne early morning, the group went straight into exploring! We visited the aquarium, then headed into the old town to wander the streets and buy some lunch. A lovely way to spend the day.”



MOUNTAIN BIKING TRIP TO FOREST OF DEAN

On the penultimate week of term, Mr Matthews, Miss Carriero and Mrs Purcell took a group of students from the after school Mountain Bike Club to the Forest of Dean for the day. After a quick warm up on the pump track and refresh of some key skills, the group split in to two and headed off for the main skills area and 'Old Bob's Trail' at the Pedalabikeaway Trail Centre. Mr Matthews group enjoyed more time after lunch honing



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trail technique on the green graded 'Old Bob', while Mrs Purcell took the more experienced riders up to ride one of the downhill trails 'Countdown' and then on to the fun, final descent of the blue graded trail, 'Verderers'. Mr Matthews told us: "The students were absolutely brilliant, and it was great to see them putting their MTB Club skills to good use. I especially want to commend the group on their resilience and determination. We did have a few minor crashes throughout the day - this is mountain biking, after all - but every single rider showed progression and wanted to get back on and ride. Well done!" Mrs Purcell added: "Thank you to Pedalabikeaway for

looking after us with the bike hire, we couldn't have asked for a smoother day! And also to Trevor, a British Cycling trained volunteer who supported the group. It was an absolute joy taking these young riders out to enjoy the forest for the day!"

PRIDE PICNIC 2026

Thank you to all the students that supported our annual Pride Picnic! So glad we managed to reschedule after last weeks heatwave. Students baked and crafted things to sell and there was a lovely, celebratory atmosphere outside the pavilion.



BASKETBALL GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs Evans's Cambridge National PE group had the opportunity to listen to a guest speaker, Dave Colclough in their lesson. Mrs Evans told us: "The group are starting a Media module related to the sport of basketball so David, as the founder of local team, Swindon Shock, gave them an insight into how the club was formed, the structure of basketball both at local and national level and highlights

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from Dave's personal basketball career. The class then took part in Q&A session and found out which was the best slam dunk David had ever witnessed! Many thanks to David and his daughter Kayleigh for taking the time to come in to Bradon and giving the class an educational but entertaining talk about Swindon Shock. Much appreciated."

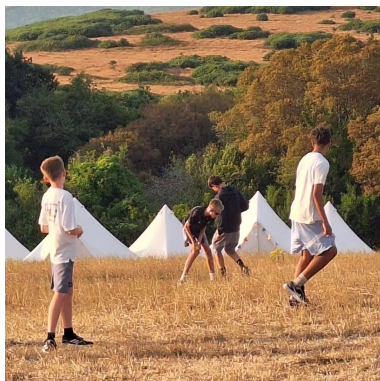
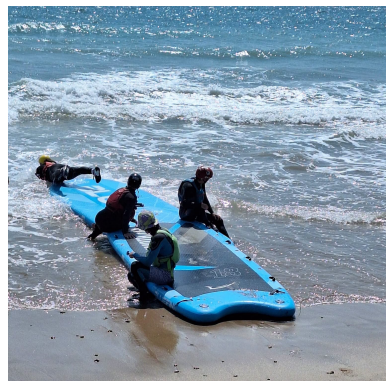
HOSTING ST MARY'S SPORTS DAY

Well done to St Mary's Primary pupils for an amazing Sports Day! Always a pleasure to host this event, and a special thank you to our students who helped support the day. As well as the usual races, there were a range of sports stations for the pupils to challenge themselves with.



YEAR 8 PGL

Yet another residential trip opportunity for our students, as Year 8 enjoyed some end of term activities on the PGL in Dorset. Miss Cole told us: "We've had an amazing time visiting Corfe Castle and doing a variety of waterspouts with Land and Wave, who were very pleased with how well organised we all were - staff and kids! The campsite was amazing and we had an absolutely stunning evening for a game of rounders followed by marshmallows at the campfire. Not a bad view from the tents too! Well done to everyone for getting stuck in and enjoying every opportunity."



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INDUCTION DAY

Induction Day - Completed! Mrs Lister reports: "Well done to all our new Year 7 students who were absolutely brilliant during our Induction Day! We've had a great time in Maths, Science, German, Humanities and Technology lessons, enjoyed social times and already made new friends. We hope you all feel more at home at school here and we're looking forward to welcoming you back in September, after a restful summer. I hope that all



of you heading off on residential trips during their last weeks of Primary School have the most brilliant time, and don't forget the summer reading challenge! I would also like to thank our fantastic team of Peer Mentors - we couldn't have done it without you all!"



PARIS TRIP

We don't think the Paris team could have packed more into this trip, as Mrs Marsh reports: "First stop was Cité des Sciences, where it was tiime to press every button,

pull every lever, and pretend we totally understand how everything works. Then we explored the beautiful Sacré-Cœur Basilica and wandered through the charming streets of Montmartre. From the top of the hill, the views across Paris are absolutely incredible, and every little street seems to have its own story, with artists, cafés and plenty of French charm around every corner. A few tired legs after all those



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steps, but it was definitely worth it! Montmartre est magnifique! We stopped for a photo under the iconic Grande Arche at La Défense! It's absolutely massive when you're standing underneath it, the photos really don't do it justice. A quick chance to admire the modern side of Paris before moving on to the next important cultural experience...a little bit of shopping, of course! We then spent some time walking from the stunning Notre-Dame all the way to the iconic Louvre Pyramid, taking in some of Paris's most famous sights along the way. After all those steps, a few welcome moments to cool down in Carrousel du Louvre were definitely needed! After a browse around Galeries Lafayette we rounded off the day with a well-earned meal at Flams. Good food, great company and another fantastic day in Paris! Quelle belle journée à Paris!

We were then lucky enough to enjoy a full day of Disney magic. From the moment we walked through the gates to the last ride of the day, it was non-stop smiles, laughter and just a little bit of queueing! We waved at our favourite characters, screamed our way through the rides, fuelled up on Disney snacks, and somehow managed to fit in even more magic than we thought possible. There's



something special about seeing Disney through excited eyes - every castle view, every parade, every little detail makes you feel like a kid again. Feet were definitely aching, batteries were running low... but the memories? Absolutely priceless."

STAY SAFE INITIATIVE

Mrs Clark organised a great visitor this term: "Thank you to Richard from the Stay Safe Initiative who visited school last Friday and delivered workshops with our Year 7 and 8 students about staying safe online. Titled "Digital Empowerment Programme", our Year 7s and 8s learned all how to be safe in group chats, avoid peer pressure, respond if someone is spreading hate online and that what happens in the group chat, never just stays in the group chat. Students listened carefully and eagerly joined in with the discussion. Lots of our students remember Richard from visiting their primary schools and it's always a pleasure to see him at Bradon Forest!"



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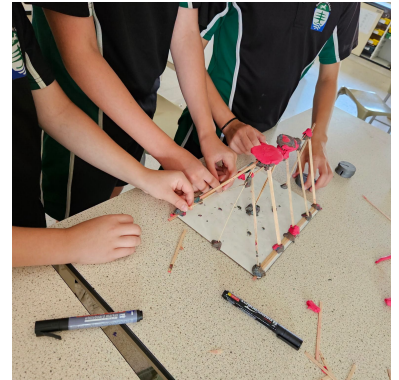
HOUSE NEWS

HOUSE BELONGING DAY

The Mrs Wilson shares news from our fantastic Belonging Day, organised by the Heads of House: "From awesome activities to a show-stopping closing ceremony, our students threw themselves into every challenge, every moment, and every bit of house spirit. The school was buzzing with teamwork, colour, laughter and friendly competition as each house took on creative tasks, sports challenges, problem-solving missions and team-building activities.

As the day came to a close, we celebrated together with our awards ceremony - recognising effort, teamwork, leadership and house pride - all wrapped up with lots of rewards and brilliant live music that had everyone cheering, from our BGT winners Easton M & Leanne K.

A huge well done to every student for making our House Belonging Day such a vibrant, joyful celebration of what it means to be part of our school community - proud doesn't even begin to cover it. Well done to Ella-Louise W and Gerrad T for having the highest amount of teacher nominations for displaying our school CARE values."



300 HOUSE POINTS!

Well Mrs Johnson hosted a lovely event at the end of term! "Congratulations to the 17 students who achieved 300 house points by the end of June! Today they were rewarded with a picnic on the field. Well done for all your hard work this year."

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LIBRARY NEWS

FREE BOOKS AND 10P BOOK SALE

We are exceptionally lucky this July to have received a beautiful selection of brand new non-fiction titles, thanks to the Hanson Box Project. These lovely books are already available in the library for students to enjoy. Mrs Sirrelle

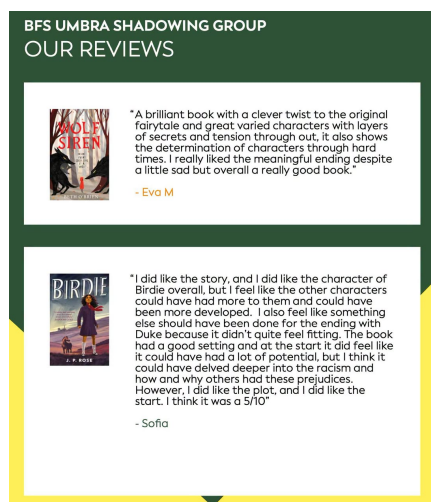
adds: "We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our successful 10p book sale. Together, we have found new homes for around 200 preloved books, at the same time as raising money to contribute to new library resources - great job everyone! As always, we appreciate any donations of good quality second hand books, which we can use on our library shelves, or to fundraise through our preloved sales. If you are having a clear out over the summer and have any books that need a new home, please consider donating them to the library, to help us continue to develop our resources."



CARNEGIE RESULTS

Our super team 'BFS Umbra' Carnegie shadow jury completed their projects, having produced a wide variety of artwork and reviews based around the books they've been reading. Mrs Sirrelle reports: "We have spent the last two terms busy reading and critiquing books on the Carnegie Shortlist for Writing and Illustration and have now shared our final votes in the national shadow

jury. You can see our book reviews and artwork in our BFS Umbra Shadowing Magazine. A huge well done to everyone involved!" <https://bradonforest.org.uk/.../carnegie-shadow-jury-16.../>



On Tuesday 23 June, we hosted a Carnegie Results party for the BFS Shadow Jury. The Carnegie's celebrate celebrate achievement and outstanding reading experiences in books for children and young people. Come and borrow one of the shortlisted books, or even one of the winners, from our collection in the library.

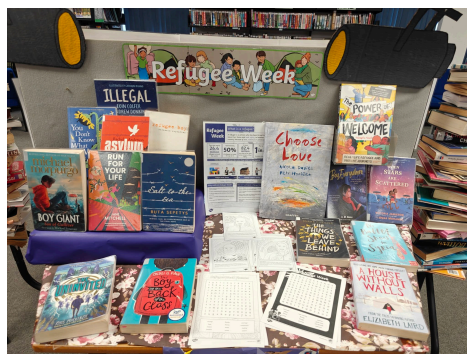
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SPOTLIGHTS

This term we've had a wide variety of Spotlights On, including Refugee Week, the world's largest arts and culture festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary, our LGBTQ+ range to support Pride Week and the Big Question on diversity.



SPARK! BOOK AWARD

In March this year, a dedicated team of readers joined up to be part of the Spark! Book Award. Mrs Sirrelle tells us: "This meant reading a collection of four books, discussing them and voting for their favourites. The results came in as Nettle by Bex Hogan in first, followed by I Dare You by Tamsin Winter, The Uninvited by Ross MacKenzie and Thirst by Darren Simpson in forth place (with some very mixed feedback!) Many of our students have also created some incredible entries to contribute to Spark! National competitions - you can see some of their work here, including knitting, crochet, paint and pencil artwork, all inspired by the books and characters they've read about." For the 2nd year in a row, Bradon Forest has a national competition winner in the Spark!



Book Award
m a i n
competition!
Lily has won for
her beautiful
Nettle-inspired
skirt. Well
done, Lily!

LIBRARY NEWS

STUDENT LIBRARIANS - CHOOSING BOOKS FOR YOU!

Our fantastic student librarians have been incredibly excited this term for the arrival of some new books to add to our library catalogue. Mrs Sirrelle told us: "Student voice is really important to us in the library and the team worked really well together to make important decisions on which books they wanted to purchase from the library budget. With lots of great choices available, our librarians decided that Term 6 would be the perfect time to invest more in our Manga and Graphic Novel section. Here they are with some of their picks, which are already available to borrow, and flying off the shelves! We'd like to give special thanks to Jonnie, who put in lots of research to put forward a list of Manga recommendations for purchasing."



LIBRARY ROUND UP

It has been another incredible year in the Bradon Forest Library! Not only have we continued to build strong relationships with our feeder schools with our primary liaison outreach sessions, but we have demonstrated the superb reading values within our own school community too. Beating last year's book loan record by well over 100 extra loans, we have had an unprecedented number of students joining in with our spot light activities, taking part in reading challenges and competitions and volunteering under our student librarian and peer reading schemes. The library is a hive of activity on a daily basis, with students completing homework, reading, playing games and socialising. As well as inviting celebrated local illustrator Nick Pavone in to run workshops with some of our younger students this year, we have also taken part in the Carnegies Shadow Jury again, and the Spark! Book Award for the second year running.

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We have also had a wonderfully successful year of fundraising, though our World Book Day non-uniform day, Scholastic Book Fair and our preloved book sales, raising well over £1000 all of which - which has gone straight back into our library provision. Thank you to everyone who has supported these events and has donated their used books for the library to use. A final thank you goes out to all of our student volunteers this year - to our Peer Reading Mentors who have spent their Thursday mornings working with younger students to build their reading confidence and skills and especially to our Student Librarians, who have been busy behind the scenes all year keeping the library running smoothly and efficiently, choosing new books to buy and supporting all of the activities we run here. Next year we are really excited to be launching a new reading competition for Year 9 and KS4 students in September, as well as hosting a huge range of activities throughout the year for all of our students to participate in. The library wishes everyone a wonderful summer break and happy reading!



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SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS DAY

The results are in for Sports Day 2026! Mrs Evans reports: "What a way to finish the year Eleven athletes broke school records despite the heat;

Max J 1500m	Sophie D Hurdles	Dan B 200m and
Holly D 1500m	Maisie R Hurdles	400m
Tiana S 1500m	Jack R Hurdles	Jamie P 200m
James M 1500m	Lily CB Javelin	Jeffery C 200m

Well done all, however a massive congratulations must go to all the students for competing with such resilience, determination and enthusiasm throughout the day. The house spirit was incredible with many adorning house colours on their faces and hair.

The overall results are;

Winners Battlewell
2nd place Ringsbury
3rd place PearTree

The last person to stand on the podium had to be Mr Bray who is retiring after 29 amazing years at Bradon. He has been a true inspiration to hundreds of students and his legacy will live on. Happy retirement Mr Bray!"



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ATHLETICS

June 4 saw a fantastic afternoon of athletics as eight Year 7 boys and eight Year 7 girls represented Bradon at the Super 8 competition yesterday, held at the Swindon County Ground. Mr Payne said: "Every single athlete gave their all, showing brilliant effort, teamwork, and determination throughout. A huge well done to everyone involved and a special congratulations to our Year 7 girls, who finished 1st overall!"



Individual shout-outs and medals: Andrea W - overall gold medal for her outstanding performances. Joseph G - overall silver medal after a superb set of events. A brilliant day for Bradon Forest School. Well done, team!

After qualifying in the North Wiltshire Athletics Trials, six Bradon Forest athletes competed in the County Athletic Champs at the County Ground.

Jaliel J: 100m and long jump - 1st in LJ, qualified for SW

Elsie S: 800m - 2nd, qualified for SW

James M: 3000m 1st with a new Wiltshire record (unbeaten since 1976!) - qualified for SW

Alex L: 800m - 3rd, qualified for SW

Adam G: Long Jump

Corey C: 1500m - 5th

Mrs Evans said: "A fantastic performance from all our elite athletes!"



Thank you to Mrs Wilson for this next great experience for our students: "A huge well done to all 64 students who represented the school at the athletics competition at Bath University at the start of term. The behaviour and team spirit were brilliant all day."

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It wasn't our day for overall results, finishing 6th out of 9 schools, but we still came away with some fantastic podium finishes and plenty to be proud of.

Podium finishes (1st-3rd):

1st Place:

Theo H — Long Jump (Y8)
Jaliel J — Long Jump (Y9)
George B-H — Discus (Y10)
Y9 boys 4x100m relay team
Elsie S — 800m, (Y10)
Elsie S — Javelin, (Y10)
Maisie M - Shotput (Y8)

Joe G — 100m (Y7)
Jaliel J — 100m (Y9)
Zach H — Discus (Y9)
Max J - 1500m (Y9)
Sienna K — 800m, (Y7)
Sophie D - hurdles (Y8)
4x100m Relay (Heat 2nd),
Year 7 team

Jeffrey C — 400m (Y9)
Johnathon O — Shot Put
(Y8)• Sophie R— 300m, (Y8)
Charlotte B— 300m (Y9)
Isla H - Hurdles (Y9)
Sophie R — Javelin, (Y8)
Ayla K — Discus, Year 7
Kelsey H — Discus, (Y9)
Ruby S — Shot Put, (Y9)
4x100m Relay (Heat 3rd),
Year 9 team

2nd Place:

Harry J — 1500m (Y7)

3rd Place:

Harry M — Hurdles (Y10)

A brilliant day of competition and CARE values. Proud of every single athlete who stepped up and represented the school."



Following on from last weeks amazing achievement, James M went on to win in South West Schools in Exeter on Saturday, beating second place by a whopping 14 seconds! James finished in 9.04, an excellent time considering the heat. Watch this space to see if James will be selected for English Schools. Although the standard from the Wiltshire Team was high this weekend, we have our fingers crossed! Well done, James.



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DWARF GAMES

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Reuben W, who competed in the Dwarf Games Friday 22 to Monday 25 May, winning a total of 7 medals!

Power lifting - gold

40 metres - gold

60 metres - silver

Shot put - silver

Discus - silver

Hockey - gold

Football - silver



GYMNASTICS



This term, Year 7 student, Chloe M competed in the English Silver Tumbling Championships in Telford and finished 14th in the whole of England for her age and level (Regional 2). She had three stunning tumble runs, two which were clean and one with a mat take off. She also competed a new run adding a full twist onto the end of her round off 6 flicks! In addition, Chloe recently qualified to represent the South West (1 of only 2 for her age and level) in tumbling at the national finals (IRCC) competing against the rest of the UK at the Birmingham Utilita Arena!

ROUNDERS

Our super Year 9 & 10 rounders team came 2nd at the Swindon Rounders tournament on 10 June, gaining a silver medal and progression through to the county finals! Mrs Wilson reports: "A

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great first 2 games saw the girls win their pool going through to the final facing RWBA. What a team we have here and thoroughly deserved - some fielding and batting to be in absolute awe of."

Well done on the following results and POM:

BFS v APS 7 1/2 win to 4

Batting POM: Tabitha

Fielding POM: Talei

BFS v Swindon Acad 8 1/2 win to 4 1/2

Batting POM: Megan

Fielding POM: Rosie

BFS v RWBA 5 loss to 4

Batting POM: Megan

Fielding POM: Megan



On Thursday 21 May, the U16 rounders team had a good win against Swindon Academy. Mrs Evans reports: "POM Taina A was awesome with the bat whilst Rosie O was electric in the field. Captain Holly D said " My team played great and bring on RWBA!" Final score- 14.5-9. The Year 9 team beat both Swindon Academy and RWBA, 15.5-6.5 and 17.5-7.5. The girls put on a great batting performance in both matches with POM awarded to Megan B and Tabitha F. In the field, POM were awarded to Tof G and Megan B for accurate catching. Both squads played so well in the summer sun and I'm is very proud of their performances!"

The Year 9 and 10 girls rounders teams played against Abbey Park on 30 June. Mrs Evans reports: "Year 10s fielded superbly with Myesha A being awarded fielding POM with 4 fantastic catches and Chelsey A was awarded POM for batting despite losing 12.5-6.5. The Year 9s maintained their unbeaten run with a 14 - 10.5 win. POM for batting was awarded to Tabitha F



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for her amazing hitting display whilst POM for fielding went to Maddison C for her accurate play on 4th post. Well done all and great captaining by Holly D and Megan B.



On 2 July, the keen Year 7 and Year 8 combined girls cricket team had their first run out on the 'Astro of dreams' at RWBA, playing a fun version of cricket - Dynamos. Mrs Wilson said: "A great win to APS and a near loss to Ridgeway saw the girls have great fun experimenting with some new skills: batting and bowling. So much fun was had by all!" Mrs Wilson & Miss Clarke's POM goes to Grace A.

TAG ARCHERY

Thank you to Josh Cox from Target Acquired for some fantastic sessions with our Year 7 PE students on at the end of term. Mrs Evans said: "The students always love the opportunity to play Tag Archery with Josh. It was a fun morning with a good dose of healthy competition!"



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Year 7 and 8's have enjoyed taking on a mountain bike obstacle course during PE, developing skill and speed round various features and improving confidence on the ramps. Well done, everyone!