

#SBonnellWeekly

Our Vision - Our Team - Our Voice



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ISSUES #2



AUTHOR VISIT: BERNADINE EVARISTO

We were very excited to welcome Bernadine Evaristo to our school for Black History Month. She is an award-winning author and the first Black woman to win the Booker Prize. Her visit was an amazing opportunity for students to learn about her achievements and be inspired by her story. Bernadine spoke about how important it is to keep reading, especially for young people, and how books can open up new worlds and ideas. She encouraged students, especially girls, to aim high and follow their dreams, no matter the challenges.

Bernadine also talked about her recent BBC show *Mr Loverman*, based on her book about identity, love, and family. Her stories celebrate the Black community, and her visit helped our students see how reading and writing can connect us all. We are grateful for her time and hope her message will inspire our students to keep learning and believing in themselves.



Bernadine on stage talking to our Y11 students



Girls in Cyber Pinsent Masons

Our students recently attended a "Girls in Cyber" coding workshop at Pinsent Masons, a law firm we've had a long-standing relationship with. The workshop focused on introducing students to the world of coding and cyber security, highlighting the growing importance of computer science in many careers today. It's essential for young people, especially girls, to experience real-world opportunities like this, as it inspires them to aim high and pursue fields they may not have considered before.

Workshops like these help break down barriers and show girls that they can succeed in traditionally male-dominated areas like computer science and technology. With the rise of cyber security and digital industries, it's more important than ever to equip girls with the skills and confidence to thrive. We're grateful for the support from Pinsent Masons, as they continue to play a key role in inspiring our students to explore exciting career paths in coding and technology.

WE'RE PROUD TO SHARE THAT OUR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN ENSURING YOUR CHILD'S REGULAR ATTENDANCE—EVERY DAY REALLY DOES MATTER. AS WE APPROACH THE HOLIDAYS, LET'S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING, ENSURING YOUR CHILD CONTINUES TO GROW, LEARN, AND BUILD STRONG HABITS. WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN MAKE SURE THEY DON'T MISS OUT ON VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LEAD-UP TO THE BREAK. TOGETHER, WE'RE HELPING THEM REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL!

LOOKING AHEAD...

BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH

Reclaiming the Narrative
ELD Monday 21 October 2024

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

We have our BHM Celebration Event on
Wednesday 6 November at 18.30.

Join us for Black History Month: student
exhibitions, culture, celebration!

Please use this QR code to book your place.



WOWS OF THE WEEK AND PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



This week's WOW of the Week celebrates our Year 8 and 9 students, who had the amazing opportunity to visit Lille with the World Languages team! The trip was a wonderful chance for students to practise speaking and listening in French, boosting their confidence and language skills. It's so important for young people to experience new cultures and have the chance to travel abroad, and this trip did exactly that.

While in Lille, our students not only improved their French but also broadened their horizons by exploring the city, visiting local landmarks, and trying authentic French food. These real-world experiences enrich their learning beyond the classroom and show them the value of language and communication in everyday life.

A huge thank you to our dedicated teachers for organising this trip and supporting our students throughout the day. We are always working hard to create opportunities like this to enrich the education of our young people and help them grow in confidence. Trips like this not only improve their language skills but also encourage independence and curiosity about the world. Thank you to our families for your continued support in making these valuable experiences possible for our students!



SEND NEWS - INCLUSION FOR ALL STUDENTS

What a fabulous half term it has been in the A&I Department. The ASDAN Class have completed their topic on Money Management with great success.

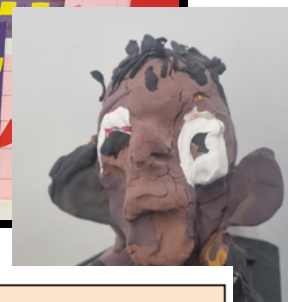
In Nurture the students have been doing activities to support both their gross motor and fine motor skills. These as also supported to build their friendships and work cooperatively. Our Team has completed their **Signalong** training this week and if any parents are interested Newham are running at **Parent and Carer Signalong Workshop on Wednesday 13th November at 10.00-12.00**

Venue: The Tunmarsh Centre, Tunmarsh Lane, To book a place, parents/carers can contact: CNDS@newham.gov.uk (Booking deadline Tuesday 5th November).

Newham Families - Local Offer

Here you will find a range of services available to families with a child or children who have a disability or additional need.

KEEP THE DATE: We have our Session on Supporting your child's mental health now on **THURSDAY 7.10.24** at 9am. This is a great way to meet other parents but also to meet the Team.



Jasmine R Year 8
Model of Frankenstein for Drama