



Braidwood School

Respect, Honesty, Effort

Shakespeare Project

For the past year, Braidwood School has been supporting the 'Royal Shakespeare Company' and the University of Birmingham in an exciting project to develop materials to make the teaching of Shakespeare more accessible to Deaf learners.

On Monday, pupils from Losala and Mahmoud form tutor groups went to Stratford to take part in a Macbeth drama session to try out some of the resources that have been created. Next Monday, these learners will take part in a final drama session to develop their understanding further. We look forward to seeing the published results of this study in the future.



Headteacher's Message

As the winter continues, we may experience severe weather as we did last year i.e. SNOW!

As you know, we do not enjoy closing school, but in the interests of safety for both learners and staff, it is sometimes necessary.

If there is severe ice and or snow, many transport vehicles will not operate and the approach road to the school itself, Asholme Close, becomes very dangerous. We will always attempt to contact you as soon as the decision to close the school is taken. This will be by text message. If you have recently changed your phone number, please let us know your new number, as soon as possible.

In addition the school website will also carry information about closure.

BBC Radio West Midlands, Free Radio and schoolclosures@birmingham.gov.uk will also have information about which Birmingham schools are closed.



A group of KS4 Learners tried acting out a scene from Macbeth at the RSC in Stratford.

Trip letters

Please note that letters have gone out to selected pupils to invite them to attend a **swimming competition** at the London Aquatics Centre on 29th Jan and a **football competition** in Derby on 5th Feb. These will be a wonderful sporting experience for your child. Please fill in the reply slips to inform us if your child will be attending.

Please note: parents will need to pick pupils up from school after both these events.



New staff

We are delighted to report that we have had two new permanent members of staff this term.

Mrs Haynes has joined the English Department, working Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and Mrs Kay joins us as a full time science teacher and form tutor to Bowen.

A very warm welcome to them both.

Sixth Form Visit to Walsall College

It is the time of the year when some of our learners are making very important decisions about their future. This week, Year 12 visited Walsall College and spent the morning being shown around the different departments and also having a look at what else the college has to offer. Year 12 were impressed with the gym and sports facilities, the opportunities for training and volunteering, the cafeteria, and the general atmosphere around the college. Learners were able to see the motor vehicle workshop, the art, photography and fashion rooms, as well as the fantastic hair and beauty department. Staff from the college spoke to us about the different courses available and the support that is available to deaf students.

We saw some ex Braidwood learners doing their courses and were very pleased indeed to see 4 recent leavers who had come to talk to us about what going to college was like and how different it is to school. They are all currently engaged in different vocational courses and they discussed how they felt going to college and what obstacles they had to overcome. They were all very positive and spoke superbly about their experiences. It was a proud moment to see them doing so well and forging excellent pathways for their futures.

For any learners and parents interested in finding out more, there is an Open Day at the college on Saturday 26th January, 10am -2pm. This is an excellent opportunity to visit the college, have a tour and ask any questions you may have.

7 minute Workout!

This term, we have started a 7 minute workout once a week for each tutor group during their registration period as part of our commitment to improved physical and mental health. Many pupils found this to be difficult due to a lack of general fitness.

All pupils now have an App on their computer called '7' (see symbol below) which enables them to follow the workout at home. Please encourage your child to do a daily 7 minute workout. The workout doesn't require a great deal of space so it can easily be done in the home. Perhaps other family members may want to get involved too!



What's happening? This week

Mon 21/01/19	RSC/ University of Birmingham Shaekspeare drama session with Losala and Mahmoud SaLT - Helen Elia working with selected pupils
Tues 22/01/19	Nicola D'Urso SaLT to work with selected pupils
Wed 23/01/19	BSL lessons for parents 10am - 12pm
Thurs 24/01/19	Money Mechanics Workshop for selected pupils Dr Robertson Clinic in school Dr Glenn in school working with selected pupils 'Umbrella' sexual health workshop for Year 12
Fri 25/01/19	PE - please make sure your child has their kit HPV Vaccinations for Yr 8 & 9 girls
Next Week	
Mon 28/1/19	SaLT - Helen Elia working with selected pupils Dr Glenn in school working with selected pupils
Tues 29/1/19	Swimming Competition London Aquatics Centre (8.30am - 4.30pm) Speech and Language therapist (Nicola D'Urso) in school working with selected pupils
Wed 30/1/19	BSL lessons for parents 10am - 12pm
Thurs 31/1/19	
Fri 1/2/19	Fort Retail visit for Hayes and Bowen PE - please make sure your child has their kit

And finally...

Subject Progress Day: Due to the pressures of educational visits and whole school activities taking time away from our lesson time, the Subject Progress Day on Thursday 14th February has been **cancelled**.

Breakfast: Please encourage your child to have a free healthy breakfast at school. This is served in the food technology room every day from 7.50am.

Fruit at break time: Please encourage your child to eat fruit at break times. This is available for a very cheap cost.

Coats: Many pupils are coming to school without a coat and are complaining about being cold at break and lunchtimes. Please ensure that your child wears a coat to school and stays warm.

House Points

Well done to everyone who received house points for effort last week.



The highest achievers were:

- 1) Sindeed
- 2) Claudia
- 3) Jamie

Fantastic effort - keep it up!