

Weekly Update

6 DEGREES OF ASPIRATION



Words from the Headteacher

As promised, below is a full report from Miss Slater on our Enterprise Day which ran last Friday. The day was a fantastic success with the eventual winners producing and presenting their pitch for "6 Degrees of Stationery". Congratulations to the winners and to the other 19 groups whose enthusiasm, hard work and tenacity made the day such an enjoyable occasion:

"Last Friday was our inaugural Enterprise Day: students working in vertical groups to create and sell a product to promote 6 Degrees of Aspiration. Nick Short, one of the original members of Parents' Voice, the joint founders of BFS, launched the day by speaking about his professional journey as well as his involvement in the conception of Bristol Free School. We then welcomed three additional 'dragons': Steve Garratt (The Giggle Group), Lorrin White (Total Ltd) and Mike Wilsher (Executive Foundation) who shared snapshots of their careers and the importance of employability skills. They were almost as excited as the students! Throughout the morning students learnt about marketing concepts before moving into specialist Sales, Finance, IT and Design teams for expert input and pitch development.

By the afternoon excitement about presenting their products was palpable, from students and staff alike. Enterprise groups were proud of their creations, pitching a range of ideas from heat-sensitive mugs, scooters with built-in school bags, USB wristbands, blue-tooth watches and fortune cookie-esque chocolates with inspirational quotes inside. Miss West, Mr Leeson, Miss Nowak and Mrs Lavis all led enterprise groups successfully through to the final in a field dominated in the main by a focus on equipment for school. Practical and inspirational – the judges were impressed!

After a final pitch to the dragons and other finalists we were delighted to congratulate Miss West and enterprise group 4 (Isabel Bridle, Deago Bailey, Shaye Stewart, Zoe Toye, Maggie Baker, George Fowler, Connie Simpson, Blake Giles, Selina Kinsey, Max Cramer, Robi Jama, William Range, Maisy-Lou Burden, Yazid Khattab, Ann Robson, Emily Whiteway-Wilkinson and Jacob Jenkins) on their victorious '6 Degrees of Stationery' branded pocket size pencil case and contents: Using the £250 start-up prize, from January onwards this group will be producing their '6 Degrees of Stationery' as an enterprise extra-curricular session. Their heart-wrenching presentation, visible response to feedback, hand-outs for the dragons and conscientiously detailed consideration of the product sealed the win. Watch out for this soon-to-be-global product soon!

However, the day itself was more than a winning product. It was a collaboration between students of all ages, staff and employers, all keen to secure the best possible employability outcomes. I received a dragon email today sharing how "...utterly delighted I was to be involved in the Enterprise Day last week, thank you. I hope the students had a great experience, I know I did - I've told everyone I have spoken to since about it." She went on to say "...special thanks to these students and my gratitude to the staff and all students for really embracing the day - very enjoyable indeed". It was a day that we'll all remember... until the next one.

Thank you for your continued support of 6 Degrees of Aspiration. Any questions or desire to get involved please contact r.slater@bristolfreeschool.org.uk."

Richard Clutterbuck

Girls' Basketball vs Red Maids'

As this was the girls' first ever basketball match we were waiting anxiously for the other team to arrive. The opposition's school didn't finish until 4:05 so we took the time to pass around a few tips before getting into some drills.

Our A team was to be playing the first game. The team consisted of Zoe Toye (Captain), Portia Neville, Corinne Thompson, Holly Neville, Alice Russell and Holly Freke. We were well into the game very quickly, and to our surprise, managed to find some ground to shoot. As the games were 8 minute halves, we decided to come out and shine for the first 5 minutes. Alice and Corinne took charge of scoring whilst Portia took charge of defending; making sure the ball was cleared to the wingers. By half time it was 8-4 to BFS and we finished the 8 minutes feeling very tired, hot and sweaty. We went for a cool down before then quickly getting into the second half. In the end we won the game 12-6. We were all very proud of ourselves.

The B team, who were Anna Fraser, Katie Davis, Holly Neville, Megan Lloyd, Emily Yates and Sydney Browne came on after a quick prep talk. BFS started off not so eager but picked up the game after Red Maids' scored. Our attackers were good and we took a strong lead. Anna, Katie and Emily all scored which made a positive contribution to our overall score. In the end we came out with a 12-6 victory which was a coincidence being the same as the A team.

The player of the match in the first game was Corinne Thompson and in the second, Phoebe Neville. Well done to the whole team for great victories. We managed to defeat Red Maids' in our first basketball match!

Sports journalist: Corinne Thompson (Y8)

Y7 boys' basketball vs Patchway

The Y7 boys were well prepared for their final game of the season, with a mixture of players who have been involved in the others tournaments and new faces who were keen to impress. At the end of the first quarter Patchway led by 2 points in what was clearly going to be a close encounter. Hachim Muhumed and Cyrus Shafi shone in their first games for the School, working hard in defence and attack. In the second quarter BFS took the lead and control of the game, with forceful runs from Harvey Sealey and Amir Farooq. Michael Evans, team captain, demonstrated his shooting ability from close range which took BFS into half-time 2 points ahead. Angus Snowdon and Alfie Davies continued the good work in the third quarter with some impressive passing moves up the court which created numerous opportunities. The game remained close and towards the end of the final quarter some excellent combination play from Dylan Daniel and Jacob Fynn brought the score to 14-14. It was decided that rather than calling the game a draw we would play sudden death, with the next team to score winning the

game! This gave both teams a new burst of energy with the ball travelling from end to end at a dynamic speed. Finally the chance BFS had been working so hard for – the captain collected the ball close to the basket, remained calm and with perfect precision ensured BFS took the victory. A fantastic effort from all of the players, who celebrated the whole way home on the minibus!

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 18 December to those who have already purchased tickets. As this is the only food which will be available at lunch time students who have not bought tickets will need to remember to bring in a packed lunch that day.

Trampolining

Ryan Andrews (Y8) recently competed in the South West Regional Schools' Trampolining Championships. He was placed 5th in the boys' under 13 novices section.

Well done Ryan!

Stocking filler ideas

All students are expected to have

- a pencil case containing pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, rubber, ruler and crayons;
- a calculator and maths set including a pair of compasses and protractor;
- a wide-necked water bottle.

If your child is missing some of this essential equipment then perhaps now is the time of year to remedy this!

Found Property

Found property is available for viewing and collection straight after school until 3.15 pm between Reception and the LRC on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Any items remaining in found property at the end of this term will be disposed of via local charity shops.

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 16 December

Monday

'6 degrees' keynote speaker: Institute of Physics

Tuesday

Comic Book Philosophy
Film Club
Games Club
German Club

Wednesday

Book Club
Italian Club
Netball Club
Science Club

Thursday

Creative Writing
Duke of Edinburgh (Y9)
Mixed Sport
Model United Nations

Friday

Climbing Club

There will be no Homework Club this week.

Term 2 –Key Dates

December	
Monday 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9TG6 ice skating after school • 9TG1 DVD viewing after school • '6 degrees' keynote speaker after school: Institute of Physics
Tuesday 17	Christmas Extravaganza (Y7 Learning Groups 1, 2 & 3)
Wednesday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas lunch • Christmas Extravaganza (Y7 Learning Groups 4, 5 & 6)
Friday 20	End of term 2: 3.00 pm

See the calendar at <www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk>