

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2022. It has been a busy and fun-filled term.

3D Printer

Mr McDaid secured a 3D printer for ICT lessons and the boys have enjoyed using the software to create designs. So far, I've seen Thor's hammer, a dolphin and a snowflake.

Online Safety

Advice by child's age: <u>Pre-school</u> <u>6 - 10 year olds</u> <u>11 - 13 year olds</u> <u>14 plus</u>



Setting up devices: Gaming consoles and devices Smartphones Broadband and mobile networks Entertainment and search engines

Our <u>school website</u> has an online safety page with useful information and resources.

School Council

Following the successful meetings in November, we have some updates:

- There is now consistency around food and drink routines across the school. Your child will continue to be offered breakfast, lunch and regular drinks.
- The boys are really happy with the epraise system and we wish to build on this success. They have requested some lower cost items as prizes. As always, Mr Moore is working hard to meet requests. Please let him know if there is anything specific you would like.
- Changes will be made to the sinks in the main toilets. A plumber has visited the school and in early 2023, new sinks will be going in. Thank you for sorting this Jason.
- Some of our older students have started a bike mechanics course on site. This will help the school to have more bikes available at break times.
- More classes have been out on trips this half term.
- Miss Holwill has joined the BLS team and is doing a fantastic job. We are hoping to have more support staff joining soon.
- A new art room is being used and Mr Ahern is offering sessions to the classes. 😇

Support Services



There is a new tab for students on the school website that includes information about support services.

Dates

Important dates can be found on our <u>school website</u>. *Friday 16th December:* Last day of autumn term. *Wednesday 4th January:* Students return to school.

Thank You and Farewell

After more than 8 years of teaching at BLS, I am moving on to pastures new. Thank you for your continued support and kindness. It has been a pleasure working with you and your children and I wish you all the very best for 2023 and the future.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Alyssa Lee PSHE/Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead

