



# Blossom House Newsletter

FOR STAFF

MAY / JUNE 2018

## KEY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM 2018:

14<sup>th</sup> May: Charity/Community Day

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May: Year 7 Residential Trip to Rookesbury Park

21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May: KS3 Devon Camping Trip

28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June: Half Term

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June: Year 6 Bowles Trip

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June: Bikeability Level 1 & 2

12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June: KS3 Devon Camping Trip

19<sup>th</sup> June, 4pm -7.30pm: Parents Feedback Evening (Years 2 - 6)

20<sup>th</sup> June, 4pm—7.30pm: Parents Feedback Evening (Years 7, 8, 9 and 10)

26<sup>th</sup> June: Careers Day

2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> July: KS3 Devon Camping Trip

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July: Year 11 Trip to Spain

9<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm: Secondary (Yrs 7,8 & 9) play

10<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm: Primary Play

13<sup>th</sup> July: Year 11 Prom

18<sup>th</sup> July: Summer Sports Day and School Fete

19<sup>th</sup> July, 12pm: End of Term

20<sup>th</sup> July: Staff Work Day

## Lets get minimal...

### Protection is coming

You may well have noticed that the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) are coming into force in May 2018. You've undoubtedly received e-mails from services you access requesting your consent to continue to communicate with you and process your personal data. Danila delivered training on the GDPR in April. It therefore won't come as a surprise to you that as an employee of Blossom you too will have a responsibility to protect the personal data that you are aware of such as pupil details.

### Behind the scenes

Blossom has a Data Protection Team (you can find them on the email address book) who've been working towards identifying all the

data that we collect, share and store. This includes explaining **why** we collect, share and store the data and **how** we do it.

### Providing guidance

The Team have created a simple guide to data handling that will be sent out this week. Please read it—it is very useful!

### Why do we need to get minimal?

Minimisation is a key thing to think about when dealing with personal data:

Think about the minimum amount of personal data that is needed to get the job done. For example, if an external consultant is coming in to look at progress of pupils then if month of birth or term of birth

would do the job, there's no justification for passing on date of birth.

Think also about the minimum amount of people that need access to personal data. People should only see the personal data they need to see to perform their role.

### On-going review

Please help the School by reporting any concerns you may have about the security of any personal data. You can contact the Data Protection Team via email. Please also feel free to ask any questions.



## School Life



### Community day

We are holding our annual Community Day (previously Charity Day) on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. We started this event two years ago to reduce the number of separate times we asked pupils to donate to charities. So far we have managed to raise £1100 for British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK, Sport Relief, GOSH and Hounds for Heroes.

Pupils will spend the morning

participating in a range of activities to develop their understanding of supporting one another within a community. Activities will take place either on site or in the local community. Primary pupils can choose from making jewellery to sell at the Summer Fete, litter picking in our local community (linking in with the national 'Great Plastic Pick Up' happening on 11-13 May), and participating in a Skipathon. Secondary pupils will be making cakes for a local residential care home, making kits for Street Souls, providing tea and sandwiches to local businesses, and participating in a sponsored football match.

Thanks to Verity and all the team involved in organising such

a great day.

### Chicken fever!

The School now has a huge chicken pen for our new pets down by the car park. Raising chickens is a great way to teach children about where food comes from, as well as encouraging responsibility and nurturing skills.



## In Other News

### Supporting Learning

The LATS (Learning and Teaching Support) team will be offering more non-compulsory, useful and possibly even fun training sessions throughout this term, open to Primary and Secondary staff!

1st and 8th May: Lesson objectives and tasks: 4pm-4:30pm: 9L Alex R

9th May: Supportive marking for assistants: 4pm – 4:30pm: 9L Jojo

14th May: Smartboard training: 4pm – 4:30pm: 9L Tom R

5th June: Using Kahoot effectively in the classroom: 4pm-4:30pm: 9L Clare S

More to follow soon!

**The weather is improving!**

Dress for comfort and practicality and remember the dress code please!

### Current vacancies

Please see the School website for a list of current vacancies including jobs in Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Teaching and Teaching Assistants.

Blossom & Brew are also looking for friendly Saturday staff to join the team serving breakfast & brunch.



Congratulations to Laura Cordory on the birth of Max. What a cutie!

## WELCOME



Philippa Courtnage, SLT



Mikaela Bikhazi, SpLD Teacher and Access Arrangements Assessor



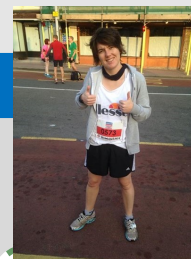
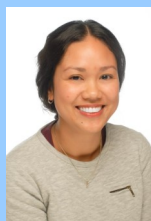
Welcome back Jessica Bridge, OT Assistant and Glena Rodriguez who is working on GDPR



Ruth Pollitt, SpLD Teacher and Access Arrangements Assessor



Lucy Kuipers, Teaching Assistant, CP



Our colleague, Immy Hillyard, has decided to do an amazing thing for the charity Phab Kids. She will be running 88 miles over 5 weeks. She has already completed the London Marathon and will be running 100km from London to Brighton on 26th May. Immy says 'this is a cause really close to my heart and through working with children with special needs I see first hand the many barriers faced by young people when trying to participate in sport. The need for specialist equipment and staff, as well as logistical issues can often mean that many kids across the UK are unable to participate in the same activities as their friends and have to watch from the sidelines. It genuinely breaks my heart that there are so many disabled or disadvantaged young people that just get far fewer opportunities to experience different things. Phab do brilliant work and provide outdoor adventure camps and other experiences for young people who would usually miss out.'

If you are able to sponsor Immy follow this link to her justgiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/runimmyrun>

## Strictly Social

### Blossom and Brew

The café is now open serving delicious coffee, lunch and pastries all the way from the Flour Station of Borough Market. Show your staff card and get 10% off.

### Supporting Refugees

Daniel Mansaray wants to thank everyone who was involved in the charity football tournament. It was a really good day and the boys loved it. It meant a lot to the refugee boys to know that there are people here to support them. It was also great to see the Post 16 students get involved and even ask to volunteer with the boys on a regular basis!

### Book Club

Fancy some intellectual stimulation, a break from everyday life and good company? Blossom House has a book club that can meet these needs! Contact Alison Hall for more details.

### Drum Circle

The staff community drum circle takes place each Friday 4.15 to 5pm in the Studio. It is a 'drop-in' so come when you can.



### How to tell if you're dehydrated

- Thirst
- Dry mouth
- Headache
- Constipation
- Dizziness
- Muscle cramps
- Impaired vision and concentration
- Fatigue

### Hints and tips to stay hydrated

- Fruits and vegetables are great sources of water. Eat these daily to stay hydrated and maintain your health and wellbeing
- Keep a water bottle handy to encourage you to drink water wherever and whenever
- Remember to drink more when you exercise or spend time in hot environments
- Set reminders on your phone, watch or email to drink water regularly



Employee Helpline: **08000 856 148** available 24 hours, 365 days a year.