



Children in Need

Blue Coat children, parents and carers pull together to support Children in Need

Children in Need is a charity organisation helping disadvantaged children and young people all over the country. Their vision is that every child in the UK has a childhood which is safe, happy, secure and allows them the chance to reach their potential.

The main fund raising event takes place in November when many people, schools and companies do things to raise money. This year, Blue Coat's MP3 children did their part by baking, selling cakes and running stalls with games and competitions. The whole school got involved and wore a hat for the day, and generously spent their money. The whole day was great fun and we raised over £500 which was a fantastic effort from everyone.



At Blue Coat – Sport Matters

At Blue Coat School there is a wide variety of clubs including: football, netball, athletics, hockey, country dancing, table tennis, cross country, gymnastics and much more.

Everybody is welcome to have a go. Many of these clubs involve some kind of sport and with that comes competitions.

As a school, Blue Coat is always keen and eager to get involved and usually do very well.

The students have lots of fun participating and always represent the school brilliantly.

This year, the pupils at Blue Coat have been training very hard to win back the Riddiford Shield.



In recent weeks, the children have been participating in various races and have won lots of medals and some have even won trophies.

Cross Country Hopefuls



“I really enjoy racing because you feel like you have done so well when you finish the race and you have represented your school.” Nina



Why not come along and get involved with the many exciting and rewarding clubs available at Blue Coat. You never know, you might be the sporting legend in the making!

Mr Ryan - the Car Crazy Head!



Newspaper club carried out an interesting interview with Mr Ryan, Blue Coat's Headteacher, about his passion for cars.

We found out that his first car was a Volkswagen GTI, a decent choice we think you would agree.

His dream car, unsurprisingly, would be a Lamborghini Aventador or Huracan. Wouldn't everyone want a convertible especially on a hot summer's day? Well not Mr Ryan and he was a definite no.

Could we picture Mr Ryan driving a pink or gold car? Well neither could he and commented that these colours would be his least favourite and San Marino Blue would win it every time. The car on his least favourite list would be a fiat multiple, I wonder why?

If Mr Ryan had a change of career and was in charge of a car company instead of our school, he would make the cars have a high performance rating but at an affordable price. Now wouldn't that be good thing?



EXCITING LEARNING OPPORTUNITES

The children and staff at Blue Coat have been had a busy term and that was not just with Christmas celebrations

The children in MP1 were kept entertained with the exciting adventures of the was "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' last term. Senen commented that she enjoyed it because she is named after beach. Harry particularly enjoyed the topic launch which involved the children making sandwich – yum!

In MP2, the children were asked to 'Pack Their Bags' and plan and prepare a holiday experience for their parents. Daisy particularly enjoyed developing her collaborative skills and working with children she doesn't always work with.

MP3's Very Own Pop-Up-Shop

The children and adults in Year 5 and 6 have been working hard on their vehicle in preparation for their Pop-Up-Shop before Christmas

In order to fund their venture they had to pitch their ideas to their prospective shareholders.

With the money raised, they bought the materials needed and then design the product to sell on the day. The profit made by the children was donated to a charity of the children's choice. With the generous contribution of cakes and biscuits on the day and an army of helpers, we managed to raise over £500!

The children and parents on the whole enjoyed the experience and one parent commented 'Pop Up Shop was amazing and it taught the children about running a business and taking responsibilities.'

The day was incredible as anyone who came would know.

Ignite Club visit to Gloucester Cathedral

34 excited children, along with 5 equally excited adults, enjoyed a very unique and spine tingling experience at Gloucester Cathedral.

Hosted by Bishop Rachel, Ignite Club took part in the Children's Society Christingle Service. Joined with other Church of England schools, over 250 Christingles were lit, and we formed a dazzling circle around the nave of the impressive Cathedral.

Molly (Y4), Sam (Y6) and Poppy-Lily (Y5) led the prayers during the service whilst Primrose (Y3) and Macie (Y3) presented a cheque amounting to £129.00 to The Children's Society, a donation made on behalf of Blue Coat School – contributions made through various fund-raising events.

"It was a pleasure to take Ignite Club to Gloucester Cathedral. I was so proud of each and every one of them as they completely embraced the 'moment' and their behaviour was exceptional. The awe and wonder of the visit was further enhanced by viewing the light display exhibited in the Lady's Chapel." Mrs Blaken



Ignite Club children showed their appreciation and gratitude to Bishop Rachel by sending letters of thanks and watercolour paintings reflecting on their experiences.

'It was so lovely to be with Ignite in the Cathedral, to take part not only in the Christingle but also in the Light Exhibition. I especially liked seeing the joy on the faces of the children at both the events.' Reverend Morag

Calling Budding Writers

Newspaper club invites enthusiastic learners across the school to join them



We, as newspaper club, have invited some more lucky children to join us in the editorial team. Children across the school have been keen to join us. The children who were interested were expected to write a persuasive letter and from that we selected the children who could join us.

Patrick, who took a lead role in the selection process, commented, "It was an amazing leadership opportunity and I felt extremely privileged that I had been chosen to carry out this task." Many people forgot to write but were still considered to be part of the team. Next year it could be you and good luck next time, it really is a great club!

IT'S QUIZ TIME!

Roald Dahl Quiz

1. What is the name of the headmistress in Matilda?
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2. Complete the title of this book:
Danny the
3. What is the name of the little girl in the BFG?
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4. Which book tells the story of a 'fantastic' animal?
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5. What does the BFG stand for?
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6. Who illustrated Roald Dahl's books?
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7. What animal features in Esio Trot?
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8. What is the name of the schoolteacher in Matilda?
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9. Who does George make his marvellous medicine for?
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10. What is Charlie's surname?
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11. Complete the title of this book:
Charlie and the Great
12. What is the name of the spoilt child in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory?
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13. What does Charlie get for his birthday every year?
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14. What does Charlie find under the wrapper of his birthday present?
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15. Who accompanies Charlie to the chocolate factory?
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Ocean Animals

Circle the names of the animals in the word search.

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C	A	R	T	L	T	A	S	O	R	I	D	E	R
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blue whale hermit crab coral
starfish squid harp seal
urchin shark sea turtle