

A NEWS UPDATE FROM AIDAN HOUSE!



NOVEMBER 13 2020



“ I hope that you have had a wonderful half term. Aidan House is excelling in so many wonderful ways, but most of all I love the way that you look after my chicks. I look forward every week to see how you have involved them in DEAR time, design outfits for them, and get them involved in so many ways. I wonder what they will be doing next week? Thank you for all your enthusiasm and hard work!
Love Ellie x ”

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to the first House newsletter of half term two. To say it has been a busy start would be an understatement but our students have dealt with the daily challenges exceptionally well. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our Parents and Carers for all of your support. It feels a little bit like we are entering the unknown on a daily basis at the moment but the way in which everyone pulls together, staff, students and their families, makes it so much more manageable.

This week we held our usual Remembrance Day commemorations. We paid our respects not only to the service personnel traditionally honoured at this time, but also to those we may have lost more recently. It was wonderful to see so many of our students wearing their own service uniforms and the events of reflection and remembrance were a fitting tribute.

Following on from our successes in House competitions last half term, we have had some excellent entries for the Christmas Card design, the Autumn Photography and the Remembrance Day Poetry competitions. None of the results have been announced as of yet and in fact, there is still time to get a last minute entry in for the Poetry competition this weekend. I am looking forward to sharing the news of the winners with you in the next newsletter and I am very much hoping that we will be increasing

our lead in the House Cup competition. The Fitness Challenge has been launched this week and we hope as many of you as possible will get involved with that. It is a great opportunity to contribute to the House competitions whilst getting out and about with your household too. The challenge will run over two consecutive weekends starting this weekend. If you can get out for a 30 minute walk or run, please use a distance tracker app on your phone, take a screenshot and upload it to your Tutor Google classroom. Let's keep our success going.

Finally, I would like to say thank you for all that you have given in the past few weeks. I am always amazed by the generosity of the Bede community and the contributions to the Harvest collection, the Shoe Box Appeal and the Poppy Appeal have been very much appreciated. We currently have operation Elf running in conjunction with Blyth Council, the aim of which is to support families who are most in need this Christmas. We are looking for unwrapped gifts such as pyjamas, books, scarves, teddy bears, games etc. If you feel you are able to support this initiative, please bring in your contributions before 11th December.

You are doing a fantastic job at the moment, let's remember to be kind and keep supporting each other.

Best wishes
Mrs Ridley

Visit us on twitter to find out what our staff, parents and students are doing!



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UPCOMING HOUSE COMPETITIONS

DATE	CHALLENGE
16 NOV	House Fitness
16 NOV	Business Studies Enterprise Week
23 NOV	House Badminton
23 NOV	PTE: Moral Dilemma model making
30 NOV	House Chess
30 NOV	ART: YR8 World masks

For more details go to the [Aidan House page](#)

Congratulations to Aidan House for being in the lead, the last half term has been impressive and we have made remarkable progress as well as maintaining 96% attendance which is great during these uncertain times. We hope you all enjoyed your half term holiday and you are all ready to keep up a strong Aidan House spirit. We are looking forward to working with you to participate in h

House competitions and win more House Points so we can keep our lead with more upcoming events such as the Fitness Challenge and X Factor. We have been welcomed into the Aidan House family as House Captains and we can't wait to work with you this half term. A big thank you to all of those who brought in food for the Harvest Appeal, contributed to the Shoe Box Appeal or made donations to the Poppy Appeal. It really does show how well we can come together as a community.

Haneen and Matthew, Aidan House Captains



What a wonderful team we have in Aidan House! It is good to see us all pulling together. Attendance, House points, House competitions are all looking good, and where we may be falling short we can easily catch up. Best of all though is the Aidan House spirit, the sense of fun and sportsmanship. The participation in events has been outstanding. The Christmas Card competition, the Autumn photos, the Remembrance Day poems I am sure will again show great Aidan House participation. We are currently in the lead. Ellie certainly is confident – and I don't think we are going to let her down. Keep up the good work! All the best!

Mr Grant



The Successful semi-finalists are:

AIDAN HOUSE:

Chloe, 11 Harrison
Neve, 8 Davies

CUTHBERT HOUSE:

Grace, 11 Birdsall
Eddie, 10 Jolly
Evan, 10 Jolly

OSWALD HOUSE:

Erin, 10 Webster
Poppy, 11 Davies
Ilana, 10 Charlton
Francesca, 7 Stevens
Milana, 7 Sutton



Mrs Watson is providing a mobile library service during DEAR time.

Students are able to request specific titles using a 'Book Request Card' available in their tutor rooms. Books are then delivered to students.

Take a look at Mrs Watsons new online literature resources at:
www.bedeacademy.org.uk/library

AUTUMN COLOURS PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION



Tony, 11 Poole



George, 7 Taylor



Alani, VI Edge



William, 9 Shackleton

SHOE BOX APPEAL



8 Butler supporting Blythwood Care Shoebox Appeal for 2020. It was a great team effort by the group!

TOP STUDENTS FOR HOUSE POINTS

STUDENT	FORM CLASS
Grace	9 Shackleton
Lexi	7 Taylor
William	9 Shackleton
Charley	7 Taylor
Rose	7 Taylor
Ruby	7 Jones
Casey	Butler



ATTENDANCE



HOUSE POINTS

4423

HOUSE COMPETITION

57

We Remember

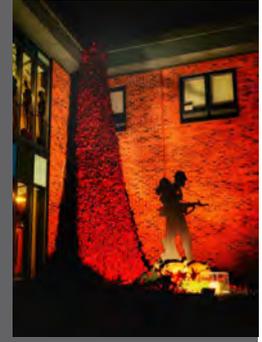


Poppy Appeal

2020

Remembrance Day is on Wednesday. Poppies are on sale with House Captains coming to Tutor Groups. All Donations will be going to an excellent cause!

We will remember them!



ATTENDANCE



HOUSE POINTS

4415

HOUSE COMPETITION

42

This week, as always, Bede Academy joined the nation in the Act of Remembrance at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, the 11th day of the 11th month. This year, the collective moment of silence was made even more poignant by the fact that there can be no large-scale gatherings at war memorials, as we would usually see in towns like Blyth. It was important, therefore, that our students still had the opportunity to reflect and pay their respects to the fallen.

As well as this, throughout the week, our Bede family took time to remember and honour anyone who students may have lost in recent times, as we all face the consequences of COVID 19. Further still, we remembered the tragic loss, last October, of Ellen Raffell, a treasured student of the Academy, dear friend to many, precious daughter to Mr & Mrs Raffell and beloved sister to Abbey. We are in the process of designing an enduring way to mark the gift of Ellen's life to us all, but in the meantime, students have thought about the Word of God in Isaiah ch.41 v.10:

'Do not be afraid, for I am with you;'

and the comfort and hope this offers as a reminder that those who loved us and whom we loved, never truly leave our lives – a promise God makes too.

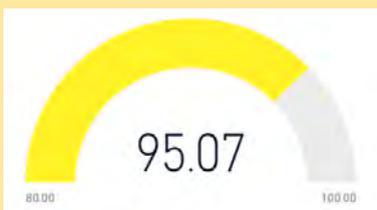
Should your family experience the loss of someone close at this time, please do inform the Welfare Team to help us best support your child. Specialist support can also be accessed from:

- Winston's Wish
- Childhood Bereavement UK
- Barnardos
- Action for Children

and links to these agencies may be found on the Welfare page of the Academy website.



ATTENDANCE



HOUSE POINTS

4599

HOUSE COMPETITION

45

It is vitally important that nobody attends either Bede Academy site if they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms. In the event of symptoms emerging, you must contact 111 for advice, and also inform the academy, using this email address:

covidreporting@bedeacademy.org.uk.

This then enables us to take action where there has been contact with other members of the academy.

New Autumn Menu

Week commencing 16 November

Monday

Soup of the day

Chicken Kiev

Breaded Chicken smothered in
garlic butter

Street Taco

Corn Tortilla with Chilli Steak

Veggie Street Taco

Steamed Vegetables/Potato Wedges

Monday

Tuesday

Soup of the day

Bhan Mi

Thai Pork Meatballs in a crispy French
Roll

Chicken and Leek Pie

Homemade with a short suet crust

Falafel Bhan Mi

Served in a crispy French Roll

Steamed Vegetables/Herb Dice

Potatoes

Wednesday

Soup of the day

Traditional Roast

With Yorkshire pudding

B.I.R

British Indian Restaurant Style Curry
Vegetable Curry

Steamed Vegetables/Creamed Potatoes
or Rice

Thursday

Soup of the day

Chicken Fried Rice

Cooked in soy garlic and whipped
egg omelette

The Spartan Dog

Jumbo dog served with salsa

Veggie Fried Rice

Steamed Vegetables/Potato Wedges

Friday

Soup of the day

Battered Fish Fillet

Crispy fish fillets served with lemon
and homemade tartare sauce

Southern Fried Chicken

Oven baked in a spicy crumb

Battered Halloumi

Peas /baked beans/chips

Alternative pizza pasta bar/savoury
bakes/healthy heart bar

'Be Her Lead' Virtual Workshop



This week 'Be Her Lead' participants had a virtual visit from tampon tax campaigner, Laura Coryton.

The girls were invited to a workshop in which an activist talked about how she brought the 5% tax on sanitary products to the public's and the government's attention. She talked about how she dealt with setbacks, trolling and taking the campaign global.

The workshop included tasks about finding our own voices and our own passions that we would want to campaign about. This is the first of four virtual visits that the 'Be Her Lead' girls will be involved in.

Be an Angel and get knitting for Christmas



We have been asked to knit some angels to decorate a church for Christmas. It is a great opportunity to serve the wider Blyth community.

Who can knit the best Angel?

Patterns are provided in tutor Google Classroom

Or find an alternative online.

All Angels are welcome.

Operation Elf for Christmas

Blyth Christmas appeal
Collecting Until Friday 11th December

Operation Elf

Pyjamas, books, gloves, scarves, dolls, teddy bears, toiletries, art sets, puzzles, games, toys baby clothes, makeup sets...

We need unwrapped gifts for all ages

Drop-off Points...

Briardale House	Poets Corner	Newsam Co-Op
Plessey News	KC Beautique	Once Upon A Tier
Unit Twenty Barbershop	Unit 20	Oino's Fish and Chips
lazy Dayz	Isabella Community Centre	
Engage in the Community	The Gift Pod	

Contract House, Renwick Rd, NE24 2JX Keel Row Shopping Centre

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Operation Elf is a cooperative of groups, organisations and companies in Blyth, Blyth Town Council and the Mayor Cllr Warren Taylor, Blyth CVA, Blyth Food Bank, Engage in the Community, Blyth Rotary Club and The Port of Blyth and Bede Academy is also supporting this initiative.

Its aim is to support families during the Christmas period, and beyond, who are facing particularly difficult circumstances. Together we are hoping to provide donations of food, gifts, and also for volunteers to take food parcels out in December and help pack boxes.

Blyth is famous for its generosity and this year we hope to give each family food for Christmas week, small gifts for the children, and support going forwards throughout January and February.

Collection points for food and gifts will be set up in each Year Group bubble so please donate what you can by Monday 7 December. Many thanks again.

Blyth Christmas appeal
Collecting Until Friday 11th December

Operation Elf

Please help us collect...

Savoury	Sweet	Confectionary
Large tins of Ham Tinned Pork Tinned Corned Beef Gravy Granules Stuffing Mix Pickles Chutney Crackers Cheese Biscuits Crisps	Christmas Cake Mince Pies Stollen Christmas Pudding Christmas biscuits Triple mix Jelly Custard Tinned Fruit Juice/Squash	Selection boxes Boxes of chocolates Sweets
		Other items
		Box of crackers Wrapping paper

Or anything you can afford to give

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Library provision for everyone



eBooks and eAudiobooks for Everyone

Northumberland Library has a digital library that can be accessed all the time. It contains eBooks and eAudiobooks for both adults, young adults, and children. In the current climate it has proved to be popular with our library members and we would like to try and make more people aware of this free service. If people are not

members, they can join online at the [library website](#) and get access straight away without having to come into the library to collect their card.

You can view what is available on the website here - <https://fe.bolindadigital.com/northumberland>.

- Download up to 5 eBooks and 5 eAudio titles at a time.
- Titles are automatically returned at the end of the loan period, so there are no fines for late returns.
- Select 'BorrowBox Library' from the Apple App store or Google Play or via Games + Apps on Amazon Kindle Fire to download the BorrowBox app to your device.

All you need is a library card and PIN.

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Join online today at mylibrary.co.uk and get access straight away

How to get the most from Google Classroom

Blended Learning

Over the next academic year, students will be using Google Classroom to support with homework or with periods of learning during isolation. Please use the guidance below to support with this.

Material or Assignment? Student's teachers will set classroom as material and homework as assignments. Teachers may ask students to upload evidence on Google Classroom or complete the tasks in their exercise book.	How to support your child... The following videos have been made to help support your child with online learning at home: Uploading Work: https://youtube.com/0Dm05uTlMY To do list and Instruction: https://youtube.com/HuL_HPeAK0K Teacher Feedback: https://youtube.com/TlQbeI5v-5g Logging in: https://youtube.com/HUTVMIP3cBM
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How will we continue to support your child? Teachers, as well as setting work, will also endeavour to answer students questions on Google Classroom. Students can ask questions on the class stream (everyone can see these) or by placing a private message on an assignment. The following video will help students with this: https://youtube.com/HuL_HPeAK0K .
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Parents should direct any questions that have in regards to Google Classroom to academicteam@bedeacademy.org.uk.

