



THE MESSENGER



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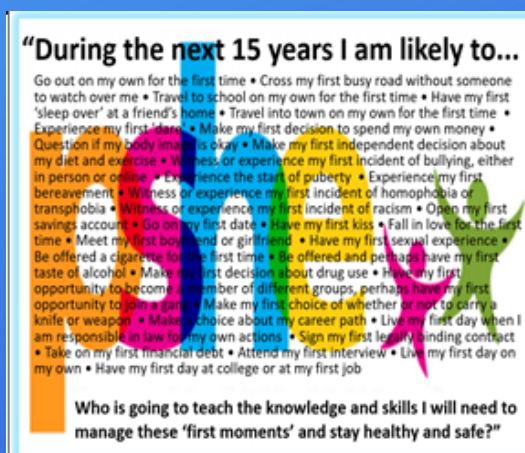
Personal Development Day 24th March 2021

On Wednesday 24th March, all pupils took part in Personal Development Day, a day which supports the delivery of our PSHE curriculum (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education).

Sessions covered a range of topics, specifically tailored to each year group, including mental health and emotional wellbeing; online safety; first aid; relationships; careers pathways and the importance of kindness. Further information about our PSHE curriculum can be found via the links on our school website.

Upcoming Dates
2nd April - 16th April
Easter Holidays

22nd April
Earth Day



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the spring term, we are grateful to have students back in school.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the mass testing programme upon our return to school.

It was an inspiring response from the Blue Coat Family.

We are in awe of how well pupils and staff have adapted to the changes over the past 12 months. We will continue to encourage and support our students as the easing of lockdown restrictions begins.

Kind Regards,

Mr Smith, Principal



Mass Testing

A big thank you to all who organised and participated in the mass testing programme upon the pupils return to school. It was a huge success with a total of 2,345 tests completed over 10 days, with pupils being tested 3 times upon returning.

Thank you for your continued support as we continue with home testing.

Smith's Myths

True or False?

Brasília is the capital city of Brazil.

A heptagon has six sides.

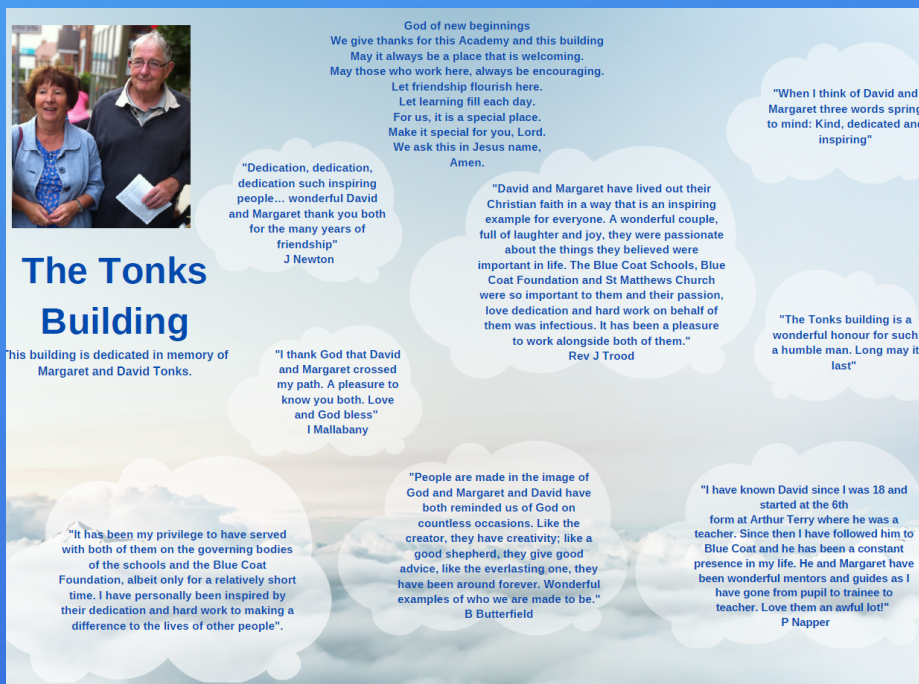
Lightning is seen before it's heard because light travels faster than sound.

Monaco is the smallest country in the world.

The Tonks Building

We are excited to announce that our new science block, boasting several new rooms and laboratory spaces, is officially open! The building has been dedicated in memory to David and Margaret Tonks, in recognition of their dedication and contribution to the Blue Coat schools.

Science helps our understanding of the world around us; everything we know about the universe is a result of scientific research and experiments. With this in mind, we could not wait to welcome pupils back into school to begin educating our future scientists.



The Tonks Building

This building is dedicated in memory of Margaret and David Tonks.

God of new beginnings
We give thanks for this Academy and this building
May it always be a place that is welcoming.
May those who work here, always be encouraging.
Let friendship flourish here.
Let learning fill each day.
For us, it is a special place.
Make it special for you, Lord.
We ask this in Jesus name,
Amen.

"Dedication, dedication, dedication such inspiring people... wonderful David and Margaret thank you both for the many years of friendship"
J Newton

"When I think of David and Margaret three words spring to mind: Kind, dedicated and inspiring"

"David and Margaret have lived out their Christian faith in a way that is an inspiring example for everyone. A wonderful couple, full of laughter and joy, they were passionate about the things they believed were important in life. The Blue Coat Schools, Blue Coat Foundation and St Matthews Church were so important to them and their passion, love dedication and hard work on behalf of them was infectious. It has been a pleasure to work alongside both of them."
Rev J Trood

"The Tonks building is a wonderful honour for such a humble man. Long may it last"

"I thank God that David and Margaret crossed my path. A pleasure to know you both. Love and God bless"
I Mallabany

"People are made in the image of God and Margaret and David have both reminded us of God on countless occasions. Like the creator, they have creativity; like a good shepherd, they give good advice, like the everlasting one, they have been around forever. Wonderful examples of who we are made to be."
B Butterfield

"It has been my privilege to have served with both of them on the governing bodies of the schools and the Blue Coat Foundation, albeit only for a relatively short time. I have personally been inspired by their dedication and hard work to making a difference to the lives of other people".

"I have known David since I was 18 and started at the 6th form at Arthur Terry where he was a teacher. Since then I have followed him to Blue Coat and he has been a constant presence in my life. He and Margaret have been wonderful mentors and guides as I have gone from pupil to trainee to teacher. Love them an awful lot!"
P Napper



Sixth Form students back to experimenting

Holy Week at St Matthew's Church

29th March - 2nd April

St Matthew's Church will be holding a 30 minute online service each night throughout Holy Week at 7:30pm. All videos can be found on their Youtube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcCTg_AWYgM_NbjHVbL9wjw

For more information regarding Church services at St Matthew's please visit their website:

<https://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/services/>



Prayer Corner

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Blue Coat Masked Singer

After the success of the music department's staff Christmas Carol, and taking inspiration from the ITV programme, staff have agreed to take part in the Blue Coat Masked Singer. Staff will either mime or sing their favourite tune whilst hiding their identity. It kicked off this week with Elephant and Unicorn.

Pupils and staff will have the chance to guess who is hiding behind the mask, with clues to follow!



Walsall to Warsaw Challenge

After a long time in lockdown, Our Head of PE, Mr Dawes, thought it might be good for us as a school to get off our sofas, stretch our legs and do some exercise.

What better way than to do it as a school - exercise is always easier when you have others to support you (albeit socially distanced!). He decided to pose staff and children at Blue Coat the challenge of walking or running to Warsaw from Walsall. The journey totalled 1124 miles. With the addition of some cycling into the mix, for those averse to running or walking, we have now reached our destination, with some pleasant stops along the way. We crossed the line with Mrs Haines' 4.01km run this week. It has been amazing to see staff and pupils sending in their distances with screen shots or photos of their fitbits. Some people have contributed a lot to our total and some just a little, but the amount isn't important. What is important is that we got to our goal, together!



A big well done to everyone involved.
Next stop - Sydney!

Easter Raffle

Thank you to the kind parent who donated these lovely Easter hampers. A raffle to win one of these hampers will take place on Thursday 1st April.

All proceeds will go to Walsall Foodbank, who have helped lots of our pupils during lockdown with food parcels.



Star Mathematicians

Well done to our Term 2 'Mathematician of the Week' winners who received a £5 Love2shop voucher from the Maths Department! Congratulations Shara, Kehinde, Taiwo, Tyrone, Nemiah, Ayub, Nitin, Matilda, Jack, Vanessa, Abbas, Rimshah and Geoffrey. Keep up the good work!

