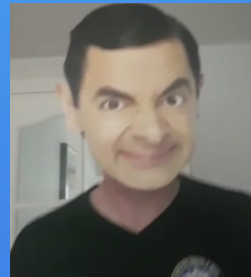


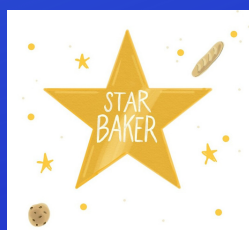
The Blue Coat Masked Singer

Blue Coat's 'The Masked Singer' continues. Following on from Elephant and Unicorn, episode 2 saw performances by Mario, singing the TLC song 'No Scrubs' and then Phantom performing 'Jar Of Hearts' by Christina Perri. Episode 3 featured Mr Bean singing UB40's 'Rat In The Kitchen' and episode 4 featured Wolf singing the classic song 'Killing Me Softly', which has been a hit for a number of artists. How many episodes will there be? Who's hiding behind the mask? Send in your guesses to: postbox@bluecoatacademy.org



Star Baker

Well done to our star baker, Amelia in Year 8. Bread is difficult to make but Amelia made it look easy. Miss Bharat would love to see more pictures of pupils' home baking. Please send them in to postbox@bluecoatacademy.org



Prayer Corner

Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, understood people's fear and pain before they spoke of them, we pray for those in hospital; surround the frightened with your tenderness; give strength to those in pain; hold the weak in your arms of love, and give hope and patience to those who are recovering; we ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

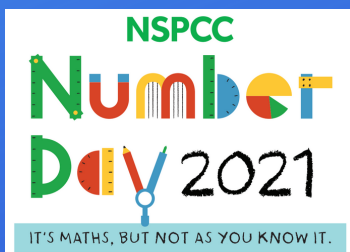
The Big Sing for Walsall – Virtual Mass Choir Event, 17th June 2021.

All of our vocal students have been very busy over the past month rehearsing for 'The Big Sing', which this year will be in the form of an online concert. This event is run by MusE - the network group for music teachers in Walsall, along with the Music Education Hub and Service based at Forest Arts. Once everything is recorded and put together, it will create a joint online concert that will be streamed live on the Walsall Music Hub's YouTube channel at 7pm on the evening of Thursday 17th June.



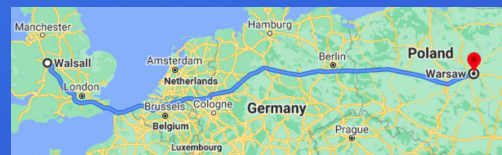
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The concert will feature individual performances from the schools involved, as well as a joint item 'The Shaded Tree', which has been composed specially for this event by James Maddison. After the concert, this track, which also features local rapper VITAL, will be released as a charity single and will be available for purchase on iTunes, Spotify and other similar platforms. All proceeds from the song will be going to Young Minds, which is a UK charity focusing on mental health for young people.



A big thank you to everyone who took part in Number Day on Friday 7th May 2021. We raised an incredible £111.91 for the NSPCC!

Congratulations to all of our runners up. Our overall pupil winner was Alnahian and our staff winner was Miss Barnsley!



Walsall to Warsaw Challenge We Arrived!

On 3rd February Mr Dawes set the members of Blue Coat Church of England Academy the challenge of walking/running/cycling from Walsall to Warsaw.

The aim was to encourage staff and students to get active, reminding us that exercise keeps our heart, body and our minds healthy.

After a huge effort from everyone, we finally arrived in Warsaw on 22nd April. Thank you for all of your hard work in helping us to reach our goal by walking, cycling or running.

We did it! Thank you for getting involved. Next stop Rome?

Win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school

Please help us fill the school library with new books!

National Book Tokens big prize draw is back, giving us the chance to win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for our school's library – and if your entry is picked, you will also get £100 National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!

For more details and to nominate Blue Coat CE Academy please use the link below:

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



Design Technology fund raising

The Design Technology department has been working hard over the last 2 terms to raise funds for charity.

Mr M. Tuft has been manufacturing and selling bird boxes and garden planters made from recycled materials, including pallets and off cuts of wood and has so far raised over £500 for the charity appeal.

Mr R. Edwards has been putting his gardening skills to use and has been selling plants that he has grown from seed and has raised a further £35 for the charity appeal.



Star Mathematicians

Well done Adam, Murtaza, Rohan, Deea, Saba and Mohammed! You are our Half-Term 5 'Mathematician of the Week' winners and will receive a £5 Love2shop voucher from the Maths department. Keep up the good work!



Return of Church Assembly

Friday 21st May saw the return of church assembly at St Matthew's.

As an Academy with profound ideals based upon our Christian foundation, church assembly is a chance for the school to come together and enjoy spiritual reflection, thought-provoking talks and performances. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, the church is currently unable to hold the whole school so a rota has been designed to allow two year groups to attend at one time. It was great to see pupils and staff enjoying the return to church whilst continuing to focus on keeping all members of the school community as safe as possible .