



School news and updates



This week we celebrated the third birthday of our favourite 4 legged member of the Bournside School community, Lottie!

Mrs Groves said, "Thank you everyone for being so kind and thoughtful. Lottie was given home-baked dog biscuits, a new squeaky ring and tennis balls from some very kind and caring students. The Student Welfare team also treated her to a new dog biscuit tin and a bag of her favourite treats - carrots!"

The best way to celebrate? With an extra dog walking club at lunchtime so Lottie could spend some extra time with students!

Diary dates

Sunday 5th May

- Music students performing at the Jazz Festival (time TBC)

Monday 6th May

- Bank Holiday Monday

Tues 7th - Thursday 9th May

- Year 12 Employability Events

Tues 7th - Friday 10th May

- Year 7 Bikeability (selected students)

Friday 10th May

- Year 12 - Reading University trip
- Year 7/8 RETHINK event at GE

Wednesday 15th May

- Inspire Lecture: Juliet Russell, Journey into Television

House points

Hawking hold their lead this week. Well done!

Attenborough	Frank	Hawking
36841	37110	37980
Owens	Parks	Rowling
37010	37364	36781

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Safer Roads: Two new Zebra crossings complete



Two new Zebra crossings are now complete and in daily use following a long proactive road safety campaign. The Zebra crossings, strategically placed directly outside the two main pedestrian exits at the school, were designed to address the ongoing safety concerns of students, parents and the local community. Previous measures were deemed inadequate and unclear to both pedestrians and road users, causing unnecessary risk to the 1800+ students of the Bournside School, plus the students of three neighbouring schools: Belmont, Bettridge and St James' Primary School.

Mr Jefferies said: "I am delighted that, after a long journey, the new zebra crossings have been installed, providing our students with safer routes to and from school. The safety of our community is our top priority and these crossings allow pedestrians a clear right of way on the busy road immediately outside of the school. We are extremely grateful to our local councillors and to the team at GCC for their ongoing support and commitment to the project."

Ambitious project to decarbonise heating system by replacing aging fossil fuel boilers with Ground Source Heat Pumps (GSHP).

We are embarking on an ambitious project to decarbonise our heating system by replacing aging fossil fuel boilers with Ground Source Heat Pumps (GSHP). Funding for the project has been successfully secured through the Government's Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) following a competitive tender process where the project has been proven to be cost-carbon effective and can be delivered by a school with strong governance and effective financial management, which are the scheme's primary requirements. CIF funding is separate and in addition to the school's standard annual budget.

We have partnered with Cotswold Energy Group (CEG) as the principal contractor on the project. CEG, based in Stonehouse, are a renewable energy specialist who have a wealth of experience in public sector decarbonisation.

The GSHP will be fed by a borehole field to the south of the site on the playing fields where preliminary works are already visible. These 73 boreholes will contain over 10km of heat collector pipework. This project also encompasses a Solar PVT (Photovoltaic Thermal) installation to compliment the GSHP installation. These solar panels will not just create electricity to help run the GSHP system but will also create hot water to help recharge the natural heat we are extracting from the ground.

Read more: www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/latest-news/cheltenham-bournside-school-secures-significant-cif-funding-to-decarbonise-heating-system-and-reduce-carbon-footprint/

Dining Centre Balances



We are aware that some parents experienced problems with the My Child at School app at the start of this term, which resulting in dinner money balances being displayed incorrectly. This problem has now been resolved. Any further queries regarding this should be emailed to itservices@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk.

- Mr Wood, IT Services

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**BOOK!
NOW!**

June - July 2024

DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
04 June - 09 July	Tuesday	10:30am - 12pm	Stroud
05 June - 10 July	Wednesday	7pm - 8.30pm	Cheltenham
06 June - 11 July	Thursday	7pm - 8.30pm	Teams

