



School news and updates

Bournside borrows the moon

This week the Science department literally 'borrowed the moon' to showcase real lunar rocks, meteorites and investigation equipment.

Between 1969 and 1972, six manned Apollo missions successfully landed on the Moon, allowing the astronauts to collect samples and bring them back to Earth for study.

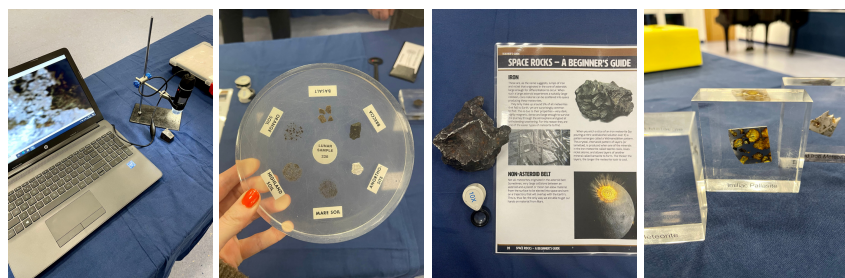
The rocks and samples included:

- Orange soil collected by Apollo 17 (you can find the exact site on Google Moon)
- A large iron meteorite from Argentina with a recorded history dating back to 1576
- An ammonite fossil 65 million years old and a 14.7 million year old 'Moldavite impactite', glass formed when a meteorite landed in Germany.

Students had the opportunity to explore the rocks in lessons and families were invited to an event on Wednesday to view them in an exhibit.

Mr James, Teacher of Physics (pictured centre) said, "It has been fantastic to see students, parents and staff all getting to explore the cosmos in the most direct way we can, actually getting to touch a piece of space. The event left visitors inspired and interested to learn more about astronomy, and we will look to borrow the moon again in future to bring that inspiration to our next generation of students."

Thank you to Dan N, Ruby E, Millie H, Chloe W, William G, Connor B, Evie H, Ella J, Evie P and Emma M in Years 10, 12 and 13 who helped at the event and to UK Research and Innovation for lending us the samples.



Diary dates

Friday 1st December

- Inset Day. Students do not attend.

Monday 4th - Friday 15 December

- Year 11 Mock Exams

Wednesday 6th December

- DofE Awards Evening (details tbc)

Wednesday 13th December

- Christmas Concert (details tbc)

Thursday 14th December

- Year 7 Disco

Tuesday 19th December

- Student Awards Ceremony

Wednesday 20th December

- Student Christmas Lunch (details tbc)

Friday 22nd December

- Last day of Term 2

Monday 8th January

- First day of Term 3

House points

A fantastic effort this week. Keep it up everyone!

Attenborough Frank

Hawking

16375

16479

17068

Owens

Parks

Rowling

17186

16518

17475

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New Young Enterprise team, Eclipse, get ready to launch BeeKind beeswax wraps in the new year



The 2023 Young Enterprise team, Eclipse, is getting ready to launch their new business, BeeKind beeswax wraps.

The team of 13 Year 12 students, led by student CEO Aimee Sinclair, Parks House, who was voted into the position by her peers, have been busy confirming their business idea, name and branding (designed by Chloe Wagstaff, Frank House) and are now planning to fundraise at the upcoming Year 7 Disco selling refreshments,

"We are very excited to be introducing our new Eclipse BeeKind business to the school. Its official launch will take place after Christmas. In the meantime, we'd love for Bournside families to follow our social media accounts linked below and to support future posts and information." - Aimee Sinclair, Student CEO



Eclipse_youngenterprise@outlook.com



BeeKind Wraps (group)



@BeeKindWraps_



@eclipseenterprise

Club highlight: Homework Club

Homework club takes place in the peaceful surroundings of the library daily after school, enabling students to do their homework in a supportive environment. All welcome.

Alongside Homework club our Chess club also runs in the library each Monday after school from 3.15pm till 4pm.

- Mrs Rimen



Plastic chocolate tubs and spray paint?

If you have spare chocolate tubs this season, Mr Gibbons and the Food Technology department would like them for storage please.

Mrs Ferguson in the Art department would also like any cans of spray paint you may have left over in storage for an upcoming Year 9 project.

If you are able to help, please bring your donations to reception. Thank you!



Parent Governor Election - Please note by Thursday 7th December



We are pleased to present three candidates for the Parent Governor vacancy. Parents and carers of students at Cheltenham Bournside School are asked to nominate one candidate from the three candidates below. Please cast your vote by 3pm on Thursday 7th December.

Submit your vote here: <https://forms.office.com/e/yWC1mxg7vi>

[Click here to read this week's student careers newsletter](#)



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BEBRAS competition



At the start of this term, many pupils competed in the BEBRAS challenge in Computing lessons. BEBRAS is a series of computational thinking challenges established by Oxford University and Raspberry Pi. Congratulations to the following who were awarded a GOLD AWARD or Best in School for their age group.

Isabelle Snow
Lila Burgess
Heidi Matthews
Ben Pengsomboon

Izzy Gerrard
Samantha Kumaran
Hugh Stacey

- Miss Rubringer

TIC+ Free Parent Support Groups



FREE Parent Support Groups are running in Stroud and Tewkesbury from January 2024 over a course of 6 weeks. These groups are for parents/carers of children between the ages of 11-18.

TIC+s established groups are designed to inform and support parents, helping them to understand their child's distress and discover effective strategies to improve their resilience. The group is also an opportunity for parents going through similar experiences to encourage, support and learn from each other in a safe and friendly environment. Visit the [TIC+](#) website for further information.



Can you help run our Sports Centre?

We are recruiting for a number of part-time flexible roles to help us run our successful Sports Centre and Fitness Suite.

If you have excellent customer service skills and are looking for local evening and weekend work with a strong community focus, please get in touch with Kirk Mahon (kdm@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk) for an informal chat about hours and available roles. We'd love to hear from you.

⚽ Lettings shift manager (Multiple working patterns, including Mon - Thurs, 4.30pm - 10pm, Friday, 4.30pm - 10pm, Weekends, 8.15am - 4.15pm)

🔧 Sports Centre Duty Manager (Multiple working patterns, as above)

🔧 Compliance and Site Team Operative (Permanent, 18 hours per week, Monday - Thursday, 3pm - 7pm, Friday, 6pm - 8pm)

For more information, please visit:

www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/school-information/careers-at-bournside/



Thursday 25th January 2024, 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Year 11 students and their families are warmly invited to our upcoming open evening:

- Hear from our Headteacher, Mr Jefferies, Head of Sixth Form, Mr Warren and our Senior House Captains
- Meet our outstanding teaching team
- Understand our extensive A level and BTEC offer, our three pathways and their entry requirements
- Explore our excellent resources, facilities and enrichment options
- Enjoy a coffee in our Sixth Form café
- Find out what it is like to be a part of our school community.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bournside.

Pre-register your interest in joining our Sixth Form:



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