

Newsletter - March 2017

Year 8 Sound Walk

As part of our curriculum, in Year 8, we went on a sound walk to hear the sounds of Hull. We walked around Hull and went to Queen Victoria Square and the Marina. We travelled approximately 4 miles around our city. We saw the blade in Queen Victoria Square, the fountains in Queens Gardens, the Humber estuary and the ferry.

We identified the texture, dynamics, timbre, tonality, tempo and pitch at each location. The weather was beautiful for the entire experiment.

Many students said that they enjoyed their trip around their town. One student, Kelsey Wittner commented, "The walk was interesting." Another student, Connor Ferriby said, "The walk was very educational and it was nice to get out of lesson for a beautiful walk."

We are now composing music that is influenced by the sounds on our walk using the software Garage Band as part of our assessment.

By Nevaeh Sobey



Julius Caesar

On Tuesday 14th March, ten students from The Boulevard Academy went to Wyke College to take part in their performance of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. These students were a mix of all four year groups. We left the Academy at 12:30, and spent the day practising. We were also taken on a tour around Wyke, seeing the types of classes they did, and how different they are from ours.

The students made up the crowd in the play, with each one having at least one line to say. Everyone got involved! The students from Wyke led us, giving us advice on how to improve our performance, making it the best it could be. With their help we managed to create a realistic crowd, and we were able to convey the crowd's emotions.

After practising the scenes we were in, we took part in the actual performance. We performed with the rest of the cast (Wyke students) where we experienced what it was truly like to perform on an actual stage in front of an audience.

All of the students found the experience very enjoyable, and it was a great opportunity that we would love to do again.

Jessica Tandey

Year 10 have been studying poems around the theme of conflict. Here Stephen Waterland compares Tennyson's Charge of the Light Brigade with Ted Hughes' Bayonet Charge.

Both charge of the Light Brigade and Bayonet Charge are about WW1 and the Crimean war. However, the charge of the Light Brigade is about 600 soldiers. Whereas Bayonet Charge is about 1 soldier.

The mood in Bayonet Charge is fast tempoed and it is scary because there is one soldier running across no-man's land, whereas in the Light Brigade the mood is loud and chaotic because there are horses running everywhere and there are six hundred soldiers.

Throughout the Charge of The Light Brigade we have a vivid image of cannon balls flying everywhere. Tennyson does this by using the alliteration "shot and shell". On the other hand Bayonet Charge creates an image of bullets flying through the air with a metaphor of "Bullets smacking the belly out of the air".

Another image both poems share is a picture of fast- paced running. In the Charge of The Light Brigade Tennyson does this by repeating the phrase, "Forward the Light Brigade", which makes the reader imagine soldiers charging in Bayonet Charge. Meanwhile Hughes' line, "stumbling across a field" describes how the soldier is running. Also it says "His foot hung like statuary in mid stride". This will make the reader imagine a soldier frozen in fear in the middle of the battle field.

The mood of Light Brigade is chaotic and panic-stricken and Tennyson says "The jaws of death". This means that the soldiers are running into their death.

In both poems it sounds like they are going to die because Hughes says "Sweating like molten iron from the centre of his chest". This makes me think that he has a fear of being shot.

Meanwhile in The Charge of The Light Brigade Tennyson repeats "Cannon to the right of them, cannon to the left of them, cannon behind them.." It makes me feel like the soldiers are trapped and they can't get away.

In The Charge of The Light Brigade it says "Left of the six hundred". This shows that lots of soldiers died for no reason. But Tennyson uses the adjective "Noble six hundred" which makes me feel like Tennyson wants us to remember the soldiers that died. This will make the readers feel like the leader made a mistake and got everybody killed.

In Bayonet Charge it says "He plunged past with his bayonet". This makes me think of a soldier running to an enemy trench. The sound "shot-slashed furrows" gives me a vivid image of bullets flying past him.

Charge of The Light Brigade is a noisy poem. However in Bayonet Charge starts noisy then it stops and it makes me think of the soldier in one world by himself.

Also it makes me think of his heart pumping really fast and you can see nothing but mud and shells rushing past his ear. This will make the readers feel like they are in the Bayonet Charge because of the sounds and the way Hughes describes the bullets.

Tennyson thinks that war is noble and honourable because in The Light Brigade it says "Honour the Light Brigade" and "Noble six hundred". This will stick in the reader's mind because it means that people will remember them.

Hughes. On the other hand thinks that war is chaotic and horrifying. In my opinion Bayonet Charge is more painful.

To conclude, I like Bayonet Charge more than the Light Brigade because it is more horrifying and it is frightening. Also I like Bayonet Charge more because it is personal, about one soldier's fear, but The Light Brigade is about six hundred soldiers.

By: Stephen Waterland 10Alpha

RAF DAY!

On Wednesday 8th March (International Women's day) female students from Years 8 and 9 were taken to the hall for a day to take part in RAF day. Some people came in to encourage us to become engineers as in 2020 there will be a huge shortage of them.

In the morning we watched a PowerPoint and listened to an instructor explaining the importance of engineering. After that we had to build paper plane prototypes and experiment with types of wing to prepare us for what we had to do after break.

In the afternoon every group was set the challenge to make a plane that could fly far and straight, although it had to weigh under 80g. It had to have a motor circuit on top to make the propeller work, meaning that it would already weigh quite a lot. We had limited materials and we had to work out the overall cost.

After we finished our product we had to present it and explain why we people should buy it and how much it cost to make. Everyone had to perform and speak. After the speaking we threw the plane to see how far it would go. The winning team got a bag of goodies.

By Paige Carrigan & Lucy Atkinson

The Robotics Competition Newsletter

Ten students from The Boulevard Academy recently entered the Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Competition. School students had to develop a robot using Lego Mindstorms EV3 (hardware and software) that could accomplish certain tasks within Astronomical Studies.

On Thursday 2nd March, the students involved visited the National STEM Centre, in York, where they competed against other schools in the Yorkshire heat. They won 'Best Robot Design' – see the certificate and trophy in the cabinet.

During the sessions leading up to the competition six of the students designed and built a robot, they then adapted it for the challenges they needed to complete. They added a ball bearing, an arm, and even a wheel – which acted as a hammer! Whilst in development, a few students created a piece of code which programmed the robot to perform certain tasks for example moving, turning and rotating.

The remaining four students created a presentation about their robot, what conditions are like in space and what life on Venus may be like. Out of 15 schools these students were placed 4th in this heat.

The students involved in this competition were: Meshia Owst, Chidimma Okonkwo, Ellie Sexton, Madison Griffiths, Dean Denton, Foazia Al-Jaberi, Emilija Dudko, Riley Cooper, Bobby Ehlert and Marshall Leach.

A special thanks is given to Mrs Goundrill and Mr O'Connell.

By Dean Denton



Dodgeball Tournament

On Wednesday 18th January seven students from Year 9 and 10 took part in the Hull Schools Dodgeball Championships. Ryan, Charlie, Deniss, Buhkari, Ryan, Eligijus and Vadims came 2nd out of 5 teams to qualify for the Humber-side Schools Games finals. The teams we played against were St Marys, Sirius North (1 and 2) and Sirius West. The team took part in some tough matches, losing the first to Sirius West. After drawing 1-1 the game went to a golden hit and unfortunately a good throw hit Charlie on the leg.

The team recovered well to go undefeated for the next three games and guarantee second place on the evening. We are looking forwards to the Humberside finals in the future. We are all training very hard for the upcoming matches to prepare ourselves for the other teams that might be a challenge. We will have to play schools from Grimsby, Scunthorpe and the East Riding.

Win	3
draw	0
loss	1

By Charlie Storr & Ryan Smith

Year 9 and 10 Dodgeball.

On Friday the 10th March 2017 pupils from The Boulevard Academy took part in a dodgeball final at the Hull University. To get to that final 8 pupils went to a competition that took place at Sirius Academy.

We are proud to say that at Sirius Academy we came 2nd and that got us through to the final. In the final our school came 6th. The team consisted of Bukhari.M, Dennis.B, Charlie.S, Vadim.M, Ryan.S, Eligijus.R and Ryan.C.

Girls' Football Match.

A group of year 7 and 8 girls went to play a football match at Sirius against the host team. It was a very good football match but sadly, we lost. The team included: Devine, Shannon, Daniele, Nicola, Husnat, Leela, Faozia, Kaylee, Ellie Hand, Lariana, Emma and Alisha.

We enjoyed the match and we all helped and thought about how we could improve our skills. We supported each other and encouraged each other to carry on, even though we were losing. We had 5 attempts to score but unfortunately we didn't.

The opposing team had great defence, shooters, attackers and an excellent goalkeeper. We also had a great goalie, Ellie, who tried her best and also saved most of the goals.

The score was 0-9 to Sirius but we all tried our best. But the girls left really happy and proud of their effort and of how well they had played. They knew in their minds that they had done their best and not given up.

By Nicola Wilcock and Kofoworola Husnat Sanmi-Sule.

Year 7 Football

On Monday 13th February The Boulevard Academy played against Andrew Marvell School and sadly lost 6-2 but the opposition were a very good team. If we hadn't had Nathan Marshall, we would have lost by much more.

The scorer for our team was Lewis Hilton and that was his first match. He played for the team and now he is the top scorer in year 7. The people that played for us were Jay, Nathan, Lewis, Jean, Miguel, Aaron, Caylan, Franklin, Abdi, Riley, Bronson, Dylan and Saul. We had fun playing. At the end we all shook hands and congratulated each other.