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Our Spring Concert took place on the 28th March and showcased our talented musicians from a range of year groups. We heard pupils singing and playing a variety of musical instruments—from the guitar to the glockenspiel. There were contributions from our school choir, senior guitar group, blues trio, rock group and ensemble pieces which our GCSE Music students have been preparing for their final performance exam. We were very impressed by the musical talent of Breda pupils and it was a lovely evening. Thank you Miss Broadhurst, Miss Coulter, all our participants and those who helped.

Spring
Concert

Goodbye Miss Hyde



After 36 years teaching, it is with sadness that we say goodbye and good luck to Miss Hyde from our Maths department. Miss Hyde has been a dedicated Maths teacher, Form Tutor, Head of Year & Head of Department in Knockbreda High School and Breda Academy. She worked tirelessly with your children and many more before them, to ensure they had the very best opportunity to achieve in Maths. She was always professional and caring in her approach and led many pupils to success in Maths.

The Maths department in Breda, led by Miss Heaney and including Mrs Savage, Mrs Patterson, Miss Breadon, Mrs Glover and Mrs Mawhinney will all miss her but welcome Miss Perry to the department as her replacement.

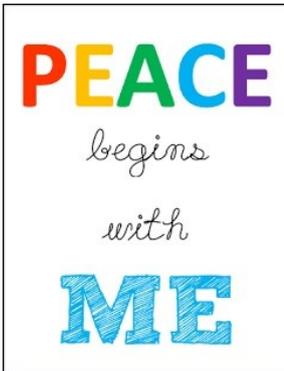


As a staff we celebrated Miss Hyde's early retirement with a staff lunch in school and then a day out with many colleagues, both past and present. We will miss seeing her Mini still parked up at 5.30 pm when Mr McNeely & Mr McMaster are trying to lock up . . . as she worked with pupils who needed support, marked homework and prepared for her next day's teaching.

Good luck Miss Hyde – enjoy your well-earned early retirement. Pupils, parents and staff will miss you and be forever grateful.



Private lessons continue to be offered to pupils on the following instruments: Voice, Piano, Strings, Drum Kit and Guitar. Our enthusiastic and highly qualified tutors offer lessons at competitive rates. Anyone who would like further information should contact Miss Broadhurst.



9A pupils have been working with the YMCA on the Peace IV schools programme in a collaborative effort with St Joseph's College. They have completed numerous workshops, in both Breda Academy and St Joseph's College, tackling issues regarding stereotyping, thoughts, feelings and resilience. The two schools took part in an overnight residential in Lorne and worked in groups to produce a flag that will be painted by a professional artist and displayed in both of the schools. Their final reward for all their efforts was a trip to the new We Are Vertigo, which was really enjoyed by all. The final design of the flag is currently being produced and will be displayed in the entrance hall once complete. We can't wait to see it!

Congratulations to our Deputy Head of School, **Matthew McConaghie**, who secured a place in the PWC 2019 Head Start school leaver programme. This opportunity offers a full time employment contract post A-levels, a salary and a Professional Qualification (ATT), which will enable him to become a Tax Advisor in the future.

Matthew underwent psychometric tests, took part in tasks in the Assessment Centre and attended a competency-based interview. When asked about the process, he stated, "I am glad I prepared for each stage - as the saying goes, 'Fail to plan; plan to fail'". Matthew is looking forward to taking up his position in September, 2019. We are all very proud of him at Breda Academy.



Nathan McCausland - Year 12

Nathan McCausland has been honoured at a formal ceremony at Hillsborough Castle where he was appointed to serve as Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for the County Borough of Belfast.

Nathan is making solid progress towards his Senior Cadet Instructor Cadre and 4 Star Army Proficiency Certificate. Outside the usual training regime he has demonstrated significant leadership ability in many Military Skills and, most recently, as a member of the winning F Company team at the 2018 Colonel's Cup Competition.

Nathan recently completed his Cadet Radio User Course and hopes to progress onto a Cadet Signaller Course in the coming year. He also attends the regular Company Shooting nights and has represented both Company and Battalion in the sport. He has also shown dedication and commitment to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme having successfully completed his Bronze award. He is now about to start his Direct entry Gold award which he hopes to achieve before he leaves the ACF. The holder of a Black Belt in Martial Arts, Nathan also finds time for voluntarily teaching and mentoring the junior levels in his club, helping them to achieve their belts and progress through the levels of Martial Arts accomplishment.

The Citation concludes, "Cadet Sergeant McCausland has proven himself as an excellent role model within his Detachment and Company. His commitment and dedication are both inspiring and exemplary and those Cadets under his stewardship aspire to follow his example. Cadet Sergeant McCausland epitomises the very best of what the Army Cadet Force and his Battalion represent."

Did you know that **FREE** Read & Write Software is now available for Breda Academy Students?

All Breda Academy pupils are now registered to download and use TextHelp's 'Read & Write' software at home for FREE. Read & Write is a toolbar available for all pupils to download for FREE at home and to also use on school computers. The toolbar has a number of excellent features to guide pupils' work, such as: dictionaries and picture dictionaries; text to speech generators; spelling, punctuation and grammar checkers; research highlighters; and a range of other useful features that can be used to form a personalised toolbar that suits each pupil's learning needs. This software makes extended pieces of writing more accurate, and makes researching more efficient; this is particularly valuable for pupils studying for GCSE and A Level examinations.

Read & Write can be downloaded on to laptops, PCs and tablets, and on to Windows, Android, iPads, Macs and Chrome Book devices. Please follow the instructions below to install this FREE software on to your devices:

Using the device you want to download the software on to, open up the webpage <https://www.texthelp.com/en-gb/products/read-write/>

Click 'Try Now'

Select your platform (Android, iPad, Windows, Mac OS etc.) and click install

You'll be directed to the easiest and fastest way to install; follow the instructions

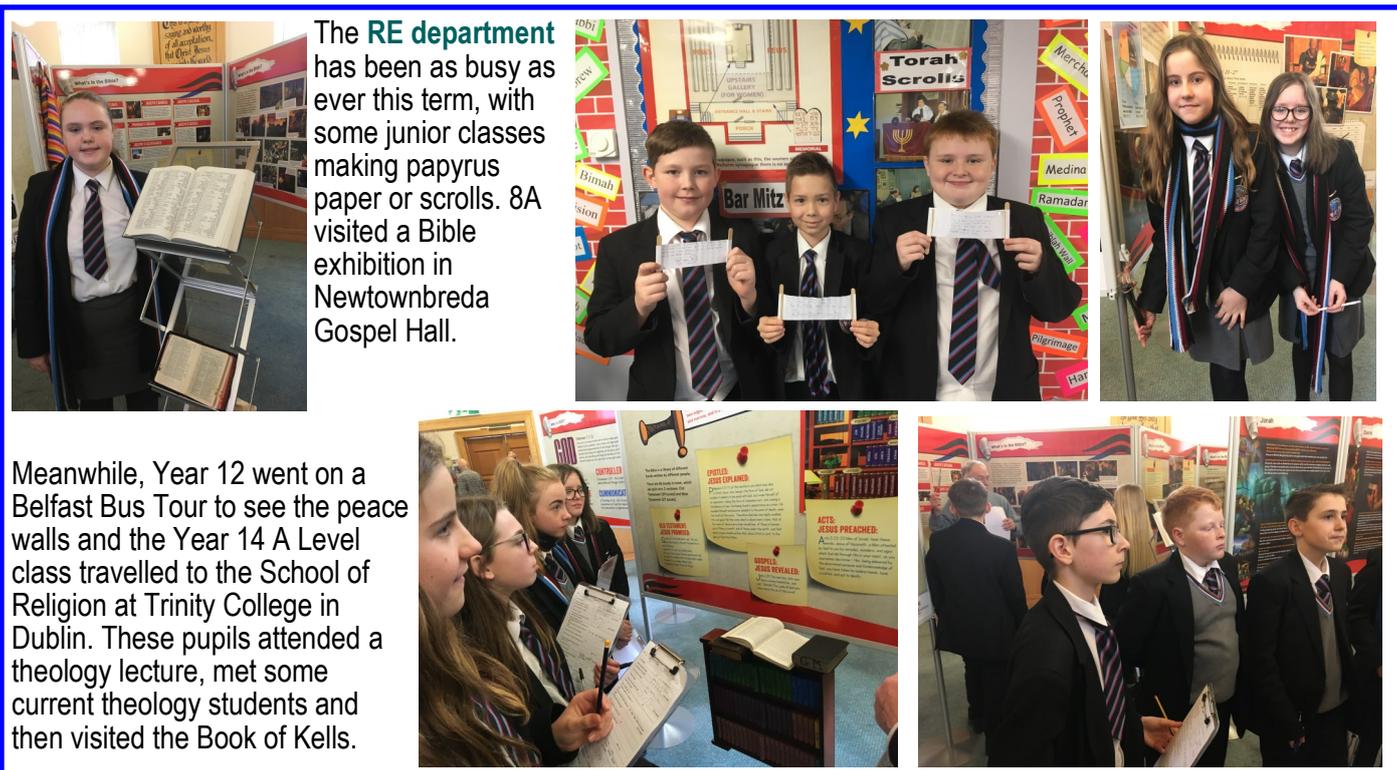
The first time the programme runs, you'll be asked to log in with your email address.

Choose 'Microsoft Account' and key in the pupil's school email address (using the ending @c2ken.net)

Enter the pupil's C2K password, and you should be good to go!

If you are having difficulties downloading the software, or have questions about how to use Read & Write, please go to <https://www.texthelp.com>

There are also several YouTube tutorials about how to use the various features of Read & Write.



The **RE department** has been as busy as ever this term, with some junior classes making papyrus paper or scrolls. 8A visited a Bible exhibition in Newtownbreda Gospel Hall.

Meanwhile, Year 12 went on a Belfast Bus Tour to see the peace walls and the Year 14 A Level class travelled to the School of Religion at Trinity College in Dublin. These pupils attended a theology lecture, met some current theology students and then visited the Book of Kells.



Lego Mindstorms

Lego Mindstorms makes building, programming and commanding robots smarter, faster, and more fun than ever. Students learn programming skills allowing their robots to drive, shoot, slither, walk, slam and spin. This year we took a group of students to our first Lego Mindstorms event in City Hall where we got the chance to see some amazing robots in action and even the opportunity to work with Lego Experts learning new builds.

Lego Mindstorms club runs every Tuesday lunchtime for Year 8 in Room 27 with Mrs Riddell, new members always welcome.

Year 14 Formal at the Tullyglass Hotel - Making Memories!





Carrot cake cupcakes

Decorate these yummy carrot cupcakes with mini chocolate Easter eggs or top with sugar-paste carrots.

Ingredients

275g caster sugar
200ml sunflower oil
4 medium free-range eggs
300g grated carrot
up to 150g nuts or dried fruit (optional)
225g wholemeal flour
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp mixed spice
1 tbsp cocoa powder

For the cheese frosting

125g unsalted butter, softened
125g full-fat cream cheese
275g icing sugar
edible decorations (such as sugar-paste carrots or mini-chocolate Easter eggs), to finish

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/Gas 4 and line the pockets of a muffin tray with muffin cases.
2. Beat the sugar, oil and eggs in mixing bowl until smooth, then stir in the grated carrot and, if you like, up to 150g chopped nuts, dried fruit, or a mixture of both.
3. In a separate bowl combine the flour, baking powder, spices and cocoa so that they're evenly mixed, then tip this into the carrot mixture and stir well.
4. Fill the muffin papers to about two-thirds full, then bake for about 25 minutes, or until a skewer poked in comes out almost clean
5. For the frosting, make sure the butter is soft, then, using a whisk or electric mixer, beat it with the cream cheese in a bowl until smooth and light.
6. Stir in the icing sugar with a spoon until it begins to come together, then whisk again briefly until light and smooth. Pipe or spoon blobs of the frosting on each cold cupcake. Decorate with sugar-paste carrots or with mini chocolate Easter eggs.



We're looking forward to a busy summer term at Breda

- GCSE and GCE Examinations during May and June (*see individual pupil timetables for more details*)
- Sports' Day on 19th June at Mary Peter's Track.
- Year 11 Work experience Week - 17th to 21st June inclusive.
- 'We Will Rock You' school play - evening shows on 20th and 21st June.
- Visits from Primary Seven pupils, who will be joining our Year 8 in September
- Last Day of Term will be on Friday, 28th June with a 12.05 p.m. finish.

Bronze and Silver Award Winners

Pupils can be awarded achievement points for excellent effort, behaviour and extra-curricular involvement. These pupils were presented with their awards in January - March.

Who's Going for Gold in the Summer Term? (50 points bronze, 100 points silver and 200 points gold).

January 2019 (Bronze)	
Demir Kisa	9E
Rebecca Russell	9C
Gabrielle Boyd	9C
Mateusz Michno	9E
Connie McCormick	10F
Alex-Lee Shanks	9D
Carter Marshall	9C
Lily White	9C
February 2019 (Bronze)	
Marc Cairns	8D
Nicole Shaw	9E
Shaun Lindsay	9E
David Cymer	9C
Kinga Blazejewska	9G
Matthew Burns	9F
Joanna McAdam	8D
Alysha Cooper	9G
Charlotte Lamont	8A
Bradley Hunter	9D
Rebekah Hoy	8A
Antonio Hasan	10F
Aaron Trimble	8D
Codielee Beattie	9D
Jessica Skillen	9A
Hollie McKay	9A
Madison Wightman	9A
Alexandra Sargent	9A
Callum Webster	8A
Fartun Muhaiden	10F

March 2019 (Bronze)	
Virginia Rafaelova	9G
Katelyn Cousins	9E
Chelsea Connell	9G
Joshua Kyle	9C
Kayleigh Fekkes	8A
Cameron McShane	8A
Freddie Swan	8A
Carson McAdam	9E
Daniel McCausland	8A
Blake Walker	10E
Olivia Ward	8A
Poppy Kipling	8A
Ahmed Ibrahim	9A
Isaac Penaflor	9A
Lauren Tate	9A
Jade Cook	8A
January 2019 (Silver)	
Jack Ferguson	9D
Jack Veighey	9D
Madison Oliver	9D
Nicole Lamrock	9D
Lekan Sule	9D
Amy Floyd	9B
Joel Abosi	9D
March 2019 (Silver)	
Molly Clarke	9D
Joshua Collins	9D
Mark Truesdale	9C
Andrew Wisoner	9D
Paige Summerhayes	9D
Jamie Lee Gallagher	9E
Kurtis Roberts	9E
Louise Boyd	9D
Demi Rainey	9D

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We all know that every day at school counts

and that excellent attendance at school is important in enabling our young people to fulfil their potential.

Research shows that children with high attendance are

- 3x more likely to gain qualifications
- 7 x more likely to form social networks
- 7 x more likely to end up in positive relationships

School Leavers Data for Northern Ireland shows that

77.6% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths when they attended more than 95%.	50.3% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths when they attended less than 90%.	38.8% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths when they attended less than 80%.	34% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths when they attended less than 70%.
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100% Attendance	0 days missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 days of absence One week and 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 days of absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 days of absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 days of absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

At Breda, we use a traffic light system so that so that pupils can easily understand what their attendance percentage means. Whilst 85% might be considered a good score in a test, in terms of attendance, it is very poor.

Below and on the following page are our **Breda Top Attenders** for term two - those pupils with 95% and above attendance since September. These

pupils got a certificate and some Easter chocolates. Well done everyone!

Abosi	Joel	Cairns	Lauren	Dobbin	Curtis
Adair	Corey	Carlisle	Joshua	Donald	Kelsie
Anderson	Joel	Chambers	Toby	Douglas	Curtis
Anderson	Simon	Cherry	Joshua	Dransfield	Katie
Anderson	Gareth	Chmil	Syki	Farr	Cameron
Andrews	Joshua	Chung	Kin Wing	Ferguson	Logan
Anjorin	David	Clark	Ryan	Ferguson	Jack
Archer	Alicia	Clarke	Jodie	Ferguson	Megan
Barr	Andrew	Cleland	Kyle	Finlay	Dean
Beattie	Robyn	Cochrane	Paul	Floyd	Amy
Beatty	Cruz	Cockcroft	Hannah	Galashan	Ellie
Beggs	Oliver	Cockcroft	Jonathan	Gallagher	Jamie Lee
Beldi Bouhnouf	Sara	Coleman	Chloe	Galloway	Justin
Bob	Laurentiu	Collins	Joshua	Gheorghiu	Roberto
Bowes	Travis	Conway	Luke	Gilmore	Katie
Bowman	Jessica	Cook	Jade	Girvin	Jasmine
Brannigan	Jack	Corry	Ben	Glover	Holly
Budacea	Larisa	Covaci	Ronaldo	Gourley	Justin
Bunting	Koby	Crowe	Melanie	Graham	Lauren
Burns	Matthew	Cullen	Katie	Graham	Andrew
Busteed	Christopher	Dawson	James	Gray	Lloyd
Cairns	Marc	Diven	Hannah	Greenlees	Ben

Greenwood	Aaron	McAdam	Joanna	Rainey	Jack
Greenwood	Michael	McAdams	Sophie	Rankin	Katie
Grierson	Oliver	McBride	Ben	Roberts	Kurtis
Grierson	Samuel	McCamley	Helena	Roberts	Adam
Hafizi	Array	McCausland	Daniel	Roberts	Holly
Haighton	McKenzie	McCausland	Scott	Ross	Alyssa
Harvey	Dean	McCLean	Jordan	Ryan	Jayde
Hasan	Antonio	McConaghie	Matthew	Sargent	Alexandra
Hassan	Warda	McConnell	Luke	Sargent	Matthew
Hassan	Mohamed	McConnell	Leo	Scott	Rhys
Hicks	William	McCoy	Karl	Shaw	Hollie
Hicks	John	McCurrie	Rhyanna	Sherman	Ella
Hill	Charli	McDowell	Stephen	Simion	Alexandru
Ho	Kelly	McFadden	Max	Skillen	Jessica
Horner	Ryan	McGoogan	Abigail	Smith	Ben
Houston	Cody	Mcllroy	Victoria	Sule	Lekan
Hoy	Rebekah	McKay	Hollie	Sule	Boye
Huddleson	Hannah	McKee	Tyler	Summerhayes	Paige
Hunter	Ben	McKenzie	Sophie	Swan	Freddie
Ibrahim	Ahmed	McKenzie	Katie	Sych	Marika
Irvine	Zack	McKibbin	Stuart	Sykes	Craig
Irwin	Cameron	McLees	Rachel	Sykes	Rachel
Jackson	Megan	McMaster	Keelan	Tate	Lauren
Jakobiak	Jakub	McMillan	Emma	Todd	Andrew
Johnston	Laney	McWatters	Holly	Todd	James
Johnston	Carter	Meneely	Brandon	Trifoi	Denis
Johnston	Andrew	Mildenhall	Tom	Trimble	Aaron
Johnston	Craig	Mooney	Chloe	Trimble	Joshua
Kerr	Emma	Moore	Nathan	Tun	James
Kerr	Emma	Moore	Kathryn	Watt	Alek
Kewley	Shakira	Muhaiden	Fartun	Webster	Callum
Keys	Joel	Mulholland	Kaide	White	Lewis
Ladi-Taiwo	Yele	Nixon	Nadia	Wightman	Madison
Lamont	Charlotte	Oliver	Madison	Stitt	
Lamrock	Nicole	Oliver	Adele	Williams	Steven
Laverty	Chantel	Orr	Jasmine	Willis	Ben
Laverty	Kyrene	Orr	Ryan	Wisoner	Andrew
Lloyd	Ryan	Oslon	Katie	Woods	Aimee
Lloyd	Warren	Owen	Charlie	Young	Olivia
Lowry	Max	Pavis	Lara	Zawadski	Jakub
Lyttle	Cameron	Penafior	Simon		
Madden	Pierce	Porter	Cole		
Madden	Olivia	Powaszynska	Julia		
Magill	Glenn	Quate	Stephen		
Maxwell	Rebecca	Rainey	Demi		
Mayne	Beth	Rainey	Ocean		

Success is no accident. It's hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all....loving what you do or are learning to do (Pele)

Music at Breda

The **Year 8 Guitar Club** continues to meet every Friday during lunchtime and new members are very welcome. This club is suitable for beginners as well as those pupils who would like to improve their playing. Pupils do not need a guitar; these will be supplied.

As well as rehearsing for the Spring Recital, our school **Choir** have begun preparing the music for our school Production of the musical **We Will Rock You**, which will be taking place on 20 and 21st June.

This term, all year 8 pupils have continued taking part in action packed music lessons. They have been learning about the Orchestra and as well as learning to play the guitar, they have been taking part in group composing and performing activities using both tuned and untuned percussion instruments. Year 8 pupils also had great fun composing their own Fanfare melodies on the keyboard. In year 9, pupils have begun learning about music in Medieval times and have been very interested in learning about the instruments from this time. Year 10 pupils have begun learning about the history and development of Pop music and have been learning to play a variety of pieces on the keyboard. Some classes have begun creating their own pop songs using the software programme Garageband.

Breda Academy's Debating Team at Belfast City Hall

Four of our Year 13 pupils represented Finland at the Mock Council of the European Union Debate on 7th February. They were joined by teams from 28 other schools. In the beautiful Council Chamber, they debated strategies to deal with climate change and migration.

The British Council in NI organises a mock debate every year, but this was the first time that Breda Academy had taken part.



Our pupils spent time before the debate finding out about Finland's position on the issues and thinking about how the countries of the EU could work together.

In the morning, Curtis spoke on climate change and was ably assisted by Jayde, his advisor/researcher. Joel spoke about migration in the afternoon and his advisor/researcher was Holly.

Well done to the Breda Academy Team - we are proud of you.

Mrs Towell's Craft Class continues to meet on the first Thursday of every month. The club is open to staff, parents, pupils and members of the public. They have made some lovely craft items (shown below) and it would be great to see some new faces at the next one (2nd May).





Rehearsals are well underway for our Summer Term Production of 'We Will Rock You!' The cast meets every week and can't wait to show off their dramatic, dancing and musical talents in June (shows on 20th and 21st—more details to follow).

These photos show the cast, who meet with Mr Carrick every Thursday after school for rehearsals.



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| Aimee Woods | Callum Webster |
| Glen Magill | Alex Sargent |
| Joanna McAdam | Jade Cook |
| Elise Montgomery | Charlotte Lamont |
| Katie Murdock | Kayla McKinley |
| Abigail McGoogan | Chloe Mooney |
| Sophie McKenzie | Emily Plunkett |
| Jack Brannigan | Ahmed Ibrahim |



Callum "I played Pumba in 'The Lion King' in P6 and really enjoyed it. I was hoping to do another play again, so I'm really happy Breda is doing a play. I'm playing Big Macca—he's a good guy and has some funny lines!"

Sophie "I was in 'Robin Hood' in P7 and really enjoyed it, so I wanted to have the excitement again of doing another play. I play Oggi, The Killer Queen's henchwoman. I play an evil character which is good because I get to play a different side on stage. My character is really sassy. I enjoy acting with Abigail who's my partner in crime!"

The prize winning **Year 14 Psychology class** was invited to attend the British Psychological Society's Annual Conference on Friday, 12th April at the Hilton Hotel in Templepatrick. The team had the opportunity to present their research entitled '**Gender Differences in Teenagers' Ability to Decode Speakers' Feelings**' to an audience of professional Psychologists. Well done girls.



Ski Trip 2019

On 17th of March, a group of pupils and staff embarked on the ski trip with an early start at the airport to ensure we missed any long security lines. This allowed us plenty of time to enjoy some breakfast and duty free shopping. All of the travel went without a hitch and by evening we were settled in our rooms and ready to go to the restaurant for dinner. This year we had three different ability groups: beginners, intermediate and advanced. This ensured we were all challenging our skiing ability and pushing ourselves to learn more. Each day we stopped for lunch at the bottom of the mountain in Alex's pub. The food was delicious and there was an excellent variety available. Lunch was a great time to

give our legs a break, catch up on tales from the slopes and even do a spot of sunbathing- yes, it was that warm!

Around 3pm, we got the bus back to the hotel and either went for a swim, visited the shops or had an afternoon nap! We all enjoyed dinner in the hotel and then got started on a great variety of evening activities. We played crazy bowling, danced at the disco and went bum boarding. We were very lucky to be in Pamporovo when the Inter-ski competition was being held. Ski instructors from across the world put on fabulous displays of skill and ability when skiing down 'the wall'. All of the pupils got to meet team GB and even got a picture with them. By the end of the week, the beginner group was completing blue runs, the intermediate group was completing the red runs and the advanced group was completing black runs and the infamous 'wall' - well, the boys did and Mrs Sweeney tried her best!

Before checking out, we stopped at Plovdiv and enjoyed seeing the Roman amphitheatre, visiting the shops and stopping for ice cream. The ski trip was a brilliant week away with everyone returning home with new skills, new friends and smiling faces. All of the photos are available for pupils to view in the shared resources area in the ski trip 2019 folder.

