

# Supporting Our Community

Last week our good friends at Masters Catering kindly donated a huge supply of samosas to our school. These were given out to many of our families eligible for free school meals and it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that they were a massive success.

We are incredibly happy and moved to be able to tell you that Masters Catering have made this a regular donation during lockdown. Not only that, but we have also had more items donated to us for allocation to our community. Excel Church have also donated an incredible amount of food-stuffs and toiletries and from next week Pepe's Piri Piri will be donating cooked chicken wings and chicken strips!

## Food/essentials available:

- Fresh Samosas
- Flour
- Oil
- Rice
- Pasta
- Beans
- Lentils
- Orange juice
- Coffee
- Tea
- Easter eggs
- Sanitary products
- Crisps
- Tinned food
- Deodorant
- Toilet rolls
- Much more too...



Please ensure that if you are coming in to school to collect food or essentials is that you maintain our social distancing measures.



# Year 11 News

Message to Parents of Year 11s:

## **Year book**

Miss Johnson and Mr Taylor are currently putting together a virtual yearbook to collate memories from over the years. A request for photos and videos has been sent via student emails, please remind your son/daughter to check their inboxes and reply to Miss Johnson by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Please encourage students to check their student emails for more information regarding the release date of the Class of 2020 virtual Year Book!

**If there are any “first day” photos you would like to send over, please do so by emailing them to Miss Johnson at [njohnson@arena-birmingham.academy](mailto:njohnson@arena-birmingham.academy)**

A hard copy of the year book will also be available for purchase at a later date; unfortunately at this moment in time we are unable to say when, but we will keep you updated. In the meantime, can students continue to send their year book quotes (15 words max) to Miss Johnson.

## **Form tutor messages**

Due to the unfortunate circumstances, face to face goodbyes and thank yous cannot take place. To ensure your son/daughter shows their appreciation to their form tutors we are asking for messages to be sent to our Head Girl Faith Colledge (15ColleF@arena-birmingham.academy) or our Head Boy Sach Dulay (15DulayS@arena-birmingham.academy). Messages will be collated and printed in the year book. This is optional, but highly recommended.

## **Leaver's apparel.**

Our online school stores closing date has been extended to **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July**. Orders can be made via our online shop at <https://phantomcandy.co.uk/store/uvTiZ1RO>. Orders will be available for collection at school after Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Echo Eternal is a commemorative arts engagement programme inspired by Holocaust survivor testimony to promote respect and understanding between different communities. This is coordinated by CORE Education Trust and brings schools from across Birmingham and Coventry together to raise awareness of genocides and their causes.

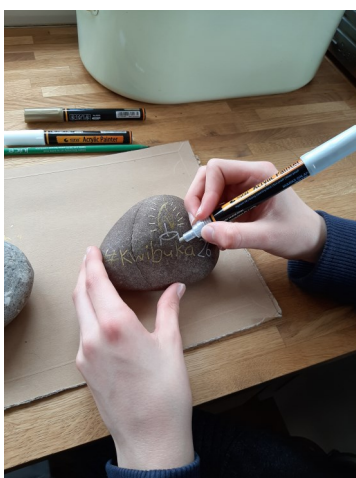
Echo Eternal works with young people in schools to inspire authentic responses to survivor testimony. The testimonies become the inspiration for the schools' responses through artistic expression, conceived and delivered by the pupils, forming a series of survivor 'echoes'.

Eric Murangwa Eugene MBE is a survivor of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda and was the subject of our Echo this year. Eric is a former Rwandan international footballer and paid us the honour of a visit earlier this year when he spoke to students about his life and experiences.



## Kwibuka26 - Remember the 100 days with Foundation Stones

Eric formed the Ishami Foundation to raise awareness and remember the victims of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The Foundation's project 'Lighting Candles of Hope in the UK' provides a means of creative commemoration. To commemorate the 100 days in which the genocide took place 26 years ago, we would like to invite you to take part in a project, Foundation Stones, which asks you to make a personal creative contribution to a national memorial. This contribution takes the form of a small painted stone of remembrance. We would like as many of our students as possible to paint a stone and email a picture to Mr Hart at Arena Academy. These will then be tweeted using the hashtags #Kwibuka26, #RememberWithRwanda and #FoundationStonesAtHome.



## Highly Sprung Theatre Co. 'Physical Fellowship - Unlocked'

The Highly Sprung Theatre Company, who have worked with Arena Academy on our Echo Eternal performances, are hosting an online festival aimed at students who are interested in dance, drama or just something new creatively. It includes:

- Exciting content, including performances and online workshops, from festival partners: Motionhouse, Frantic Assembly, StopGap Dance, Infuse Dance and Vamos Mask Theatre.
- Behind the scenes content from Highly Sprung- theatre making masterclasses and a Q&A with myself and Mark
- New digital drama- WAKE, filmed and produced through online sessions during lockdown with our Sprungsters.
- Digital premiere of last year's Headline performance- Seen But Never Heard

This festival is taking place from Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July. If you wish to take part go to <https://www.highlysprungperformance.co.uk/learning/physical-fellowship/> for details and registration, and don't forget to let us know when you register.

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### Arena Active

Check out [www.http://arena-birmingham.academy/arena-active/](http://arena-birmingham.academy/arena-active/) for motivation keep-fit ideas.



The image shows an Instagram post for 'COREconnects'. At the top, there are five colored circles (purple, blue, yellow, green, red) with the word 'CONNECTS' below them. The main text reads: 'EVERY WEEKDAY MORNING AT 9:00AM FITNESS WITH MR ROGERS LIVE ON INSTAGRAM'. Below this is the Instagram handle '@COREconnects' and the hashtags '#COREconnects #COREextra'. At the bottom, it says 'DELIVERING A CORE EDUCATION'. On the right side of the post is a smartphone displaying a video of a man in a white shirt, Mr Rogers, standing in a field.

Tune in every weekday morning at 9.00am for Fitness with Mr Rogers.

This is broadcast live on Instagram @COREconnects

Get active each day!



Lionbreed Fitness is a fitness programme developed by our headboy Sach Dula. Hosted on Arena Fit on Microsoft Teams, Sach is posting videos to inspire and motivate us to improve our fitness and wellbeing.

Sach is also writing a regular newsletter with advice and motivational quotes which we will be posting on the school website on the Arena Active page.

This week's quote is:

*"Success focuses on the six D's: Desire, Determination, Discipline, Devotion, Dedication, Destiny"*

Amazing work, Sach. Truly inspiring. Check out his newsletter on our website and his videos on Teams.

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