



From the Headteacher.....

Our Open Morning on Saturday was well attended by many families despite the inclement weather.

The pupils who supported us were a credit to the school and their individual personalities shone through as they showed prospective parents and pupils around the school. The pupils who helped out in classrooms with subject teachers were also hugely appreciated. I was not surprised to hear the families say how impressed they were by the pupils and staff and that the school had a family community feel. The Parent Teachers' Association fully supported the morning serving refreshments and I am very grateful to them. Thank you to everyone for a very successful morning.

I am delighted with our 11+ acceptances this year which is seeing a growing number of pupils accepting places for September. Retention from our Year 6 transitioning to Year 7 has also improved year on year with an impressive 76% retention for September 2018.

I led an assembly with the junior children on Wednesday morning and reflected on being special and why Jesus was a special person too. At the end of the assembly we had the opportunity to listen to a poem, written by Isaac and published in a book called 'Rhyme Craft'. Congratulations also to Trivikram, Christian, Roisin, Ariana, Amelie and Fabio who also have their poems published.

On Wednesday we held our Quiz Club and invited children and their staff from St David's, Farringtons, Russell House, Beechwood Sacred Heart and Solefield. We are delighted that Bishop Challoner won the competition and the winning team included Eoin, Joshua C, Suvir and Jehan. Well done to the other team; Scarlet, Alexander, Isaac and Annabelle.

We held our Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday and it was good to hear so many positive comments from the staff and parents. The pupils are happy and if they are happy they will thrive and be successful.

It was pleasing to see parents of children from Nursery to Year 2 attending our Mother's Day celebrations this morning. I hope you felt very special!

We hope that many of you will join us on Wednesday 14th March to attend the Van Gogh Inspired EYFS and Key Stage 1 Art Exhibition. The children have been working incredibly hard and it would be nice to see you there.

Paula Anderson



Whole School News



British Science Week starts this weekend. Most scientific institutions across the country will be running amazing events and once again, Bishop Challoner School is on the map.

Year 5, 6 and 7 will take part in a poster competition organised by Mrs Harding and Mrs Sweet. The theme is "Exploration & Discovery". Year 8 and 9 pupils will be entered by Mrs Marpadi for the Biology Challenge from the Royal Society of Biology. Year 11 and Year 12 students have been entered for the British Physics Olympiads from the University of Oxford. The STEM club will be researching methods of improving energy usage at Gatwick Airport, with the best group being entered for a Bronze Crest Award. Miss Ruston's Eco club will bring a lemon twist to their writing.

There will also be a series of senior lunchtime activities on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday during senior lunch. Dr Free and Mrs Harding will present the science of Star Trek. Mrs Harding will organise an eChalk science game competition. Miss Ruston and Mrs Harding will also help student prepare slime.

For more information, ask you science teachers.

Dr Piccio

Junior News

Junior Music

Year 1 have enjoyed mastering the art of rainbow bells in music and have been performing and creating some delightful sounds together. *Mrs Beecham*

Junior Sport

Junior Football Match



The Year 5 team played in a competitive match against Farringtons on Wednesday. The Year 5 team let in 2 early goals in the first half but came back very strongly in the second, with 2 goals from Lourenco. Farringtons re-took the lead before Tristan A scored to level the game at 3-3. There were many more chances for us to take the lead but unfortunately we were unable to score. The team all played very well and put in a fantastic effort. Well done to Samal, Taye, Tristan A, Tristan F, Lourenco, Taye and Fabio.

Mr Raveney



Junior News

Film Night

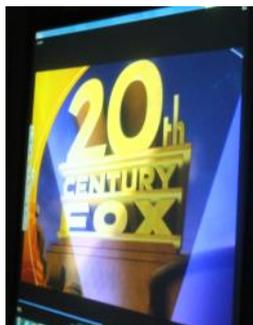


Mrs Sweet and the Junior School council would like to say a huge thank you to all the junior school pupils that supported the fundraising film night this year. The suggestion had originally been put forward by Rupert Gray in Year 6 and the idea was developed by the school councillors to make the event into a fundraising event to support charity.

We raised an amazing £405 that will be donated to CAFOD. The children have discussed ways to how best spend the money and have voted in classes to spend the money on World Gifts as follows: Medical Outreach Team (£300); A water pump for a family (£33); A pig that provides (£65) and a mosquito net (£7).

Thank you all again for your continued support.

Mrs Sweet



Mother's Day Celebration

Junior School pupils performing songs in the Hall for their families to celebrate Mother's Day.



Quiz Club 2018



On Wednesday 7th March, Bishop Challoner hosted and competed in Quiz Club against five different schools. In the beginning, the participants had the opportunity to meet children from other schools which was a very good experience. Then, after the introduction, the Games Master explained the rules and the quiz started. Bishop Challoner entered two teams into the competition and we were up against Bishop Challoner 1 (Scarlet, Alexander, Isaac and Annabelle), a very strong team with excellent general knowledge. At first our team was extremely worried, however, by cheering each other and listening carefully, we started getting questions right. We also had great support from our reserve team (Emily, Eddie, Akinwale and Bela) as well as our parents. Amazingly, at the end of the first round, BCS2 (our team) took the lead. Unfortunately, in the last round, Farringtons got ahead of us. Luckily, we had a secret weapon, Joshua, who had the experience of being in the competition before. We kept our calm and decided to do our best. Near the end, with good teamwork we got ahead of Farringtons again. However, there was another team we were hugely concerned about and they were picking up points. It was last years winners, Beechwood. Finally, the quiz had finished. Anxiously, our team waited to find out the results. To our surprise, the winners were announced and it was us; Bishop Challoner 2, which included Jehan, Joshua, Eoin and me! We now go on to the semi finals in April.

Suvir (Year 4A)

Nursery & KS1 News

Art Exhibition



Van Gogh Inspired EYFS & Key stage One Art Exhibition

Working with the children in the Nursery on their sunflower paintings has been such a delight. I am really pleased that they all enjoyed learning new painting techniques and have produced such wonderful art work.

I look forward to welcoming you all to the exhibition on Wednesday 14th March from 3.00pm to 4.15pm in the Dining Hall, where I am sure that you will all agree that we have lots of very artistic young children here at Bishop Challoner School.

Ms Scicluna



Chaplaincy Corner

On Friday 23rd February, a Year 10 Reconciliation Service took place in the Chapel. During the service we considered various people from the bible, who were known to be sinners, and how their lives were transformed when they encountered Jesus. For example, Mary Magdalen who had had a bad name in Jerusalem and was shunned by her community. When she experienced the love and mercy of Jesus, she left her former life and became one of his most faithful disciples.

Also, Matthew who had been a tax collector. We read that Jesus went to his home and shared a meal with Matthew, along with other tax collectors and sinners. The Pharisees questioned the conduct of Jesus and he responded: '*It is not the healthy that need a doctor but the sick*' and quoting Hosea 6:6 he said to them, '*Go and learn what it means I desire mercy not sacrifice*'. Matthew also went on to be a faithful disciple and also wrote one of the Gospels.



Regarding Confession and the effects of sin, we used the analogy of a window in a house, comparing it to the *window* of the soul. A window which has not been cleaned for a long time gets dirtier and dirtier. Gradually it becomes more difficult to see the light shining in through the window, finally even the brightest sunshine cannot get through. In the same way when we repeatedly sin, the soul becomes darkened and it becomes more difficult for us to see God's light or to experience God's grace. When we go to Confession it is like a spiritual spring clean, the soul is purified and made spotlessly clean, so that God's light can shine into us and we can once again experience his grace and blessings.

Our reflection ended as we thought about Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who became a human being and offered himself on the Cross as a sacrifice for our sins. We recalled that this was a clear sign that God, who was willing to become human and to die for us, would never reject us.

Following our reflection, we silently read through an examination of conscience to help us to identify areas in our lives that needed healing and reconciliation. Pupils then had the opportunity to go to individual Confession. Fifteen pupils stayed for Confession and afterwards Fr Semplicio commented on how well prepared the pupils were and how sincerely they had made their confessions. It was a truly blessed service and we are very grateful to Fr Semplicio for the time that he gave to hear our confessions.

Gerard Lohan
School Chaplain

Diary Dates

Monday, 12th March

- * U13 & U14 Football vs Trinity

Tuesday, 13th March

- * Y7 House Netball

Wednesday, 14th March

- * Senior School Pupil Voice
- * Community Mass

Thursday, 15th March

- * Y8&9 House Netball
- * Year 10 Parents' Evening, 5pm

Friday, 16th March

- * Y10 House Netball
- * Y5&6 Mass
- * PTA Race Night

Notices

PTA



Bishop Challoner School PTA



EYFS & KS1

We are pleased and proud to announce our

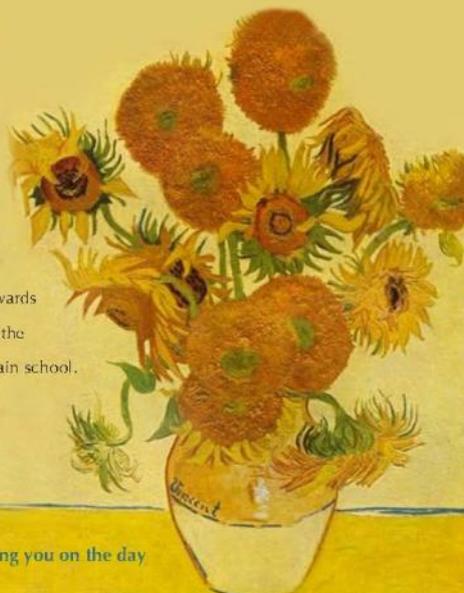
Van Gogh inspired EYFS & Key Stage One Art Exhibition

Wednesday 14th March

3-4.15pm

Dining Hall

You can purchase your child's art work for £10.00 and the money raised will go towards a mark making shed to enhance the Outdoor Learning Area in the main school.



We look forward to welcoming you on the day

House News

Competition

Design an Easter Egg House Competition

Draw your design on paper or decorate an egg

Closing Date: Friday 9th March

Entries to Mrs Mabb



Extra Curricular

Junior Orchestra has been making real progress and are now enjoying rehearsing more challenging repertoire as we make our way through the Spring term. If any pupils would like to be part of Junior Orchestra which rehearses on a Thursday lunch time then please make yourself known to Mrs Beecham.



Parents

Please be aware that for the safety of our pupils, we do not allow vehicle access onto our site, for dropping off and collecting pupils.

