



CHALLONER *update*

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From the Headteacher.....

Today is a very special day for the school. Sixty eight years ago Bishop Challoner was founded. Bishop Challoner was founded in 1950 by Father Patrick Byrne, Parish Priest of St. Edmund's in Beckenham in co-operation with St Joseph's Parish in Bromley.

Our school building is housed in the oldest building in Shortlands erected in 1702 and used to be known as Shortlands House. Shortlands house was believed to be a private hotel or refreshment house apparently famed for its ginger puddings.

The school takes its name from Bishop Richard Challoner. He was Bishop of Debra, Vicar Apostolic of the London District and you will notice the plaque on the right of the door at the main entrance. He was a leading figure in the Roman Catholic Church in England during the 18th century. Richard Challoner was renowned for his courage and perseverance in difficult times. He died in 1781 and is buried in Westminster Abbey.

Father Steve led our Mass this morning followed by the singing of Happy Birthday. Maddison, one of our nursery children and Helena a sixth form student, blew out the candles, followed by the cutting of the cake.

The Junior children congregated on the lawn and then the older Junior pupils handed the younger Junior children a balloon with a message tied to it of either 'peace', 'hope', 'love' or 'faith' for them to take home. We hope that all the pupils enjoyed their treats at the end of the school day to mark the occasion.

On Thursday next week we will be wishing our Year 11 and 13 all the very best as they start their study leave in preparation for the forthcoming examinations. Please may I remind parents that we expect all students in school until then and that study leave begins after 3.45pm on Thursday 10th May. There are revision sessions happening up until this point and these lessons can make a difference to the quality of the examination results. Thank you for your continued support.

I am sure we will be hearing all about the Year 4 residential trip to Grosvenor Hall. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and will sleep well tonight! Thank you to Miss Hoyles, Miss Rule and Mr FitzGerald for supporting the children on this trip.

I hope that you enjoy the extended weekend and we look forward to seeing all pupils on Tuesday 8th May.

Paula Anderson



Senior Sport

Cricket



On a glorious Tuesday evening at Sidcup Cricket Club, the Year 7 Cricket team had their first game of the season as they played Sidcup U12s in a friendly.

Sidcup won the toss and opened the batting as they scored at a steady pace and managing to keep the majority of their wickets in tact. This was until Max Saben pitched the ball on a length knocking off Sidcup's opener's off-peg. This wicket halted Sidcup's run rate as Bishop Challoner applied pressure to a new partnership. Sidcup eventually finished the innings 1-124. This was an impressive effort by the fielding team, considering this was their first game.

Bishop Challoner opened the batting with Jack and Rishik who managed to see off the opening bowlers and provide a steady platform for Max and Reuben to accumulate some runs. Unfortunately, the run rate was not quite high enough, as Bishop Challoner fell 60 runs short in their chase.

This was a fantastic opening game though and great preparation for the Kent Cup game v Sir Joseph Williamson's Matematical School on 3rd May at HSBC Sports Ground.

West Kent Athletics Competition



The Bishop Challoner Athletics team attended Norman Park for the Bromley Schools Athletics Competition on a wet and windy Wednesday afternoon which made for very difficult track and field conditions.

Despite this, the team managed to adapt to the difficult conditions to produce a fantastic performance with several strong results. Congratulations to Adam Islam Mexaux who won the junior 200m sprint and Myles Duffus who came second in the senior 400m. The Year 9 relay team also achieved the feat of winning the junior boys 4 x 100m relay race.

Overall, this was an outstanding performance as Bishop Challoner competed with schools who have larger numbers to select from. A very successful day and great preparation for the ISA Athletics Championship on 10th May at Norman Park.

Mr Snadden

Senior News

Year 8 Salters' Science Trip

 On Friday 20th April, our science teacher Mrs Harding took Harriet, Francesca, Raiyan and I up to the Imperial College for a Chemistry competition.

When we first arrived, we signed in and enjoyed some refreshments that were on display. We took part in two challenges throughout the day. These included the Salters' challenge and the University challenge.

In the Salters' Challenge we worked in pairs to decode a mix of scientific statements and try out different samples to see whether they would fizz up or turn cloudy. With only an hour to complete this challenge, we had to try and solve who committed the crime by the "DNA" samples. This was really fun but also quite intimidating as we saw other schools finish off and the judges passing by examining our progress. We finished the challenge all in good time and were able to tidy up our workspace for presentation points.

After the first challenge was out of the way, we stopped for lunch and were lucky enough to get our own mini private tour of the scientist's labs and equipments by Mrs Harding's son! This was really cool.

Afterwards, we went back to our workspace and were given instructions for our second challenge. The University Challenge was very challenging because we had the use of limited equipment to try and decrease a mixture's temperature to 10.5. Not only this but the judges were going to come around and ask us to demonstrate our methods. However, with our teamwork and determination, we were able to complete the challenge and decrease our original temperature by a fair amount.

When the challenges were all over, we were fortunate to see mesmerizing experiments performed. One of these was seeing a bottle magically pour out all different drinks simultaneously. This was great fun and really amazing to watch. We were then awarded with participation prizes and set off back to school.

This was a brilliant experience and I would like to thank Mrs Harding for setting this up for us.

By Olivia 8A

Junior News

Maths Competition



Earlier this week four pupils from Year 5 represented the school at a Maths competition and challenge afternoon at Royal Russell School, Croydon. I am delighted to report that the team came second out of eighteen schools and returned to school as proud winners of well deserved medals and certificates. They were only four points short of winning and lost to St David's school. The team are already in training to WIN the event for next year. The team were exceptional and solved problems and puzzles that many of the adults were struggling with. Congratulations to them all.

Mrs Sweet

Extra Curricular



On 30th April, I took part in Trinity School Swimming Gala. I won a gold medal for breast stroke and a silver medal for back stroke.

I am proud of my achievement and will carry on competing.

Sophie-Rose, Year 5



Congratulations to Rupert (Year 6) who was presented with a trophy for being Bromley Rugby clubs U11's most improved player for 2017/18

Nursery News

Maths in the Nursery



By providing real life experiences such as cooking, children can gain a range of mathematical skills.

The youngest children at Bishop Challoner School have been making delicious strawberry jam sandwiches. They followed the instructions carefully, buttering the bread, spreading the jam and finally cutting their sandwiches: first into halves and then in to quarters. The children were able to count how many pieces they had cut their sandwiches into. Some of the children used the 'jam sandwich sequencing cards' putting them in to the correct order. Well done everyone.

The children in the Dolphin Group went on a strawberry number hunt in the Outdoor Learning Area. Using their clip boards and charts, they were able to identify and record the numbers that they found.

Next week in the Nursery, we are looking forward to weighing and measuring ingredients to make yummy cupcakes.

Ms Scicluna



Chaplaincy Corner

On Tuesday, 24th April our 'Faith In Action' pupils attended the Good Samaritan Mass at St George's Cathedral. The annual Mass is to raise money for the Westminster Crisis Fund, which is run by the Catholic Children's Society. The Crisis Fund provides emergency support for children, young people and their families who are living in poverty. They provide one-off grants to meet emergency needs such as food or essential furniture. 100% of the money that is raised goes into the Crisis Fund to be distributed where it is most needed. This year our school made a donation of £250.00. We are grateful to parents and pupils for their generosity and for helping children and families in desperate need.

Good Samaritan Mass

24th April 2018

St George's Cathedral

Southwark

Tuesday of the 4th Week of Easter



Archbishop Peter Smith presided at the Mass and the Gospel passage was from Luke, Chapter 10. In the passage, we read that Jesus was preaching to the Jewish people and an expert of the law stood up to test him, asking: 'What should I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus responded, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your strength and with all your soul and love your neighbour as yourself.' In turn the lawyer asked: '**Who is my neighbour?**'

Jesus then told the parable of the Good Samaritan. In the parable a man is attacked, robbed and left for dead. We are told by Jesus that a priest walked by and ignored the man, then a Levite walked by and finally a Samaritan. Samaritans and Jews despised each other because of their differing beliefs but, in the parable, it is the Samaritan who stops and cares for the wounded man. Jesus used this parable to challenge stereotypes and prejudices, to help people to understand that having faith doesn't necessarily equate to goodness and that people from different creeds and cultures have the same inherent capacity for good that we all have. It's a challenge for us to move out of our comfort zones and to think about our own preconceptions and values. Take a moment to ask yourself who do I find difficult in my life?

Let us pray that like the Good Samaritan we too will be enlightened and able to show kindness and compassion to those who are different to us:

Our Father...

Gerard Lohan, School Chaplain

Livigno Ski Trip



During the Easter holiday, we had a fabulous trip to Livigno with 33 students from Year 9 to 13. Weather conditions and snow were superb. We had great fun in ski lessons all day and evening entertainment included swimming, bowling, quiz night and karaoke. We celebrated mass on Sunday in a beautiful local church. The week finished with a competitive "Race Day" and "Onezie" skiing. Lots of fun was had by all. *Mrs Woolaway*



Whole School News

Founders Day 2018



Notices

Polite notice

Please do **not** park or stop on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school.



The deadline is **24th May** to enter the competition—open to pupils of all ages. All entries win house points and we will be selecting 10 entries to send off to a national competition.

Diary Dates

Monday, 7th May

- * May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday, 8th May

- * KS2 Mathematics Competition
- * Y7 Cricket vs Ravenswood

Wednesday, 9th May

- * Community Mass
- * Senior Pupil Voice
- * Junior Pupil Voice

Thursday, 10th May

- * ISA London South Senior Athletics
- * Y11 Retreat Day
- * Ascension Day Mass
- * Year 11 Study Leave begins
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Friday, 11th May

- * PTA Meeting, 8.30am
- * Junior Hymn Practice
- * Y7 Mass

