



From the Headteacher.....

Yesterday was the Feast of the Ascension, the fortieth day of Easter and we celebrated whole school Mass. This was a lovely way to start the morning too as we remembered our Year 11 and 13 who are preparing for public examinations. Thank you to the parents who joined us on this special occasion. We wish all our students all the very best in their forthcoming examinations and we look forward to some wonderful results this summer.

Bromley's best-performing secondary schools based on Attainment 8 scores have been revealed by the Government. The Department for Education (DfE) has now published the latest list of results for pupils in Key Stage 4 from 2017. Schools obtain a score which is based upon how well pupils have performed in up to eight qualifications. These include English, mathematics, three English Baccalaureate qualifications - such as science, computer science, history, geography, and languages - and three other additionally approved qualifications. This, overall, judges how pupils have performed across the eight subjects on average and is used by the DfE as one of several factors to assess schools in the country.

I am pleased to record that Bishop Challoner is listed 7th in the top 20 secondary schools (with the highest Attainment 8 scores) in Bromley.

The ISA Athletics competition took place on Thursday and our pupils displayed amazing talent on the track and field. Congratulations to all those who have now qualified for the National event in Birmingham on the 19th June. Thank you to the PE department for their support and organisation and to the other staff for their supervision.

The nursery children have been busy preparing vegan cakes and a visit from Phoebe and Spencer was a welcome one. They were able to tell me some of the ingredients in the delicious fairy cake! We look forward to seeing many of you at the May Ball next Friday. Thank you again to the PTA who have been working incredibly hard in order to ensure that we all have a fantastic evening.

Paula Anderson



Junior News

Florence Nightingale Museum



On Thursday 26 April, Year 2 visited the Florence Nightingale Museum. It was a fantastic day out and certainly added to our history topic.

Mrs Hibbert



Nursery News

Forest School



The sun is now finally shining down on our Nursery Forest School sessions.



There have been so many changes to the site since the Easter holidays. We have been blessed with lots of sun and rain which have made the Forest School a haven for wildlife and Nursery children alike. The trees are providing a lovely natural sun canopy for us as we make the most of the dry weather.

The Nursery children are enjoying exploring their ever-changing Forest School. This provides such an amazing chance to explore how nature changes over time and gives them a true sense of the meaning of the changing seasons. Since March we have had snow, rain and sun.

Thank you for your support with the children's clothing and sun protection at Forest School. It is pleasing to see them all wearing their long sleeved Forest School polo shirts and sun hats. The children are also beginning to understand the importance of sun safety and will proudly tell me that they are wearing their sun screen.

I am looking forward to lots more fun in the sun before the end of term.

Mrs Coates
Forest School Leader

Extra Curricular

Eco Club

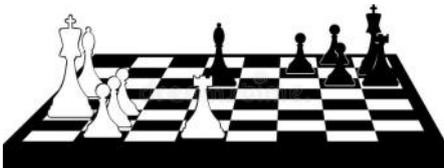


Last week, we made volcanoes and rockets in Eco club. We discussed the science behind the reactions and that carbon dioxide gas was released when we mixed sodium bicarbonate powder with lemon juice or vinegar (Ethanoic acid).

Miss Ruston

Science Technician

ISA Chess Tournament



Last Friday 4th May, I was delighted to accompany Mrs Restivo to the London Christian School, with six pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 .

Bela, Trivikram, Joshua, Aaron, Joel and Mohammad played well against the other schools and the final scores were close between the teams.

Win or lose, friendly games were played against the competitors or members of their own team while the next draws were being decided.

They all showed great sportsmanship and team spirit and were a credit to the school.

Well done everyone.

Mrs Vander Elst

Notices

School Recycling Award

Our school has won an award for recycling. We recycled 660kg and saved 8 trees and 930kg of carbon dioxide . Congratulations everyone.

Miss Ruston



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, 14th May

- * Public Examinations begin

Wednesday, 16th May

- * Community Mass
- * Junior Sports Day

Thursday, 17th May

- * Rosary Procession

Friday, 18th May

- * Junior Hymn Practice
- * Y8 Mass
- * Open Door Afternoon
- * PTA May Ball