



From the Headteacher.....

On Tuesday we held our senior sports day which was a fantastic day for the pupils. All pupils who took part got into the team spirit, giving the races and events their all and supporting their peers.

Events included relays, track such as the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m, high jump, shot put, long jump, discus and javelin! Everyone should be very proud of all they have achieved. Thank you to Mr Snadden and the PE department for organising the event and to all the other staff who supported.

Yesterday Mr and Mrs Hickman attended the ISA art competition at St Faith's School, Ash on behalf of Bishop Challoner. Work from all areas of the school was submitted. There is much creativity amongst our pupils and they should feel incredibly proud of all that they have achieved.

Our junior pupils have thoroughly enjoyed a range of exciting activities that have been provided as part of activities week. We encourage our pupils to participate in activities that are not necessarily covered in the everyday curriculum. Children have also had the opportunity to work with children from other classes and share ideas.

Tomorrow five of our children, Nikita, Bela, Jehan, Annabelle and Iona will make their First Holy Communion. The children have worked very hard at home, in school and in the parish to ensure that they are fully prepared to receive Jesus into their hearts. Thank you to Mr Lohan and Mr FitzGerald for supporting our children in their journey of faith. We look forward to welcoming families and relatives tomorrow morning for this special occasion.

I am sure our Year 5 and 6 pupils are very much looking forward to their residential trip to France departing early on Monday morning. They will be supported by Ms Barker, Mrs Sweet, Mr Lohan and Miss Hoyles. We hope that they will have a fabulous time and a safe journey.

Paula Anderson



Senior Sports

Senior Sports Day



Norman Park hosted the annual Bishop Challoner **Sports Day** this Tuesday. All pupils had the opportunity to participate in four Athletic events of their choice and this year's Sports Day produced several outstanding performance in addition to fantastic effort by all pupils.

Notable performances were Adam (Year 8) 100m and 200m wins and a fantastic showdown between Sebastian and Shomi in the Year 9 High Jump. The outstanding performance of the day was Mr Bader , who demonstrated his turn of pace in the staff v pupils relay in which the staff narrowly lost out to the students.

Mr Snadden



ISA Triathlon



Congratulations to Thomas, Year 9, who came 5th in the youth section of the ISA National Triathlon event this week.



Junior News

The Horniman Museum

On 8th May 2018 year 5 took a trip to the Horniman. We had loads of fun and enjoyed lots of different things, including the butterfly house. We also enjoyed going on a nature trail, where we came across lots of different fish and bugs. As well as this we went to the Aquarium and saw many different fish and sea creatures. Everyone enjoyed the trip and most of us came back with lots of gifts.

Roisin Year 5



Activities Week

Year 5 working on Matisse inspired art to form the background for their Sikhism project and Year 4 working with Reception on a Buddhism project. Mandalas made by Reception pupils.



As part of Junior Activities Week and World Religions, all children in the junior school took part in a yoga class. Outside in the fresh air, pupils practiced different yoga poses. The lesson finished with relaxation and meditation which allowed each child to focus on their breathing.

'It was a new experience for me as I've never done yoga before. I enjoyed it and found it very relaxing' Arianna, Year 4.

Mrs Nixon



Reception enjoyed a World Religion percussion workshop

Nursery News

Godstone Farm Trip



Last Friday the Nursery families packed up their picnics, slapped on their sun cream and packed their raincoats (just in case) and headed off to Godstone farm.

We met at 9.40am, for opening at 10.00am. The children were treated to a tractor trailer ride before exploring the farm.

The petting area was popular, cuddling some gorgeous rabbits and looking closely at some other animals.

The families then had time to explore the large farm animals before meeting at noon for a picnic lunch on the lawn.



Anyone who has been to Godstone will know that the adventure playground is a big hit with all and the children enjoyed a long play; mastering some amazing physical skills on the climbing equipment, toboggans and climbing wall before leaving at 2:30pm.

We all had an amazing day, making some fabulous memories.

My thanks go to the parents. Without your constant support and willingness to join in the fun, these outings would not be possible.

I am sure everyone slept well - children and staff alike.

Partnership Working

St Peter & St Paul Junior School



On Wednesday 5th June, a lovely group of fifteen Year 5 pupils from Saint Peter and Saint Paul Catholic Academy came for a Science Day at Bishop Challoner School.

Dr Piccio briefly introduced the notion of inherited genes and DNA. Students went on to discuss traits which may be passed on from parents to offspring. Pupils then extracted deoxyribonucleic acid and DNA, from fresh strawberries. The method was straightforward and each group managed to fish out a reasonable amount of DNA.

After a well deserved break, the visiting Year 5 pupils went on to investigate methods of identification of metals. Dr Free demonstrated the flame test technique and set the scene. Pupils prepared and analysed samples of sand. They observed bright yellow, red, green or faint lilac flames depending on the sand they had (tainted with sodium, strontium, copper and potassium respectively). To finish, Dr Free showed the sparkly gold effect of burning iron and the bright white effect of burning magnesium.

Thank you to Dr Free for running the environmental session and to Miss Ruston for the preparation and support in both sessions.

Dr Piccio

Chaplaincy Corner

Lourdes Trip

On Friday, 25th May we went on a school pilgrimage to Lourdes in France.

Lourdes became famous in 1858 after a young peasant girl called Bernadette Soubirous claimed to have visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Soon after the apparitions began a miraculous spring began to flow at the site of the apparitions. Many people began to visit the shrine and to bathe in the waters. Today about six million people go on pilgrimage to Lourdes each year and there have been numerous claims of spiritual and physical healings since then, some of which have been medically verified as bonafide miracles.

We flew directly into Lourdes and arrived at Hosanna House in the evening, where we stayed during the pilgrimage. After a lovely supper we prayed together and then retired to our rooms. On the Saturday morning we had a tour of Lourdes and visited the house where Bernadette was born. We also visited other important sights, including the shrine where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared.

Later that day we visited a special Family Rosary Tent, where children are taught how to pray with their families. We were also given a demonstration of how to make our own rosaries.

In the evening we joined the Torchlight Rosary Procession which takes place each evening from May to October. It was a powerful experience to join thousands of pilgrims bearing candles, praying and singing hymns together. It was also very beautiful to gaze upon the sea of flickering candles against the backdrop of the shrine and the night sky.

On Sunday morning we attended the International Mass in the underground Basilica. Five thousand pilgrims were present at this Mass which was celebrated by numerous Bishops and Priests. After the Mass we met Archbishop Emeritus Kevin McDonald of Southwark Diocese and he gave a special blessing to our group.



In the afternoon we visited the Bétharram Caves which are found in Pé-de-Bigorre, a village in the Hautes-Pyrenees, 10 km from Lourdes. The Bétharram Caves consist of five levels stacked on top of each other made of limestone, which have been hollowed out over millions of years by the force of water. We entered the caves from the top of a mountain and it was an extraordinary experience to travel down through the caves, first on foot, then by boat and finally by train

On Sunday evening we had a party night with lots of fun, games and goodies. Our prayer that evening was a decade of the Rosary and we meditated upon the gifts of the Holy Spirit and all the good things that we have received from God.

On Monday morning we visited the shrine and had the opportunity to bathe in the miraculous waters. This was a profound (extremely cold) and unforgettable experience.



I am very grateful to Mrs Shields and Mrs Ludlam for accompanying us on the pilgrimage. I am particularly grateful to the pupils who joined us; their behaviour, enthusiasm and commitment to all aspects of the pilgrimage was exceptional. Upon our return it was good to hear from a number of parents how much their children had enjoyed and benefited from the experience. We hope to be able to organise an annual pilgrimage for our pupils.

Confirmation



On Thursday, 7th May, seven of our pupils, were Confirmed at St Edmund's parish. We were fortunate to receive permission from St Edmunds to run the Confirmation Programme at school and for the past four months we have been meeting on a weekly basis. It has been a pleasure working with the pupils, sharing personal experiences of faith and helping them to prepare for the Sacrament. It was also a pleasure to join them at the mass of Confirmation.

During the Mass Bishop Pat Lynch asked us to remember three things that are needed in order to be a successful in life; **aspiration, inspiration and perspiration**. It was fitting that Bishop Pat mentioned these words because upon reflection they have a much deeper meaning.

Aspiration finds its root in the Latin word *aspirare* which means to breathe upon.

Inspiration finds its Latin root in the word *inspirationem* which means, the direct influence of God, with the noun *inspirare*, to inspire, inflame or blow into.

Perspiration comes from the Latin noun *perspirare* to blow or to breathe constantly.

We can directly link each of these words to the Sacrament of Confirmation, which finds its early roots in the Scriptures. In Chapter 22 of John's Gospel, we read that Jesus breathed upon the disciples and said to them 'receive the Holy Spirit'. In Chapter 2 of Acts of the Apostles, we read that the disciples and Mary the Mother of Jesus were gathered in an upper room when the Holy Spirit entered the building as a mighty rushing wind. We read that tongues as of fire came to rest upon the heads of each of the disciples giving them the power to express themselves.

During the Sacrament of Confirmation the pupils receive the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands, the anointing with oil and the words of the Bishop who says, 'receive the Holy Spirit'. Whilst we may not experience a mighty rushing wind or tongues of fire we can be sure of the Sacrament's efficacy, which began at Pentecost with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples.

Let us pray for our newly Confirmed pupils that what the Holy Spirit began in them at Baptism, and strengthened in them at Confirmation, will give them the power to follow their dreams and aspirations, and will inspire them to continue to be witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit working in their lives.

I am grateful to Dr Free and Mr Raveney for attending the Confirmation mass to support our pupils.

Gerard Lohan, School Chaplain

Notices

PTA

PTA AGM to be held on Wednesday, 20th June at 4.00pm in the Dining Room. All Welcome.

Nominations for Chair and Treasurer to be sent to Mrs Anderson by Tuesday, 19th June.

Current positions are: Chair – Karan Reid, Treasurer – James Tillotson and Secretary – Natalie Fokias

Diary Dates

Monday, 18th June

- * Y5&6 School Journey to France departs

Tuesday, 19th June

- * ISA National Athletics finals

Wednesday, 20th June

- * Community Mass
- * PTA AGM

Friday, 22nd June

- * Y5 Science Workshop with St Peter & St Paul pupils
- * Junior Hymn Practice
- * Nursery, Reception & Y2 Service
- * Y7 Art Trip
- * Y5&6 School Journey returns

Saturday, 23rd June

- * PTA Summer Fair

Bishop Challoner School Summer Fair

Saturday 23rd June, 12.00pm – 3.00pm

STALLS

If any parents are interested in running a stall for their business, please contact pta@bcswb.co.uk

DONATIONS

We would also appreciate donations of the following items:

Good quality teddies/toys

Toiletries

Bottles

(for the bottle tombola)

Pimms

Lemonade

Sweets

Cakes (23rd June)

Nut free and clearly labelled please

Raffle Prizes

All donations will contribute to House points so please leave a note with your item/s with your House name.

Please leave items at the School office. Thank you.



St Michael

St Denis

St Patrick

St Edmund

