



From the Headteacher.....

Last Saturday five of our children made their First Holy Communion in our school Chapel. Mr Lohan prepared the children to receive the Sacrament of Communion and Mr FitzGerald also supported them very well. We are extremely grateful to Father Simplicio for celebrating the First Holy Communion Mass and for making this a special and memorable occasion that the children will cherish and remember for the rest of their lives. It was fantastic to see so many families with relatives that had travelled from afar supporting and guiding the children in their spiritual journey. Thank you to many of our staff who also attended.

Once again we welcomed children in Year 5 from St Peter and St Paul Primary Catholic Academy to participate in science activities using our facilities. Thank you to the science department for running the initiative and for forging strong links with the school.

I hope that many of you will come and support our school fair tomorrow starting at midday until 3.00pm. This has been kindly organised by our PTA. We held our Annual General Meeting earlier in the week and thanked the parents who have generously given up their time to ensure we raise sufficient funds to be able to purchase many extras for the school. Stepping down this summer are Mrs Reid, Chair, Mr Tillotson, Treasurer, and other parents of pupils leaving this summer including, Mrs Field, Mrs Owen, Mrs Gray and Mr Duffus. I would like to extend my personal thanks to these parents for all that they have done for Bishop Challoner. From September our new Chair of the PTA will be Mrs Hassan and the Treasurer, Mrs Aquilina. Ms Fokias has kindly agreed to continue in her role as secretary for which we are very grateful.

We have some super athletes at Bishop Challoner and all of them should be congratulated on reaching the National Finals in Birmingham on Tuesday. Gold medals were awarded to our senior relay team Sebastian, Emmanuel, Adam and Jerome for winning the 100 metre relay. Myles, Year 11, Thomas, Year 9, and Ariana, Year 4, all received Bronze medals for the 400, 800 and 600 metres respectively.

Our Years 5 and 6 have returned from their trip to France, buzzing with excitement and I am sure we will be hearing more about this next week. My thanks to Ms Barker for ably organising the residential and to Miss Hoyles, Mrs Sweet and Mr Lohan for their support during the week.

Paula Anderson



Senior Enrichment Week 2018

Year 7 Felt Making Workshop

The Year 7 pupils enjoyed the Wet Felt Making Workshop during enrichment week. They made use of their designing skills to create and design flat felt fabric using wet-felting technique. They used different colours of wool and other scraps of yarn and materials to create interesting shapes and pattern designs. At the end of the workshop the pupils were able to take their work home to show it to their parents. I hope parents were able to see their beautiful finished felt.

Mrs Brown



Year 8 Lacrosse Sessions

Year 8 took part in a lacrosse session on the Monday of enrichment week. Pupils were introduced to the rules of the game and worked with excellent focus on learning and developing the basic throwing and catching skills, before applying them into small sided games. The group were a pleasure to work with and clear improvements were evident despite it being such a short sessions.



Well done to all those pupils who were involved.

Mr Raveney

Year 8 National Portrait Gallery



On Friday the 8th June, Mr Coultart, Mr Bader and Miss Ruston accompanied the pupils in Year 8 to the National Portrait Gallery, just off Trafalgar Square. We were fortunate to have blue skies and bright sunshine for the trip. The journey there included a peaceful train ride to Victoria Station, where the pupils conducted themselves with dignity and a sense of fun, and enjoyed a delightful walk up Buckingham Palace Road to skirt round the Palace before entering The Mall. The students loved taking in the sights.

At the gallery, we explored the late 19th Century collection, the 20th Century collection and work from the 21st Century. Pupils were suitably impressed by the skill and quality of the paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and sculptures on display. They spent some time making transcriptions from the pieces, working with good concentration and decorum and showing off their own, not inconsiderable, talents.

Our journey back included a stroll through the beautiful St James Park, where we grabbed an ice cream, before heading back to Victoria Station and home.

Mr Coultart

Senior Enrichment Week 2018

Year 8 Hinduism



Year 8 enjoyed a whole day learning about the rich culture of Hinduism. We began with a multisensory puja reconstruction from Mrs Marpadi who explained how Hindus worship and the reasons behind the numerous deities. This was followed with Rangoli pattern making, which is a form of meditation used in India to show the impermanence of life. Pupils created beautiful patterns using rice and sand. Our visiting speaker, Mrs Sindha, reflected on her personal beliefs and gave some interesting insights into her devotional practices. The day was rounded off outdoors with everyone playing traditional Indian games including Lagori, Kabbadi and Dog and Bone. The pupils enjoyed the day and gave lots of positive feedback about how much fun they had.

Mrs Patience



Year 7 Sculpture



The inspiration for this sculpture session was inspired by Anthony Gormley's work 'Field' which was a clay sculptural installation reproduced worldwide using small figures made of clay from the region. Year 7 created their own 'Field' project sculpting small alien figures to be viewed in a group in front of a painted backdrop created by Mrs Mabb. Pupils became skilled in using the clay modelling tools and the results were outstanding.

Mrs Mabb



Anthony Gormley—Field

Senior Enrichment Week 2018

Year 7 Trip to Boulogne-sur-mer



As soon as we arrived in Boulogne, we walked round the old city walls, then had lunch, and as the weather was kind, we sat on the grass.

Although it was originally a port, Boulogne oozes French culture and the treasure hunt took us exploring all over the town, both old and new.

The Cathedral looked rather ordinary from the outside, but from the inside the dome was magnificent.

Cité Europe, the nearby shopping centre, was popular with everybody. The French certainly do things differently from us, and the waffle stand was a hit.

Thank you to all of Year 7 for an enjoyable day. A rather early start, but well worth it.

Mrs Robins, Dr Free, Mrs Patience and Dr Piccio.

Year 9 Who Dunnit



Year 9 become forensic psychologists to solve a murder. Guided by Psychology teacher, Mrs Ropkins.

Year 7 Drusillas Zoo



On Monday 4th June, the science department took the year 7 pupils out on a day trip to Drusillas Zoo.

Pupils initially researched adaptation of animals to their habitats. We attended a penguin feed and learnt about their diet. We saw, amongst other animals, large fruit bats, flamingos resting on one leg, otters swimming and meerkats. We walked through the ring-tailed lemurs enclosure; they were not so active at that time of the day as the temperature was a bit low. After lunch we attended a conservation and animal encounter educational session. Pupil explored the role of zoos with regards to protecting species near extinction. We then saw a series of items confiscated by Customs at Heathrow. Finally we were able to touch a few friendly animals: a large snake, hissing cockroach, an armadillo and a chinchilla.



Thanks to Dr Free, Mrs Harding and Mrs Marpadi for accompanying us there.

Dr Piccio



Senior Enrichment Week 2018

Year 9 Hispanic Culture



During the Hispanic Culture Day, pupils learnt about the traditions and customs of the Spanish speaking world. They sampled tortilla, chorizo and aceitunas (Spanish omelette, spicy sausage, olives). They took part in a picture round identifying Hispanic people, a music quiz to name Hispanic genres of music, learnt some basic salsa dance steps and created some Mexican Day of the Dead masks. Pupils also watched part of 'The Book of Life' an animated tale including links to the 'Dia de los Muertos'. All in all a very fun filled day was had by our Year 9 pupils.

Miss Prieto



Year 9 Ypres Trip



As part of the school's enrichment week and to mark the 100 year anniversary of the end of WWI the history department, with the support of Mr Bryson, Miss Gauthier and Dr Samuel, took the Year 9 pupils to Ypres Salient. The trip required an exceptionally early start but after a successful Eurotunnel crossing, the group arrived safely and on time to the first war memorial, Tyre Cot Cemetery. Tyre Cot was one of the first WWI burial grounds and was significantly redesigned and enlarged during the Armistice. The group also visited the first Germany military cemetery, Langemark, where pupils were given the opportunity to compare the memorials. Pupils were also given the opportunity to visit Essex farm dressing station and cemetery. Essex farm was one of the first military hospitals to be set up in response to the establishment of trenches along the Ypres canal. After lunch the group explored the In Flanders Field Museum in Ypres, which was totally rebuilt after WWI using reparation funds and in the evening, they witnessed the Last Post at Menin Gate.



Senior Enrichment Week 2018

Year 8 Dungeness B



Year 8 had a very interesting day at Dungeness B Nuclear Power Station. On arrival at the visitors centre we had to get kitted out for our tour. This involved helmet, ear defenders, safety glasses, high visibility jackets, micro phones and finally a security pass. Once kitted out we started our tour but not before we had our security passes checked to see if they corresponded to correct person, airport style gates followed by another security gate and instruction on what to do if an alarm went off. I think the pupils now realised they were going to a very important place. The guide was brilliant very knowledgeable and also a bit strict, often reminding us of the rules, no hands in pockets, always holding hand rails etc. First we went to the nuclear reactor; yes we went inside and stood looking down on to the reactor itself and none of us grew three heads, so it must have been perfectly safe. From here we went to the generator room which had 50m long 100 tonne electromagnets to generate electricity. Did you know Dungeness generates enough electricity for all the houses in Kent and Sussex? This room was vast and the pipes were big enough for a man to walk through. After this we went to see the cooling water inlet. The inlet allows three swimming pools of water a minute through to cool the steam produced by the reactor. The reactor is divided into three separate systems and is incredibly safe as the radiation is all contained and does not contact any of the others system directly. We learnt so many facts that there are too many to mention so ask you children. Sorry there are no photographs of us all in our safety kit as this was not permitted inside the power station. All in all it was a fanatically educational day.

Mr Bryson

Year 8 Footgolf



Year 8 pupils participated in the new and exciting sport of Footgolf for enrichment week. Footgolf is a combination of Football and Golf and challenges pupils technical and problem solving ability. Pupils did thoroughly well considering they had never played the sport before with several of them mentioning they were now going to take the sport up as a result of the trip.

Mr Snadden



Senior Enrichment Week 2018

Years 6-9 Architectural Day

During the fun filled Enrichment Week at Bishop Challoner one of the activities some members of the school were lucky enough to take part in was an architectural day. This activity involved a lovely group of people coming in to visit us to teach us about architecture and invited us to participate in two very creative and interesting activities. Our first task was to make a bridge out of art straws. It had to support as much weight as possible, using the knowledge from a very informative power point. We learned about how triangular structures are used very often in bridge building, as well as telling the group about different types of bridges, to influence our choice of design. This task was enjoyed by everyone and by the end of the session every group had a complete structure by the end with varying levels of success. After a break, the largest task of the day began. Each team was invited to make a different building to recreate a complete town. This activity was met with enthusiasm and by the end of the day the town was complete with an exciting array of interesting styles and concepts and lots of different building. My team created a museum; others made a cinema, a gym, a café and much more. The day was fun-filled and the creation of a complete town from nothing in the space of a few hours gave a very satisfied and rewarding feeling. I would definitely enjoy a similar activity again.

Jacob – Year 9



Nursery News

Gardening in the Nursery

Notices

PTA



In the Nursery we aim to provide opportunities for the youngest children at Bishop Challoner School to use their senses, allowing them to plant, grow, harvest, and ultimately prepare healthy eating experiences.

A few weeks ago the Nursery pupils planted seed potatoes. They have been looking after their plants, watching them grow and watering them daily. They excitedly harvested some of the potatoes this week and managed to count 44 potatoes from one bag.

Watch out for some tasty healthy potato salad cookery activities in a couple of weeks time.

Ms Scicluna



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@bcswweb.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

Diary Dates

Monday, 25th June

- * Final Public Examinations
- * Book Return Day, Y11
- * Forest School Celebration

Tuesday, 26th June

- * Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations
- * A Level Graduation, 11.30am

Wednesday, 27th June

- * Community Mass
- * Junior Pupil Voice
- * Nursery Induction Sessions
- * Forest School Celebration

Friday, 29th June

- * PTA Meeting
- * Junior Hymn Practice
- * Whole School Mass
- * KS1 Celebration of Achievement, 2pm