



From the Headteacher.....

Saturday saw very good interest for our Summer Fair with a range of stalls and activities including, bouncy castle, archery, cards, plants, soft toys, tombola, raffle, cakes, barbecue and more. Thank you to the staff and PTA for all their hard work in making this a successful event.

On Monday and Wednesday I was pleased to present certificates and medals to our nursery children celebrating their achievements for their Forest School work. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who attended.

On Tuesday we said farewell to our Year 13 who have studied hard and deserve every success for their chosen university. It was nice to see so many supportive families coming together to share in this very special occasion. The successes and achievements will be a tremendous foundation for the next stage of their lives. Anthony Scala an ex pupil was our Guest of Honour and it was fascinating to hear him reminiscing over his time at Bishop Challoner. I wish each and every one of them every fulfilment, success and happiness.

On Wednesday our Year 5 had the opportunity to experience lessons in the senior department in preparation for transition to Year 7. I am pleased that they thoroughly enjoyed their day. I hope that the Year 5 parents enjoyed their taster afternoon with Dr Free and no doubt they are very knowledgeable on the science of teleportation. They started off by looking over the technology that was prophesied by the TV series Star Trek; such crazy ideas such as tablet devices, mobile telecommunications, and smart glasses. The parents had the opportunity to carry out their own sublimation experiment, “transporting” solid iodine crystals from one location to another, with use of some dry-ice. We hope this has given them a taste of life in the senior school.

This will be the last Challoner Update this term and I will be sending you my end of term letter next week.

Paula Anderson



Senior News

Year 7 visit The Tate



On Friday 22nd June, our Year 7 pupils went on a trip to Tate Britain at Millbank in Pimlico. On arrival, they were given a tour of the 20th and 21st Century galleries, looking for any painting, drawing, sculpture or photograph that fitted with the theme, "The Urban Environment" before settling to make sketches and studies. Pupils worked with good concentration during the morning session. After lunch in the gallery's education centre, the pupils had a tour of the the Clore Gallery, a set of rooms that houses the national collection of work by JMW Turner. Again the pupils worked with exemplary focus as they sketched and drew from the artworks. Mr Coultart, Mrs Newbould and Mrs Harding were suitably impressed by the conduct of the group throughout the day and they returned to school with sketchbooks full of studies that will help in the development of their first project in Year 8.

Mr Coultart

Senior Sports

ISA National Athletics Final—Senior



The Bishop Challoner Athletics team regional qualifiers attended the Alexandra Palace Athletics Stadium, Birmingham on Tuesday, as they competed in the ISA National Athletics Final.

An outstanding effort was made by all pupils and special mention goes to Thomas, (Year 9) 800m bronze medalist, Myles (Year 11) 400m bronze medalist and Emmanuel, Jerome, Adam and Sebastian (Year 8 & 9) 4x100m gold medalists.

ISA National Athletics Final—Junior

Akinwale and Ariana from the junior department demonstrated some excellent performances with Ariana getting a bronze medal in the 600m. Olu, Mehmet and David from the Sixth Form were a great assistance helping officiate events throughout the day and it was so lovely to have several parents making the very long journey to come and watch and support the team. The standard of athletics was very high and the pupils behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.



Sixth Form News

Year 13 Graduation

Congratulations to our graduating Year 13s 2018. A wonderful day to remember, enjoyed by all.



Anthony Scala, Glass Artist



Junior News

First Holy Communion



On Saturday, 16th June, five pupils from Year 3 received their First Holy Communion in the School Chapel of the Annunciation.

It was a delightful sunny day for staff, parents and wider family as we celebrated together the First Holy Communion of Annabelle, Bela, Jehan, Nikita and Iona. The children looked wonderful in their first Holy Communion clothes and were prayerful and full of smiles throughout the morning. After celebrating Mass in our chapel, we all celebrated together with cake, pastries and drinks. It was a wonderful time for the children and adults to share conversation together. Special thanks to Fr. Simplicio who was a fantastic celebrant and delivered a spiritual homily.

Mr FitzGerald

World Music Day

On 15th June, the Junior School were treated to an exciting musical performance and workshops with two outstanding percussionists, Jonny Raper & Chris Marshall. In the morning, the pupils delighted in hearing a world class performance of Buena Vista Social Club's 'Candela' on the marimba and the congas. With appetites whetted, pupils looked forward to the workshops throughout the day. They were encouraged to play Samba from Brazil, sing and play spiritual songs from Nigeria and challenged to master complex rhythms and play them as a Cuban folkloric ensemble. They had a truly inspirational day of music making on different instruments from around the world.

Mrs Beecham



Junior ICT round-up

InO-Bot Scratch

Programmable Bluetooth

Robots

This term, we have enjoyed using the coding software programme called 'Scratch' to control a little Bluetooth InO-Bot. Using different coding blocks we made our robot move in different directions using measurements and angles to control it. We also programmed it to make different sounds and also to change colour depending on which direction it travelled in. Thank you to the PTA for purchasing these for us in the Junior department.

Eoin (Y6) and Eddie (Y5)



Junior ICT

Children in the Junior department have been working extremely hard in their ICT lessons. They have enjoyed working with Beebots, a resource used to teach children the first stages of programming. It can be used to help children understand what algorithms are and how simple programs can be created and then executed. All classes have a log in to access Espresso, Discovery Education and have used this to access all areas of the curriculum as well as coding at their own level.

All children have their own PurpleMash login and password which can be accessed using this link <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/bishopchalloner> It enables children to explore and enhance their knowledge in a fun and creative way. **Purple Mash** is a wonderful resource to support children's learning both in and beyond the classroom. Please encourage your child to access this at home and show you how this works.

Mrs Nixon

Nursery News

Forest School Celebration



Once again, the sun shone down on our annual awards ceremonies for our Nursery Forest School children.

It has been another wonderful year in the outdoors for our Dolphins and Butterflies and they were suitably rewarded for their efforts with a cook-out of hot dogs and chocolate milk.

They also really enjoyed receiving their certificates and medals, which were crafted by our Design Technology department. It was fantastic to see so many parents sharing in their childrens' successes over the last year. I have watched each individual child change and grow. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach them all in the Forest School ethos and I will miss them dearly.

Forest School is now going back to the wild until September, and we shall let nature take over once again. With that in mind, we have seen a pair of robins at our site on a weekly basis and thought we would like to give them a helping hand. If anyone has an old teapot that they could part with, please could you bring it into school. I shall endeavour to place it on the site to aid the robins with a place to raise their next brood.

I am really looking forward to welcoming some new Forest School children in September.

Many thanks to all the parents and families for their help and support with this initiative over the last year.

Mrs Coates

Forest School Leader



PTA News

PTA Committee

Mrs Reid and Mr Tillotson, Treasurer

After two years, my time as PTA Chair has come to an end. The hard-working PTA Team and the help received from the wider community of parents and teachers have made my position not only easy but very enjoyable. Thank you for supporting the many events we have held and I hope you continue to do so.



I wish Mrs Hassan and her Team all the very best for the future of the PTA at Bishop Challoner.

Mrs Karan Reid, Departing Chair

PTA Committee members from September 2018:

**Chair – Sam Hassan,
Treasurer – Sam Aquilina
Secretary – Natalie Fokias**



I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to chair such a dedicated and hardworking team and am looking forward to the year ahead. We already have dates in the diary for a Charity Breakfast in September, a Challoner Quiz in October and of course the annual Christmas Fair in December. We always welcome new members to the PTA so please feel free to come along to the meetings which are listed in the Challoner calendar or send us an e-mail: pta@bcswb.co.uk

Mrs Hassan, Incoming Chair

Notices

PTA Summer Fair

The PTA would like to say a huge 'Thank You' for all the help given to make the Summer Fair such an enjoyable day. This event could not take place without your generous donations of both gifts and time. Once again we were blessed with good weather and we raised a sum in the region of **£3,000.**

The PTA value your support and trust we can count on you for future events.

Karan Reid

Trustees

At the end of this academic year we say goodbye to three of our longest serving Trustees; Margaret Brocklehurst. Philip Cartin and Chris Panas. On behalf of the Bishop Challoner School Community I want to express our gratitude to them for their active leadership. Being a Trustee is rewarding but at times a tough volunteering role.

Margaret, Phil and Chris undertook the role of governor and since steering the school to independent charitable status as Trustees have carried out this role with dedication and seriousness. Their actions, decisions and the faith they have exhibited throughout their years of service we appreciate.

We pray for God's continued mercy and blessing on them, their family and their future endeavours.

Mrs Ticky Colling
Trustee

Diary Dates

Monday, 2nd July

- * Nursery BBQ, 2.30pm
- * Junior Information evening, 6pm
- * Senior Information evening, 6.45pm

Tuesday, 3rd July

- * KS3 Cycling Proficiency Level 3
- * Year 7 Rounders
- * Transition Day

Wednesday, 4th July

- * Community Mass
- * Senior Music & Drama Production

Friday, 6th July

- * Junior Hymn Practice
- * Youth Chaplains & Alter Servers Mass
- * Nursery Sports Day and Picnic, 11.30am
- * Senior Prize Giving, 7.30pm