



From the Headteacher.....

Last week we welcomed our new arrivals at Bishop Challoner from Nursery through to Sixth Form. We hope that the induction day proved helpful in ensuring that your sons and daughters felt settled. It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of our second week; the children have made new friends and are now familiar with their surroundings.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who attended our new parents' social evening yesterday and we are excited to begin our journey together as a faithful community.

I attended the Opening Year Mass at St George's Cathedral with Mr Lohan and five of our Year 7 pupils, Fleur, Lucas, Louis, Sofia and Henry. The Archbishop commissioned Headteachers, Chairs and Chaplains as part of the Mass. The pupils were impeccably behaved and a real pleasure to be with.

Over the course of this term I will be getting to know our new children and meeting with other pupils across different years to see how they are getting on. They will be receiving invitations shortly. Earlier in the week I met with our Head pupils Oliver and Gabriella, to discuss some of their thoughts on school improvement for Year 11 and the sixth form. It is always refreshing to hear the views of pupils and to see how we can best support them in their time with us.

During the first week back we held our whole school Mass and my assembly focused on new beginnings drawing reference to the Parable of the Mustard Seed and The Sower. It was an opportunity to remind pupils of our mission statement and to think about what they can do to be a reflection of Jesus, to live, love, learn.

Our Open Morning will soon be upon us on Saturday 29th September. I am sure it does not seem long ago that you were last looking around schools and deciding which would be the most appropriate school for your son or daughter. If you know of anyone who would be interested in attending Open Morning, or would like to make an appointment at any other time to come and visit the school, then please encourage them to do so.

We wish our Duke of Edinburgh group an enjoyable experience over the weekend and I hope the weather stays fine.

Paula Anderson



Chaplaincy Corner

Welcome Mass

On Thursday, 6th September we celebrated a Welcome Mass to mark the beginning of the new academic year. The theme for the Mass was 'salt and light' and the Gospel passage was from Mark's Gospel, where Jesus uses the analogy of salt and light to encourage us to be 'salt and light'. We do this by sharing our own enthusiasm and talents within our communities.

Year 7 Retreat



Following the Mass, Year 7 had an in-house retreat day. The theme for the retreat was new beginnings and it was a good opportunity for the pupils to spend time together and develop new friendships within their year group. During the retreat we considered a variety of biblical characters who had experienced new beginnings through their encounters with Christ. Pupils were encouraged to work together in teams to consider the gifts and talents they had been given and how they might be used to build up our school community. It was a very enjoyable retreat and the Year 7 pupils engaged very well.



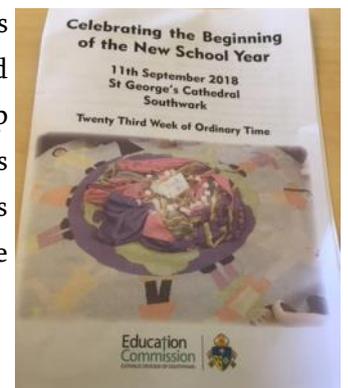
Commissioning Mass



On 11th September Mrs Anderson and I, along with five Year 7 pupils, attended a special Commissioning Mass at St George's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Peter Smith. During the Mass Head teachers, Governors and Chaplains were invited to recommit themselves to the service of their school community. It was a powerful experience to attend this Mass with many school representatives from Southwark Diocese and an important reminder that working in a school is not just a job but a vocation. In St Paul's Letter to Titus, regarding teaching, he writes. 'In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech ...'

Titus 2:7-8. We give thanks to God for our school and pray that we will always keep in mind the special vocations that we have been given as teachers and guides of the young.

Gerard Lohan
School Chaplain



Nursery News

Forest School Celebration



The children in the Nursery have made a fantastic start back. We have welcomed new friends and rekindled old friendship - we've even celebrated two birthdays.

The Butterfly children have been making representations of themselves this week whilst talking about themselves, their homes and families.

It has been truly wonderful getting to know all of the children.

Ms Ludlam
Head of Nursery

Extra Curricular News

Beckenham Festival

Calling all performers. This Autumn the Beckenham Festival, celebrating the performing arts, takes place. It is a large event with over 450 classes in Music, Dancing and Speech & Drama. As well as certificates and medals there are over 200 cups and trophies to be won. A "Musician of the Year" competition is held on the final Sunday.



If you are interested in finding out more please take a look at their website, registration is open.

<http://www.beckenham-festival.org.uk/index.html>

Why not get involved? It will be a challenge but a chance to try something new.

Our new cohort of Lamda Drama students will be encouraged to take part and share their talent and skills.

Good luck!

Alison Rogers

LAMDA

Diary Dates

Monday, 17th September

- * DofE Silver Expedition

Tuesday, 18th September

- * U15 Football vs City of London Academy
- * Y10 Information Evening, 6.30pm

Wednesday, 19th September

- * Community Mass
- * PTA Charity Breakfast, 8.00am
- * Y7 Team Building Day
- * Junior Pupil Voice
- * U13 Football vs Eaton Square School

Thursday, 20th September

- * Y7 Enrichment Activity Day
- * U12 Netball vs Croydon High

Friday, 21st September

- * Y9 Legoland Trip
- * Y7 Reconciliation Service
- * U13 Football vs Danes Hill

Extra Curricular News

STEM Club



In Science Club and STEM club this week, the pupils explored and influenced the physical properties of materials by cross-linking polymers. Wearing glove and safety spectacles, their initial challenge was to create the bounciest custard ball with a few ingredients. After several trials and improvements, they found that the key component for the greatest bounce was the amount of dry Borax used. With this discovery in mind, the pupils went on to create products with textures ranging from that of firm putty to that of runny slime. Seeing the texture and elasticity changing before their eyes was really exciting for the pupils Thanks to Miss Ruston and Dr Piccio for their help.

Ms Lau



Eco Club

This week in Eco Club we were discussing working towards our silver award. We also ordered shiny new Eco Warrior badges for our wonderful Eco club members. We will be appointing two new Eco prefects next week who will help Miss Ruston lead Eco Club. Pupils will need to do a presentation as to why they would be a good Eco prefect and Miss Ruston and another member of staff will decide the winners. Cameron in Year 10 will also be kindly assisting Miss Ruston in Eco Club.

As a fun activity we made 'bouncing custard balls' which are made up of chains called polymers.

Thank you to all the Year 6-8 pupils that have signed up to join the Club. We have an action packed year ahead of us and hopefully may even be getting an Eco cCub mascot....

Miss Ruston
Science Technician

Extra Curricular News

Athletics National Final



Jonny (Year 8) and Adam (Year 9) competed for Blackheath and Bromley Harriers Athletics Club in the UK Youth Development League National final in Bedford over the weekend, helping the club to a fantastic 2nd place, just a few points behind regional rivals Reading, whom they had previously beaten to win the Southern League on their way to the final.

Both boys performed exceptionally well against athletes from Britain's top clubs. Jonny competed in the U13 75m hurdles, posting a new personal best time, while Adam ran strongly in the U15 200m as well as the 4x300m relay.

Chess Success

Amitav (Year 4) has been a member of the Bishop Challoner Chess Club since Year 2. On 27th August, Amitav played in the finals of the English Chess Challenge, run by the Coudson Chess Fellowship in Surrey. In his category (Under-8 Boys), Amitav scored 10 out of 15 (with two wins, two losses and one draw).

https://www.ccfworld.com/Chess/Results/2018-08-27_ECC_Finals.htm



He had also earned enough points in the matches he played at school during the year to earn a trophy.

Gothia Cup, Sweden



During summer holidays, Thomas E, Year 8 and Daniel, Year 9, were selected for the Prep Schools' Pumas, the Regional Representative Football Teams, headed to Gothenburg to compete at the Gothia World Youth Cup.

The Prep Schools' teams, with players aged 10 and upwards, were selected following competitive trials last October.

With around 1,800 teams from 85 countries the Gothia World Youth Cup is the world's biggest youth event and is larger than the Commonwealth Games. 56,000 people, including many parents, family and supporters of the players, were in the famous Ullevi Stadium.

The football itself was fast and furious against teams which are often professional academies and feeders for some of Europe's top senior sides. The standard was very high but our teams performed well under some excellent coaching. The staff included an experienced coach and physiotherapist with every team. Outside of matches the players attended workshops covering topics such as nutrition, hydration and sleep.

Daniel's U13 squad played a number of tough matches against teams from Luxemburg, Germany and Sweden and narrowly missed out on going through the group stage. Thomas' U12 squad confidently saw off teams from Sweden, Turkey and France making it through the group stages and play off rounds to make the final 16 teams. In a nail biting game to secure a place in the quarter final, the Brazilian team managed to steal the game.

All who participated enjoyed quality football played in the right spirit and a thoroughly enjoyable week. **Trials for next season's teams are taking place at Worth School on Sunday 7th October.**

Notices

PTA Charity Breakfast

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Charity Breakfast

In aid of St Christopher's hospice
Wednesday 19th September



7:45am in dining room

Bacon rolls £1.50 Sausage Rolls £1.50
Croissants £1.00 Pancakes £1.00 Drinks £0.50

Polite Parking Notice

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on Scotts Avenue