



From the Headteacher.....

I hope those participating in the Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition last weekend recovered swiftly and my thanks to Mr Bryson and Miss Holley for giving up their weekend to enable this to happen. I would like to remind parents that we expect pupils to be in school the next day following a trip.

An enormous thank you to the PTA for holding the charity breakfast on Wednesday morning. All proceeds raised will support St Christopher's Hospice. There was a wide selection of choice and the smell of the food certainly drew pupils, staff and parents into the dining hall.

Year 7 enjoyed a fantastic day yesterday at Stubbers, an outdoor adventure centre in Upminster. Pupils were able to engage in a range of activities including team challenge, climbing, bushcraft and laser tag under the expert guidance of the instructors at the centre. Thank you to Mr Raveney and the team of staff who accompanied the trip. I particularly enjoyed having the opportunity to see the pupils respond in an environment outside of school and to see them develop sound relationships with one another.

During this week I have had an opportunity to meet with our new Junior children who have joined Bishop Challoner other than those in Reception class. Zaki, Damon, Bethany, Ryo and Thomas are happy and settled in their new environment and commented on the extra-curricular choice on offer. I was delighted to also meet with Ohemaa, Hamish, Joshua and Archie who have joined Year 8 and 9. It is reassuring when the pupils are able to feedback positive things that they have identified about Bishop Challoner.

I trust that Year 10 parents found the information evening on Tuesday informative and helpful in supporting their son and daughter in their study and GCSEs. We would like them to take advantage of the extra support that is available from staff in order to ensure that they are able to reach their full potential.

Next week we have a number of trips happening including the Sixth Form retreat and trip to The Globe, plus an early start for those travelling to Calais in Year 9.

From September 2019 we will be offering 7+ scholarships and further details of the assessments will be sent out in due course.

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend our coffee morning taking place from 8.35am on Wednesday. We hope to see you there.

Paula Anderson



Senior News

Duke of Edinburgh Award



One group resting after climbing Pitch Hill, a really steep mountain according to our students.

The Bronze and Silver participants were both out in the Surrey Hills this weekend doing their practice expeditions. Participants arrived at Shamley Green for 8.30am on Saturday ready to tackle the 12 km walk to their campsite. This may not sound like much but when you have to carry a rucksack with all your kit and food inside, it does become a lot harder.

On the Saturday participants were guided in how to navigate using a map and compass, a bit old fashion in this day and age of mobile phones and navigation apps, but this is what is required for the Award. Once they made it into the campsite at about 5.00pm, tents had to be erected and food cooked. It quickly became apparent that some students do not do much cooking, but a few burnt pots later all had eaten and could settle down to an evening of relaxation and sleep.

After a good or not so good night's sleep, all had to be up to cook breakfast which consisted of a lot of porridge but did include interestingly noodles and soup. Once tents were dropped and packed, all were ready for another 12 km back to the start point. The difference on day two is that groups now had to navigate themselves via a series of check points and a number of them did become temporarily misplaced. After a bit of running around by the instructors, all successfully made it back and seemed to think it was a thoroughly rewarding experience. I am sure they are all looking forward to the assessed expedition which happens over the weekend of the 13th and 14th October in the New Forest.

Mr Bryson

Junior News

Junior Assembly



For a long time people have asked questions about creation. Year 5 were asked to locate the main differences between scientific and theological truths. Children were then put into groups for a debate, 'Science versus Religion' to prepare arguments for and against the motion. The debate was then played in front of the Junior school for the Year 5 assembly.

Mr Peck & Mrs Sweet

Junior Pupil Voice



Our Junior Pupil Voice representatives contributed some excellent suggestions at their first session this term.

Ms Barker

Nursery News

Forest School

The Nursery children enjoyed their first sessions of Forest School this week. Our Butterfly and Dolphin pupils were so excited to be out in the fresh air, and so were the staff.

We started out the sessions by letting the children get ready independently. This is very important for their physical development and self esteem. I was really pleased at how they are learning to take on and off their shoes. Practice makes perfect.



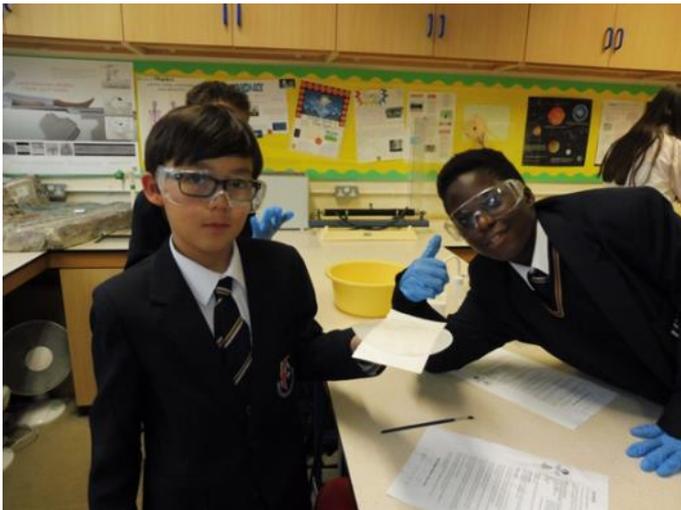
The children are starting their time at Forest School by remembering the very special rules they need to ensure they can keep themselves safe. We have talked about 'no pick, no lick', our rule about not picking growing things or putting anything in our mouths. The children have also learnt that when I shout '1,2,3 base camp' they have to come back and sit on a log straight away. They are learning that this is for the safety of all of us.

I am really looking forward to spending a whole year with these new Forest School pupils. It will be such a pleasure to follow the changing seasons with them and watch them grow and develop, whilst having lots of fun.

Mrs Coates
Forest School Leader

Extra Curricular News

STEM Club

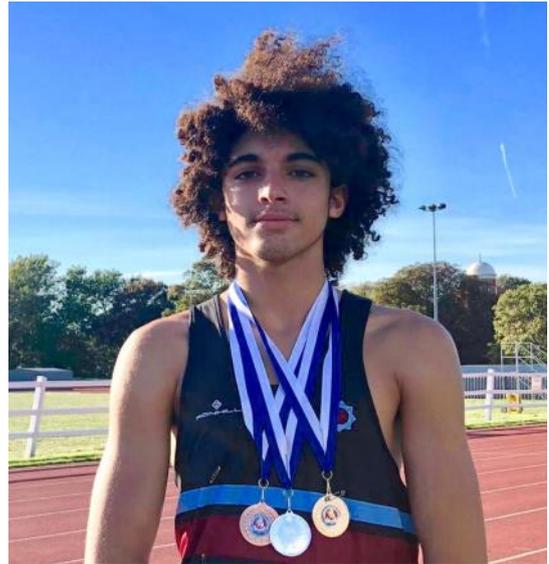


This week the science club on Monday and the STEM club on Tuesday explored the realms of pH painting. This involved extracting pigments from food or flowers and stain filter paper with a weak solution. After drying, pupils used acidic/alkali solutions, like lemon juice, to reveal lovely colours; some fluorescent. Thank you to Ms Lau, Miss Ruston and Dr Bovell for running the clubs.

Dr Piccio



Athletics



Adam, Year 9, had another successful weekend on the track, coming away with three medals. He took part in the Kent Relay Championship finals which took place in Medway Park, Gillingham on the 16th September. Once again he was representing Blackheath and Bromley Harriers.

4x100m - bronze medal

4x200m - silver medal

4x300m - silver medal

Dance

Erika in Year 4, passed her Grade 1 Ballet Exam with Merit over the summer. Erika attends Beckenham Ballet Academy. The exam and grade was awarded by the Royal Academy of Dance.



Congratulations to Francesca, Year 6, who passed her Grade 2 Ballet with Merit and her Grade 2 Modern Theatre Dance with Distinction in July at Dance Company Studios, Beckenham

Notices

PTA Charity Breakfast

The PTA made **£212.50** at the charity breakfast on Wednesday.

Thank you to all the parents, children and teachers who came and had breakfast, served by the PTA. The donation will go to St Christopher's Hospice charity.

COLLECTION OF ART WORK

If students want any of the Key Stage 3 Art work they made last year they should collect it from the Art room by Friday 28th September.

Mr Coultart

Art Department Twitter

You can catch up with all the news from the art department by following us on Twitter at

<https://twitter.com/ChallonerArt>

Polite Notice

No dogs on the school site, please

Diary Dates

Monday, 24th September

- * Sixth Form retreat departs
- * U13 Football vs Radnor House School

Wednesday, 26th September

- * Community Mass
- * Parent Coffee Morning, 8.35am
- * Junior Pupil Voice
- * Y7&8 Football vs Trinity Schol

Thursday, 27th September

- * Y9 & GCSE French trip to Calais
- * Sixth Form Retreat returns

Friday, 28th September

- * Y12 & Y13 Trip to The Globe
- * Year 8 Mass
- * U12 Football vs Eaton Square School

Saturday, 29th September

- * Open Morning, 9am-1pm