



**From the Headteacher.....**

Each Monday morning I set aside time to meet with pupils who have produced good work or have something amazing to tell me that they are involved in. Congratulations to Sarah, Sophie-Louise and Fara on their commendations for excellent work in physics.

I met with a further four junior children over lunchtime on Tuesday to find out how they were settling into life at Bishop Challoner. Isabelle, Jacob, Nuria and Yasmeen have settled in brilliantly and have been delighted with their lessons, new teachers and variety the curriculum offers.

Thank you to the parents who joined us for coffee on Wednesday morning. It is always good to chat and catch up with any developments.

I hope that many of you will support our quiz night organised by the PTA. This will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from reception. They have been working hard to ensure that this will be a successful evening.

This week has seen a sixth form retreat to Kintbury a Year 9 and 10 trip to Calais and of course those who have enrolled for Duke of Edinburgh will be venturing out on another expedition very soon.

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Peck our Year 5 class teacher has been appointed to the position of House Coordinator. He has a myriad of ideas and is keen to involve the pupils in driving the House System forward. We will certainly look forward to seeing the House System develop across the nursery, junior and senior departments under his watchful eye.

Tomorrow is our Open Morning where we rely on the pupils from years 3 to 13 to act as ambassadors for the school. The visiting parents are greatly appreciative of their time and enjoy listening to what the pupils have to say. Please could they be in school between 8.30 and 8.45am. All children should register promptly in the dining hall. We are expecting an excellent turnout with a high number of pre-registered bookings already. Thank you for your continued support.

**Paula Anderson**



# Senior News

## Year 9 Legoland Trip



Last Friday, Year 9 pupils went to Legoland for a Lego, Camera, Action workshop and a robotics workshop. During the first workshop we used stop motion software to create our own Lego movie through a process of animation. We were able to create our own characters and scenery and put that into a movie independently. This workshop enabled us to develop our computer skills, as well as our artistic and creative skills. The second workshop was the robotics workshop in which we completed a series of challenges with our robots. At the end we were given a task to try and get our robot to hit an obstacle and then come back to its original position. This workshop put both our mathematical and computing skills to the test. We were given some free time to explore the rest of Legoland. We would like to thank Dr Samuel for organising the trip, and the other teachers that accompanied us on the day.

*Olivia, Year 9*



# Junior Extra Curricular

## Gymnastics

Congratulations to Ariana, Year 5, who competed in a gymnastic competition in Colchester on 23rd September and came away with an impressive collection of medals; 1st for Vault and Bars, 3rd for Tumble and 4th for Range and Conditioning.



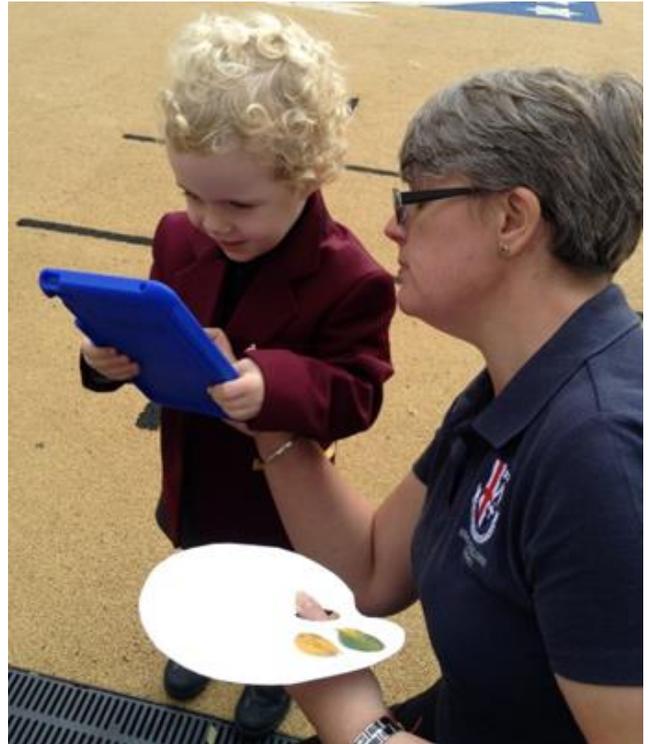
## Swimming

Congratulations to Amelie, Year 5, who competed in the Erith & District Super Sprint Gala. She came 5th (Bronze) in Front Crawl and Breast Stroke. She also gained 3rd place in Backstroke and 50m Butterfly and 2nd place in the 100m. A great achievement.



# Nursery News

## Colours of Autumn Walk



Autumn is the time of year where there is a palette of colours waiting to be discovered in the natural world.

The Butterfly and Rainbow children have been inspired by nature. They took a walk around the school with their sticky palettes, collecting leaves, flowers, twigs and other objects found naturally that fall from the trees. They documented their walk by taking photos on the iPad and digital camera.

Going for a walk among the amazing array of hues during Autumn lifts spirits and can make us feel happier, healthier and calmer.

*Ms Scicluna*



# Chaplaincy Corner

## Year 7 Reconciliation Service

On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, our Year 7 pupils had a Reconciliation Service. The theme of the service was being called by Jesus. It was fitting that the service fell on the Feast of St Matthew, as in Matthew's Gospel we read that Matthew was a tax collector and a sinner who was called by Jesus to follow him. In response Matthew invited Jesus to come to his home for dinner. The passage tells us that Jesus sat down at table with sinners and tax collectors and those who were considered outcasts in society. The Pharisees began complaining to his disciples as they considered his behaviour to be scandalous. In response Jesus told them: **"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.'** For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

After our reflection the Year 7 pupils read through an examination of conscience to help them to identify areas in their lives that needed God's grace and healing. Fr Simplicio followed this with a Penitential Rite, praying for God to pour out his mercy into our lives. A number of Year 7 pupils also chose to go to individual confession. It was a very fruitful service and we feel very blessed that our priests enable us to give the pupils the opportunity to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school.

Gerard Lohan  
School Chaplain

### *The Call of St Matthew Caravaggio 1599-1600*



In the painting Caravaggio presents 'The Call of Matthew'. We see that St Matthew is surprised that Jesus is pointing towards him and points to himself as if to say are you calling me? It is a powerful image as it shows that the grace and light of God can reach us in every situation that we find ourselves in. Jesus is constantly seeking out those who are lost or in darkness and inviting them to a new way of life.

# Notices

PTA Quiz Night

**PTA PRESENTS**

# **QUIZ NIGHT**

**AT BISHOP CHALLONER**  
**FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER 7.30 PM**

**£5 PER PERSON**  
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**RECEPTION.**

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**FOOD.**

**ADULTS ONLY.**

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## Diary Dates

### Monday, 1st October

- \* Senior Pupil Voice
- \* U13 Netball vs Croydon High School

### Tuesday, 2nd October

- \* U18 Football vs Radnor House School

### Wednesday, 3rd October

- \* Community Mass
- \* Y12&13 Physics Trip
- \* Junior Pupil Voice
- \* 1st XI Football vs Trinity School

### Thursday, 4th October

- \* 11+ Taster Morning, 9am
- \* U14 Football at Radnor House
- \* Sixth Form Open Evening

### Friday, 5th October

- \* ISA Junior Triathlon
- \* Y11, 12&13 Biology & Geography trip
- \* Y9 Reconciliation Service
- \* PTA Music Quiz Night

### Sun, 7th October

- \* U11, U12 & U13 Prep Schools Football Trials

Reminder to please bring in items for  
Harvest Festival by

11th October

Please leave your gifts in the boxes  
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Your donations are much appreciated