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From the Headteacher.....

On Thursday we welcomed pupils from a number of different schools to allow them the opportunity to take part in our 11+ taster morning. We will of course be offering taster sessions to our own Year 6 pupils in due course. We have been delighted by the response and interest to-date.

We hope that the Year 11 parents and students found the Sixth Form Open Evening useful. It was an excellent evening with interest, both from our own students and also from those in other schools. I hope you found the evening helpful and enjoyed the event.

Our assembly this week was led by Mrs Miotti and pupils and focussed on National Poetry Day on the theme of 'change'. The musical accompaniments were also very welcome.

I would like to congratulate all of those pupils who auditioned for the Wizard of Oz and for those of course who have secured parts. The performance will be showcased over three nights in February and we would like to have full audiences on each evening. Rehearsals are taking place during the term and attendance at these is essential.

I am delighted to see that the music department will be putting on a Singing Showcase on the evening of 17th October to give parents the opportunity to see the progress of year 7 and 8 pupils and the work covered in music lessons in the senior department.

Finally I want to thank all of you and your children who contributed to, or attended, Open Morning last Saturday. The feedback from our visitors was excellent and they were impressed with what they saw; facilities, pupils and teachers. Your children were great ambassadors, polite and extremely well spoken. I am grateful to everyone for all their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment.

Paula Anderson



Senior News

Year 9 & French GCSE Trip to Calais



We had a wonderful trip to Calais on Thursday 27th September. The Year 9s and GCSE pupils behaved impeccably and really relished all aspects of the trip.

The pupils enjoyed the demonstration at P&J's Chocolate Factory in which pupils were able to decorate their own chocolate, participate in a quiz and buy some delicious treats. Jacob in 9A was very fortunate as he won the prize for the most correct answers in the quiz. We were all very jealous when we saw his big paper pack full of delicious chocolates.

The museum of lace and fashion was well received. We made an interesting discovery that the lace in the Duchess of Cambridge's wedding dress was made in a local town, not far from Calais. We learned about the importance of lace for Calais and how it was made. We were also able to view some beautiful outfits spanning the ages.

Lastly, the pupils were able to shop and Ted in 9A brought some lovely chocolate and coffee éclairs for his family to enjoy.

The trip was a great success and I would like to thank Mr Raveney, Mr Bryson, Mrs Reid and Ms Holley for their support. It was a superb day and we had lovely weather too. Merci à tous.

Madame Napier



Senior Sports

Visit from Crystal Palace Club Captain

On Friday September 28th, Jason Puncheon, Crystal Palace Club Captain, visited Bishop Challoner School to meet pupils and teachers. This visit was possible due to the positive relationship we have with Crystal Palace, who provide us with coaches.

Mr Puncheon carried out a Q & A with pupils who were keen to gain insight to what it is like to play in the Premiership for a number of years. Additionally, as Crystal Palace is our local club, many of the teachers and pupils, who are supporters, were keen to ask how Crystal Palace would fare this season.

Overall, both pupils and teachers were thrilled to host Mr Puncheon for the afternoon and hopefully we will have the opportunity to meet several other Crystal Palace players this year.

Year 8 Football



On Friday 28th September at HSBC Sports Ground, twelve Year 8 pupils participated in a Football session led by the FA's National Technical Lead for Footballers aged between 5 - 11, Peter Sturgess.

Mr Sturgess is one of the countries most revered coaches and it was a fantastic opportunity for Bishop Challoner pupils to work with such a experienced coach.

Mr Sturgess was impressed with the work ethic of our pupils and commented what a polite and well mannered bunch of pupils they were.

Hopefully, pupils can take the information learnt from Mr Sturgess and apply it in the many football games they have this term.

Mr Snadden

Year 7 trip to Stubbers activity centre

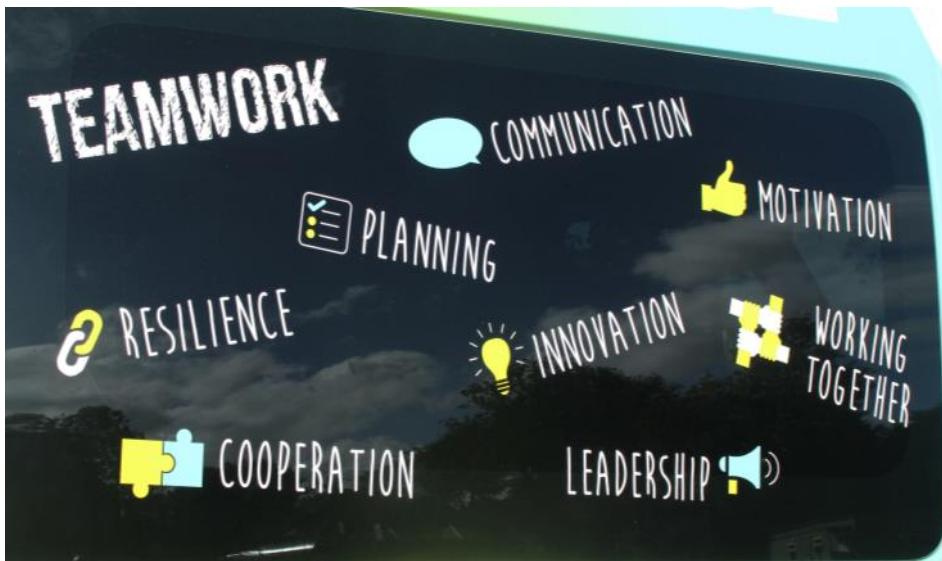


Year 7 pupils enjoyed a fantastic day trip to Stubbers Activity Centre near Upminster. As part of their transition into the senior school pupils experienced climbing, and completed a team challenge. During the bush craft session pupils were introduced to some survival techniques and were taught how to make a fire and then were challenged to build a shelter using only objects that would be found in a forest. The laser tag sessions proved very popular. The day provided pupils with a chance to get to know their classmates and develop important skills, such as decision making and teamwork and much fun was had by all. Thank you to all the staff for their assistance with this trip.

Mr Raveney



Year 7 team building day



Wise Up Team Building company visited Bishop Challoner to work with pupils in Year 7 as part of their induction to the senior school. Pupils were split into four groups and had to plan and complete as many of the challenges as they could during the day. Pupils developed key skills such as communication, forward thinking and resilience, whilst getting to know other people in their year group. The electric fence challenge proved to be one of the more challenging tasks as they had to get their team from one side over the fence to the other without touching the fence. Towards the end of the day, pupils began to take time planning strategies and reviewing how well they worked together as a team. Hopefully Year 7 will now use some of the skills gained to help them during the year.



Nursery News

Autumn Activities



The children in the Dolphin class have been inspired by Autumn this week. We have been using natural resources such as leaves, conkers and pine cones in the classroom to produce a variety of outcomes. We collected leaves from our outdoor area and made belts and leaf mobiles, and have used the leaves to practice our cutting skills, conkers to practice our counting, natural resources to practice sorting. We have also been excited to use these resources to make art work and decorate plant pots. The children have been calm and motivated and we have had lots of conversations about the world around us. Autumn is a beautiful season and it is important to remember how lucky we are to be able to appreciate and celebrate it.

Mrs Bateman



Remembrance Coffee & Craft

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Thursday 18th October
from 8.30am until 9.30am
in the Dining Hall



Notices

PTA Quiz Night

PTA Charity Raffle

There will be a raffle at tonight's quiz and all money raised will be donated to the Duffus Cancer Foundation.

Tickets are £2 each, or £15 for 10 tickets which will automatically enter you into the **Golden Raffle** with a chance to win a **Fortnum and Mason** hamper!

Prizes include:

- £50 HAVET Voucher!
- Large Drone!
- Illuminating Bluetooth Speakers x2!
- Karaoke Microphone!
- Large Plasma Ball!
- Bottle of Champagne!
- Box of Chocolates!

Duffus Charity Foundation - (Registered Charity: 11737)



Wear it Pink

Next Thursday 18th October we will be holding a Wear it Pink day to help raise funds for the Breast Cancer charity.

We will be starting the morning with a bacon breakfast, croissants and pancakes from 8am served with tea, coffee and hot chocolate.

Children wear something pink (tie, jumper, hairband, socks, shoes etc) and we would like them to pay a contribution of £1.00 towards the charity.

Reminder to please bring in items for Harvest Festival by
11th October

Please leave your gifts in the boxes in the school reception area.
Your donations are much appreciated

Fundraising

Sixth Form Charity Conkers



The Sixth Form had great fun playing conkers to raise money for the Woodland Trust's campaign to save our 21 million oak trees which are under threat from diseases and global warming. After an apprehensive start, as most of them had never played the game and several had no idea what a conker was, it took on a competitive edge. Dylan was the eventual winner after battling through several eventful rounds to claim the title of Bishop Challoner Conker Champion. Great fun was had by all and we raised funds for the Woodland Trust.

Mr Bryson

Diary Dates

Monday, 8th October

- * Y9 A&B 9-a-side vs Trinity School

Tuesday, 9th October

- * Y8 Trip to Natural History Museum

Wednesday, 10th October

- * Community Mass
- * Y5&6 Retreat
- * Y7 8-a-side vs St Michael's
- * Y8 10-a-side vs St Michael's
- * Junior Parents' Evening, 4pm

Thursday, 11th October

- * Harvest Assembly, 9am

Friday, 12th October

- * PTA Meeting, 9am
- * Y10 Mass
- * Y7A Football vs Hayes School (home)
- * Y7B Football vs Hayes School (away)