



Bishop Challoner News

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From the Headteacher...

Pupils and staff have adjusted to our new routines and systems and we continue to do our best to ensure that the site is as safe as possible. We must however continue to be vigilant and maintain our efforts and self-discipline.

My special thanks to the PTA for running our second hand uniform sale recently and to the parents who supported this venture. Thank you to Mrs Riddings and the site team for setting up outside; we were blessed with good weather.



Many of our former Year 13 students have headed off to university already, and I know that these will be testing times for them. I am certain that the foundations laid at Bishop Challoner will give them the resilience and determination to succeed in the next part of their educational journey. We wish them much happiness and excitement.

Mission Statement

Through faith and a broad education, Bishop Challoner School strives to develop and nurture each child's unique talents. To Live, Love and Learn like Christ and fulfil their true potential in an ever changing world.



As you will be aware from our calendar, we will be having our sixth form open evening on 8th October. This will take on a different format this year and will include video footage that you can view at your leisure. Further details to the links to access the presentations will be sent to Year 11 parents in due course

We are really pleased to learn that Blythswood have their shoebox appeal this year and we will be collecting shoeboxes. You can learn more about the shoebox appeal and see videos of last year's boxes being distributed on Blythswood's website <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

Mr Lohan will be providing further information in due course.

Tomorrow morning the Senior Leadership Team and a number of staff will be in school delivering our Virtual Open Doors Event. I hope that many of you have also managed to register your interest.



Paula Anderson – Headteacher

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JUNIOR NEWS

Science

Year 5

Last week Year 5 had their first science practical as part of their topic Properties of Materials. It was a different science lesson, as due to following the COVID safe rules everything had to be sanitised and not shared. But as you can see, they had lots of fun dissolving and making new solutions from different materials and making scientific observations. Many thanks to Miss Ruston for preparing the resources in a way that makes sure everyone stays safe.

Mr Fitzgerald
Year 5 Class Teacher



Year 4.....



As part of their science topic on Teeth and Digestion, Year 4 investigated the effect different liquids would have on teeth. They could not use real teeth so used eggs as a substitute. They placed 6 eggs into orange juice, apple juice, milk, cola, lemonade and water after discussing how they would make it a fair test. All of Year 4 predicted that the cola would cause the most damage and the water the least. After a week, it was time to remove the eggs and see the results - it was a rather unpleasant task! Year 4 were shocked to see that the orange juice and apple juice had caused the most damage to the egg shells whereas the cola had only discoloured the shell. After studying the sugar content in each of the drinks and discussing the ingredients, year 4 wrote very detailed and mature conclusions. An enjoyable and eye opening science investigation.

Ms Hoyles
Year 4 Class Teacher



Planting Violas for Charity

The children have been busy planting violas in the Nursery. They are learning how to care for plants and know that plants need soil, water and the sunshine to help them grow. The children were also introduced to the different parts of the plant.

In exchange for your child's plant pot, we asked for a small donation which will go to support our partnership nursery, Threshers, in Orpington. Threshers is a charity run setting and many of the children are less fortunate than our own. Their staff work hard to support the families and children in their care.

Thank you for helping us to support this great cause and I hope that your child enjoys caring for their plant.

Ms Scicluna
Named Second, EYFS Practitioner



SENIOR SPORT

Daniel, Jewell and Femi in Year 7 Selected for Independent Prep Schools National Football Team

Daniel, Jewell and Femi will be representing Bishop Challoner in the Independent Prep School Football Trials in October. The Independent Prep School Football team select the most talented footballers from prep schools in England and competition for places is fierce.

Bishop Challoner pupils have a rich tradition of representing

the Independent School Prep team as previously Thomas (Yr 10) and Daniel (Yr 11) have represented the school with distinctions.

Bishop Challoner wishes our Year 7 participants in the trial the best of luck.

Mr Snadden
PE Teacher

SPECIAL MENU CHANGE FOR MR NOURISH

To celebrate Mr Nourish's birthday the school had a special menu change on Thursday 1st October.....

Nourish

Mr Nourish's Birthday

Thursday 1st October 2020

Hot Dog ^{1,5,6}	Cucumber Sticks
Quorn Dog ^{1,5,7,9,16}	Diced Herb Potatoes
Cheesy Pasta ^{1,7}	Birthday Cake ^{1,9}
Jacket Potatoes with Various Toppings ^{7,8,9}	Fruit Pots
Sweetcorn	Yoghurt ⁷

Competition

Design a birthday card for Mr Nourish
Hand in to the catering team
Prizes to be awarded on his birthday

Nourish

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen: Allergen code: (1) Wheat Gluten (2) Crustaceans (3) Soybean (4) Mustard (5) Sesame (6) Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide (7) Milk (8) Fish (9) Egg (10) Peanuts (11) Molluscs (12) Cereals/Celery (13) Nuts (14) Lupins (15) Oat Gluten (16) Barley Gluten (17) Chickpeas
Key: * Seasonal, Local Fruit & Veg. * Organic Foods



JUNIOR SCHOOL STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception - The whole class for settling in so well and making such a positive start.

Year 1 - Emma, for excellent listening and always trying her best.

Year 2 Micah, for his fantastic homework, spirited reading to the class and teaching us all how to do ' Micah patterns'.

Year 3 Isabella F, for always listening to instructions and giving 100%.

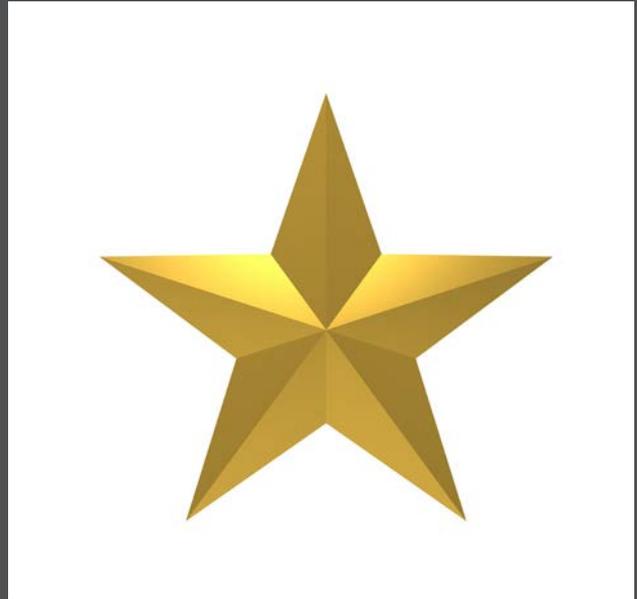
Year 4 Maya, for excellent letter writing in English.

Year 5 Aida, for producing high quality work in every lesson.

Year 6 Hany, for settling in so well and for a super story opening in English.

Congratulations to all our stars. We are very proud of you.

Ms Barker
Head of KS1 & KS2



ECO CLUB

Black History month in Eco club

In Eco club this week we celebrated and researched information about amazing environmentalists. Pupils had booklets with information about various environmentalists like Will Allen (who specialises in bringing healthy food to under-served communities), Ma Vynee Oshun Betsch (environmental activist known for her tireless conservation efforts on Florida's coastal region) and Dr. Bullard ('father of the environmental justice movement').

Pupils also watched videos on the environment by Prince Ea a famous poet and rapper.

Well done Eco club for all your hard work and input!

Miss Ruston
Eco club Leader



Collective Worship

Sadly, due to the ongoing pandemic, Southwark Diocese has cancelled all school Masses for the foreseeable future. As soon as we have further information we will let you know. In the meantime, we will continue to worship together as a community, through our form time prayers, including the Friday Examen, our innovative, online whole school assemblies, our in-house days of reflection and our year group para-liturgies which are taking place each Friday in the Chapel. Things are challenging but we must not lose heart, let us consider St Paul's advice to the careworn Church of Corinth:



'We hold this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the greater power may be of God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair, persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. Therefore, we are not discouraged... for this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison. As we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.' Corinthians 4, 7-9, 16-18.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER OUR SCHOOL PRAYER: WE BEGIN WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS...



School Prayer
Heavenly Father,
Fill our school
with your Holy Spirit
and inspire us
to use our unique talents
to live, love and learn
like Christ, our Teacher.
May your light
shine within us as we
play our part
in your beautiful world.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

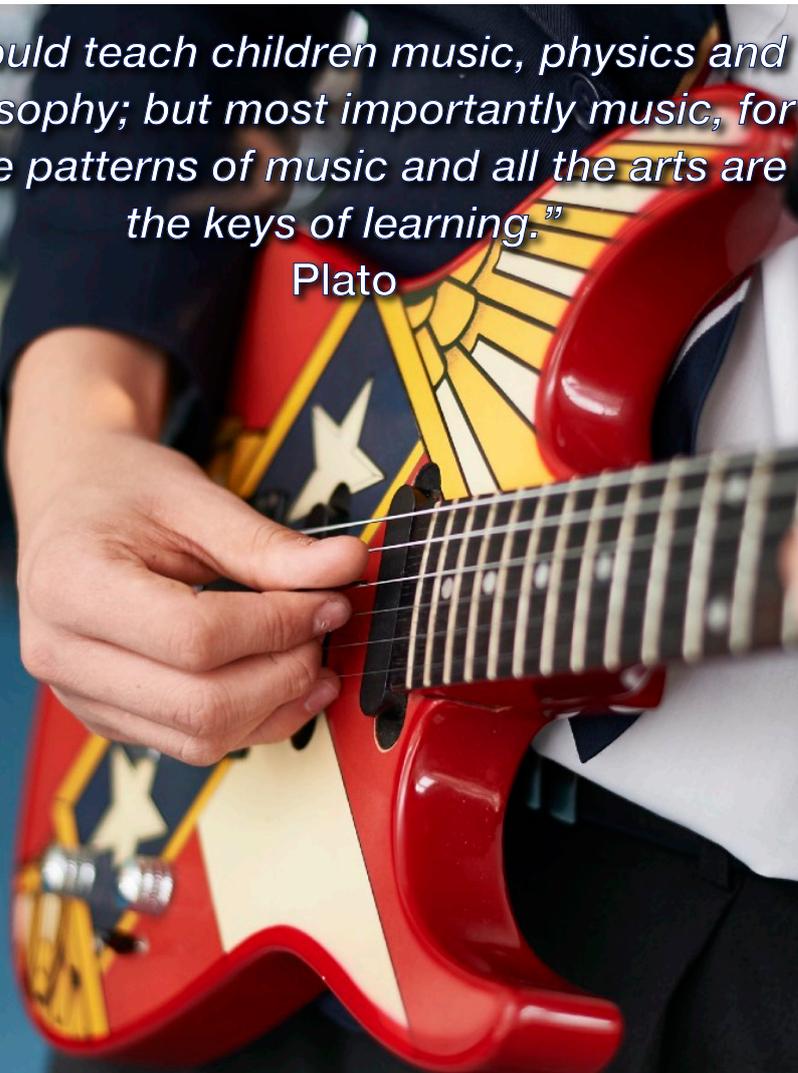
Mr Lohan
School Chaplain

Instrumental & Singing Lessons at BCS



"I would teach children music, physics and philosophy; but most importantly music, for in the patterns of music and all the arts are the keys of learning."

Plato



The music department offers instrumental and singing tuition in most instruments.

The music tutors will arrange lessons in a rotating basis during the school day.

Parents are welcome to indicate their preferred choice of time. Priority will be given to KS4 and sixth form in allocating times out of academic lesson time.

To organise lessons, and check on prices, please get in contact directly with the appropriate teacher.

If you have any other queries, feel free to email me directly at mkent-davies@bcsweb.co.uk.

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ONE LAST THING...

Safeguarding Update

It is wonderful to see all our pupils back in school following the lockdown period. Whilst some may have enjoyed being away from school, others may have struggled or may be finding the return to school challenging. We are working with all our pupils to help them stay mentally healthy and there are many resources available to parents to offer further support at home.

Top tips to support mental health are:

- Be there to listen
- Stay involved in their life
- Take what they say seriously
- Support them through difficulties
- Build positive routines
- Encourage their interests

Further advice from the NHS is available at:

https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/?WT.tsrc=search&WT.mc_id=EMMParentsSearch&gclid=EAlalQobChMlxaizoIOO7AIVjM_tCh2K4A1OEAAAYASAAEgJaOPD_BwE

Eco Club

Eco club is back up and running! Eco club is held every Thursday from 3.30-4.30pm in room 9. All year 7s are welcome to attend. Please collect a form from reception if you wish to join.

Miss Ruston
Eco club leader

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday

12 OCTOBER

- Junior School Parents' Evening
All week, 3.30-6pm

Tuesday

13 OCTOBER

- Year 7 Pastoral Evening
4.30-7.30pm

Friday

16 OCTOBER

- Half Term Begins
3.45pm

