



From the Headteacher...

It is amazing to think that we have now entered March and we are reaching that point when the nights are becoming slightly lighter.

Since the start of the academic year we have had a busy time with a number of key reviews. In early December, we had our Independent Schools Inspection and met all compliance checks with no action points. More recently the school received a call that it would undergo a Denominational Inspection, and I am delighted that the school has been judged as an outstanding Catholic school.

The school is going from strength to strength and culminated last week in my annual appraisal that was conducted by an external organisation. They spent two days in school interviewing a wide cross section of staff, Trustees, pupils and parents. I would like to personally thank all those who contributed to my appraisal and I am appreciative of the positivity, support, sincerity and warmth that you continue to show towards me as Headteacher and the school.

The feedback from the Junior Parents' Evening was extremely positive and I hope that you found this feedback informative and useful. We have had a few more class assemblies this term in the junior department and many thanks to those parents who come and share in their celebrations.

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.



Finally, today we celebrated World Book Day with children and staff having had the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. The children were enthralled and enjoyed the assembly led by Mrs Miotti with the aim of celebrating the joy and value of books and the art of reading. Thank you, parents, for your efforts in getting costumes prepared/made.



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Science in Action

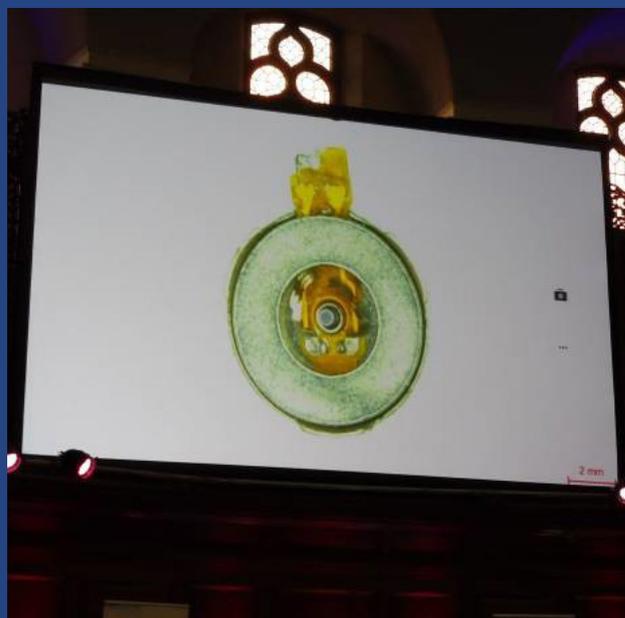
Last Thursday, the science department took some year 10s to London for a series of lectures and a revision session. The first speaker was Hayley Loren, a marine biologist working on one of the largest offshore farms in the world. She focussed on the topic of energy and its evolution from Middle-Ages to present and a possible future. The second lecture was a great interactive session by Dr Jamie Gallagher who gave us an amazing tour of the periodic table. Simon Watt gave us a tantalising lecture about super heroes, mutants and DNA. Finally, Marty Jopson asked the question: does your phone cost the Earth? Students also took part in a live dissection session conducted by Scarlett Mellor looking at our respiratory and cardiac systems. The students also enjoyed an exam success session ran by Primrose Kitten highlighting the understanding of the command words in the exam and the effect they have on the type of answer required. Thank you to Mrs Marpadi for coming on the trip. Here is a selection of comments from our students.

Olivia: It was a very enjoyable and an interactive learning experience where we were taught about the key elements of biology, chemistry and physics. We participated in Kahoot, a virtual physics game and biology DNA games.

Daniel: The trip was excellent; no improvements could be made.

Harriet: The trip was very good and I enjoyed all the speakers. It was nice being able to learn new things that I wouldn't normally learn at school or by myself. My favourite lecture was the surgery one as I am intrigued with medical things such as anatomy and dissection. I also enjoyed the examination session as it was nice to know the best way to revise for my tests and what students usually drop marks on.

Dr Piccio - Head of Science



House Music

On Wednesday we held a fantastic senior House music competition in the hall, which was organised by Mr Flanagan. The Senior school competitors played to a packed audience of music lovers and House supporters. There were some really great performances and all those who took part should be very proud of themselves.

Thank you again to the judges, and to all who helped with the running of this great event. A very special thanks to Mr Flanagan for his organisation and direction of the 'show'.

Mr Peck - House Co-ordinator

1. ST. PATRICK - WINNERS. 500pts

2. ST. DENNIS - 250pts

3. ST. MICHAEL - 200pts

4. ST. EDMUND - 100pts



INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

Intermediate Instrumental: Alice in Year 8. Violin - Allegro - Tesserini

Ensemble - Anya in Year 7 and Louis in Year 11 - I don't wanna be you anymore - Billie Eilish

Senior Instrumental - Sahand in Year 12 - Piano - The Last of Us

Solo Singer - Shae in Year 10 - Overload - John Legend



Chess Success

Junior school chess medals were given out to the following pupils this week:

Chess Champion Year 3 - Harry

Joint Chess Champions Year 4 - Zain, Melvin, Cillian, Bronte

Chess Champion Year 5 – Jehan

Most Improved: Maya - Year 3

Most Improved: Beatrice – Year 4

Anti Chess Champion: Amitav - Year 5

Overall Chess Champion Autumn Term 2019 Christian (Year 6)

Congratulations to all of our chess champions.



Stars of the Week

Rec: Nilah - Sharing facts about time and excellent role play.

Year: 1 Daisy - Excellent work in maths.

Year 2: Harriet - For her positivity and kindness to others.

Year 3: Nixon - Superb participation in the class assembly.

Year 4: Maisie - For working hard in all assessments.

Year 5: Xavier - Producing an excellent homework project on Ancient Greece.

Year 6A: Eli - Huge improvement in all lessons.

Year 6&: Amelie - For a much improved attitude.

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

Ms Barker - Head of KS1 and KS2

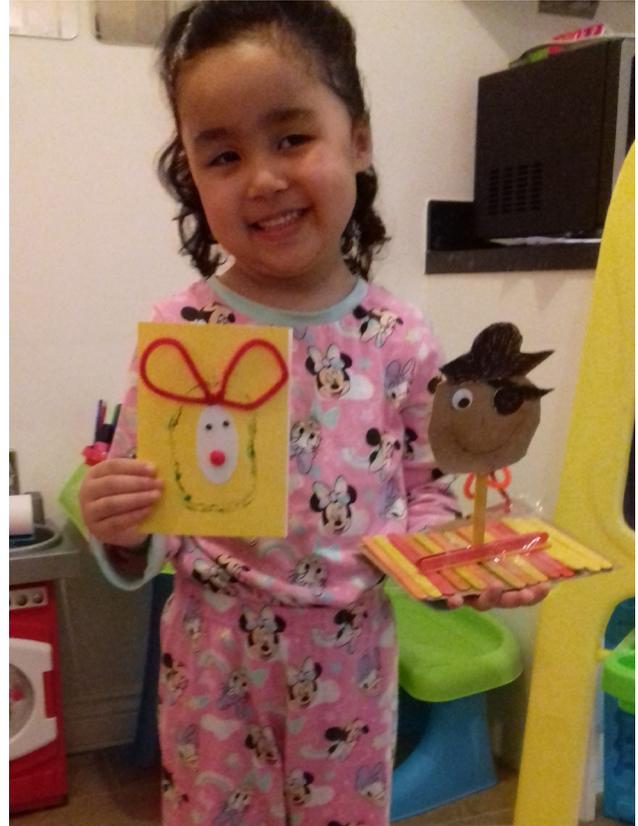


Amazing Art

Over the half term break, children in both Nursery and Reception have been creating some masterpieces. We set a challenge of "amazing art" for the half term and invited parents to place entries on our online learning journal; Tapestry.

The entries were fantastic and even included some wonderful interpretation of the term "art" and included some singing and music too. As always, the entries were really tricky to judge. After much deliberation, Avanhana and Hana walked away with a prize - all entries received a certificate and a treat. Well done. Many thanks to parents for continuing to share their children's successes with us - bridging the gap between home and school.

Ms Ludlam - Head of Nursery / EYFS Co-ordinator



World Book Day.....



CHAPLAINCY

Psalm verse:

"If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness so that you may be revered." (Psalm 130: 1-4)

READING FROM MATTHEW'S GOSPEL: Matthew 5:23-24

'So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and remember that if your brother or sister has something against you, leave your offering before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother or sister first, and then come back and present your offering to God.'

Thought :

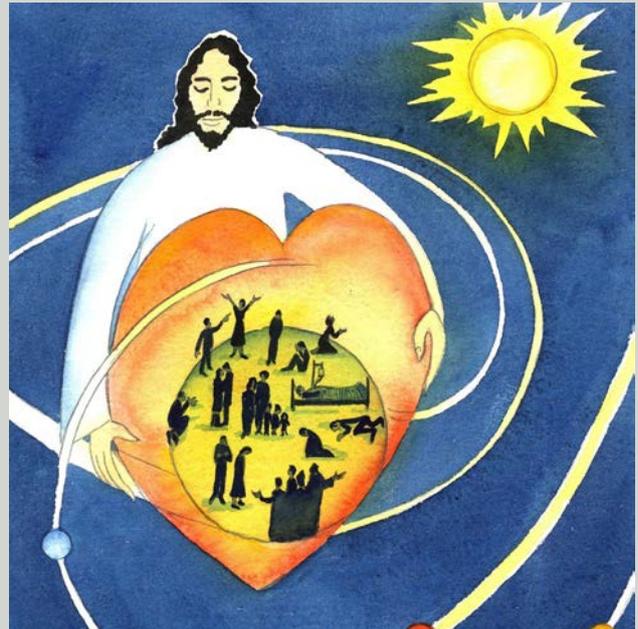
In today's Gospel we are reminded how important it is to seek reconciliation and friendship with others and that we should do this even before we come to worship God.

God is our merciful Father always ready and willing to forgive, we have only to ask. However, there is one condition, if we want God to forgive and forget our sins we have to be willing to forgive others.

WHAT TO DO:

Think about those who have hurt us and ask God for the grace to forgive them. Say we are sorry to those that we have hurt.

Mr Lohan - School Chaplain



LET US PRAY:

O God your heart is full of mercy and compassion, melt my heart with the fire of your love so that I will be able to forgive those who have offended me. Give me the humility and courage to be able to ask others for forgiveness when I am wrong. Free me from the burden of anger and give me your peace. Let me experience the freedom that only you can give.



Give the best you have, and it will never be enough; give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

Reflection by Mother Teresa of Calcutta

People are often unreasonable, irrational and self-centred; forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies; succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you; be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight; create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous; be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten; do good anyway.



ONE LAST THING...

Safeguarding Essentials

COVID-19 Update

We continue to take measures against the spread of all illnesses in support of the government strategy to contain Coronavirus as long as possible. At this point, our emphases are general hygiene and information sharing on possible contact with Coronavirus.

The school timetable and schedule for trips is currently unchanged, however we will be reviewing this regularly in line with government advice. We have a contingency plan in place should there be more widespread infection that would impact the normal operation of the school.

In the light of recent advice, we are welcoming visitors to the school as warmly as ever, but are operating a no handshake policy. We thank everyone for their understanding.

Mrs Woolaway - Designated Safeguarding Lead

BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

FRIDAY 20/03 7:30PM

FAMILY RACE NIGHT

**TICKETS £5
CASH PRIZES
TOTES ONLY £1
DOORS OPEN 7:00PM
LOTS OF FUN!**

**ENTRY INCLUDES 1 FREE DRINK
CHILDREN FREE
PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PTA
AND PURCHASE ALL DRINKS
FROM THE BAR
BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS**

RACE NIGHT REPLY FORM: Please leave this reply form with payment (cheques made out to Bishop Challoner School PTA) at the School Office

Name: _____ No of tickets required @ £5 each: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

 [SEE FULL CALENDAR](#)

Monday
9 MARCH

- Pastoral Meeting, 3.45pm

Wednesday
11 MARCH

- Lent Lunchtime Recitals, 11am
- Nursery New Starter Induction, 1.30pm

Thursday
12 MARCH

- Teaching and Learning Meeting, 3.45pm

Friday
13 MARCH

- First Communion Reconciliation, 9am
- RE Year 12 Conference

Saturday
14 MARCH

- Open Morning, 9am

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