



## From the Headteacher...

On Tuesday, the last group of Year 4 children spent part of their lunchtime talking to me about the highlights of their year so far. Doing homework was raised as something enjoyable and positive as well as trips and the holiday! Thank you to Xavier, Amitav, Ferah, Isabelle, Nikita and Fox for sharing their experiences with me.



I have been observing a number of lessons over the past two weeks including Year 10 RE and 8& biology in the senior department and computing and maths in Year 2. The pupils are clearly engaged and eager to learn. These have all been very enjoyable lessons.

Over the next week Year 7 pupils will be completing a survey regarding well-being; they will have completed two terms in their transition to senior school. I have compiled a number of questions to monitor pupil welfare, and to see if there is anything more the pupils feel that the school could be doing to support them. The questionnaire will be completed anonymously. Parents in Year 7 will also have the opportunity to complete a survey which will draw on your experience of Bishop Challoner after two terms.

We welcomed our Year 5 and 6 back from Liddington this afternoon. They have had a fantastic time and I am sure we will be hearing all about their news shortly. Thank you to Ms Barker, Mrs Sweet, Mr Peck, Mrs Black and Mrs Reid for their superb support and supervision of this trip.

I am pleased that many of you are following on twitter which provides a platform that enables us to communicate with you live. Please do follow us for real time news.

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I will be attending the ISA Annual Conference in Eastbourne next Thursday and Friday. I am looking forward to networking with other Headteachers and having the opportunity to listen to a number of keynote speakers covering a range of topical issues affecting education.

I would like to wish those pupils who are taking their LAMDA assessments on Sunday 12th May all the very best. I know there are some stars in the making.



Paula Anderson – Headteacher  
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## SENIOR NEWS

# ISA Regional Athletics

Bishop Challoner was proud to host the ISA Regional Athletics Meet at Norman Park. Mrs Restivo and the PE department have run this competition for many years and have been proud to see many of the school's athletes qualify for the National event and subsequently coming back as national champions.

This year was no exception. We took 34 athletes to Norman Park for the event and had many successes during the day. Many of the athletes broke personal bests and we had success in the Long Jump, where Josh won in the Year 7 group, Isaac B in Year 7 won the High Jump, and Shayara won the Year 7 Javelin. In Year 9, Ebum won the Girls 100m and Adam

Mrs Restivo – ISA London South Sports Coordinator



the Boys 100m and 200m. All these athletes have qualified for the national event in Birmingham.

A thank you to the parents who supported the team and a special thank you to our sixth formers who took care of the officials hut and the field events; they did an amazing job.



## SENIOR NEWS

# ISA Sport

ISA Sport offers an extensive programme of area and national events for our member schools to participate in throughout the year. ISA Sport has been a key feature of ISA since the Association was founded in 1878 and it is now one of the largest sports programmes offered to Independent schools in the UK.

For many pupils, an ISA sports event is the first time that they get to represent their school or area. This widens their horizons and provides a greater challenge when compared to their everyday experiences. Many have been spurred on to perform at a higher level as a result. Yet there is no elitism here – ISA provides sporting opportunities at all levels so that a large number of pupils can enjoy and benefit from them.



# Learning about Mini-Beasts

In the Nursery this term we are learning about mini beasts. The children love to look for different mini beasts in the outdoor area and enjoy looking at them closely.



At Forest School we have also had the opportunity to see some wonderful mini beasts including a beautiful Rose Chafer beetle which looked like a precious gem – the children could not believe it was real. One child said it was like finding treasure. Another natural treasure that we found under some of our base camp logs was a group of juvenile Stag Beetles. We looked at them closely and then carefully returned the

base camp logs back to their original places so as not to disturb these special creatures. The logs now have an 'x' marked on them so everyone knows where they must not sit. One of the children remarked that this was to show that there is treasure underneath. Stag Beetles are a protected species so we felt very lucky to find them.

Mrs Bateman - EAL Co-ordinator



## EXTRA CURRICULAR NEWS

# STEM Club

Over the last two weeks, both the science club and the STEM club investigated balancing and equilibrium. Pupils and teachers reminisced over the use of seesaws. Pupils experimented with various masses and a flat lever setup on a prism. Pupils then observed the effect of reducing the distance between the effort and the pivot using a ruler and a force meter or a load cell connected to a data logger. Finally pupils enjoyed the beginning of a domino rally, keeping their hands steady, not to topple the work in process. Thank you to Ms Lau for coming up with the idea and for delivering the science club on Monday

Dr Piccio - Head of Science





## ONE LAST THING...

### Safeguarding Essentials

Bishop Challoner is committed to promoting the safety and welfare of all our pupils. Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please report them immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Mrs S Woolaway, or the Deputy DSL, Ms A Barker.

### Polite reminder

Please do not park on the zig-zags at the school entrances. This causes danger to our pupils and could result in parents receiving 3 points on their licence and a fine.

### Enrichment Week

Information on enrichment activities has been sent to Y7-9 parents. Please make payment for this by cheque to 'Bishop Challoner School' or contact the office if you prefer to pay by bank transfer.



**Bishop Challoner School**  
Shortlands  
A Catholic Independent School for Girls & Boys 3-18

**Parents & Tots Session**  
Thursday 16th May, 2.00 - 3.00pm



Enjoy a fun musical session with your pre-school child.

Junior School tours and refreshments available.

*Welcoming all faiths*

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Monday  
13 MAY

- Public Examinations begin
- Y10 Geography Field Trip

Tuesday  
14 MAY

- Nursery Stay & Play Session, 1.30pm

Wednesday  
15 MAY

- Y3 Trip to Lullingstone Villa
- Junior Pupil Voice

Thursday  
16 MAY

- Rosary Procession
- Parents & Tots Activity Session, 2pm
- Junior Music Recitals

Friday  
17 MAY

- Y7 Mass

