



Bishop Challoner News

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From the Headteacher...

I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. The pupils have settled back into their daily routines brilliantly and we look forward to all the new learning opportunities that 2019 will bring.



Following our whole school Mass on Monday, led by Father Simpicio, we stepped immediately into Year 11 and 13 mock examinations. Over the course of the term we will be looking at strategies to support each individual to achieve their full potential and I will be writing to all Year 11 parents once the results have been finalised.

The 11+ assessments went very smoothly this week with a very pleasing turnout. We are underway with the marking of the scripts and will do our utmost to turn these results around as quickly as possible so that our Year 6 parents and prospective parents can be notified of the outcome.

I was pleased to welcome this week our new pupils who have joined a number of different year groups. We hope that your son or daughter has settled in well and is already making new friends. I look forward to catching up with them shortly to see how they are finding life at Bishop Challoner.

I hope that many of our children have been thinking about entering our competition to write a School Prayer. The chosen prayer taken from all entries will become part of our school's identity and become an important part of the prayer life of the school.

We are very much looking forward to meeting the children and prospective parents together with our own Nursery parents at the 4+ assessment tomorrow morning. We wish them all the very best.



Paula Anderson – Headteacher

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SENIOR NEWS

Music students watch Wicked

I was very excited to see Wicked since it is one of my favourite shows. We watched the show at the London Apollo Theatre.



The Apollo Theatre was very beautiful and we had good seats with a good view of the stage and the orchestra as well! Watching professionals perform helped us understand and learn the characteristics of the roles and improve how we play our roles in the Wizard of Oz. The show was amazing! We all really enjoyed ourselves.

The costumes were really good, especially Glinda's dress which was very beautiful and sparkly. Before we left school we ordered pizza for dinner which we all loved. We rushed to the station since our rehearsals over ran, but we still made it in good time for the show.

Alice (Year 10)



Ms Oladele – Performing Arts

SENIOR NEWS

The Woman in Black

On the 6th December 2018, Year 11 Performing Arts students visited the Fortune Theatre in London to watch The Woman in Black.

Students had a chance to watch the highly recommended play in an intimate setting and at times were up close and personal to the actors.

Students were gripped by the mysterious, haunting atmosphere and I was pleased to see some of them at the edge of their seats.

What an amazing day out for the students.



SENIOR NEWS

Senior Art

Year 7 are going to embark on a Fabric Design piece using printing methods as Year 8 start a project called "Fragmentation"



Fragmentation focuses on the principles of Cubism. Following their success in the Movement project, Year 9 pupils will tackle Pop Art, concentrating on portraits. As our Year 10 GCSE students spend a number of weeks creating their large Abstract pieces and Year 12 A-level students produce a large piece on the theme of "the Built

Environment", our Year 11 GCSE students commence their studies on their Externally Set Assignment. All the best to all in their endeavours in the Art Studio. Keep up with their progress on our Twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/ChallonerArt>

Mr Coultart – Art Teacher



JUNIOR NEWS

Junior Art

We have exciting projects coming up in this busy half term in the Art Department.

Year 5 pupils will be continuing their "Hairstyles" pieces, learning the techniques of watercolour pencil and fine-liner. Whilst Year 6 will develop their "Big People Picture".



Year 3 take part in Tate Britain project

This week Year 3 were visited by David, a Tate Britain photographer who took a class picture. He is one of several photographers taking 1,200 photos of Year Three classes in many different settings throughout London.

This vast new work of art is one of the most ambitious visual portraits of citizenship ever undertaken, in one of the world's largest and most diverse cities.

Steve McQueen, together with Tate, has invited every Year 3 primary school class in London to be photographed. The class photos will be brought together into a single large-scale installation, capturing tens of thousands of Year 3 schoolchildren

Mr FitzGerald – Year 3 Teacher



in a milestone year in their development. This will be available to view from November 2019 at the Tate Britain. Once the exhibition has finished, the photo will be returned to the school to display.

'There's an urgency to reflect on who we are and our future ... to have a visual reflection on the people who make this city work. I think it's important and in some ways urgent.' Steve McQueen



Ms Ludlam – Head of Nursery

NURSERY NEWS

Fun with Phonics

The children have returned to Nursery full of the news of the exciting Christmas holidays; stories of Christmas presents and days out have been wonderful to share.

We are delighted to welcome five new friends into the setting; getting to know them and their families at the start of their school journey has been delightful. Welcome to Bishop Challoner School!

Thank you to the parents who attended our Read,Write,Inc information session on Tuesday. The children have been having fun with phonics this week, and we look forward to watching their progress.



CHAPLAINCY

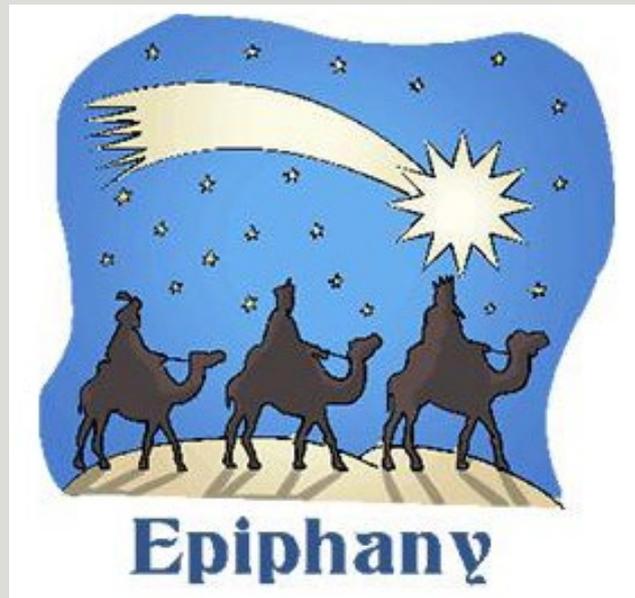
Feast of Epiphany

On Monday, 7th January we celebrated a whole school Mass to mark the beginning of the new term and New Year.

We thought about the Feast of the Epiphany, which had taken place the day before, and what this feast meant. We considered how the Wise Men had taken a leap of faith. How they were inspired by God to follow the Star, but did not know what the outcome would be.

Basil the Great (AD 330-379) reflecting on the Epiphany writes:

Mr Lohan – School Chaplain



'Stars cross the sky, wise men journey from pagan lands, earth receives its saviour in a cave. Let there be no one without a gift to offer, no one without gratitude as we celebrate the salvation of the world, the birthday of the human race. Now it is no longer, "dust you are and to dust you shall return", but, "you are joined to heaven and into heaven you shall be taken up".



CHAPLAINCY

Guide us on our journey

Like the Wise Men, God calls us to follow his commands every day. Often we do not know what the outcome will be or where the journey will lead. Sometimes we may go astray but if we ask God for forgiveness and guidance he will certainly put us back on track. If we do our best to live good lives and to follow him, we too will find Jesus waiting for us, not in a cave but in his Kingdom of Heaven.

Let us pray that God will bless our school abundantly this year and that he will continue to guide us on our journey towards his Kingdom through Christ Our Lord. Amen



Upcoming Events

Upcoming PTA events:

Junior School Disco
Friday 18th January

Salsa Night
Friday 25th January

Family Race Night
Friday 15th March

BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL PTA

JUNIOR DISCO

Music and Entertainment by
DANCE MASTERS

Friday 18th January
5.30pm – 7.00pm

Reservations and payment at the School Office - £5 each
(including soft drinks, crisps and biscuits)
Reception - Year 2 children must be accompanied by
parent or guardian

PTA COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Sam Hassan – PTA Chair



Sam Aquilina – PTA Treasurer



Natalie Fokias – PTA Secretary

NOTICES

PTA Christmas Fair

The PTA would like to say a huge 'Thank You' for all the help given to make the Christmas Fair such a success. We raised £1,200 and the PTA would like to thank the students, parents and teachers who supported the event. The PTA value your support and trust we can count on you for future events.



ONE LAST THING...

LAMDA

LAMDA classes will commence on Monday 14th January. A copy of timetables will be in form rooms and will also be sent to parents. To contact the LAMDA teacher please use the following email: alisonjrogers@sky.com

A busy term ahead as we work towards our examinations. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Alison Rogers
LAMDA

Coming soon....



Bishop Challoner School Presents
The Wizard of Oz
Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th
February 2019 at 7.00pm

Tickets available from the School Office
£10.00 (adults) (£6.00 concessions)

Book tickets: mclark@bcsweb.co.uk Tel: 0208 4603546



Congratulations Krishnan

I took my Grade 1 Piano exam on 23rd November. I was quite nervous before taking the exam, so I was surprised and happy to receive a Distinction. All that hard work and practice paid off and now I'm working towards Grade 2.

Krishnan (Year 5)

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

 [SEE FULL CALENDAR](#)

Monday

14 JANUARY

- After School Clubs commence
- Y11 Mock Examinations

Tuesday

15 JANUARY

- Y11 Mock Examinations
- 7+ Assessment Morning

Wednesday

16 JANUARY

- DofE Parent & Pupil information evening
- Whole School Assembly

Thursday

17 JANUARY

- NSPCC Junior Assembly

Friday

18 JANUARY

- Y7 Mass
- Reception & Y1 Theatre Trip
- 13+ Application Deadline
- PTA Junior Disco, 5pm

