



From the Headteacher...

We held our Harvest Festival yesterday led by Mr Lohan and Mrs Raveney. Junior children arrived in colourful accessories to 'brighten up the harvest and to build a brighter world'. Thank you for your kind donations which will be taken to Bromley Borough Food Bank.



We began the week with our celebration assembly and pupils received recognition for effort, hard work or progress. Meredith and William in Year 12 performed a couple of musical numbers. The strong sense of unity amongst the staff and pupils enables achievement to be celebrated. We wish to create an educational foundation whereby pupils will be ambitious for self-improvement and 'dare to do their best'.

A huge thank you to our PTA who were out in force on Wednesday morning preparing for the Charity Breakfast at 7am. They are an amazing group of parents who always go the extra mile to support the school. They also ran the Bingo Night on Friday evening and I hope those who attended enjoyed the evening.

During the week, Year 11 had an opportunity to sample a range of sixth form lessons and experienced a day in the life of a sixth former. In the Nursery, we had our Stay and Play

afternoon for prospective parents. These were both very positive events.

Please could I remind parents to always park considerately and not to park on double yellow lines or across driveways. The concerns we have received relate to the flats on Scotts Avenue, with inconsiderate parking causing disruption to residents of the gated flats and the refuse trucks that service the building.

On Friday 18th October we will be holding our coffee morning. We hope to see many of you joining us there for a chat and refreshments.



Paula Anderson – Headteacher
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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.



Football Analysis

Football analysis and data presentation from James Morgan-Snowley



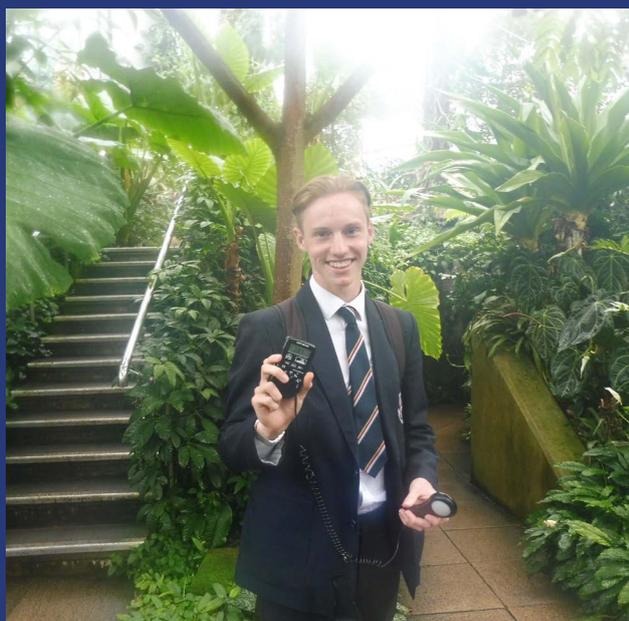
James Morgan-Snowley of Football Radar attended Bishop Challoner School this week to present to our Year 11 GCSE PE and A-Level Mathematics pupils on Football analysis and data.

James works within the Football data and analysis sector, a topic many of our pupils have a great interest in and many pupils left the presentation interested in a career in Football analytics.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and we hope to have James back at Bishop Challoner in the near future.

Also, a great score achieved by Bishop Challoner 1st XI who beat Charles Darwin 2nd XI 15-0 with special mention going to Tom who scored a hat-trick within the first 20 minutes of the game. The 1st XI travel to Farringtons Monday to maintain their 100% record in the North Kent League Division 2.

Mr Snadden – PE Teacher



SENIOR NEWS

Kew Gardens

Last Thursday Mrs Marpadi organised a trip for the Year 11's to Kew gardens. On arrival the students were split into groups with Mrs Bastin, Miss Ruston, Mrs Riddings and Mrs Marpadi. The groups then went on a guided tour/ lectures of different biomes and did hands on research work. Students had to take light meter readings and temperature readings and measures the size of various specimens. All data was recorded by students and analysed during the day.

Students learnt all about photosynthesis including Crassulacean Acid Metabolism (CAM) and transpiration. They also learnt about plant adaptations and the stomata location in different plants in each biome. It was a wonderful day which including seeing the glass sculptures at Kew which were breath taking.

Miss Ruston - Science Technician



SENIOR NEWS

Natural History Museum Visit

On Tuesday, the Year 8 pupils went to the Natural History Museum in South Kensington.



They visited galleries in relation to their Key Stage 3 science curriculum. They observed evidences of extinct species in the dinosaurs' hall. We will return to this topic just before Christmas. We looked at evidences of the Earth activity which will be studied later in the spring term. Some pupils also visited the human biology gallery whilst others toured the Hintze hall, the mineral hall and the Vault. Pupils took part in an educational session ran by the NHM. Pupils each chose one

of the 400 specimen in the laboratory and started recording observations. They were encouraged to develop a hypothesis and defend it to the team from the NHM. The pupils worked hard but I think what was even more rewarding was the comment made by a member of the public on the way back: "I think your children are lovely". Thank you to Mrs Patience, Miss Oladele and Miss Ruston for coming on the trip.

Dr Piccio – Head of Science



SENIOR NEWS

The History of Black Migration

As part of the history department's celebrations for Black History month, Miss Holley gave a lunch time lecture on the History of Black Migration from 1250 to the Present. The focus of the lecture was looking at the diverse causes and influences of migration to Britain and highlighted the ever increasing diversity of British society by the 1960s. Thank you to all members of staff and pupils that come along to the lecture. The support is much appreciated.

Miss Holley – History Teacher



Stubbers Activity Centre

On Friday we enjoyed a fantastic day trip to Stubbers activity centre near Upminster.

Pupils experienced commando camp which involved building some shelters and completing a challenging assault course. The team challenge was a very popular activity which involved completing many tasks and building on some of the skills learnt during the team building day. During the bush craft session pupils were introduced to some survival techniques and were taught how to make a fire and also hunted for different types of leaves. The laser tag session was



the highlight for most pupils. The day provided pupils with a chance to get to know their class mates and develop important skills such as decision making and team work and much fun was had by all. Thank you to all the staff for their assistance with this trip and the team building day.

Mr Raveney – Head of Key Stage 3



Year 7 Team Building

Year 7 pupils were off timetable on Thursday and Friday last week as part of their transition into the senior school. On Thursday Wise Up team building company came into the school to deliver a day of tasks which Year 7 had to complete. The pupils worked in small teams to overcome several challenges which focused on communication, working together and planning. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils who learnt some valuable skills.

Mrs Restivo



Autumn

The children in Butterfly group have been looking at Autumn over the last few weeks.



They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring and experiencing the changes to the Forest School site that Autumn brings.

We've also completed lovely work in the classroom and incorporated our Autumn theme into our other areas of learning such as Mathematics and Literacy. This week the children made these delightful autumn trees and

added numbers to their textured leaves. The rhyme that accompanies the activity helps support early number recognition, matching numeral to quantity and early ideas around subtraction and "taking one away."

Excellent work children, well done.

Ms Ludlam - Head of Nursery



JUNIOR NEWS

Junior Stars

Year 1: Niam - Superb problem solving in Maths

Year 2: Prue - Lovely creative writing

Year 3: Ryan - Working hard in all subjects

Year 4: Aida - Excellent work in Maths and English

Year 5: Jehan - Making an excellent start with Times Tables

Rock Stars

6 Alpha: Philippa - Excellent art work

6A: Angelica - Superb work in Maths

Ms Barker - Head of Key Stage 1 & 2



CHAPLAINCY

Aylesford Priory Retreat

On Wednesday, 9th October Year 5 attended a retreat day at Aylesford Priory. The theme for the day was love and service. During the day there were times for prayer and reflection and lots of activities. Some of our pupils wrote about their experience of the day.

Nobody was even close to being as excited as I was to have a school trip to Aylesford. First of all, I'm going to tell you what happened when we first got there. My bones were wobbling with excitement and I was a bit nervous. I loved the place so much.

The new staff welcomed me and the rest of Year 5 students and started the day with a peaceful and reflective prayer time. We played lots of games and did different activities

Xavier - Year 5



which were religious but fun at the same time. We also got to go to the chapel to see a relic of St Simon Stock's skull. He lived at Aylesford an extremely long time ago. My favourite game was when people in my group lined up holding various tubes and we were trying to transport a golf ball to a bench. So if you are somebody who likes exploring new places, I'd recommend you should go to Aylesford if you get a chance.



CHAPLAINCY

Spiritual Journey

Aylesford is a wonderful spiritual journey that encourages students to be more aware that everyone is different in their own unique way. It's a fun educational day and one to remember. You do lots of activities like treasure hunts, drawing on a mirror and writing about your unique personalities and gifts. It reminds you that there is only one of you and you are wonderfully and beautifully made in the palm of God's hands.

Kaela - Year 5



ONE LAST THING...

Safeguarding Essentials

At Bishop Challoner we take any concerns relating to bullying very seriously. Whether it happens in person or online (cyberbullying), such actions will not be tolerated. All pupils are asked to report any concerns as soon as possible so they can be dealt with immediately. If you would like further advice on how to support your child, please visit

[HTTPS://WWW.NSPCC.ORG.UK/WHAT-IS-CHILD-ABUSE/TYPES-OF-ABUSE/BULLYING-AND-CYBERBULLYING/](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/)

or speak to any member of staff.

PTA

Last Friday the PTA held a Family Bingo Night for the first time.

The evening was well attended with many new faces from the Junior School and we raised nearly £500.

On Wednesday morning we held a Charity Breakfast which raised £240.00. The funds will be going to Macmillan (palliative care for prostate cancer.)

The PTA would like to thank all those who supported the events and look forward to seeing you at the General Knowledge Quiz Night on Friday 29th November.

The next PTA Meeting has been changed to Wednesday 16th October at 8.30am.

Karan Reid
Acting Chair

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Tuesday

15 OCTOBER

- Junior Parents' Evening, 5pm
- Y7 Parents' Pastoral Evening, 6pm

Wednesday

16 OCTOBER

- Junior Parents' Evening, 3.30pm
- Y11 Career Interviews, All Day
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Thursday

17 OCTOBER

- Y11 Career Interviews, All Day
- Senior Autumn Recital, 6pm

Friday

18 OCTOBER

- Parents' Coffee Morning, 8.30am
- Y11 Career Interviews, All Day
- Y11 Reconciliation Service
- ISA Y5 & Y6 Football Tournament
- Senior Interim Grades sent home
- School Finishes for Half Term, 3.35pm

