



Bishop Challoner News

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From the Headteacher...

Last Saturday twelve of our children made their First Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church. I hope this special occasion was a memorable celebration for the children and their families. Thank you to Mr Lohan for organising this so superbly and for preparing the children; my special thanks to Father Peter for celebrating the Mass. Congratulations to Ryan, Harish, Myles, Amajuoritse, Antonia, Prudence, Martha, Isabella, Eva, Aidan, Isabella and Thaddeus.

On Wednesday our Year 5 children had the opportunity of experiencing some lessons in preparation for transition to Year 7. I am pleased that they thoroughly enjoyed their day and we hope this has given them a taste of life in the senior department. My thanks to Mr Lubi for organising the day and to Mrs Otley, Mrs Miotti and Dr Bovell for delivering lessons. I hope that the parents enjoyed their taster afternoon with Dr Bovell and relished the opportunity of meeting Mrs Brooker, Deputy Head and the new incoming Headteacher Mr Wallace.

It will be Year 11s last day in school for this academic year on Thursday 17th June. We are of course looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 back for induction as a number of them transition into our Sixth Form. In the meantime, we wish all of our students every success in attaining the examination results that they deserve.



Likewise, we would like to wish our Year 13 every success in their examination results and we look forward to recognising their achievements and life at Bishop Challoner when they return for their Graduation Ceremony on 23rd June.

Have an enjoyable weekend.



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.



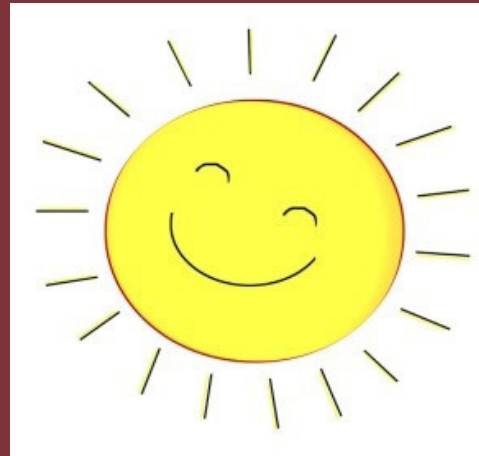
JUNIOR NEWS

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break and managed to make the most of the long awaited sunshine.

Many congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. I hope you all enjoyed your special day.

This week we have had another day of exciting filming in the Junior school. We were very proud, as always, of all the children who were involved. We look forward to sharing the finished videos with you.

As the summer appears to be finally with us, could I please remind you to make sure that the children come to school wearing sunscreen and that they bring a cap with them. We are looking forward to our Sports Day next Wednesday and this will mean that the children spend the most part of the morning outdoors.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Marlo for his excellent effort in handwriting.

Year 1: Nilah for her super work on money.

Year 2: George for his fantastic progress when reading to the class.

Year 3: Sula for perseverance and maturity.

Year 4: Nicole for a super portrait of Tutankhamun.

Year 5: Imogen for her passion for reading and her creative and colourful reading journal.

Year 6: Deren for his excellent presentation on Medicine throughout the ages!

Many congratulations to all our Stars this week.

Ms Barker - Head of KS1 and KS2



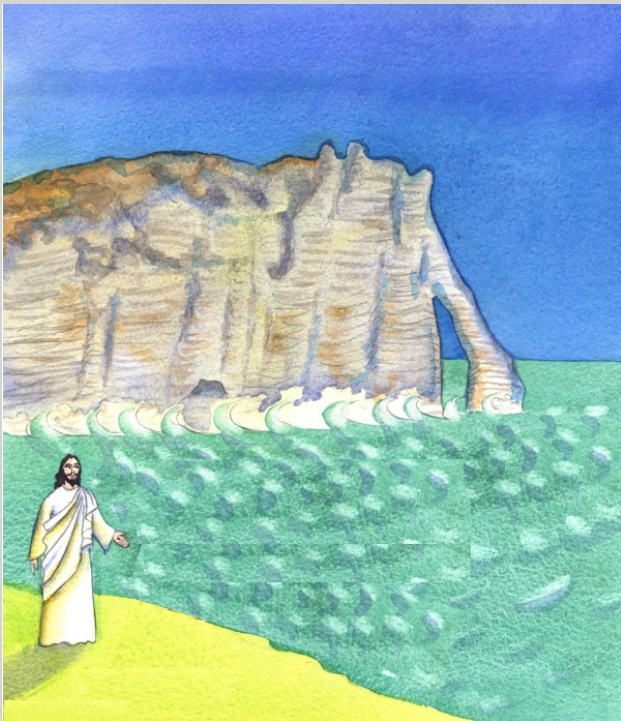
CHAPLAINCY

First Holy Communion 5th June 2021

Many congratulations to twelve of our Year 3 and 4 pupils who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 5th June at St Joseph's Parish, Bromley. It was a pleasure preparing the pupils for this very special Sacrament, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church describes as: 'the source and summit of the Christian life.' The pupils worked very hard to prepare for this important event in their spiritual journey and it was clear that their parents had also supported them throughout. It was particularly joyful to be able to join with the pupils and their families for the Mass with few restrictions.

Fr Peter Murphy celebrated the Mass for us and gave an inspirational homily, during which he spoke about the love that Jesus has for each one of us that moves him to allow bread and wine to be miraculously transformed on the altar, into his very presence, so that he can be intimately united with us. This is the greatest miracle that God the Creator of the universe humbles himself in this way simply because he loves us and

LET US PRAY



Gerard Lohan - School Chaplain



wants to communicate himself to us.

I am very grateful to Mr Fitzgerald and his family who played the music and sang at the Mass, which made it very special. Thank you also to Mrs Sweet, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Collings who also attended to show their support for Bishop Challoner.

Dear Lord,

We thank you for this year. For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Lord you desire to be with us in the most ordinary events of life. We invite you to be with us as we spend time with our family and friends during this holiday. Give us strength and courage to choose what is right: to be witnesses of our faith and the power of your love working in us.

Help us to show our shared Christian values by appreciating what others do for us, by giving our time and efforts to help others. By being peace-makers and joy givers in our family and community.

Keep us safe and free from all danger and harm in all that we do. Help us to experience great joy and fun but also great peace and rest. Renew and revitalize us so that we will be refreshed and ready for the new Academic Year.

Thank you for our classmates, school staff, teachers, parents, guardians and our caring community.

May we be aware of your loving presence in every moment of our lives.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen



NURSERY NEWS

The children at Forest School this week have been working on their fine motor skills and developing their understanding of safety and managing risk.

The children have been using potato peelers to whittle sticks. This requires lots of concentration and really good listening. The children have to understand and learn how much pressure to apply and how to angle the blade; whilst remembering how to keep themselves safe by keeping fingers well back and only cutting away from their body. These are such valuable skills that transfer fantastically into the classroom and beyond.



Thank you to Mrs Coates for always educating the children so well on all things Forest School - we are so grateful and proud to be able to offer this initiative.

Great work children.

Ms Ludlam - Head of Nursery / EYFS Co-ordinator



RECEPTION NEWS

Butterflies

The children in Reception Class have started work on their learning journey, Mini-Beasts. Children have been looking at butterflies and have created beautiful sun catchers that are on display in our classroom. Let us see how many we can spot at Forest School.

Mr Peck - Reception Class Teacher



SPORT NEWS

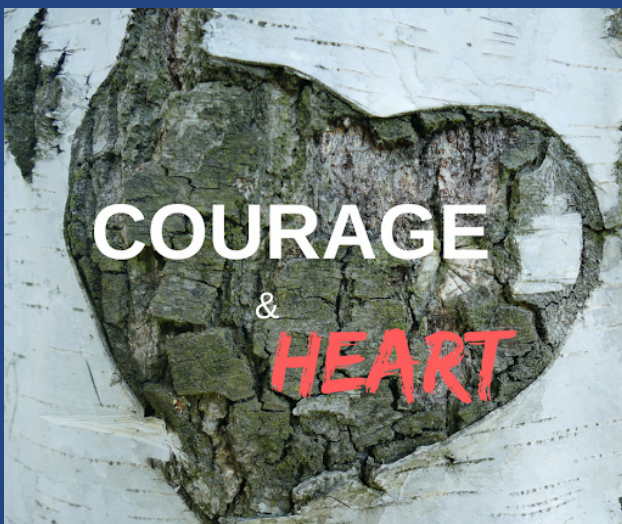
It was great to hear of Jamie's recent athletics success. Competing for his club, Blackheath & Bromley, they were involved in their first inter-club competition in the Kent Young Athletes' League in May. Jamie is part of the U13 squad and competed in the A string for hurdles, long jump and 200m. He won both the hurdles and the long jump, and came 3rd in the 200m.

Jamie is now ranked #1 nationally for the U13 hurdles and #14 nationally for long jump. This is an amazing achievement and it is particularly impressive when we consider that he is only in his first year of U13, which covers a 2-year span, so he will still be in the U13 for all of next year too. Congratulations to Jamie in a terrific start to his athletics season and he is eager for the next competitions.

Mr Oliver - Director of Sport



HOUSE NEWS



The votes are in and here are the selected individual House mottos as chosen by the pupils.

House Mottos:

St Michael: If I fall, my team will pick me up.

St Patrick: Be better than you were yesterday.

St Edmund: Believe in yourself. You are capable of amazing things.

St Denis: Greatness is measured by courage and heart.

Under the guidance of Mrs Restivo, Year 7 pupils will design the banners to be shown on our House display. We cannot wait to see the final outcomes.

Mr Peck - House Co-ordinator



WRAPAROUND CARE

There has been a change at crèche this half term.

It is hard to believe that only a few weeks ago we were all wearing our winter coats while playing outside but now there is not a coat in sight and even board games have moved to the play area.



We also had a visit from a snail to breakfast but it was not on the menu.



Mrs Vander-Elst - Breakfast Club and Crèche Supervisor



This week a butterfly visited the children at play. They were fascinated.



Once again thanks go to all staff who make wraparound care such fun.



SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS

Ofsted's inspectors visited 32 state and private schools and spoke to over 900 young people.

Ninety percent of the girls and 50% of boys said that being sent unwanted explicit pictures or videos happened "a lot" or "sometimes".

Do speak with your children to encourage openness and transparency regarding their social media and messages.

Mrs Brooker - Designated Safeguarding Lead

PARKING

We are seeing increasing complaints from our neighbouring community about illegal parking from parents dropping off and picking up children. Please can I remind you to park respectfully and not to block driveways or park in private parking courts. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Mr Rolls - Bursar

HOT WEATHER

The summer has finally arrived and brings joy and excitement to all. Please may I remind you to ensure your son or daughter applies suntan lotion before coming to school and brings additional supply with them as well as ensuring they have a reusable water bottle. An increasing number of pupils are asking for plastic cups every day and this is not environmentally friendly. All pupils MUST bring a reusable water bottle with them daily. Thank you.

Mrs Anderson - Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday
16 JUNE

- Junior Sports Day

Thursday
17 JUNE

- Year 11 and 13 final day, all day
- Trustee Education Committee, 6.00pm

Wednesday
23 JUNE

- PTA AGM, 4.00pm
- Sixth Form Graduation, 11.50am
- New Parent and Junior Information Evening

Thursday
24 JUNE

- Full Governors' Meeting, 6.00pm

Thursday
1 JULY

- Senior Sports Day, 9.00am

Monday
5 JULY

- Junior Prize Giving

Tuesday
6 JULY

- Senior Prize Giving

Friday
9 JULY

- End of Term, 12noon

