



Bishop Challoner News

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From the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week.

It has been a very busy week with Open Morning, Year 13 Parent's Evening and Remembrance Service giving a flavour of the week just gone by. I hope the contents of this newsletter give you a sense of what I mean.

Our Open Morning was hugely successful and, not surprisingly, our pupils were wonderful ambassadors for the school either as a tour guide (thank you to Year 5, 6, 7 and 12 pupils) or simply being courteous around the school with our visitors. Many parents commented on the really lovely feel to our school, which of course they are right about!

Our Remembrance Service and two-minute silence yesterday, led by Mr Lohan, was a beautiful service giving us all a moment to reflect upon events of the past and the passing of people we hold dear.

Student Success

Congratulations to Year 13 pupil Rosie C who has reached the short-listing stage of the Hugo Young Award, a national journalism competition. The competition has had nearly 4000 entries nationwide and asks for a journalistic opinion piece.

Sport

Last Friday our under 11s competed in the ISA London South Football tournament playing 5 games, winning one and drawing one. The boys really enjoyed the day.

There was also a lot of football this week for our senior boys. On Monday the under 13s had a narrow loss to Hayes 3-2 in the Kent Cup conceding in the last couple of minutes after taking the lead twice.

On Wednesday the under 15s played Clarendon Fan in the ESFA Cup. Despite losing 3-1, the boys played really well and at 1-1 hit the post twice before two late goals in the second half ultimately cost BCS the game.

Yesterday our Year 7s won 10-2 in the Kent Cup against Cleeve Park with Zech scoring five!

Well done to all.

PTA

Thank you to our PTA for all their continued support and hard work. I was at the PTA meeting on Tuesday and there is a lot of positive action taking place. The PTA were extremely supportive of the school's Open Morning on Wednesday, serving refreshments while speaking with prospective parents and pupils about our wonderful school.

You will be aware by now that tonight's Race Night has been postponed until later in the year and we are looking at the best format in which this will run.

The winner of the Matchbox Challenge for 'most items' (with 60) is Isabella in Y2. For 'most unusual item' (a shark's tooth!) congratulations to Marlo in Y1.

Mark Wallace – Headteacher
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House Competition Update

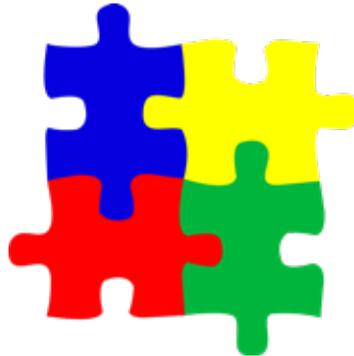
The current position is:

St Michael 1520

St Edmund 940

St Patrick 940

St Denis 770



Globe Players Visit

We have been very fortunate to have The Globe Players visit us today to bring to life the texts we are studying in English at Key Stage 3 and 4. The Globe Players are the foremost Shakespeare and Children's Theatre Company in London and the Southeast, bringing high quality and professional theatre to tens of thousands of schools. Their repertoire includes lively performances of classic texts, children's plays, and workshops.

Summer 2022 Exam Timetable Dates (for Y11 and Y13 parents/carers)

The exam timetable dates for Summer 2022 have now been released. The exam period will be from Monday 16 May – Tuesday 28 June.

The Contingency Day is Wednesday 29 June.

A Level and EPQ Results Day is Thursday 18 August and GCSE Results Day is Thursday 25 August.

Do make a note of these dates in your diaries.

Week ahead

Next week is Charity Week which is being led by Mr Lohan and our Sixth Form. We will be supporting The Hope Foundation, Royal Marsden Hospital, Guide Dogs for the Blind and CAFOD World Gift. There are more details in the Chaplain's letter with examples of the types of challenges pupils can try.

Thursday it is our Year 11 Parents Evening and on Friday the PTA have organised a disco for our Junior School pupils.

I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend

With best wishes

Mark Wallace – Headteacher
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Stars of the Week



1st November 2021

Reception Charles for his excellent effort this week.

Year 1 Clara for excellent sentence writing in Literacy and her great attitude to school.

Year 2 Karl for trying his best and always being ready to learn.

Year 3 Micah for excellent work in poetry.

Year 4 Sula for good effort and understanding in poetry.

Year 5 Kosi for her beautiful handwritten Black History Month information posters.

Year 6 Maisie for her excellent gas mask holiday homework.



8th November 2021

Reception Alexander for his excellent effort this week.

Year 1 Harry for his great effort in all areas of the curriculum.

Year 2 Faith for her wonderful English work.

Year 3 Georgina for excellent behaviour and a willingness to help out.

Year 4 Izzy for an excellent attitude towards her Maths learning.

Year 5 Ryan for going the extra mile with effort and achievement in his newspaper article.

Year 6 Theo for knowing and performing his Christmas play lines in class rehearsals this week.

Many congratulations to all of our Stars.

We are very proud of you!



Ms Barker - Head of Junior school



Mathemagics Club!

The Mathemagics Club will be running this Autumn half term, specifically aimed at students in year 7 and year 8.

Students who are interested in attending will have the opportunity to tackle a variety of engaging mathematical activities while developing teamwork and communication skills.

All year 7 and 8 students who are interested in working through fun mathematical problems are welcome to attend!

Location: Room 9

Day: Every Monday

Time: 1.10pm-1.40pm



Miss Salp - Head of Mathematics



Year 5 and 6 Football Team

The year 5 and 6 football team attended the ISA South London Football Championships last Friday. The competition was a stern test with schools from all across the region. The boys had a tough start losing their first two matches to Elmhurst and Oakwood. But in true Challoner style, the team kept battling and played with courage and determination. They won their next game and drew the other. Louis made some great saves in goal with some good defence from Cillian. Alex never stopped running and Melvin scored a couple of great goals. The pupils enjoyed their afternoon out of lessons and were great ambassadors for the school!



Mr Oliver - Director of Sport



Netball

On Thursday 4th November the year 6/7 and 10 netball teams took to Farringtons school for a league netball match. After finally getting through the traffic we arrived just in time to fit in a short game before the light started to disappear.

The year 7's had a good start to the game with lots of good passing and movements off the ball but some quick countering from Farringtons meant that at the halfway mark it was 4-2 to Farringtons. After a positive half time conversation, the year 7s started strong and came back to draw 5-5. It was a tense final 5 minutes with goals from either side making it 6-6 with 1 minute to go. A quick centre pass from Farringtons allowed the ball to get to the edge of their circle where their GS took a risky shot which unfortunately for Bishop Challoner went in. This made the final score 7-6 to Farringtons. Despite the score line this was a great game to watch.

Well done to all the year 6 and 7 girls involved.

The year 10 game started off very strong with Bishop Challoner scoring the first goal. After a quick counter from Farringtons it was soon to be 4-1 at half time. The girls worked hard to win the ball with some really good passing and communication displayed. Unfortunately, this time they lost out on the win and Farringtons came out on top but both teams are looking forward to playing them again in the new year.

Well done to all the year 9 and 10 students involved.

Miss Johnstone - PE Teacher



Religious Education



With the eyes of the world focused on the COP 26 summit in Glasgow this week, General RE focused Year 12's attention on understanding how the climate crisis disproportionately affects the world's poorest countries.

Students worked to a tight deadline to create wind turbines in pairs while beset by 'natural disasters' and the plundering of their natural resources. They also examined case studies looking at the impacts of climate change on low income communities around the world. While the eyes of the world may be on Glasgow, our eyes are watching world leaders to see what pledges they make to care for the world's poorest communities.

Mrs Patience - RE Teacher





Nursery's Remembrance Day Artwork

The children in the Nursery and Reception have been busy painting poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day 2021.

They used a variety of printing and painting techniques on their canvases. They used a pale wash for the background and printed the poppies using sponges, brushes and fingers!

The children are very proud of their paintings and the exhibition is on display in the front foyer for you all to enjoy.

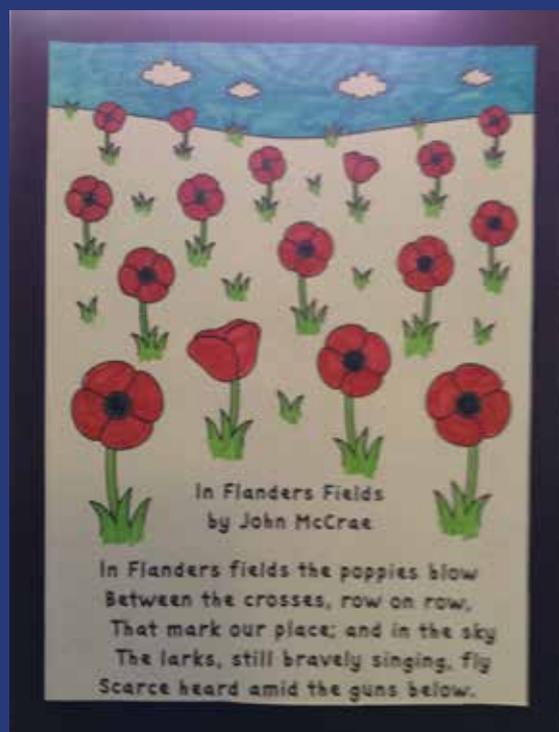




Wrap Around Care

The children have found many ways to remember the fallen.

Here are three examples of their beautiful work.



Mrs Vander Elst - Teaching Assitant





Competitions

1. Design Your Emoji - Open to Reception to Year 6 pupils
2. Poster Competition – Open to year 7 to Year 11 pupils
3. An Essay contest – Open to year 12 and 13

1.Emoji

Sometimes we do not have the words to express how we are feeling, and we are lost for words. An emoji can express how you are feeling without words.

We would like you to design an emoji on a similar face as below and tell us the feeling it represents to you. A prize will be awarded for the best emoji, your own emoji on a T-shirt.



My Emoji is Feeling : _____

Child's Name : _____

Class : _____

If your child would like to enter this competition, please hand in the emoji with the name of the pupil to reception by Friday 19th November 2021

2. Poster

The Theme of the poster competition is:



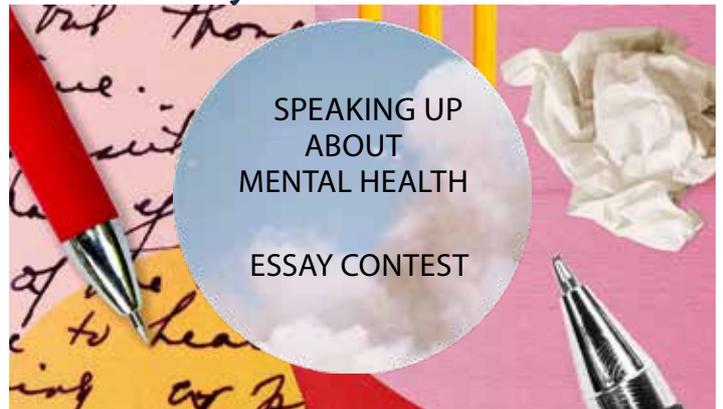
Pupils are asked to design and complete their own posters and should include the words:

Positive Mental Health

If your child would like to enter this competition, please hand in the poster with the name of the pupil to reception by

Friday 26th November 2021

3. Essay



If your child would like to enter this competition, please hand in the essay with the name of the pupil to reception by Friday 26th November 2021



Year 11 Kintbury Retreat

On Monday, 4th October our Year 11 pupils went on retreat to Kintbury. 22 pupils attended the retreat along with another school. This is the first time the Year 11 pupils have been on a residential trip since lock down and it was a very good opportunity for them to relax and reflect in preparation for the tough year ahead. They also had the opportunity to make new friends and to socialise.

I was very pleased that many of our pupils approached the retreat with maturity and openness. It was a useful time for them to recharge their spiritual batteries and to prepare for the challenges ahead.

Kintbury has recently had a revamp and now includes outward bound activities. So, there was a good blend of spirituality, prayer, reflection and team building exercises. The final liturgy was particularly special and all of our pupils participated through art, music and drama, bringing their individual gifts, talents and creativity. I am particular grateful to Mrs Restivo who supported me and the pupils during the retreat.



Last month's Harvest Festival

On Monday, 11th October we celebrated our Harvest Festival Assembly. This year we collected any foods with a long shelf life for Bromley Food Bank and our pupils and families gave very generously. Apart from giving thanks for the harvest, we wanted to think more about taking care of the planet. Drawing on the letter by Pope Francis called Our Common Home, we thought about how God entrusted the world he has created to human beings. Pope Francis reminds us that the world is a gift from God and that we have a responsibility to look after it.



Considering this further, we thought about how we can live in peace and in harmony with each other, by listening to one another, caring for nature and being more involved in our society and politics, not only in the wider world but here in school.

Moving on from this we thought about the needs of people around the world and our local community and it was good to acknowledge all the good things that our pupils are doing to help others.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta after all of her years working with the poor and the marginalised came to a surprising conclusion that:

'The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.'

We thought about this and set ourselves a challenge to try to think more about others and to offer friendship and kindness to those that are lonely or sad. We finished with a famous quote, 'Don't think about the harvest you reap, but the seeds that you sow' and invited our teachers and pupils to think about this. Whilst we may not always see the fruits of our labour, we trust that the care that we show to others as a school community and the blessings that God bestows on our school will help our pupils to flourish both now and in the future. A big thank you to our pupils: Amaju, Aristide, Bela, Izzy, Martha and Olamide, who helped to lead the assembly. Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to our families and pupils who have so generously supported our Harvest Collection and those who support our other charitable endeavours throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2021

Deadline 26th November



Our Shoe Box Appeal 2021 will help vulnerable communities across Eastern Europe. We hope that we will be able to deliver boxes and bags, which will then be sent to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. Filled shoeboxes and drawstring bags will both be gratefully received please refer to the letter for more information.

Year 5 and 6 Kintbury Retreat

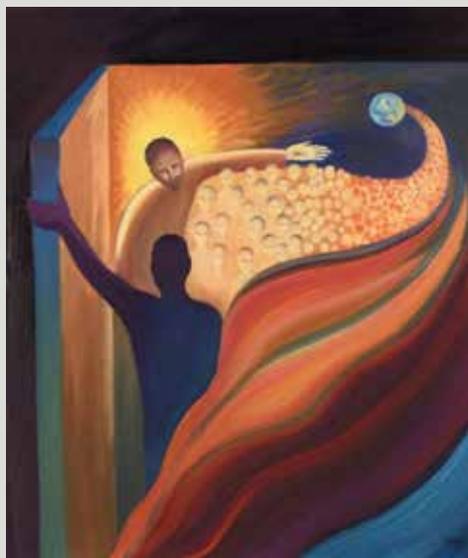
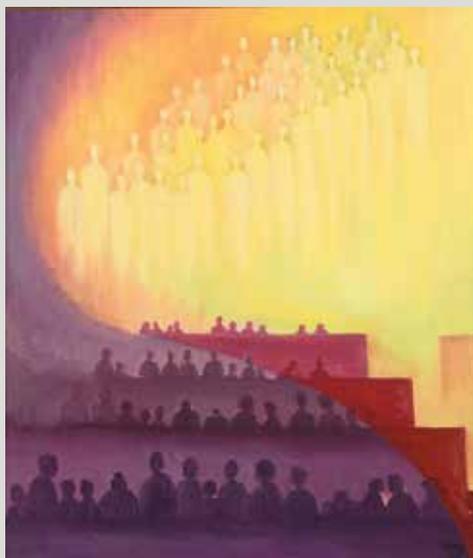
On Friday, 15th October Year 5 and 6 attended a retreat day at Aylesford Priory. The theme for the day was 'All Creation gives you praise.' The day began with a very interesting talk by Fr Michael on the history of Aylesford and the friars, which began on Mount Carmel in north-western Israel and led to Aylesford. Fr Michael also gave a tour of the grounds and buildings which date back to the 13th century. One pupil commented that it was like stepping into a Harry Potter film set and it is a very captivating place.



During the day there were times for prayer and reflection and lots of creative activities, including a reflection on Pope Francis' letter 'Our Common Home,' in the walled garden. We were also pleasantly surprised to meet Archbishop of Southwark John Wilson. A special thank you to Ms Barker and Mr Fitzgerald who accompanied us for the retreat.



Holy Mass



On Monday, 1st November we celebrated a whole school mass for All Saints Day. Fr Steve offered the mass for us and during his homily he reminded us that this feast day celebrates all of those ordinary people, just like you and I, who loved God and loved their neighbours. We might think that in order to get to heaven we have to do great things but St Teresa of Lisieux, who is also a Doctor of the Church, reminds us that the smallest acts done with love have infinite value before God. Let us ask God to help us to be more loving towards him and one another as we continue on our journey towards the communion of saints.

The Month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls, and we remember those that have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. On Friday evening 5th November, we had our Alumni Mass for the Holy Souls in which we prayed for our departed loved ones. Many former staff and their families joined us. We also prayed for those who died in WWI and WWII. Fr Peter Murphy offered a wonderful, thoughtful mass, speaking about the hope that we have in the promise of Jesus that we will meet those that we have loved and lost in the future. After the mass we shared some food and drinks with our guests and it was good to reminisce about those who have died and our shared experiences.

This year let us give thanks to God for all those who have died, especially those whose lives were cut short in the First and Second World Wars.

Eternal rest, grant unto them O lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.



Mr Lohan - School Chaplain



House Challenges

The children were asked to use egg cartons and create anything of their choice using this as the basis. As you can see, we had some truly amazing and imaginative responses.

Really well done to all that took part! All entries were awarded 20 House points and remember, points mean prizes!



Mr Peck - House Co-ordinator



SAFEGUARDING AND WELL- BEING INFORMATION

Dear parents/carers

New social media platforms are on the increase and often a minefield in keeping up with. This latest one is called OMEGLE which openly advertises talking to strangers. The site is similar to a facetime app but promotes engaging with strangers.

Please ensure that all devices are secure and online safety is observed.

Online counselling support for pupils

<https://www.kooth.com/>

Support for parents | NSPCC



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

Parenting can be rewarding, but it can also be challenging. We've got parenting tips for all stages of your child's life, as well as advice on how to deal with difficult situations. All parents can come under pressure or stress from time to time. Our Positive Parenting guide shares practical advice ...

www.nspcc.org.uk

Coping with your teenager - NHS

Many parents find their teenager's behaviour challenging. Teenagers' behaviour can be baffling, stressful, hurtful and often worrying. But in most cases it does not mean there is anything more serious going on than the natural process of becoming an adult.

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/cope-with-your-teenager/>

Parenting teenagers | Relate

Parenting teenagers can be challenging and many parents find it hard to adapt to changes in their child's behaviour as they grow up. Here you'll find lots of practical advice on how to deal with common teen issues. If you have any questions, our counsellors are here to help.

www.relate.org.uk

<https://www.relate.org.uk/relationship-help/help-family-life-and-parenting/parenting-teenagers>

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Kate Brooker

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can we ask you again to please not park by the flats opposite the school.

We have had numerous complaints from the residents, saying that they cannot park their own cars in their private road because of school parents parking there.

Please be considerate towards our neighbours.

Thanks and regards

School Office.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday

15 NOVEMBER

- Whole School Assembly - 8:45am

Tuesday

16 NOVEMBER

- School Reports Go Online

Wednesday

17 NOVEMBER

- Year 1 Liturgy - 9:15am

Thursday

18 NOVEMBER

- Junior School Assembly - 8:45 am
- Year 11 Parent's Evening - 5:00 till 7:00pm

Friday

19 NOVEMBER

- Flu Vaccinations Rec to Year 11 - 9:00 am
- Junior Disco 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Monday

22 NOVEMBER

- Whole School Assembly - 8:45am

Wednesday

24 NOVEMBER

- Year 2 Liturgy - 9:15am

Thursday

25 NOVEMBER

- Junior Assembly - 8:45am
- 11 + Taster Day - 9:00am

Friday

12 NOVEMBER

- Year 7 Mass - 9:00am

