



From the Headteacher...

Bishop Challoner School is so proud of William, our Deputy Head Pupil in Year 13. He has worked hard over the past seven years to raise funds to support the charity Prostate Cancer UK as Ambassador. He was recently awarded a well-deserved Certificate of Commendation from the Mayor of Bromley, Cllr Hannah Gray, in recognition of his efforts and determination.



On Wednesday the school observed a one minute silence to remember those who died in the armed forces in the service of their country. Thank you to Mr Kent-Davies for playing the Last Post and to Mr Lohan for organising our Remembrance Service on Thursday. Miss Holley's Remembrance assembly on Tuesday to the seniors was also well received.

It has been another busy week interviewing prospective pupils for entry in September 2021. Interviews will be commencing

shortly for our internal Year 6 pupils with their parents.

I will be responding to all scholarship and sixth form applicants shortly with a time for their interview and these will be taking place on Wednesday and Friday next week. I wish them every success with the process.

I hope you 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.



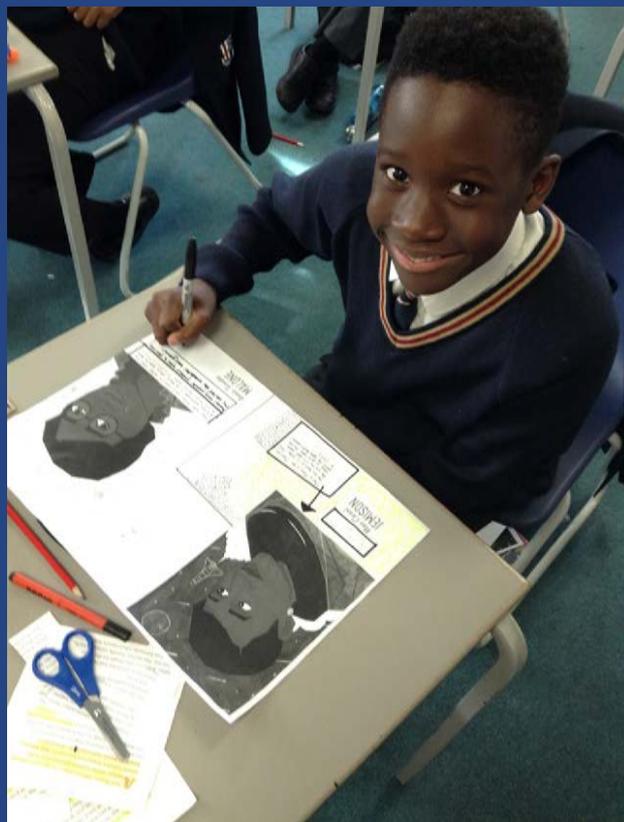
Researching Scientists

Just before half term year 7 enjoyed a science class based around black history with resources supplied by Miss Ruston.

Pupils designed their own posters using the information about famous scientists from the past. They continued this work for homework but came up with some lovely ideas during the lesson.

The children really enjoyed themselves.

Mr Raveney
Head of Key Stage 3



EL CLASICO

Although fixtures against other schools have been postponed for the time being, the PE department is still encouraging intra-school fixtures.

This week, 11A and 11& reignited an old football rivalry affectionately known as El Clasico during Games.

The game started quickly with 11& taking an early 2-0 lead employing miserly tactics sitting back and trying to capitalise on the counterattack. 11A pulled themselves back into the match though with great attacking play from Jacques, Ted, David and Adam.

11& took the lead though in the dying embers of the game as Charlie and Blake combined to score a neat goal.

The game ended 3-2 and although fiercely competed, players congratulated each other on a great game at the final whistle. 11& win this one but I am sure 11A are already plotting for the next clash.

Mr Snadden
PE Teacher



Breakfast Club and Crèche

To brighten up our walls at Breakfast Club and Crèche the children from Nursey to Year 4 used their creative artistic skills to colour images and to create their own unique paintings.



They also enjoyed making scarecrows, autumn trees, sweetcorn and 3D pumpkins using a variety of materials to create their autumn display.

Thank you everyone for making our room so bright and cheerful.

Mrs Vander Elst
Breakfast Club / Creche Supervisor



Return to Forest School

I hope that you all had a restful half term and stayed well. We were glad to be back this week, especially with another lockdown on the horizon! It was wonderful to see the children back and to meet new friends too.



Forest School resumed this week for Dolphin and Butterfly children. We have delayed the start to ensure all of our new starters were fully settled and confident - for some, they have not been in a setting since our first lockdown in March and for young children this is a considerable part of their lives. Being sensitive to this, we delayed starting another new routine until after the half term break. Prior to half term the children practised putting on their outwear and were getting

really excited about the new outdoor learning experience.

The children (and staff) were excited to get outside and explore the site which has not been visited by nursery since March; really quite emotional. Forest school is such an important resource for young children; the opportunity to learn outdoors in a child initiated way allows them the time and freedom to explore nature and play in all weathers.



Great to be back at Forest school; thank you to Mrs Coates for always delivering such an amazing addition to our curriculum that we are so proud of.

Ms Ludlam
Head of Nursery / EYFS Co-ordinator



House Activities

This half term, the children have been incredibly busy on the creative front. Our challenges have been to design a poster for the PTA Christmas raffle and to create a piece of art, made from lolly sticks.

Firstly, children were asked to use lolly sticks 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 who took part. All entries were awarded one House point and remember, points mean prizes.

The 3 winners were:

Victor - St Denis-Yr6

Theo - St Edmund-Yr5

Avahana - St Edmund-Yr1

Secondly, the children were asked by the PTA to design a bright and bold poster for the Christmas raffle. There were some amazingly well thought out designs and thank you to all those who submitted their beautiful posters.

Just to remind those who wish to take part in the BCGT competition, the deadline is 1st December. Please send your entries to bcgt@bcswb.co.uk.

Yours in House,

Mr Peck

House Co-ordinator



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2020

We are delighted that the Blythwood Shoe Box appeal went ahead again this year. Once again our pupils and families have been extremely generous and we have collected a total of 34 very substantial boxes and two large tie bags. Thank you for helping to make Christmas special for poor children and families.



Some of our nursery children also donated boxes for the appeal.

Mr Lohan
School Chaplain



Holy Souls and Remembrance Day 2020



The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls, when we especially remember those that have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. On Monday 2nd November, we had our Holy Souls Virtual Service in which we prayed especially for departed family members and loved ones, we thought about heaven where we will be reunited with our loved ones and experience the blessed light and love of God. We also thought about the promise that Jesus made in John's Gospel 14:2 'In my Father's house there are many rooms, I go to prepare a place for you, that you may be with me where I am.' His promise is for all people of goodwill who seek God's friendship.

On Wednesday 11th November, we celebrated Remembrance Day to mark the Armistice which brought about an end to World War I. At 10.59am, Mr Kent-Davis played the Last Post, in the school grounds, before we began the minute of silence at 11.00am. It was a powerful and moving way to begin our service as the music deeply resonates with us, reminding us of those who sacrificed their lives. I use the word sacrifice as the young men and women who fought in both the First and Second World Wars were well aware that they may not return home but were still willing to make that sacrifice.

Following this, we had our online Remembrance Service led by Tiffany Bankole and Jacob Thorn from Year 8. We thought about the many men and women and family members who

lost their lives in the wars. Reflecting upon the symbolism of the poppy we listened to the poem 'In Flanders Fields' written by John McCrae and sung by Farnham Youth Choir. It says in the poem, 'they gave their tomorrows for our today' and in John's Gospel 15:13 Jesus says that, 'there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.' Jesus himself gave his life for our peace and reconciliation with God and considering this we thought about how best to honour Jesus and the brave men and women who gave their lives for us. Finally, we prayed the Our Father focussing specifically upon our request that God forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. I am especially grateful to the site team for setting up a beautiful Remembrance display in the school grounds, to Mr Kent-Davis for playing the Last Post and to Tiffany and Jacob for leading the service so well. I invite you to pray for all of our departed loved ones and for those who are recently bereaved:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Mr Lohan
School Chaplain



JUNIOR STARS

Week beginning Monday 2nd November

Reception: Marlo - for his excellent understanding of the layers of the forest.

Year 1: Isabella - for superb classwork and a lovely positive attitude.

Year 2: Niam - for working out, and teaching the class, how to make origami frogs.

Year 3: Sita - excellent effort and listening in every lesson.

Year 4: Nixon - for a wonderful project on Harriet Tubman.

Year 5: Imogen - for her excellent book report and dedication to reading.

Year 6: Jamie - for his excellent attitude to learning and superb work in class.

Well done to all our stars.

Ms Barker
Head of KS1 and KS2

Week beginning Monday 9th November

Reception: Zara - for her independent work and progress in reading.

Year 1: Arin - for excellent focus and determination in maths.

Year 2: Anastasia - for her infectious smile, kindness, caring and consistent hard work.

Year 3: Beatriz - for perseverance and determination in her approach to learning.

Year 4: Matthew - for excellent maths work.

Year 5: Alexander - for excellent effort with handwriting in his Remembrance Day poem.

Year 6: Kaela - for her mature approach to resolving conflicts amongst her peers.



Fundraising Week



We have had a fantastic week of fundraising led by the Sixth Form, the details will be in the next Newsletter!



ONE LAST THING...

Safeguarding essentials

Next week is national "Anti-Bullying Week" and the theme this year is "United against bullying".

We are all encouraged to channel our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, to help reduce bullying. Working with the Anti-bullying Alliance, we will be discussing how we all have the power to help make a difference and ensure that we celebrate our differences and always show respect to each other.

If you would like to get involved, the Anti-bullying Alliance has produced a special pack for parents and carers which can be accessed via the following site: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Monday

16 NOVEMBER

- Flu vaccinations, all day

Wednesday

18 NOVEMBER

- Sixth form scholarship interviews, all day
- Nursery and Reception service, 9.00am
- Year 11 mental health workshop, 1.45-3.30pm

Friday

20 NOVEMBER

- Sixth form scholarship interviews, all day
- Year 5 chapel reflection, 9.00am
- GCSE drama rehearsal, 3.45-5.00pm

Wednesday

25 NOVEMBER

- Year 2 service, 9.00am

Friday

27 NOVEMBER

- Year 6 chapel reflection

Instrumental & Singing Lessons at BCS



"I would teach children music, physics and philosophy; but most importantly music, for in the patterns of music and all the arts are the keys of learning."

Plato

The music department offers instrumental and singing tuition in most instruments.

The music tutors will arrange lessons in a rotating basis during the school day.

Parents are welcome to indicate their preferred choice of time. Priority will be given to KS4 and sixth form in allocating times out of academic lesson time.

To organise lessons, and check on prices, please get in contact directly with the appropriate teacher.

If you have any other queries, feel free to email me directly at mkent-davies@bcswb.co.uk.

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