



# Bishop Challoner News

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## From the Headteacher...

Beatrice, Theo, Bethany, Megan, Matthew, George, Cillian, Imogen, Reagan, Maisie and Aida in Year 4 spent part of their lunchtimes with me talking about their interests, the build up to Christmas and the clubs that they are enjoying. We also discussed their highlights of the term to-date.

I would like to thank the PTA enormously for a brilliant Christmas fair. They have worked tirelessly for the good of the school and raised a huge amount of money which benefits pupils at Bishop Challoner. The hall looked lovely and the stalls appealed to a wide range of ages. A special thank you also to our pupils and staff who helped and of course we enjoyed a visit from Santa. It was good to see many parents supporting the event with their children.

Thank you to those of you who attended the Carol Service on Tuesday evening. St Edmund's Church was packed as we enjoyed the singing of the carols and readings from a cross section of pupils. The services brought to a close what has been a very busy and successful term. We raised £435.62 for the School Crises Fund; thank you for your generosity.

Many children tucked into their festive Christmas lunch on



Wednesday, thanks to the hard work of our catering team. The dining hall was filled with festive fun, laughter and an array of colourful Christmas jumpers!

This is the last Bishop Challoner News until the New Year. I will be sending my end of term letter to parents early next week.

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and happiness and health for the New Year.



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.



## SENIOR SPORT

# Senior Football

The Year 8 football team had another good victory in a competitive match against Bullers Wood School. The Year 8 team maintained their 100% win record with a 5-2 win on a cold blustery day.



Bishop Challoner took the lead early from a good finish from Jonah. Isaac extended our lead shortly after before Bullers Wood pulled a goal back before half time. Isaac scored again soon after half time after a goal mouth scramble. Not long after, Bullers Wood scored again before Bishop Challoner increased their lead with two goals from Daniel to cement the lead. The team worked hard and created many chances.

Mr Raveney – PE Teacher

In the New Year the team has several more fixtures planned. Thank you once again to the parents who have given up their time to support the matches this half term.

The Year 7 football team were beaten by Bullers Wood on Monday but did not give up and kept going until the final whistle.



## SENIOR NEWS

# Choir at Newman Court

The Senior choir travelled the relatively short distance to Bromley North to join in an afternoon of carol singing at Newman Court Retirement Home. We sung a number of carols and spoke with many residents, who remember Bishop Challoner School well as a lot of their children attended he school years ago. The pupils served mince pies as we finished off our singing with a round of The 12 days of Christmas, where the choir persisted in trying to do 'The 12 days ' all in one breath and it sped up like a runaway steam train! It was all very enjoyable and the residents wish the school a very merry Christmas.

Mr Flanagan - Music Teacher



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR NEWS

# Eco Warriors

A massive congratulations to our nursery department for their amazing recycled art event; it was stunning!



Last week we had a party for all our Eco warriors! Our Eco Club works so hard to make sure our school is going from strength to strength to be more sustainable. We are working with the whole school to get our 'Green Flag' award which will involve being assessed and evaluated on our progress within the Eco schools framework.

Thank you to all my Eco Club members for their hard work and commitment and to all the staff who help and support us.

Miss Ruston - Eco Club Leader



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORT

# Park Run

It was great to see so many of the Bishop Challoner community attend the park run at Beckenham Place Park last Saturday. We had just under 30 members of staff, parents and pupils involved. Congratulations to Ted in Year 10 who finished 10th overall out of 250 participants. It was a great turnout for the event on a chilly Saturday morning in December so a big thank you to all involved.

Mr Oliver - Director of Sport



# House re-brand Competition

Lots of entries were received from our pupils for the re-brand competition.

It is lovely to see the time, care and effort spent on some of the pieces submitted. It gives the pupils a real ownership of their House's identity. Furthermore, each entry gained a valuable point and the overall winners were...

Mr Peck – House Co-ordinator



- 1) St Patrick
- 2) St Edmund
- 3) St Michael
- 4) St Denis

Well done again to all those who took part.



Ms Barker, Head of KS1 & KS2

## JUNIOR NEWS

### Junior Stars

Rec: Sanaa - For working hard and growing in confidence

Year 1: George - Working hard at handwriting.

Year 2: Jayden - Bringing joy to the Year 2 class. We will miss you!

Year 3: Nixon - For being such a good friend and looking after our young visitor this week.

Year 4: Cillian - For working hard and showing determination and resilience.

Year 5: Annabelle - For participating with enthusiasm in all school events.

Year 6A: Tyler - For a wonderful performance at the Carol Concert.

Year 6&: Milly - For showing a superb all round effort over the last half term.

Congratulations to all our stars. We are very proud of you.



## JUNIOR NEWS

# 'Lights, Camel, Action'

This year, our Christmas Nativity was 'Lights, Camel, Action.' We told the story of Jesus' birth through Strictly Come Dancing set in Bethlehem.

Each class performed a dance that was judged by our three judges. Maya, Isaac and Lucan did an excellent job as the judges - Innkeeper's Wife, Donkey and Caesar. We had a variety of dances including line dancing, ballet, tango, disco, morris dancing, funk and calypso.

Tyler - "My mum said it was the best play we had ever done because of the acting. She also cried a little bit when I sang my duet with Angelica."



Ilakkiya - "My mum said she could hear our voices and we were really clear. She enjoyed my salsa dancing and thought the whole play was fabulous."

We really enjoyed performing in this play as it was very different from other plays we had done in the past. It was a brilliant show to finish our time in the Junior School.

Tyler and Ilayykia - Year 6



## HOUSE NEWS

# 'Deck The Halls'

This term our festive House theme was 'Deck the Halls.' The children were asked to create a small Christmas decoration to be placed on the school Christmas tree in the reception area. The decorations were to be adorned with the child's house colours. Once again there has been a number of high quality entrants and judging was very difficult.

Well done to everyone who took part, the tree looks beautiful. Furthermore, the competition House points have made a great difference to the leader board! Who will be number for Christmas?

Merry Christmas

Mr Peck – House Co-ordinator



# Christmas party time.....



## CHAPLAINCY

# Carol Service at St Edmund's

On Tuesday, 10th December we held our annual Carol Service at St Edmund's in Beckenham, which was led by Fr Steve Wymer. It was a wonderful service which was well attended by pupils, families, teachers and parishioners.

Under the direction of Mr Flanagan and Mrs Maxwell, our orchestra and our Senior and Junior choirs led the carols with great gusto. A special thanks to Mr Maxwell who kindly joined us to play the organ. I would particularly like to mention Alice in Year 11, Alice in Year 8, Anya in Year 7 and Tyler in Year 6 who all sang their solo pieces beautifully. Our staff choir also sang a wonderful rendition of 'In Dulce Jubilo' which included: Mr Flanagan (Conductor), Mrs Otley, Mrs Bastin, Mrs Woolaway, Ms Knowles, Mrs Shields, Mr Piccio, Mr and Mrs Maxwell and myself.

Our readers were also excellent and included: Joe, our Head Pupil; Martha, Year 13; Meredith and Sahand in Year 12; Neriah



and Deborah in Year 7 and also Year 6 pupils including: Milly; Arianna; Christian; Philippa; Isaac; Harrie and Eli. Kweku in Year 7 was our altar server and lit the Advent wreath.

A special thank you to Mr Hickman and the site team for ferrying us to and from the Church for rehearsals and also helping with setting up in the evening. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Reid, Mrs Hickman, Mrs Vander Elst and the PTA who provided us with refreshments in the hall afterwards and to Barbara, Ticky and all the office staff at St Edmund's for their support.

Finally, thank you to our parents and St Edmund's community



## CHAPLAINCY

# Christmas Prayer

As we come towards the end of term we think about this special time of waiting for the birth of Jesus. We wish you and your family every blessing and we pray that God's peace and protection will remain with you throughout the Christmas break. Let us pray:

May the splendour of your glory dawn in our hearts, we pray, almighty God, that all the shadows of the night may be scattered and we may be shown to be children of light by the advent of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Gerard Lohan - School Chaplain



ONE LAST THING...

## 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

16 DECEMBER

- Nursery Nativity Play, 6.00pm

Tuesday

17 DECEMBER

- Senior reports sent home
- Term ends, 12noon

Monday

6 JANUARY

- Nursery returns
- 11+ Entrance Assessments
- Staff CPD

Tuesday

7 JANUARY

- Whole school returns
- Years 11 and 13 mock examinations begin
- Nursery Read/Write Information Evening, 3.45pm

Friday

10 JANUARY

- 11+ Entrance Assessments Supplementary Day

Saturday

11 JANUARY

- 4+ Assessment Morning

