



Bishop Challoner News

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From the Headteacher...

It is encouraging to see pupils returning for the new academic year with such enthusiasm and positivity. They are happy, eager to learn and many of them have been getting used to their new surroundings. The Junior children have fully embraced their new uniform and they look very smart. Our new Year 7 pupils have settled in well after a busy start with their retreat.

The term began with a whole school assembly on inspiration and I drew on examples from a book that I had read over the summer by best-selling author Margaret Rooke, called 'You can change the world'. It is a book that tells the stories of more than 50 of today's teenagers from across the globe who have dared to change their own lives and the world they live in. They explain how to survive in a world often obsessed by celebrities, social media and what you look like, by refusing to conform to other people's expectations. William who features in the book, spoke about his charity work in raising the awareness of prostate cancer. Thank you also to our Head Boy Joseph for supporting the assembly.

This week my Junior assembly focused on love and forgiveness and touched on how easy it is to forget about how other people may be feeling and how our behaviour can affect them. These poor choices or sins affect our relationship with God.

I attended the Diocese of Southwark Commissioning Mass at St George's Cathedral on Tuesday with Mr Lohan, Mrs Colling and our Head and Deputy Head pupils. The new Archbishop commissioned Headteachers, Chairs and Chaplains as part of the Mass.



I was disappointed to see a number of pupils arriving at the start of term with skirts that do not adhere to our school regulations. In a letter sent to parents at the end of the summer term and last week, I pointed out that the skirt length must not be above the knee. We would appreciate it if parents could ensure that their daughter arrives in school wearing a skirt of the appropriate length.

Thank you to the parents who attended our New Parents' Social Evening last night. I very much look forward to meeting with even more of you at the upcoming coffee mornings and parents' evenings. I am sure the Tapestry Information Evening for Nursery and Reception parents was informative and helpful.



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

Impressive Athletics

This season Adam, Jonny and Ted were selected as part of the Blackheath & Bromley Harriers athletics club team that took part in the UK Youth Development League national finals in Manchester.

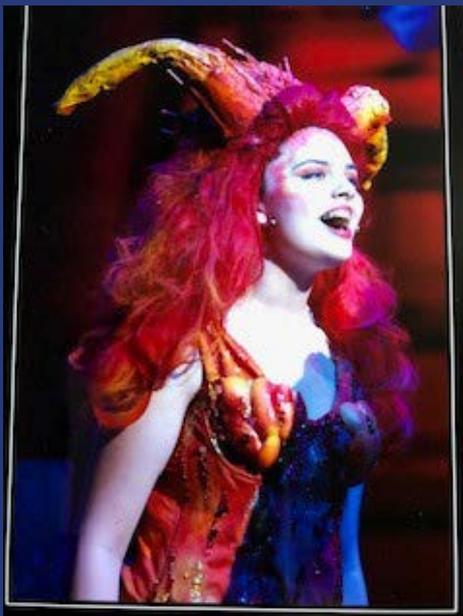
Congratulations to Jonny, Ted and Adam for qualifying to take part in the UK Youth Development Athletics League National Finals 2019 in Manchester last weekend. Their athletics club, Blackheath and Bromley Harriers, finished second overall. A huge congratulations to Adam for a bronze medal in the 100m



and winning a gold in both the 300m and Relay races, while Jonny came 5th in the 80m hurdles.

The team came 2nd overall, just six points behind the winners, Sale Harriers. A great way to end the club athletic season.

Mr Oliver – Director of Sport



SENIOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Shrek - Churchill Theatre

Excerpt from Musical Theatre Musings blog review:

'Meredith Matthews as the vocals of the Dragon were faultless. A stunning voice and a great performance, especially in 'Forever' was just amazing. A very talented lady who will go far.'



SENIOR SPORT

Gothia World Cup

The second week of the summer holidays saw Thomas Y9 and Daniel Y8, selected for the Prep Schools' Pumas, head to Gothenburg to compete at the Gothia World Youth Cup.

The Prep Schools' teams, which involve players from ten years old upwards, were selected following some competitive trials last October. Indeed, players were nominated for the trial from around 60 Schools, so competition was fierce. Selection is an excellent achievement.

With around 1,800 teams from around 85 countries the Gothia World Youth Cup is the world's biggest youth event and is larger than the Commonwealth Games.

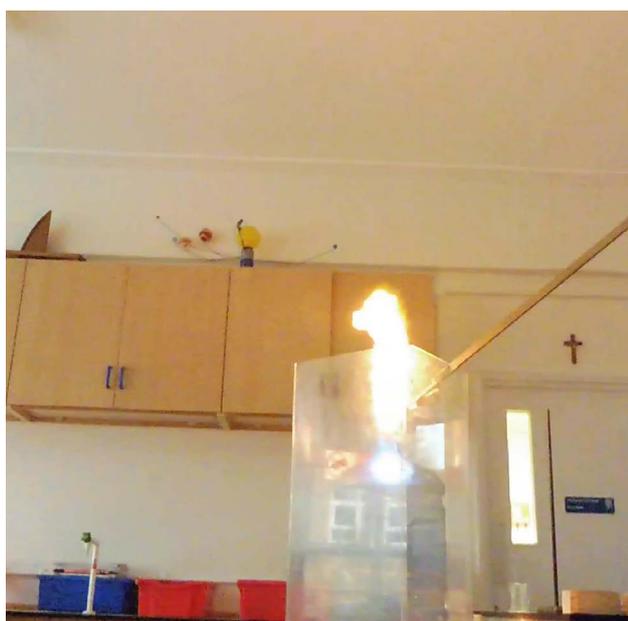
56,000 people, including many parents, family and supporters



of the players, were in the famous Ullevi Stadium for the Opening Ceremony.

Quality football played in the right spirit and a thoroughly enjoyable week. The Parents' Party was good fun too!

Trials for Prep Schools' Pumas next season are taking place at Worth School on Sunday 6th October. We hope other pupils will get the opportunity to attend for a chance of selection for this incredible experience.



SENIOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR

STEM Club

First STEM club of the year and already the exothermic demonstrations are on. We looked at the combustion of ethanol and isopropanol in the massive whoosh bottles. We also decided, after looking at the STEM and the Crestwards websites, on which Crest Bronze awards we would be going to prepare. For the first round of 10 weeks, we'll look into three different projects: worldwide washing, revealing fingerprints and designing a game controller. Pupils will need to spend a minimum of 10 hours working on a particular topic to qualify for the bronze award.

Dr Piccio – Head of Science



NURSERY NEWS

New Friends

The children in the nursery have had a busy start back. The nursery numbers are very healthy and this has meant that there have been lots of new families to get to know and friends to make.



The children have been involved in activities to support a secure and happy return/start to the year. We have started to create some delightful art work to adorn our walls, made various items including decorating some environmentally friendly reusable tote bags to carry work to and from and even taken advantage of the good weather for a spot of gardening. The children have been planting welly boot planters with

winter flowering pansies to help add a dash of colour to our outdoor learning area.

The children have made an excellent start back and we are all geared up for an exciting and busy term ahead.

Ms Ludlam – Head of Nursery



JUNIOR NEWS

Junior Chorus

On Tuesday Mr Flanagan and the school cello teacher Ms Downham played some amazing songs to the Junior chorus. The songs were Despacito and Hallelujah. Then Ms Downham played a piece by Bach, which was especially written for the cello; the fabulous sound filled the hall. I loved seeing how to play and watching their hands moving. They gave us a spectacular experience. I look forward to learning the cello and I hope that more pupils will begin to play the cello too.

Harrie, Y6Alpha



International Minimus Mythology competition

Two of our pupils have been awarded prizes in the international Minimus Mythology competition.

The School entered Y5 last year for Level 1 and the prizes are as follows:

- Art - 2nd prize to Akinwale
- Writing - 2nd prize to Philippa

The judges' comments were:

'Please thank all the children for their entries.

Once again we have been amazed by the wide range of styles of entries this year. Every entry made a good attempt to portray the myths, some even having a go at modernising them.

All entries have been a pleasure to judge and every entrant should feel proud of their creativity and the quality of their work.'

Mrs Newbould – Latin Teacher



Special congratulations to the winners:

Akinwale - "A striking picture of Midas, only using colour to emphasize the golden apple"

Philippa - "An engaging and comprehensive retelling of the story of King Midas. A range of sentence lengths and structures kept the reader entertained and engaged throughout the piece. The vocabulary choices were varied and carefully selected for impact. A range of punctuation was used accurately and appropriately. I very much enjoyed reading this entry and reread it several times. Philippa clearly has a sound understanding of the myth and is able to adapt and apply it to her own writing."



Midas

CHAPLAINCY

School Liturgy

On Thursday 5th September we had a whole school liturgy. The theme for the liturgy was 'salt and light' from the scripture passage Matthew 5:13-16. We discussed how we need salt to flavour things, we also thought about light and how it drives out darkness and guides us. We considered how we might be Salt and Light to others and bring our unique flavours and lights (gifts and talents) into our school and the wider community.

Following the liturgy, we had our Year 7 Retreat Day. The theme for this was, 'Serve One Another'. Continuing with the theme of 'Salt and Light' we looked at practical ways that we could be of benefit to each other and share God's light in the community.

We meditated on the famous quote of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta: 'You can do something I cannot do; I can do something that you cannot do. Together we can do something wonderful.'



We also read the parable of the Good Samaritan, after which, pupils were given the opportunity to either create a drama (script provided), write a poem or rap, or put together a poster showing how we might help one another.

The drama group worked with Mrs Otley and did an excellent performance of the Good Samaritan, they included: Tiffany, Yasmeen, Theo, Eddie, and Jacob.

Mr Lohan – School Chaplain



CHAPLAINCY

Good Samaritan

Another group that deserves a special mention are Hassan, Aymeric, Joran and Gabriel who worked hard together writing a brilliant rap in just one hour. The boys explained that they wrote this rap to remind us that we should always help others regardless of their colour, religion or how they look and that one day we might need help ourselves. Accordingly, we should treat others as we want to be treated. I invite you to think about the words of the rap today and consider how you might be a Good Samaritan.



The Good Samaritan Rap

Ice on me, I started out with the poor life
Felt so down, but I knew I'd wear a crown now
Went from rags to riches, know how these men feel
When a man's on the road, I should give him a meal

People come out for me, left me looking banged up
No one tried to help me, man I was a big flop
Now I got Nike, Balenciaga, all that stuff
Now they beggin' for my stuff, man you ain't getting touch

When I was beaten, I was waiting for the light
Priest passed me, when I was struggling with all my might
Hoping for someone, to pick me up from where I lie
Levite followed the priest, why they all walking by?

Now I gave up, I lost hope!
Then an Op passed by, I thought he was gonna be like nope
But he picked me up, he is a real one
I was ashamed of myself, for my old actions that I had done

Took me to a care home,
Made me feel comfortable,
Made me feel worth,
Man he made me feel lovable

When you see a homeless guy,
Sitting by the road,
Give them food and money,
And don't be a toad!

Ice = jewellery, Op = enemy

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word spreads the Gospel in a powerful new way - sowing seeds to school parents and their families.

The Wednesday Word mission aims to help all school families draw closer to God, to the Church and to each other. The primary school version of The Wednesday Word is a double-sided A4 leaflet which carries the Sunday Gospel into school family homes. The children in our Junior School will receive the leaflet in school each week for them to take home and read with the rest of the family.

Please complete the activities and return to your class teacher. Five house points will be given to every child who returns their completed leaflets.

Mrs Raveney - Junior RE Co-ordinator



ONE LAST THING...

Safeguarding Essentials

This week we would like to draw your attention to "Left to their own devices", a report published by Barnardo's which assesses the impact of social media on children's mental health. Please click on the following link to read the report in details:

[HTTPS://WWW.BARNARDOS.ORG.UK/SITES/DEFAULT/FILES/UPLOADS/B51140%2020886_SOCIAL%20MEDIA_REPORT_FINAL_](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/b51140%2020886_social%20media_report_final_)

Art Twitter

Just to remind everyone that you can follow everything that is going on in the Art Department by looking at the Challonerart Twitter feed at

[HTTPS://TWITTER.COM/CHALLONERART](https://twitter.com/challonerart)

Please follow us!
Mr Coultart



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Monday
16 SEPTEMBER

- Y6 Retreat

Wednesday
18 SEPTEMBER

- Individual/Sibling Photographs
- Junior Pupil Voice

Thursday
19 SEPTEMBER

- Y10 Information Evening

Friday
20 SEPTEMBER

- Y10 Trip to Bletchley Park
- Parents' Coffee Morning
- Y7 Mass
- Y11&13 Geography Field Trip departs

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