



From the Headteacher...

We had a very good turnout at the PTA charity breakfast in support of the local charity Ada and Albert. You can learn more about this amazing charity and the good work that is undertaken to support vulnerable children living in the borough of Bromley. <https://adaandalbert.co.uk/pages/what-ada-and-albert-do>

Please could I encourage parents not to send pupils to school with mobile phones unless they feel it is essential to their safety on their journey to and from school. The responsibility of the mobile phone is with the pupil and they must ensure that this is kept in a lockable locker. The school cannot take responsibility for personal mobile phones.

Our next whole school Open Morning will be taking place on Saturday 14th March, 9am until 1pm. If you know anyone, with children of any age, who might be interested in visiting the school, please invite them to get in touch to find out more. Contact our Admissions Registrar, Nicola Ridley should you have any queries.

We enjoyed the Year 3 to Sixth Form performance of Grease. I am particularly proud that the children in the junior and senior departments came together as a team, something that is quite unique for a school to do. Pupils performed with enthusiasm, assurance and poise. The hall was full on both nights with ticket sales being purchased in record time. A special thank you to Mrs Black for her efficiency in overseeing this process. This production has taken an immense amount of preparation, organisation, effort and time and I would like to thank all the



staff for their involvement. I am particularly grateful to Mr Flanagan, Ms Restivo, Mrs Otley and Mrs Vander Elst without whose commitment and expertise this production would not have been possible. Well done to all the pupils involved; you should feel extremely proud of your achievements.

I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break and we will see you on Monday 24th February.



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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.



Friday Reading Challenge

Every Friday, all Bishop Challoner senior pupils get the opportunity to read in form time and have a moment of quiet repose before lessons begin. It was such a pleasure to be able to visit most of the form rooms and see so many pupils excited about what they are reading and to encourage them to share their reading choices.

Last Friday I visited most forms with a bag containing a range of texts for students to try and I introduced each text to them. Some of the Key Stage 4 boys - who do not always relish the opportunity to read - particularly enjoyed the football-themed text 'The Secret Footballer' which tells the inside story of footballers and their lives at the top and other students wanted to try out 'The Hate U Give' - a gang-related novel based in America which charts the story of young people and how they survive.



Here are some of the texts our students have recommended:

Shae (Year 10) 'I'm the King of the Castle' by Susan Hill - 'a very good book about bullying which is easy to follow and has amazing description.'

Francesca (Year 10) 'The Fault in our Stars' by John Green. Many students really love this tale and have recommended it.

Archie (Year 10) 'Life of Pi' by Yann Martel - 'a very good book for all ages from around 12-13. it has very good life lessons and teaches about other cultures, as well as being very interesting, thrilling, spiritual and emotional!'

Mrs Beevers - English Teacher



UKMT Intermediate Maths

On Thursday 6th February, some of our year 9, 10 and 11 students took part in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge ran by the University of Leeds. This a great opportunity for pupils to demonstrate their problem solving skills to universities and/or prospective employers, particularly if they certificate.

There are twenty five multiple choice questions that pupils have to answer in one hour. The questions/problems set are designed to test the skills of logic and reasoning, and not to get the answer by using sheer guess work. Furthermore, medical research has shown that by trying to solve such problems and taking part in such activities, particularly as we get older, it exercises the brain and can help prevent/manage diseases associated with old age, such as dementia.

Below are some of the questions set in this year's challenge, so be daring and have a go (no calculators allowed)! Answers will be in the Challoner News in two week's time.

1. What is the value of $2 - (3 - 4) - (5 - 6 - 7)$?

A 11 B 9 C 5 D -5 E -7

2. Which one of these is a multiple of 24?

A 200 B 300 C 400 D 500 E 600

3. Which of the following has the largest value?

A 26 B 35 C 44 D 53 E 62

4. Adam's house number is in exactly one of the following ranges. Which one?

A 123 to 213 B 132 to 231 C 123 to 312

D 231 to 312 E 312 to 321

5. Farmer Fatima rears chickens and goats. Today she returned from market and said "I sold 80 animals and now there are 200 fewer legs on my farm than before!"

How many goats did she sell?

A 15 B 20 C 25 D 30 E 35

6. The Knave of Hearts stole some tarts. He ate half of them and half a tart more. The Knave of Diamonds ate half of what was left, and half a tart more. The Knave of clubs ate half of what remained, and half a tart more. This just left one tart for the Knave of Spades.

How many tarts did the Knave of Hearts steal?

A 63 B 31 C 19 D 17 E 15

Dr Samuel - Head of Mathematics



Netball Success

The year 7 & 8 netball team continued their great start to the U13 borough league on Monday after beating Langley Park Girls School 11-5.

Langley started strongly, racing into a 2-0 lead before some strong shooting from Shayara powered Challoner into a 3-2 lead after the first quarter. Our girls continued to dominate the next two quarters with some great defence from Allyson and Abigail and some precise shooting from Anya and Yasmin which resulted in Challoner stretching the lead to 9-2. It was a fairly even last quarter as the girls worked hard to resist a Langley Park fight back.



The year 10 Netball team continued the success of an extremely positive week for Challoner netball resulting in three wins in three days. The year 10s travelled to Buller Wood on Wednesday in another U15 borough league game. The girls fought well in cold conditions outside and by the end of the second quarter had edged themselves into a 5-2 lead. Captaining the side well, Ebum consistently intercepted the ball

back to regain possession and, continuing her rich vein of form, Latoya's shooting was excellent resulting in a final score of 9-6 to Challoner. Thank you to some of the year 8 girls who played two years up as the year 9s were away on a trip and well done to Eleanor and Latoya who received joint player of the game.

Mr Oliver - Director of Sport



Captain's Report

The year 9 & 10 girls' netball team attended a match on 10th February against Langley Park Girls School. The match started with Langley racing into a 2-1 lead but by the end of the quarter, the girls had managed to get ahead. By the end of the third quarter, the score was 12-6 to Challoner. The final score was 14-8. Latoya, Shayara and Eleanor scored some amazing goals. While Sarah, Olivia, Hannah, Nsikan and Ebum were able to defend and intercept many passes. Well done to Eleanor for getting player of the match.

Ebum - Year 10



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Year 9 Science



On Wednesday, the year 9 pupils visited the Science Museum in South Kensington. We started by the Wonderlab gallery with its 50 hands on experiments. The most fun seems to have been going down the slide, studying the various effects of friction on the speed at the bottom. Quite a few pupils also experimented with colour filters, looked at an infrared camera. I particularly liked the cloudy bubbles made at the chemistry bar with dry ice and soap. Pupils also visited the flight gallery, the new medicine gallery and the space gallery. Thank you to Miss Ruston, Dr Bovell and Mrs Marpadi.

Dr Piccio - Head of Science

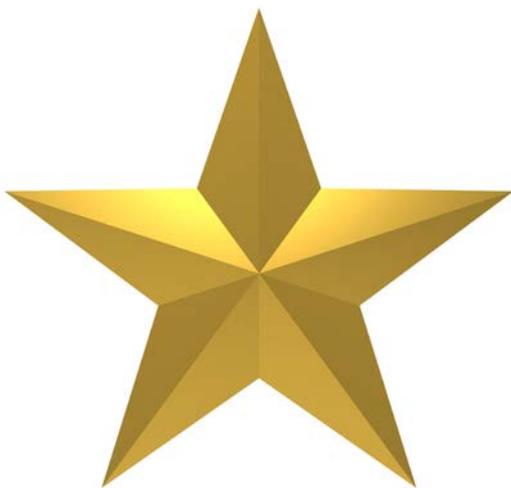


The Chocolate Museum

Who doesn't like chocolate? Nobody! That is why year 6 were so excited to visit the chocolate museum on Monday 3rd February.

It was a trip worth remembering. We learnt that chocolate was a bitter drink during Maya time. Also, we were told that cocoa beans were worth more than gold! Downstairs, we made labels for our own Maya chocolate whilst learning about their civilisation, traditions and temples. Of course, no visit to a chocolate museum would be complete without actually tasting and making our own chocolate! This was lots of fun and an amazing experience!

Maya - Year 6



Stars of the Week

Rec Arin - Excellent participation in class discussion.

Year 1 Micah - For writing a wonderful poem about sound.

Year 2 Amaju - Making very good progress with reading.

Year 3 Aidan - Showing positivity and kindness to others.

Year 4 Imogen - For creative and thoughtful story writing.

Year 5 Kayden - For great teamwork and fair play.

Year 6A Joseph - For thoughtful artwork produced in RE.

Year 6& Ariana - For completing all homework to the highest standard.

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

Ms Barker - Head of KS1 and 2



Let's Dance.....

At the weekend, my dance school competed in a dance competition - Dynamite Dance - where we won the regional final. I also came in third place for my ballet solo. I was excited to win my first trophy. In May, I will compete in the National final.

Harrie - Year 6



NURSERY NEWS

Happy Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a wonderful time to teach children about the meaning of love, whether it be for family members, friends, pets or themselves.

well as why they love them.

Happy Valentine's Day to you all.

Ms Scicluna - Nursery Practitioner



The children at Nursery have been embracing the theme of love this week with a variety of Valentine themed activities. They made Valentine's cards, clay heart decorations and delicious heart shaped jam tarts. The children have been exploring their feelings and talking about who they love as



Grease is the Word...



We shook it at the High School Hop, we were Rock 'n' Roll Party Queens, we were Hopelessly Devoted and we came together like a Rama-Lama-Lama, Ka-Dingity Ding-De-Dong. Congratulations to everyone involved in Grease. This show week was the culmination of four months of intense rehearsals. A Wop Bam A Lu Mop, A Wop Bam Boom!

Mr Flanagan - Music Teacher



CHAPLAINCY

Year 10 Retreat to Kintbury

On Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th October, we had our Year 10 Retreat to Kintbury.

This is the first time that we have taken our year 10 pupils on a residential retreat and I was a little anxious as this is something new for many of them. However, I need not have worried, our pupils were fantastic ambassadors for our school and fully participated in all elements of the retreat. We were also very pleased with the way they respectfully engaged with pupils from other schools. In fact, staff from other schools commented on how well behaved our pupils were and in particular their collective strength and community spirit.

On our final day we had a thanksgiving service, it was an opportunity for us to think about the things we are grateful for. All of our pupils contributed to the preparations and it was a beautiful service. I am particularly grateful to Mrs Restivo and Ms Oladele who were a great support during the whole retreat. Also, a special thank you to our parents and guardians who support the retreats and spiritual events. I am confident that all of our pupils have benefited from this experience and that it will be something that they will remember fondly in the future.

Mr Lohan - School Chaplain



ONE LAST THING...

We all experience anxiety at different times in our lives such as worry or fear. These feelings can be heightened when we have exams or problems with friendships or families. When such feelings become strong, it is very important to talk about them so they do not become overwhelming. Childline has many resources to help children and their families. Further information can be found at childline.org.uk and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvM_TtQi9DU

Mrs Woolaway - Designated Safeguarding Lead

BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

FRIDAY 20/03 7:30PM

FAMILY RACE NIGHT

**TICKETS £5
CASH PRIZES
TOTES ONLY £1
DOORS OPEN 7:00PM
LOTS OF FUN!**

**ENTRY INCLUDES 1 FREE DRINK
CHILDREN FREE
PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PTA
AND PURCHASE ALL DRINKS FROM THE BAR
BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS**

RACE NIGHT REPLY FORM: Please leave this reply form with payment (cheques made out to Bishop Challoner School PTA) at the School Office

Name: _____ No of tickets required @ £5 each: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Monday

24 FEBRUARY

- Pupils return from Half Term, 8.35am

Tuesday

25 FEBRUARY

- Prospective Parents' Social Evening, 6pm - 8pm

Wednesday

26 FEBRUARY

- Ash Wednesday Mass, 9am

Thursday

27 FEBRUARY

- Year 10 Science in Action Trip, 9am

Saturday

29 FEBRUARY

- ISA Fencing National Competition

