



Bishop Challoner News

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From the Headteacher...

Tonight is Race Night! I do hope that you will come and support the hard work that the PTA have put in, to make this a great evening. If you are interested in joining the PTA, please contact Mrs Hassan at PTA@bcsweb.co.uk

Thank you very much to all the parents and pupils who supported our very successful Open Morning last Saturday. It was lovely, as ever to welcome visitors, parents and prospective pupils to the school. Your sons and daughters and the staff really do show the school off in the best light and were very impressive indeed. We had excellent feedback from those who visited. My special thanks to the PTA for their help with refreshments during the morning.

On Wednesday I led the Junior assembly on the theme of self-control. The children enjoyed watching the famous 'marshmallow test' video clip which tested four year olds' patience and disciplined approach by being tempted to eat a marshmallow. If they waited with patience, they were allowed to have a second marshmallow. The children were reminded of how Jesus spent forty days and nights in the desert and was tempted by Satan with food, power and the opportunity to show off His power and to honour Himself instead of God.



I am delighted that we are continuing to work closely with St Peter and St Paul Primary Catholic Academy in Orpington. Five of our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a science quiz and fair at the school this week and achieved great results. It is a fantastic opportunity to share best practice and to work together, maintaining strong relationships and enthusiasm.

Under Mr Peck's coordination, we saw two House events emerge this week that included a House quiz and a Senior House music competition. Congratulations to all those who sang, played an instrument, performed an ensemble or a composition. This was a further opportunity for pupils to showcase their talent to others under the direction of Mr Flanagan. Many congratulations to all.

I am pleased that we now have more followers on Twitter. I Tweet highlights and updates that arise during the school week. If you wish to follow us please click on the link https://twitter.com/challoner_head



Paula Anderson – Headteacher
@Challoner_head



SENIOR NEWS

Year 10 Science Trip

Last Friday, 20 students from the Year 10 Triple Science GCSE attended a series of lectures in London. Students liked "the range of topics covered" and also liked "the range of speakers.

Prof Sella presented a very entertaining, still challenging, lecture on Strange Ice and issues related to information and global warming. According to Prof Sella, "the ice speaks to us". Dr Aderin-Pockock gave a howling, spinning lecture around our Moon, from past, to present and future. Professor Jones gave an eye opening lecture on life expectancy, genetics and the



link between genes and the environment, especially our diet. Finally Professor Winston gave an exhilarating lecture based on his team's work on reproductive and developmental biology. Students also received advice from chief examiner Chenery on how to succeed in examination. Thank you to Mrs Marpadi for accompanying our students.



Dr Piccio - Head of Science

SENIOR NEWS

Parents participate in science lesson

On Thursday our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils invited their parents to join them in a science lesson with Dr Piccio in the science lab.

They experienced a practical experiment together and got an insight into science lessons in school.



HOUSE NEWS

Senior House Music Competition

On Tuesday we held a fantastic Senior House Music Competition in the Hall, which was organised by Mr Flanagan

The Senior school competitors played to a packed audience of music lovers and House supporters. There were some really great performances and all who took part should be very proud of themselves.

Thank you again to the judges, Mrs Woolaway, Mrs Hickman and Ms Downham and to those who helped with the event. Also a special thanks to Mr Flanagan for his expertise and vision. The winners were:

Mr Peck – Year 5 Teacher



Singer: Meredith, Y11. St Dennis.
Instrumental: Seb, Y10. St Michael
Composition: Chuks, Y7. St Michael
Ensemble: Latoya & Francesca, Y9. St Patrick.

1. St Michael won overall: 500 points
2. St Patrick: 250 points
3. St Dennis and St Edmunds: 100 points each



HOUSE NEWS

House Quiz

On Monday morning we held our "House Quiz" event where all children from Reception to Year 13 represented their House, in answering an array of challenging but fun questions, covering many genres.

The Quiz was a very well supported event by the children and staff. I will announce the winner of House Quiz next week in assembly. I would like to thank my House coordinators for doing a sterling job of organising the children into mixed aged groups and making the event run smoothly.



New Beginnings

As we are nearing the end of the first term of the year, and those dark cold mornings start to disappear, our thoughts turn to the start of spring, a new theme and how we can engage our little learners with the joys of spring and new beginnings.



The Nursery took part in a lovely spring themed EYFS assembly last week with Mrs Murphy. They looked at some flowers that grow in the spring time and the names of new born animals. The children thanked God for the beauty and wonders in the world.

Spring is a great time to explore nature with your children. At Forest School Mrs Coates and the children are observing the changes in the environment that spring time brings.

Ms Scicluna - EYFS Practitioner



Pi Day

On Thursday, the Junior School children celebrated Pi-Day. Many activities were organised throughout the day for the children, including 'Memorise Those Digits,' 'Pi Skyline' and 'Pi Paper Chains'. To help us celebrate the day in style, we invited the World of Maths to share some amazing mathematic games and problem solving activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and displayed excellent perseverance throughout.

Mr Peck – Year 5 Teacher



British Science Week - Juniors

Lots of exciting activities took place in school for British Science Week.



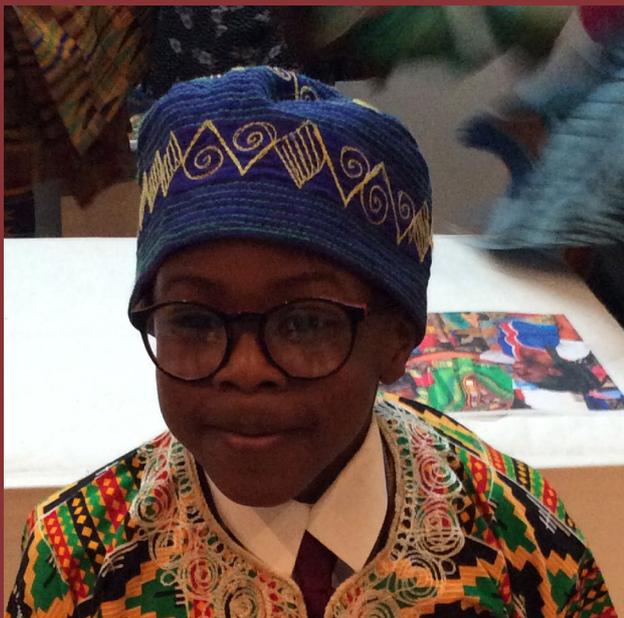
On Wednesday, a team of five pupils from Year 5 and 6 -Tiffany, Isaac, Joseph, Trivikram and Jacob- were selected to compete in a local schools Science quiz and fair at St Peter and St Paul's school Orpington.

As this year's theme for British Science Week is 'journeys', the team decided to make models, posters and deliver a presentation around the science of flight.

Ms N Hibbert
Science Subject Leader Junior Department

The team made models of the Mars Rover with balloons to explain how the powered descent made it possible to land upright and paper helicopters to explain how forces such as gravity and air resistance cause it to spin whilst falling.

The team landed first prize for the presentation and won a bronze medal for their place in the quiz. We are all very proud of them.



Mrs L Hickman - Year 1 Teacher

The Horniman Museum

Last Friday, Year 1 and Year 2 visited the Horniman Museum. They had a fantastic time exploring and learning all about the museum through the Natural History and World Gallery. The children also attended an African Workshop. During the workshop, they were able to play, wear and explore wonderful objects from African countries. They played musical instruments from West Africa and Zimbabwe, and discovered how to make a talking drum 'speak'. They heard the story behind Kente cloth, and learnt how to tie a traditional indigo-dyed Tuareg veil. Finally the children had great fun exploring toys made in Zimbabwe from recycled materials, and they were able to examine them closely to work out what they used to be.

The children had a great day and were able to appreciate some of the differences and similarities between their own lives and those of people living in Africa using museum objects.



CHAPLAINCY

CAFOD

On Thursday, 14th March we had a guest speaker for assembly, Kevin Lawler, on behalf of CAFOD. During the assembly we looked at the challenges that people face when they attempt to escape from poverty.

'Treat the earth well – it is not inherited from your parents, it is borrowed from your children.'
Kenyan proverb

We considered the work of CAFOD and the numerous ways that this organisation helps those in need to escape 'the poverty trap'. CAFOD teaches families to support themselves and provides them with the means to become self-sufficient. For example, for £1 we can buy a fruit tree sapling which will provide fruit for one family, for £7 we can provide rice seeds that will even grow with salty water and for £26 we can buy ten ducks. Clearly for very little we can do a great deal to help families in need.

Kevin also introduced us to the new beatitudes written by Pope Francis which expound further on the Beatitudes that Christ gave us. Pope Francis proposed six new Beatitudes to enable us to, "recognise and respond to new situations with fresh spiritual energy". as follows:



- Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.
- Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness.
- Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him.
- Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.
- Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.
- Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.

CHAPLAINCY PRAYER

Lent

During Lent let us take the time to read through these 'new' beatitudes and consider how we can apply them in our daily lives. Kevin ended his assembly with this prayer which I invite you to say with us:

Lord and giver of all life, help us to value each person, created in love by you. In your mercy, guide and assist our efforts to promote the dignity and value of all human life, born and unborn. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Mr 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.

As our senior students are preparing for their public examinations, stress levels may increase significantly. If you would like further advice on how to support your child please visit :

[HTTPS://WWW.NHS.UK/CONDITIONS/STRESS-ANXIETY-DEPRESSION/COPING-WITH-EXAM-STRESS/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-exam-stress/)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Tuesday
19 MARCH

- Y8 Parents' Evening

Wednesday
20 MARCH

- Y3 Trip to Penshurst Place

Thursday
21 MARCH

- DT GCSE Controlled Assessment Deadline
- GCSE Music Performance Recording

Friday
22 MARCH

- First Holy Communion Reconciliation Service

