



From the Headteacher...

I was delighted to meet with Year 10 pupils on Monday morning and to present them with commendations for their hard work in mathematics. Congratulations to Thomas, Han, Buse and Gabriel.



Today we start a week of prayer for Christian Unity. This week, churches all over the country are praying for "Christian unity". The theme for this year has been prepared by Christians from Indonesia. They felt that the words of Deuteronomy, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ..." spoke powerfully to their situation and need. As a Catholic school we seek to live out the values of Jesus Christ and on Wednesday my assembly focused on Justice, one of the Catholic values that the school identified as important.

On Tuesday next week we will be holding our Year 7 Parents' Evening. We are introducing a new system of appointments which we hope will provide for a smoother evening for the parents. This is an opportunity to discuss your son or daughter's progress with the subject staff. The pupils have been asked to complete an appointments card and they should give this to you in advance of the evening. We look forward to seeing you during the evening.

Once again our PTA have been organising many events including the junior disco which I am sure the children will enjoy this evening. We are holding a Salsa Night on Friday 25th January and I hope that that you will support this function.

Tomorrow will be a busy day for those rehearsing for the performance of the Wizard of Oz. Thank you to the staff who will be giving up their Saturday to support the pupils. Tickets are on sale and we have had a lot of interest. To avoid disappointment I would like to recommend that you purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Some of our wider community have also expressed an interest in watching the performance and tickets will be on sale to them very shortly.



Paula Anderson – Headteacher

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JUNIOR NEWS

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe

The NSPCC joined us for our Junior School assemblies yesterday to share their Speak Out, Stay Safe programme.

The children were given information on how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries. Everything was discussed in a very child friendly way, as you would imagine with this leading children's charity.

All the children had a good time and were able to say 'Hello' to Buddy, the mascot of the NSPCC.

Ms Barker – Head of KS1 & KS2



We will be raising funds for the NSPCC over the next few weeks and our Pupil Voice are busy organising a sponsored 'Danceathon' and encouraging everyone, both staff and pupils, to wear something green to school on Wednesday 30th January.

If you would like any more information about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme you can visit the NSPCC website at:

[NSPCC.ORG.UK/SPEAKOUT](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout)



JUNIOR NEWS

Light & Shadow

Year 3 have begun a new topic called 'Light & Shadow'. We have really enjoyed our discussions about how light travels and this week we investigated which natural and man made light sources we could discover around the school. Some of the lights were very small and hard to spot, whilst others, such as the chandelier, were enormous.

Mr FitzGerald – Year 3 Teacher



Feed the Birds

At this time of year, life can be tough for birds. A cold snap can mean birds need more energy, just to keep warm and the short days means there is less time to look for food.

The youngest children at Bishop Challoner have been giving the birds a helping hand by making lots of bird food this week, both in the Nursery and at Forest School. They mixed rice, apple and lard to create a nutritious food for the birds. The children learnt about the importance of looking after birds during

Ms Scicluna



the winter months and found out some interesting facts about the amazing British birds that live in our gardens.

Thank you Nursery for caring for the wildlife that we share our environment with.



Junior ICT

Children have all made a really positive start to the year and are enjoying their coding topic. They are exploring algorithms where they can input information to change the effect of an app. They are also enjoying de-bugging programmes by identifying the problem(s) and looking at ways to fix it to make an app work correctly. Please encourage your child to show you the work we complete in class on their PurpleMash login that they have been given.

Mrs Nixon



Volunteering at the PRUH



The Sixth Form have been given a brilliant opportunity to volunteer at Princess Royal University Hospital, Orpington. By volunteering at the Princess Royal University Hospital

they will have the chance to give back to their local community, learn new skills and also get an understanding of a sector in which they may be interested in as a career.

The hospital has just been approved as a Duke of Edinburgh activity provider, one of only two hospitals in the country that have this status at present, which means students who are undertaking the Duke of

Mr Bryson – Head of Sixth Form

Edinburgh Award can volunteer and their hours will be credited towards the award.

This will help them complete the volunteering section of the Duke of Edinburgh award and will also look fantastic on their UCAS personal statements. These are both ways in which we are helping sixth formers build their UCAS personal statement.



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

The Duke of Edinburgh Silver award is available to all Year 12 students regardless of whether they have gained any previous Duke of Edinburgh Award experience. It is made up of 4 areas; Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. Each of these areas will be assessed resulting in them gaining a nationally recognised qualification that they can use on their CV and UCAS application. It is about students pushing themselves beyond their comfort zones.

Volunteering - Participants help less advantaged people in the local community.



The Feast of the Baptism

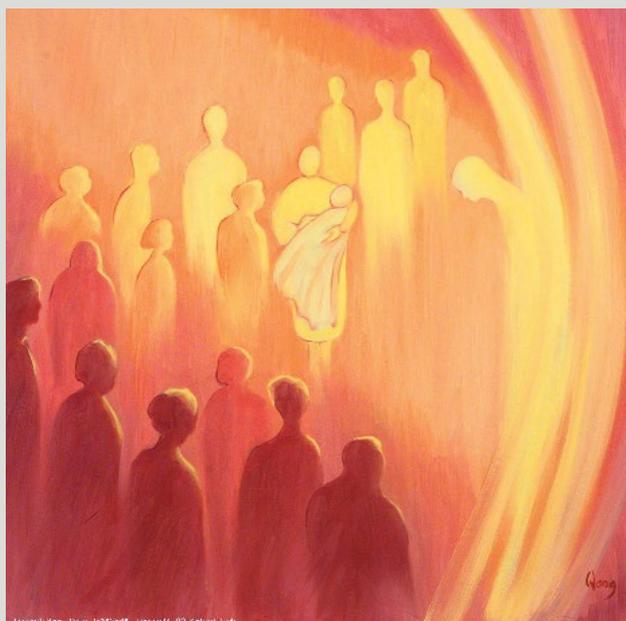
On Sunday, 13th January we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This Feast concludes the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time (a period of the Church year that is not marked by any significant events).

The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan echoes the Feast of the Epiphany as there is a further revelation of who Jesus is. In Luke's Gospel, Chapter 3, we read that people were filled with expectation wondering if John the Baptist might be the promised Messiah. John corrects them and explains that he is a messenger preparing the way for the Messiah, calling them to a baptism of repentance, and goes on to speak of his own unworthiness. It seems odd then that Jesus who was free from sin would come to John for baptism. We can surmise that Jesus wanted to share fully in our human experiences and to lead by example. Luke's Gospel goes on to tell us that after Jesus



was baptised the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove and the Father's voice was heard from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son with you I am well pleased".

We read in later passages of Matthew's Gospel that before his Ascension into heaven Jesus transformed Baptism into a Sacrament using the Trinitarian formula, baptising 'In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.' The water which had previously been a representation of washing away sins, became an effective means for the forgiveness of sins.



Mr Lohan - School Chaplain

Let us Pray

At Baptism God pours out his Holy Spirit upon us, original sin is removed and any sins committed prior to Baptism. In a special way we become his beloved sons and daughters, "with whom he is well pleased". God makes this pronouncement on us because we are made in his likeness and are a part of his family. God is a Father who loves all of his children without conditions. Let us pray for a greater understanding of God's love.

Dear Lord,
We thank you for the gift of new life that we received at Baptism, for calling us to be members of your family and for all of the graces that we have received. Let your words: 'You are my beloved child and with you I am well pleased' resonate deeply within our hearts to give us a better understanding of who you are. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

This week our safeguarding focus is on safe use of technology. The following link provides useful information for parents to help their children use technology safely.

[SAFER INTERNET LINK](#)

In-School Confirmation Programme

After the success of last year's Confirmation Programme we would like to run the programme again. It is a great opportunity to prepare for Confirmation with friends and to join St Edmund's Parish for the service with up to 100 pupils from other schools. If there are any pupils from Year 8 and above who would like to attend the programme at school. Please sign the form at the front reception desk before 25th January 2019.

Prayer Competition

A reminder to submit your entries by Friday 1st February.

Polite Reminder

Absolutely no dogs allowed on the school site.

SALSA & DRINKS

FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY - 7.30PM



**BISHOP CHALLONER PTA WOULD LIKE TO
INVITE YOU TO AN EVENING OF DANCING
AND OR DRINKING!**

**£5 EACH FOR SEÑORAS Y SEÑORES
(ADULTS ONLY)**

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS

PAYING BAR

MONEY CAN BE PAID AT RECEPTION OR ON THE NIGHT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

 [SEE FULL CALENDAR](#)

Monday

21 JANUARY

- ISA Junior Cross Country

Tuesday

22 JANUARY

- Y9 Trip to Tate Gallery
- Junior Pupil Voice
- Y7 Parents' Evening

Wednesday

23 JANUARY

- Community Mass
- 11+ Taster Session

Thursday

24 JANUARY

- NSPCC Workshop for Y5 & Y6

Friday

25 JANUARY

- Y8 Mass
- Y11 Mock Exam Results
- ISA Senior Cross Country
- PTA Salsa Night

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