



Bishop Challoner News

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From the Headteacher...

On Monday, I had the opportunity to look at some of the reading journals produced by Year 3. These were fantastic and the quality of the writing was excellent.

Our Open Morning will soon be upon us on Saturday 28th September. I am sure it does not seem long ago that you were last looking around schools and deciding which would be the most appropriate school for your son or daughter. If you know of anyone who would be interested in attending Open Morning, or would like to make an appointment at any other time to come and visit the school, then please encourage them to do so.

I am delighted that a good number of Year 5 and Year 6 children have chosen to take up LAMDA Speech and Drama lessons with Mrs Rogers, in addition to many of our Year 8 and Year 9 pupils continuing with the lessons.

I hope that the Year 10 parents found the information evening beneficial in highlighting key changes to the curriculum and specifications. I am sure that with the support of parents and the school, students will achieve very well. They will have to work incredibly hard to ensure that they remain on target.



Our coffee morning was well attended today and we enjoyed the opportunity to chat with you over a beverage in the sunshine. It was good to meet with you and I hope to see you again on the 18th October for our next one.

Year 11 and 13 geographers are in Osmington Bay as part of their field trip and will return on Monday. I hope that the weather remains fine for them.



Paula Anderson – Headteacher
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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.



Sixth Form Induction

Upon arriving back at school after a relaxing summer break, we were welcomed by many familiar faces whilst we all got used to our new surroundings.



After discussing how our summer break went, we caught the train up to London Blackfriars to properly start our Induction Day, co-ordinated by Mr Bryson who was accompanied by Mrs Miotti and Mrs Beevers. We were informed of our task in the shadow of St Paul's Cathedral, it being a treasure hunt

Following directions which led us to a number of clues

about various points of interests around Central London - both groups aimed to beat each other. We discovered more about ourselves and peers whilst experiencing the vibrant atmosphere of busy London on a hot, sunny day. Upon completing the task, we arrived to see all 3 teachers sitting in the sun with rather fancy drinks!

William, Year 12



SENIOR NEWS

The Proms

Hector Berlioz' Symphonie Fantastique

On September 12th, the Senior school orchestra and GCSE students visited the Proms in London. We watched a five-part symphony about a man falling in love with a woman, but his love was unrequited. The orchestra played with the harp for a while, describing his love for her, until his death when the auditorium went red around us! There was a lot of drama, acting, masks and choreography with the music, which created a sense of eeriness. Overall, it was a great Prom performance due to the imagination of both the music and blocking.

Latoya, Year 10A



Micro-organisms

Year 6 pupils are building on their learning about grouping living things and looking at the classification system in more detail.

Pupils have been introduced to the idea that broad groupings, such as micro-organisms, plants and animals can be subdivided. Through direct observations, they are classifying animals into commonly found invertebrates and vertebrates according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals.



This week they are looking at different local micro-habitats to investigate which types of invertebrates they might find there. Children record their results in a table and then transfer their results to a bar chart. They discuss which micro-habitat is most diverse in terms of invertebrate population.

Mrs Restivo

Purple Mash



The Reception children have enjoyed using our school iPads. They have been using directional language to programme a beebot to move in different directions. They have also been using the Mini Mash section on the PurpleMash website. All children in the Junior school have access to this website and have been given their own unique log in and password which has been updated this year keeping in line with our GDPR policy of regularly changing passwords. Please do encourage your children to use this website at home, there are many good apps including touch typing, coding, painting, books to read to name just a few of the creative and exciting features that they can access.

Mrs Nixon – Junior ICT & Computing



House Captains

Year 6 children were asked by Miss Prieto and Ms Hoyles to write and deliver a speech about being a Junior House Captain.



Many of the speeches were well planned, thought out and delivered with panache. It is with great pleasure to announce the following children, as voted by their peers, to represent their House as Junior Coordinators:

Mr Peck – House Co-ordinator

St Denis St Edmund St Michael St Patrick

Tyler-C Akinwale-C Ariana C-C Iliia-C

Angelica-VC Isaac-VC Suvir-VC Christian-VC

These children will help to organise and run House activities throughout the year under the guidance of Mr Peck.



NURSERY NEWS

Jam Sandwiches

By providing real life experiences such as cooking, children can gain a range of mathematical skills as well as learn an important life skill.

The youngest children at Bishop Challoner School have been making strawberry and blackcurrant jam sandwiches. They listened to the instructions carefully, buttering the bread, spreading the jam and finally cutting their sandwiches: first into halves and then into quarters. The children were able to count how many pieces they had cut their sandwiches into and could identify the shapes of a rectangle and square.

Ms Scicluna – EYFS Practitioner



CHAPLAINCY

Commissioning Mass

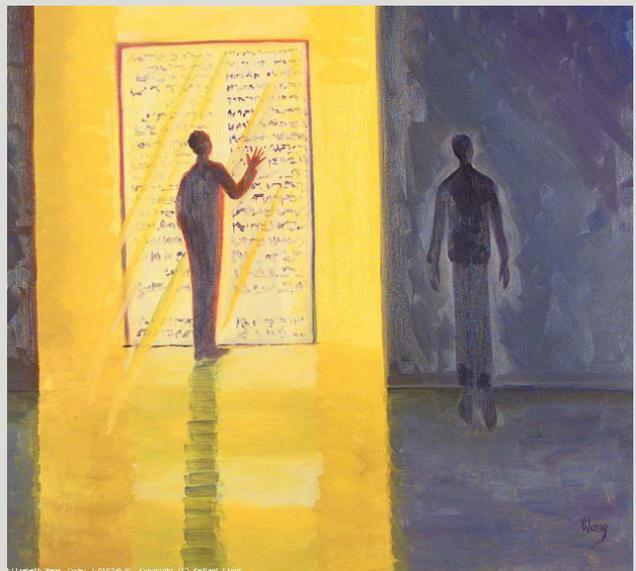
On Tuesday 11th September, we attended a special Commissioning Mass at St George's Cathedral. The Mass was celebrated by our new Archbishop, John Wilson. The mass gave the Chair of Governors, Head teachers and Chaplains of Catholic schools the opportunity to recommit themselves before God to the service of their schools. We were pleased to attend this with Joe and Martha representing our pupils.

During the Mass Archbishop John gave a very interesting homily. He asked us to remember two things from the Mass. The first was a ten-word command given by Jesus in John's Gospel, Chapter 13, 33-34:

'You must love each other as I have loved you.'

Archbishop John explained that the entire Gospel message hinges upon these words.

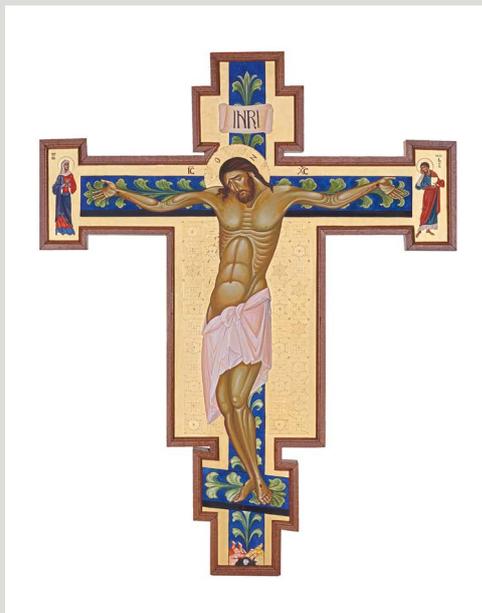
The second point Archbishop John made was regarding the importance of the Scriptures. He spoke about the scriptures as



a divine message of God's love for us. Encouraging us to read the scriptures daily he pointed out that the Bible is not about the book but the Word (Jesus), whom we discover through reading the Bible.

St Jerome once said that, 'ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Jesus Christ'. This Year Southwark Diocese is encouraging us to read the scriptures regularly to get to know God better. Why not set aside 5 minutes a day to read a few lines of Scripture. You could begin with this one: 'You must love each other as I have loved you'

Mr Lohan – School Chaplain



CHAPLAINCY

School Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Fill our school
with your Holy Spirit
and inspire us
to use our unique talents
to live, love and learn
like Christ, our Teacher.

May your light
shine within us as we
play our part
in your beautiful world.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen



ONE LAST THING...

Safeguarding Essentials

This week we are pleased to announce that the Home Secretary has pledged a further £300,000 towards the development of cutting-edge technology that disrupts the live streaming of child exploitation and abuse. It came after he attended a roundtable with private technology firms who showcased a series of new technological innovations designed to tackle the growing online problem. The new innovations were developed as part of a fund set up by the Home Office's Joint Security and Resilience Centre (JSaRC) – a unit that works with industry to respond to emerging security challenges. Please visit the Home Office website for further information.



OPEN MORNING
Saturday 28th September 2019
9.00am - 1.00pm



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 1st October at 6.00pm



Bishop Challoner School
WELCOMING ALL FAITHS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

 [SEE FULL CALENDAR](#)

Monday
23 SEPTEMBER

- Y11 Geography Field Trip returns

Thursday
26 SEPTEMBER

- New York Trip information evening

Friday
27 SEPTEMBER

- Y8 Mass

Saturday
28 SEPTEMBER

- Open Morning

