



## From the Headteacher...

**Welcome back to the final term of this academic year; I hope that you have had a restful break.**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Brooker as Deputy Head and wish her much happiness in her new role at Bishop Challoner. She has already been actively observing lessons this week and reviewing books and I know that she is keen to get to know your sons and daughters as soon as possible.

Mrs Vicens-Thompson received a warm welcome from her Year 2 class and we are pleased to have her on board.

I am sure by now, that you have all seen the promotional video of Year 3 pupils and if you have not, the link is here. [https://youtu.be/SmjEv3\\_7CBk](https://youtu.be/SmjEv3_7CBk). The children have done us proud and thank you to them all.

On Thursday 22nd April, I delivered an assembly remotely on Stephen Lawrence Day, which is the date that the legacy and life of Stephen Lawrence is celebrated. Pupils were reminded of the Bishop Challoner Catholic Christian values, including celebrating diversity and reminded that our school has a firm stance on racism and social prejudice and that we all have a responsibility to support each other. As a Catholic School, we recognise each individual as a unique part of God's creation and respect the human dignity of all members of the community.

We are looking forward to some semblance of normality as we have passed the anniversary of lockdown and the roll out of vaccinations and Lateral Flow Testing continues to provide us with reassurance. We are planning a



number of key celebrations; however we continue to tread with caution and will be offering these largely as virtual events to ensure that Bishop Challoner remains a safe environment.

I would like to leave you with this prayer:

Loving God,

Our creator, our saviour, our companion, bless this journey of a new school term that we have undertaken this week.

Refresh our souls and renew our spirits as we embrace the beautiful ministry you have called us to.

We welcome those who are new to this community and ask that you strengthen them to share the wonderful gifts you have given them.

Lord, may you guide our pupils who have returned with open hearts and minds eager to learn.

We ask this in Your name,

Amen



**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.**



## A LETTER FROM OUR NEW DEPUTY HEAD

Dear Parents/Carers

My name is Kate Brooker and I wanted to write a few words to introduce myself to you all as this term I will be starting as the new Deputy Headteacher at Bishop Challoner School. Let me start by saying that I feel very privileged to have been appointed as Deputy Headteacher of such a fantastic school which is populated by a tremendous community of pupils and adults alike.

Prior to starting at Bishop Challoner School, I had been Vice Principal and Deputy Headteacher in several schools and held many senior posts across London over my 23-year career, both in local authority schools and Academies; mainly in secondary schools but also in two primary settings, as well as being part of senior teams that have taken schools to outstanding status. This has been challenging but also very rewarding as an experienced senior leader.

My passion is in ensuring that all pupils receive a high-quality education that is enjoyable, rewarding and enriching. I have been fortunate to work with outstanding colleagues and highly motivated pupils and I look forward to using this experience and knowledge here at Bishop Challoner School.



Finally, I would like to say that I look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks and sharing the journey that your son or daughter takes through this wonderful school.

Kate Brooker - Deputy Headteacher

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## UNDER THE SEA

Reception Class children have been working incredibly hard this week on their writing, reading, RE, topic and maths. As part of our summer term learning journey, Under the Sea, children listened to the story of The Rainbow Fish and created a beautiful fish using shiny materials and tissue paper. It has been a great start to the term!

Mr Peck - Reception Class Teacher



## NURSERY NEWS

The children have made a happy and joyful return to nursery after the Easter break. We are delighted to welcome six new starters to our Bishop Challoner family.

Forest school resumed to what is my favourite time of the year - during the Easter break the site changes dramatically and the new welcome warmth of spring encourages the plants and trees into leaf and flower. The children are always so excited to see the change from the cold, hard frosts of winter. Our Forest school initiative really allows children to embrace nature and the elements in all their glory. The sun has made a welcome return and brought some real smiles to the faces of all.

Ms Ludlam - Head of Nursery / EYFS Coordinator



## JUNIOR NEWS

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and also to see the sunshine as we begin the summer term.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Vicens-Thompson who has joined us in Year 2 and we have also said a warm hello to Aurora who has started in Year 4.

The summer term is always busy and we are optimistically beginning to reintroduce more of our usual events. Following a further change to government recommendations, we are now able to offer some after school clubs and these will be starting next week. Please be mindful that we may be restricted with both numbers and bubbles so they may look a little different to our usual offering.

The children have all settled back very well and I know that teachers have not had an easy task with choosing their 'Stars' this week. Well done to all those who have shone brightly, we are very proud of you.

Very best wishes,

Ms Barker - Head of KS1 and KS2



Reception: Eleia - for her excellent design of a book cover.

Year 1: Mayah - for her sensible attitude to school.

Year 2: The whole class for making Mrs Vicens-Thompson feel so welcome and for making such a positive start to the new term.

Year 3: Milana - for super effort in all subjects.

Year 4: Adam - for excellent maths homework and an incredibly full reading record.

Year 5: Zaki - for paying excellent attention in class and for creating a great piece of work using dialogue.

Year 6: Isabelle - for her mature and honest contributions during PSHE and Kaela - for her excellent contributions during RE.



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## HOMEWORK CLUB MASCOT

A big thank you to all pupils who attend junior homework club as they work really hard each day after school.

We now have a homework club mascot called 'Squiddy' and the pupils take it in turns to look after 'Squiddy' at home. 'Squiddy' is actually a Cartesian diver and helps us understand how pressure works.

Martha was the first homework clubber to take 'Squiddy' home and we have a rota set up so everyone will get a turn.

Well done to all our homework club attendees for all their hard work.

Miss Ruston - Science Technician



# Zebra Art

This term, Year 1 are studying the topic of Africa. As part of this topic, the children are reading the story of 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne. They are really enjoying this topic and have already discovered many things about Africa. In this story, Handa takes a basket of fruit to her friend Akeyo. Handa's walk takes her past a variety of animals including a zebra. Year 1 thought it would be fun to paint their own zebra to accompany this story.

Look at our amazing paintings!

Mrs Hickman - Year 1 Class Teacher



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## Senior Science

This week in science, Year 8 have been learning about different types of rocks and looking at them using hand lenses. Limestone and sandstone are two types of sedimentary rocks that pupils observed.

In Biology, the sixth formers dissected hearts and identified all the various parts; for example the 4 chambers, arteries, valves and the septum.

Next week there are a lot of science practicals taking place from osmosis experiments using potatoes and sugar solutions to forces experiments with Newton meters and parachutes.

Please see Miss Ruston in the science department if you would like some worksheets with some great experiments you can safely try at home.

The Science Department



## EASTER FUN IN YEAR 3

Year 3 had fun with their Easter activities to support their learning of mathematics by weighing and measuring to bake Easter cakes and Easter porridge. Also, they made Easter gardens for RE. We hope they make your mouths water!

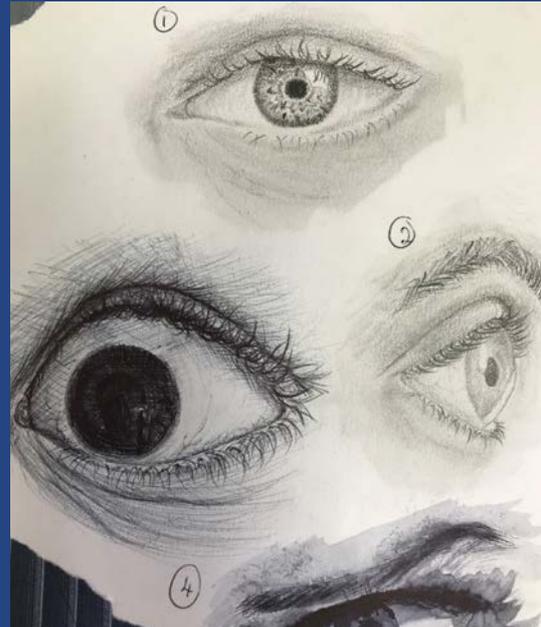
Mrs Sweet - Year 3 Class Teacher



# GCSE Fine Art

Our talented artists in the Year 10 GCSE Fine Art class have started a new project this term entitled 'Me, Myself, I' where they study the portrait. In the initial stages, the students make images of the eye, understanding its physiognomy and structure and exploring its potential for character and expression. These examples show how they have excelled. We are looking forward to how the project develops over the next ten weeks.

Mr Coultart - Head of Art



## CHAPLAINCY

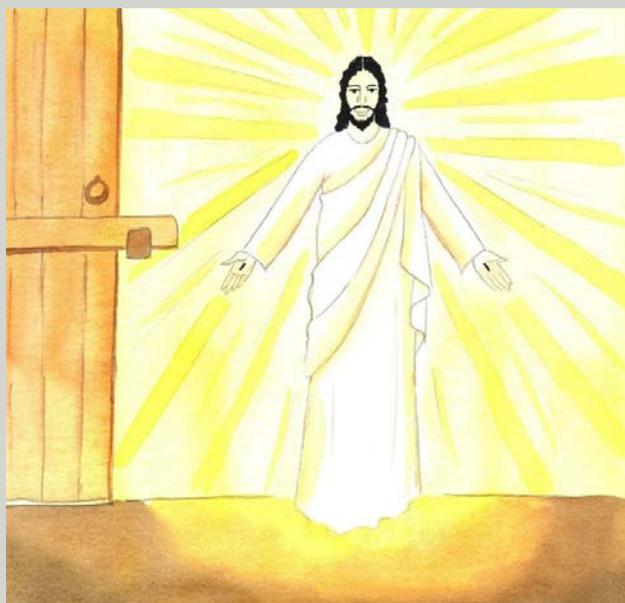
This is Eastertide, a period of celebration, when we remember the glorious resurrection of Jesus who has conquered sin and death forever. In the scriptures we read that after Jesus had died the disciples gathered in an upper room and were hiding because they were afraid. Jesus suddenly appeared among them saying:

**'Peace be with you,' and, after saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained.'** John 20:19-23

When Jesus appeared to his disciples he gave them a special mission to continue the good work that his Father had sent him to do. Jesus breathed upon the disciples giving them the Holy Spirit and he commissioned and empowered them to forgive sins. This was why the Father had sent Jesus in the first place to 'bring back the lost sheep of Israel' and to reconcile sinners to God.

Jesus truly rose from the dead and these things were confirmed by eye witnesses. The same Jesus is present to us in the Eucharist at each Mass, in the Scriptures that we read and in a special way when we go to Confession. When we confess our sins it is Jesus himself who acts through the priest and by the power of the Holy Spirit our sins are forgiven and we are reconciled to God our loving Father.

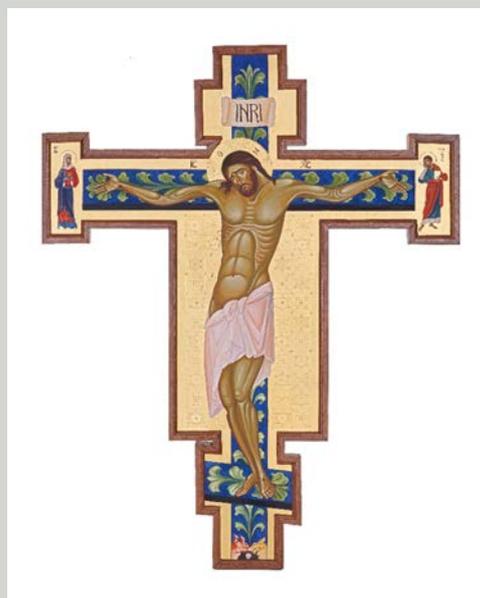
We have all been through very difficult times over the past year and no doubt this has impacted upon our lives in many ways. Churches were closed for some time and perhaps we haven't been to mass for a while or have



lost the habit of prayer. Eastertide is a time of grace and opportunity, many churches have reopened and many priests, including those at St Joseph's in Bromley, are giving people the opportunity to go to Confession every day after the daily mass. Why not take a minute to talk to God today, he's always waiting and listening, and if you haven't already done so please think about going back to church and to the Sacrament of Confession, it's a wonderful way to make a fresh start and to hear the healing words of Jesus:

**'Peace be with you, your sins are forgiven.'**

Mr Lohan - School Chaplain



# Easter Competition

Thank you to all who took part in the Easter Cake Competition. It was difficult to choose a winner but in the end Megan from Year 5 stood out with her wonderful Easter Creation. A Deliveroo Voucher worth £10 is on its way to you Megan from the PTA.

Mrs Reid - Chair of the Parent and Teachers' Association



## SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS....

Project deSHAME, coordinated by Childnet and co-funded by the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme of the EU and Facebook, aims to tackle peer-based online sexual harassment by empowering local communities to work together to increase reporting among young people.

Childnet has developed a range of resources for parents and carers to be able to engage in meaningful conversations with children and young people on the subject of online sexual harassment. These resources can be tailored to teenagers or children between nine and 12 years old and aim to engage everybody on how they can reduce and prevent online sexual harassment.

If you would like to view the free online resources, please visit:  
[https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/deSHAME\\_Role-and-importance-of-parents-and-carers.pdf](https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/deSHAME_Role-and-importance-of-parents-and-carers.pdf)

Online Sexual Harassment: This short paper shares our learning about the role and importance of parents and carers in tackling and responding to online sexual harassment among children.  
[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

Mrs Woolaway - Designated Safeguarding Lead

## WATER BOTTLES

Please remember to send your son or daughter to school with a full reusable bottle of water. Water fountains are out of use due to Covid restrictions and as the weather gets warmer, it will be essential for them to be able to rehydrate every day. Thank you.



## PARKING

Please could parents be mindful of parking considerately when collecting their son or daughter from school. We have received several complaints from our local residents about driveways being blocked. Please bear in mind that residents need access to their driveways at all times and although the driveway may only be blocked for a very short amount of time, this could have an impact on an emergency situation one of our residents needs to respond to. Thank you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday**  
**4 MAY**

- Founder's Day, all day

**Thursday**  
**13 MAY**

- Feast of Ascension

**Tuesday**  
**18 MAY**

- Junior Sports Day, all day

**Monday**  
**24 MAY**

- Year 7, 8 and 9 Examinations, all week

**Friday**  
**28 MAY**

- School finishes for Half Term, 3.45pm

