



From the Headteacher...

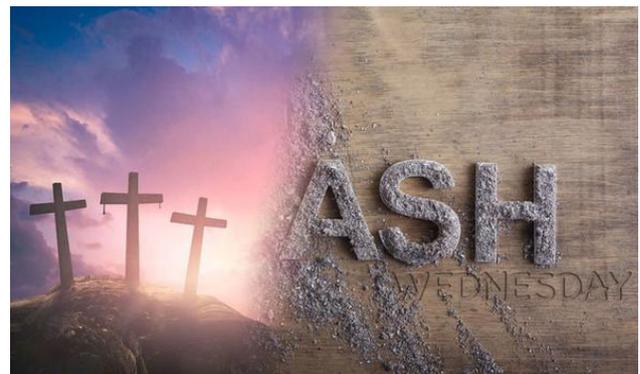
It was good to see the children returning after their half-term break. I do hope that the weather was kind to you and that the rain, gales and floods across the country did not affect your week.

After a week away from school I hope that you are feeling refreshed and ready for further challenges during the second half of term.

We were delighted to welcome prospective families to our drinks reception evening on Tuesday. It was an opportunity to meet with the staff and for families to meet others interested in joining Bishop Challoner in September. Thank you to Miss Ridley, the catering and site team, sixth formers for welcoming and serving canapes and to Mr Flanagan, Sahand and Meredith for the musical accompaniments.

The 4th March is fast approaching for accepting a place in Reception, Year 7 and Sixth Form for entry in September 2020. Thank you to those who have already returned their acceptance reply slips.

Father Stephen celebrated our Ash Wednesday Mass, the first day of Lent and one of the most important days in the liturgical



calendar; a day of penitential prayer and fasting. My whole school assembly on Thursday focussed on 'seeing the good in others' with a focus on positivity.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.



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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.



Top Spot for Bishop Challoner U13 Netball Team

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Bishop Challoner	5	4	1	0	32	17	15	21
2	Langley B	7	3	2	2	46	34	12	17
3	Newstead Wood B	4	3	0	1	45	10	35	15
4	Bishop Justus	3	2	1	0	32	11	21	11
5	Babington House	5	2	0	3	21	55	-34	10
6	Charles Darwin	2	1	1	0	26	11	15	6
7	Farringtons B	3	1	1	1	20	21	-1	6
8	Eden Park High	2	1	0	1	13	13	0	5
9	Ravensbourne	2	1	0	1	7	7	0	5
10	Harris Beckenham B	2	0	0	2	5	14	-9	0
11	Harris Orpington	7	0	0	7	18	72	-54	0

The year 7 and 8 netball team have had an excellent season so far in their U13 borough league. Five games in and the girls have done fantastically well to remain unbeaten. They have beaten Harris Orpington, Harris Beckenham, Langley Park Girls and Newstead Woods with a draw against Farringtons. They have a tricky month coming up in March with their remaining fixtures so let us hope the girls can produce some more dominant displays to finish top of the league at the end of the season.

Best of luck to the team and keep up the good work.

Mr Oliver - Director of Sport



ISA Cross-Country



Congratulations to the junior cross country team who competed in the ISA regional junior cross country competition. Years 3 - 6 travelled to Radnor School in Sevenoaks to run on a beautiful course. A special congratulations to Ariana for coming in 9th place in the girls

U/11 race. This qualifies her for the National event taking place at Worksop College later in March.

Ms Toschi-Restivo - Humanities Teacher



Shrove Tuesday Fun.....



The children in the Nursery have been starting to learn about Easter this week. On Monday we listened to the Easter Story and talked about it. On Tuesday we celebrated Shrove Tuesday. The children had a great morning, making and tasting pancakes with toppings of lemon and sugar or honey. They even had a go at flipping their pancakes – luckily we only dropped one! We acted out the story of the Runaway Pancake and then the children got into teams and had their own pancake race, with pancakes in plastic frying pans. In the classroom the children enjoyed pretending to make pancakes with moon dough. It was really fun and we had a brilliant day. On Wednesday the Nursery children attended Ash Wednesday Mass with the rest of the school. Their behaviour was excellent and they were proud to wear their crosses of ash on their foreheads for the rest of the day, reminding them that Lent is a special time to think about Jesus.

Mrs Bateman - EAL Co-ordinator, Nursery



Lent Reflection

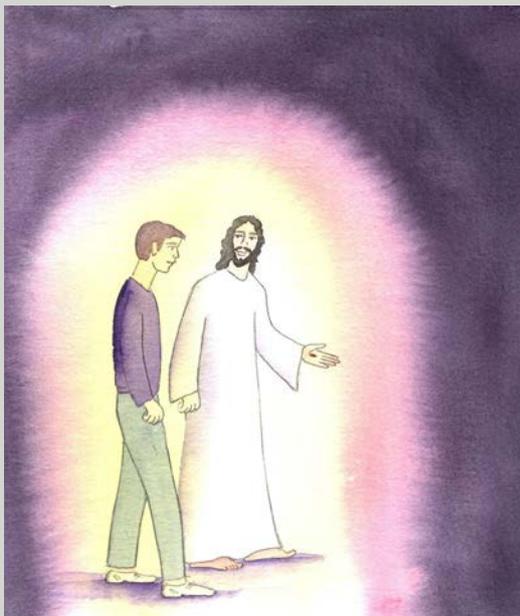
Wednesday 26th February was Ash Wednesday and we had a whole school Mass to mark the beginning of Lent, which is a very important period of the Church's year. Fr Steve gave a very inspirational homily about God's love for us, the sacrifice of Jesus and the opportunity that we have to make a fresh start.

Lent is a special time of grace from God, a time for reflection and conversion and the word Metanoia is often used to describe this. Metanoia is a Greek word: Meta which means going beyond and nous which means mind. So it refers to going beyond our current ways of thinking and, in the Christian understanding, having a change or conversion of heart and mind.

Conversion means turning away from ourselves and our sinful habits and turning back to God and our neighbour. In order to do this, we are invited to fast and pray, particularly prayer with an element of stillness and self-reflection. This makes a space for God to guide us and to help us to recognise the areas of our lives that are going well and the things that we need to change.

During Lent we are encouraged to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. About this St Faustina said:

'In the Sacrament of Reconciliation the misery of the soul meets the mercy of God and the miracle of God's mercy is made manifest.'



Reconciliation is a beautiful opportunity for us to make friends with God and to make peace with ourselves. In the sacrament we entrust ourselves to God's mercy, we open ourselves up to him in our brokenness, we give him permission to heal and to free us from the things which burden us; the mistakes that we have made, or the regrets that we have. In this Sacrament God pours out his love and Jesus washes our sins away with his own blood.

'No greater love has anyone than to lay down his life for his friends.' (John 15:13)

Let us pray that during this Lenten period we will take up the opportunity to turn back to God, to allow him to heal us and to change us for the better.

PRAYER

God of goodness and mercy,

Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey walking with you, pour out your grace upon me. Give me the humility to be honest with myself, as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times that I have turned away from you. Give me the faith to trust in your mercy, the hope to never despair or lose heart when I fail and the charity to love you as you deserve to be loved and to love my neighbour as myself. Strengthen me as I begin this journey of metanoia. Father I entrust my life to your loving care through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

Gerard Lohan, School Chaplain

ONE LAST THING...

Safeguarding Essentials

Bishop Challoner is continuing to follow Government advice regarding the Corona virus. The chance of being in contact with the virus in the UK is currently low. The best measures to stop the virus spreading are good basic hygiene: If you cough or sneeze - Catch it, Bin it, Kill it and wash your hands regularly using soap and water or hand sanitiser. If you are feeling unwell call the NHS on 111 for advice or visit their website: www.nhs.uk

Mrs Woolaway - Designated Safeguarding Lead

World Book Day

Remember we are celebrating World Book Day on Friday, 6th March - please do send pupils into school in literary costume.

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

 [SEE FULL CALENDAR](#)

Tuesday
3 MARCH

- Junior Parents' Evening, 5pm

Wednesday
4 MARCH

- Senior Pupil Voice, 8.40am
- Senior House Music Competition, 1.45pm
- Acceptance Deadline

Thursday
5 MARCH

- Junior Parents' Evening, 3.30pm

Friday
6 MARCH

- Years 3 and 4 Mass, 9am

