



Bishop Challoner News

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From the Headteacher...

This week has been very eventful for the nursery children. Forest School Awards took place on Monday and Wednesday with children receiving a certificate and a medal in the Forest School setting. This was followed by refreshments with parents. Mrs Coates has continued to inspire the children together with the support of the nursery staff.

On Monday we welcomed our new staff who will be joining us in either July or September to an induction afternoon. It was an opportunity for them to familiarise themselves with their surroundings and to meet other staff. The school recognises that effective induction is a vital foundation for continuous learning and continuing professional development of all staff new to Bishop Challoner.

On Thursday we held our Annual General Meeting followed by a special thank you celebration to the members of the Parent Teachers' Association (PTA) for all of their commitment, energy and enthusiasm in supporting the school. The hard work paid off at the Summer Fair which was well attended. My thanks to all the parents and staff who gave up their Saturday to support Bishop Challoner. It was a beautiful sunny day with a real community team spirit. I believe we have made in the region of £2,580.

The PTA were out in full force on Wednesday preparing breakfast and raising money for charity. Thank you again for all of your support and for arriving very early to ensure there was sufficient food for everyone.

Tonight is our Senior prize giving ceremony when we will be celebrating the achievements and successes of our pupils in



Years 7-13. Mr John Fuller is our Guest of Honour, a former Head Boy of Bishop Challoner and now working in the engineering and construction business. There are many pupils who are not receiving prizes tonight who have also worked hard, given of their best and achieved in many different ways; they too deserve our praise in their absence.

Please could I urge parents of children in the Junior department and in Years 7 to 10, who have not yet returned their questionnaire on well-being and school life to return these to the school office by Wednesday next week. As a school we never stand still and we always want to ensure we provide quality service within the school community. Your responses will help the school to measure current feelings and plan what areas might need some attention. Thank you for your continued support.

This is the last Challoner News for the academic year and next week I will be sending you my end of term letter.



Paula Anderson – Headteacher
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Forest School Awards

It was once again time to celebrate the successes of the Nursery children in the annual Forest School Awards this week. Mrs Anderson was in attendance to hand out much deserved certificates and wooden medals to the Forest School children.

The children were watched by their proud family members and were so pleased with their awards.

It has been an honour and a joy to watch the children as they have grown over the last academic year. They have birdwatched, whittled, made dens, hunted for bugs and kept our stag beetles well protected. They have also been resilient in all weathers and kept themselves and their friends safe in their special Forest.

Thank you to Mr McArthur from the DT department for making the medals and for Mr Hickman and the site team for



their support during the year on the site.

I am so lucky to have the pleasure to teach the Nursery children about the Forest School way and am sure they will take their new skills with them as they continue their academic journey.

I am really excited about welcoming a whole new cohort of Forest School children in September.

I hope you have a restful Summer.

Mrs Coates - Forest School Leader



JUNIOR NEWS

Bromley Flower Festival

This year Bishop Challoner School is taking part in the Bromley Flower Festival. The theme of our planter is asking one question. What footprint will you make on the world?

On 29th June, I am proud to announce that our beautiful flower planter will be on show at 12.00 on Bromley High Street outside H&M. I really liked the way every pupil came together to make such a beautiful garden with a heart-warming message. We all had a good time writing things we would forever like to change, like racism and global-warming, on a piece of paper put in a welly boot. I hope people will enjoy gazing at our flower planter and take in what we have said. One day I hope all those messages will come true.

Arianna & Christian (Year 5)



Eco Club

Eco -Club is a holistic club with values based around Laudato Si.



This is a quote from Laudato Si that reflects how we feel in Eco Club: 'Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded'.

Miss Ruston - Science Technician

Eco-Club had an end of term celebration this week to say a huge well done for all their hard work.

I would like to thank all our wonderful Eco warriors for a fantastic job they have done this term. I would also like to thank the wider school community for all their support too.



London Youth Games

Eleanor (Year 9) is representing Bromley in the London Youth Games Girls Hockey. On Saturday they played the qualifying matches in Redbridge. The Bromley girls topped their group against Hillingdon, Haringey and Greenwich which meant they automatically qualified for the finals which take place at Crystal Palace on 7th July.



Reading Club

We run a Senior Reading Club at lunch time on Wednesdays.



Emily, Louise-Anne and Jaciann are part of the Reading club at lunch time on Wednesdays and have an impressive knowledge of modern fiction, often having eight books on the go between them. On Tuesday they left at lunchtime to choose

free books at Waterstones. These were given by the English Department to encourage them to inspire others to follow suit.

Mrs Beevers – English Teacher

Gymnastics

Maisie from Year 3 attended her gymnastics award presentation evening on Saturday, coming first in both her floor work and vault and was overall group winner, winning a gold medal.

Maisie was also presented with the Gymnast of the Year Trophy. The judges said that she is an inspirational gymnast and were pleased to announce she got the top score of the whole competition. Well done to Maisie for this fantastic achievement.



PTA Summer Fair



Happy Holiday

We have had another wonderful year at Bishop Challoner and it is hard to believe that it is coming to an end. Let us not forget to give thanks to God and to ask him to be with us during the holiday season.

Dear Lord,
We thank you for this year. For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Lord you desire to be with us in the most ordinary events of life. We invite you to be with us as we spend time with our family and friends during this holiday.

Give us strength and courage to choose what is right: to be witnesses of our faith and the power of your love working in us.

Help us to show our shared Christian values by appreciating what others do for us, by giving our time and efforts to help others. By being peace-makers and joy givers in our family and community.



Keep us safe and free from all danger and harm in all that we do.

Help us to experience great joy and fun but also peace and rest. Renew and revitalize us so that we will be refreshed and ready for the new Academic Year.

Thank you for our classmates, friends, school staff, teachers, parents, guardians and our caring community.

Jesus we thank you in a special way for being our Lord, our best friend and our brother.

May we be aware of your loving presence in every moment of our lives. We ask this in Jesus name.

Amen

Y12 Pottery & Prayer

On Wednesday, 12th June we had our Year 12 Retreat Day at Aylesford Priory. Our theme for the day was 'O Lord you are our Father, you are the potter and we are the clay, we are all formed by your hand'.

This is a verse from the Old Testament Book of the Prophet Isaiah 64:8. Using this passage we reflected upon our lives and God's guiding hand in them. We also read the Genesis account of creation and thought about how it describes all of God's creation as good, including ourselves.

Using various Scripture passages, we meditated upon our lives and how we rely upon God for everything. We also discussed our unique God-given talents and how we might put them into good use in the world.

After a very enjoyable lunch we had the opportunity to use the potter's wheel to make our own creations. We were guided by an experienced potter and had more than one attempt to correct our mistakes, so that we could create something we were proud of. This really helped us to think about how God guides us through life and recreates and renews us when we make mistakes.

A special thank you to Mr Bryson and Mrs Restivo for supporting us on the Retreat

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Monday

1 JULY

- Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- Junior & Senior Information Evenings

Tuesday

2 JULY

- Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- Y7 Induction Afternoon
- KS1 Celebration of Achievement
- Junior Pupils Meet the Teacher

Thursday

4 JULY

- PTA Committee Meeting
- Junior Prize Giving

Friday

5 JULY

- Nursery Celebration
- End of Term Assembly
- End of Term Mass

Friday

30 AUGUST

- Nursery, Reception, Y7 & Y12 Induction

Monday

2 SEPTEMBER

- Whole School returns

