



From the Headteacher...

Congratulations to our Senior Choir for their performance at the Beckenham Music Festival last Saturday. A special thank you to Mrs Maxwell and Mr Flanagan for their support and time and of course to Mr Maxwell for his piano accompaniment.

We embarked on a 4+ taster morning yesterday which was well attended. It was an opportunity to meet with parents and for the children to explore the benefits of life in Reception class at Bishop Challoner.

The EYFS recycled art exhibition was fantastic. I am sure that you were impressed by the work that they have been producing and thank you to the parents for supporting us. Thank you to the nursery team and Mr Peck for encouraging creativity and imaginative ideas amongst the children.

Mr Hollingsworth from The Passage revisited Bishop Challoner and led the whole school assembly. The Passage is a Christian charity working with homeless people in London. Their



mission is to provide resources which encourage, inspire and challenge homeless people to transform their lives.

This is a busy term for our PTA in the build up to Christmas and I was very impressed by the imaginative ideas that they had presented in the secret present room. I hope that many of you will join us at the Christmas fair next Friday. The PTA is hosting the quiz tonight and I hope that you enjoy the evening.



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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.



SENIOR SPORT

Badminton Competition

Upon starting a badminton club this year, the Key Stage 4 boys' badminton team entered the borough competition last Monday.



The team was made up of four Year 10 players who have all been attending training on Monday at Park Langley and enjoying it. The boys started off strongly beating Browns School where all players gained a victory in either singles or doubles. Next they played a strong Langley Park team, where both teams won a singles and doubles fixture before a deciding doubles fixtures which was fiercely contested and

unfortunately the team lost the game 15-13 which edged Langley Park a 3-2 win in games. The last game was against St Olave's, who, with 4 badminton club players proved too strong for our players and they went on to win the tournament. It was a great performance from Challoner considering the badminton club has only been running since the start of this term. Well done lads!

Mr Oliver – Director of Sport



SENIOR SPORT

ISA Swimming Gala

The ISA regional senior swimming gala took place last Monday at Trinity School. Challoner took a squad of 10 pupils across different year groups in what was a competitive evening of swimming. Our squad competed really well in a field full of strong swimmers and was placed second and third in quite a few races. Congratulations must go to Blake in Year 10 who smashed his 100m breaststroke race and will now go on to represent the school, London and the South at the National Senior Swimming Gala this Saturday held at the Olympic swimming pool in Stratford. Good luck Blake!



Biology Science Live

On Friday 22nd November we went to the Apollo theatre for the biology science live lectures. The first lecture was by the President of the Royal Society, Professor Sir Venki Ramakrishnan, 'On ribosomes: the Gene Machine'. He talked about his career and work towards solving the structure of the ribosome, this contribution to science eventually won him a Noble Prize.

The second lecture was 'A brief history of everyone who ever lived' by Dr Adam Rutherford, a geneticist who is an Honorary Research Fellow at UCL. His talk, about everyone's family tree, was one of my favourite lectures as it explained how DNA evidence was used to identify King Richard III's remains. After Dr Rutherford's lecture we had a talk by Michelle Oldfield, an examiner, who gave us useful information about our biology A level exam. This session was followed by a lecture by Prof Robert Winston, a pioneering figure in IVF treatment and a politician who sits in the House of Lords. This lecture was on human progress and genetic modification of embryos. Prof Winston brought up many ethical questions to do with scientific progress, which was interesting as these questions



are the ones that scientists are faced with today. Next was the 'Revenge of the Microbes' by Dr Jenny Rohn, a cell biologist at UCL. This talk mentioned bacteria and the discovery of the different types of antibiotics and the increasing problem of antibiotic resistance and what we should do to solve this problem. The final lecture was by Prof Sarah-Jayne Blakemore on 'The Teenage Brain'; she is an award-winning cognitive neuroscientist and professor of psychology at the University of Cambridge. Her talk was about the adolescent brain and how teenagers are influenced by each other when it comes to decision making and taking risks. Science Live contained interesting lectures that will be useful for our course and exam.
Isabella – Year 12



Mr Oliver – Director of Sport

SENIOR SPORT

Netball Match

The Year 7 and 8 netball training on Thursdays has consistently seen great numbers and the team have been working hard in preparation for their borough league which began this week on Wednesday when they played Harris Academy Beckenham. In what was a tight game, Challoner prevailed 6-3. The girls raced into a 3-1 lead thanks to some precise shooting from Yasmin and Shayara. The next two quarters were evenly matched and some excellent defence and crucial interceptions from Allyson and Abigail kept Harris Academy at bay in the last quarter.

Challoner played against Farringtons on Thursday which ended in a 7-7 draw. Allyson and Abigail are forming a strong partnership in defence, Neriah and Hayley worked extremely hard throughout the game and Shayara as captain led the team really well. Well done to the girls this week who put everything they learnt from training into their matches and their effort levels were huge throughout the games.



Maths Challenge

Years 5 and 6 have recently completed the Primary Mathematics Challenge. We have three names that have been submitted for possible invitation to return to complete the 'bonus round' in the Spring term.

The selected pupils are:

Akinwale (Year 6)
Isaac (Year 6)
Angelica (Year 6)

They all scored 19 out of 25 and have been awarded Gold certificates.

Mrs Sweet – Year 5 Teacher



Additionally the following pupils have been awarded certificates for their high results:

Amitav (Year 5) - Silver
Lucan (Year 6) - Silver
Amelie (Year 6) -Bronze
Christian (Year 6) – Bronze



Junior Stars

Junior Stars of the Week:

Rec: Faith - Wonderful ideas in House events.
Year 1: Spencer - Super story writing.
Year 2: Thaddeus - Always trying hard and giving 100%.
Year 3: Eva - Fantastic improvement with X tables Rockstars.
Year 4: Imogen - Brilliant work in French.
Year 5: Nikita - Fantastic work in maths.
Year 6A: Ilia - Always being kind and helping others
Year 6&: Harrie - For a wonderfully positive attitude.

Congratulations to all our stars. We are very proud of you.

Ms Barker – Head of KS1 & KS2

EYFS Art Exhibition

I would like to say a big thank you to the Reception and Nursery children for working so hard to produce their wonderful piece of recycled art work.

They learnt that just about any material can be used to create a masterpiece. Recycled art is not just beautiful but eco-friendly as well.

In exchange for your child's art work, we asked for a small donation which will go to support our partnership nursery, Threshers, in Orpington. Threshers is a charity run setting and many of the children are less fortunate than our own. Their

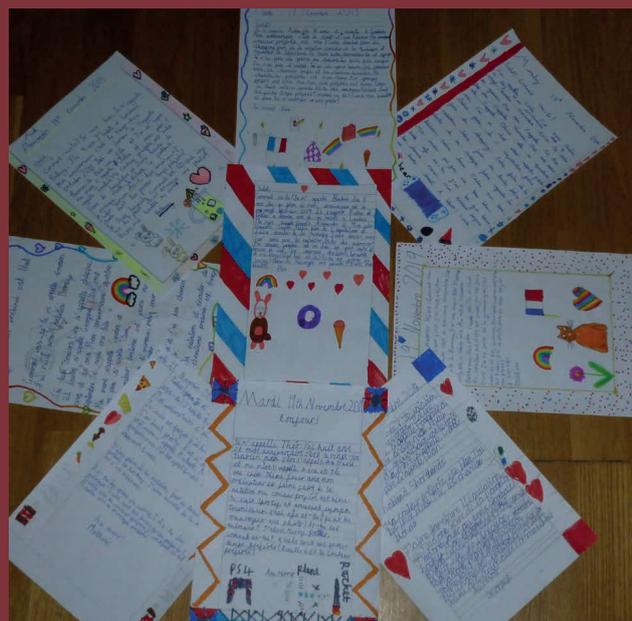
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staff work hard to support the families and children in their care.

Thank you for helping us support this great cause and at the same time adding a wonderful enhancement to your home!

I am so proud of the children's achievements.



JUNIOR NEWS

French Pen Pals

I have been busy helping Year 4 write letters to a primary school class in France. The children were incredibly keen and fully applied themselves to the task. Their letters were absolutely beautifully presented and I am so proud of the pupils' hard work and efforts! I will be posting these letters straight away so that the French children are able to receive them before their Christmas holidays. We are very much looking forward to receiving letters from the French children!

Well done year 4, I am delighted with your letters.

Madame Napier – French Teacher



EYFS Art Exhibition



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.

The Economic and Social Research Council, ESRC, has launched a new £1.9m four-year research project aimed at finding better ways to protect vulnerable children from the threat of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and "county lines" drug dealing. Abuse between children, known as peer-on-peer abuse, is another safeguarding issue the project will explore.

Polite Notice

Please may I remind you that if your child has vomitted or had diarrhoea, they must be free of symptoms for 48 hours from the last bout before returning to school. This is essential to reduce the risk of contamination to other children and staff.

PTA Request

The PTA would be grateful for donations of: Mince Pies (nut free), Mulled Wine, Sweets and Raffle Prizes. Anyone who has a spare hour or two and wants to help by running one of our stalls, please contact the PTA at PTA@bcsweb.co.uk – any help would be much appreciated.

Extra Curricular

Parents are reminded that After School Activity Clubs finish this Friday, 29th November 2019. Clubs will re-start next term, week commencing 13th January 2020. Creche and Homework Club will run as normal until Monday 16th December 2019.

Nursery Notice

The nursery will be open as usual on Monday 6th January 2020. Please note that Breakfast Club and Creche will not be in operation on this day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Monday

2 DECEMBER

- Senior Citizens' Party

Tuesday

3 DECEMBER

- Y12 Physics Live Trip
- Junior Christmas Production, 2pm

Wednesday

4 DECEMBER

- Y12 & Y13 Parents' Evening
- Junior Christmas Production, 6pm

Friday

6 DECEMBER

- PTA Christmas Fair, 3.30pm



Friday, 6 December
3:30 5:30pm

*Bishop Challoner PTA
Christmas Fair*

Entry £1 per Adult
Children Free

♥ HOT DOGS ♥ GAMES ♥ RAFFLE ♥ SWEET STALL
♥ SANTA'S GROTTO ♥ CANDY FLOSS
♥ ...AND MUCH MORE

