



From the Headteacher...

I was delighted to welcome Mrs Mizen back to Bishop Challoner to lead our senior assembly. She talked about her son Jimmy and how he was tragically murdered in 2008. Her message of forgiveness, peace and hope was very clear. Emily and Mary presented her with a cheque for £300 towards her charity 'For Jimmy'.

Last Friday evening the sixth formers together with Mr Lohan and Miss Ruston braved the cold by sleeping in the grounds of Bishop Challoner to raise money for homelessness. This was certainly a memorable experience.

Next Friday the sixth formers will be organising the Junior Easter egg hunt to raise money for the School Crises Fund that supports many parents and children who have found themselves in emergency situations. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

On Wednesday morning the dining hall was bustling with children and parents who came for their breakfast in support of the London Air Ambulance. Thank you, as always, to our wonderful PTA who organised this initiative and served the breakfasts.

Four of our pupils took part in the Salters' Festival



of Chemistry at Imperial College London this week coming third out of many schools that competed. Many congratulations to India, Racheal, Ohemaa and Elizabeth.

Bishop Challoner Sixth Form Students, Joe and Martha were invited to speak at the Rotarians Annual School's Day lunch with two other schools from Bromley. Joe spoke to the members about his school career and his hopes and ambitions for the future. They were treated to an amazing lunch and listened to speeches from the Chairman and Guest Speaker, Councillor Peter Fortune.

This will be the last Challoner News for this term and I will be sending out my end of term letter next week. The Spring Term comes to an end on Friday 5th April; this is a normal school day. I hope that you all have a peaceful Easter break and I look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday 24th April.



Paula Anderson – Headteacher
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Salters' Festival of Chemistry

On Wednesday 4 Year 8 pupils attended the Salters' Festival of Chemistry in South Kensington at Imperial University London with Dr Bovell and Miss Ruston. The students worked in the university labs alongside many other competing schools in two chemistry challenges.

Pupils had to find 'solutions' to chemistry problems using various chemical techniques such as chromatography and filtration. In the second challenge the pupils had to do exothermic and endothermic reactions to raise and lower the temperature of certain chemicals/solutions.

We are so proud to say that our wonderful Bishop Challoner pupils came third out of many schools in the imperial university challenge. Well done to: India, Racheal, Elizabeth and Ohemaa who received



certificates and prizes and a wonderful molymod set for our science department.

Pupils and staff then went to the university lecture theatre to watch a series of demonstrations that were really fun and exciting. Dr Laura Patel showed us explosions (Miss Ruston screamed!) and energy transfer demonstrations such as flame tests and a Chemiluminescence demo.

Miss Ruston - Science Technician

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Shared Stories



Mrs Miotti would like to thank all pupils, from infants through to Sixth Form, who have shared stories over the past few weeks, following World Book Day celebrations.

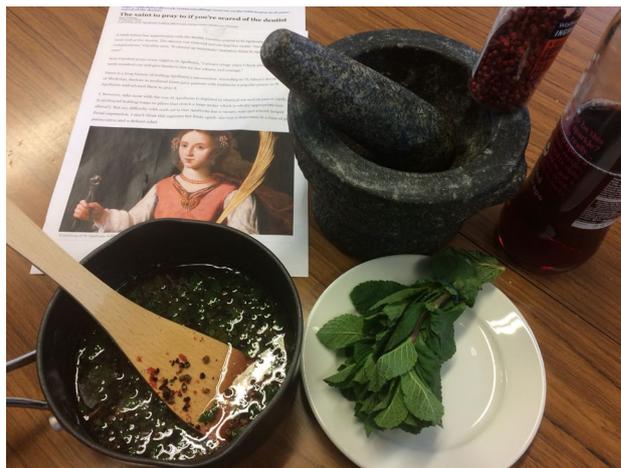
Furthermore, she would like to extend her praise to the Nursery children who shared their 'Books in a Box'. Mrs Miotti, in turn, thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Nursery and reading the children a story last week.



EXTRA CURRICULAR

Archaeology Club

This week Archaeology Club investigated "medieval" mouthwash, discussing the development of dentistry and changes in our diet over time.



The story of St Apollonia, the patron saint of those suffering with toothache, was not for the faint-hearted. We recreated a recipe using the ingredients pictured - replacing the wine with grape juice - but can you spot what else we used?

We tasted the mouthwash and declared it "not as bad as I was imagining" and "quite nice actually". Members of staff who also tried it out were grateful for all the hard work that went into the preparation, but said they would like to stick to Listerine (other brands are available)...

Mrs Newbould, Archaeology Club



EXTRA CURRICULAR

Chess Champions' League

Last Saturday, Year 4 pupils, Erika, Bèla and Amitav participated in the Kent Junior Champions' League Chess tournament. They played very well and made the school proud.



Easter Bunny Visits Forest School

The Nursery children were very excited to hear that the Easter bunny had made a visit to Forest School this week.

Chocolate eggs were hidden in the bushes and at the base of trees, which meant that the children had to use all their senses to find them.

They really enjoyed exploring Forest School and were rewarded with a chocolate egg to enjoy at home.

We finished off this term with chick and bunny biscuits and a hot chocolate. The Nursery children have become so confident since the start of September. They are now nearly at the end of their Forest School



journey in Nursery, but have the promise of beautiful spring and summer mornings to enjoy after Easter.

Next week we open our Forest School to our friends at Threshers Day Nursery who will be coming to see if the Easter bunny has left any eggs for them. It will be wonderful to see the children and staff as we continue our partnership with Threshers.

Mrs Coates – Forest School Leader



Ms Ludlam - Head of Nursery

Mothering Sunday

It has been a busy penultimate week in the Nursery. The children have been preparing for one of the most important days of the year - Mothering Sunday.

They have created some beautiful paintings of their mums and recorded some moving reasons why they love their Mummy.

The Nursery children participated in the Mother's Day service today, along with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It was a wonderful occasion and they have worked very hard on their rendition of Elton John's "Your song" - a fitting gift we felt.

May we wish all of our mums a wonderful Mothering Sunday this weekend - May God continue to bless you all; thank you for all you do.



CHAPLAINCY

Homeless Experience 7.00pm-7.00am

On Friday, 22nd March, the Sixth formers held a charity homeless experience to help raise money for the Bromley Homeless Shelter and The Passage Homeless Shelter.

With the help of Mr Lohan we came up with the idea of sleeping rough inside the school grounds as a charity fundraiser.

That evening the Sixth Formers as well as Miss Ruston and Mr Lohan turned up with their sleeping bags and wrapped up in warm clothing ready for the night ahead. We found it very exciting to be in the school grounds during the late hours of the night, although it was freezing cold. It was an eye opening experience to see how hard it is for people that are permanently living on the streets



and how tough it is for them trying to find a warm and comfortable place to sleep.

We found the experience helped us as Sixth Formers to build strong bonds as we went through the night. We were grateful to have hot drinks and snacks provided for us. We awoke very tired and cold the next morning and were ready to go home. I believe that all the Sixth Formers had a great experience and we will keep homeless people especially in our thoughts and prayers.

Chaplaincy Representative - Dylan Thorn



CHAPLAINCY

Thank You

I would like to add a special thank you to our Sixth Formers for being so well behaved and choosing to take this challenge in order to help others. I would also like to especially thank Miss Ruston for stepping in at very short notice to supervise the pupils along with me.

Mr Lohan- School Chaplain

 @ChaplainBcs



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.

Do you know someone who suffers from low self esteem? Young Minds is leading the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered. If you would like further information on ways to boost self esteem visit:

[HTTPS://YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK/BLOG/SIX-WAYS-YOU-CAN-BOOST-YOUR-SELF-ESTEEM/](https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/six-ways-you-can-boost-your-self-esteem/)

Enrichment Week

Enrichment Week for Year 7-9 runs from 3rd to 7th June this year. Teachers have been working hard to prepare exciting trips and activities that challenge students to think beyond the curriculum. The programme features day trips, workshops and group work, with opportunities to work with visiting speakers and staff from all subject areas. Activities include: a French theatre company, Legoland, steel drums, footgolf and performance poetry. A brochure with further details will be circulated after Easter and we look forward to a fun-filled week in June.

Mrs Otley

School Prayer Competition

Thank you for the fantastic response to the school prayer competition. We had over 109 entries to read through with some very thoughtful prayers written by pupils throughout the whole school community. News about the school prayer will be shared with you after Easter.

Mrs Patience

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Tuesday
2 APRIL

- Y10 PE Trip to Twickenham Rugby Stadium

Wednesday
3 APRIL

- Tenebrae Service
- Y8 retreat to Whitstable departs

Thursday
4 APRIL

- Easter Hat Parade

Friday
5 APRIL

- Y8 retreat to Whitstable returns
- EYFS Easter Party
- Junior and Senior reports sent home
- Term Ends, 3.35pm

