



## From the Headteacher...

I was pleased to invite some of the Year 4 pupils for a chat and refreshments this week. Eden, Bela, Jamie, Iona, Ali and Olivia certainly enjoyed the special chocolate cake and juice. I was also delighted to meet with Deren, Kayden, Jehan, Erika, Kaela and Annabelle today. I was impressed by the activities and the busy schedules they had over Easter. They are looking forward to the trip to the Rare Breeds Farm, sports day and the Junior House Music Competition!

In my assembly last week I spoke to the pupils about the importance of good behaviour and good manners. One of the aspects of working together successfully as a community is dependent on the behaviour and good manners of individuals. They were reminded that there are many reasons why people behave in particular ways and that we often learn our behaviour from those around us, whether they are family, friends or peers. In some cases, this can be a good thing, but at other times, it can lead us into doing things that are not acceptable, and that we would not normally have considered taking part in. People are equally valuable and that we should treat others with care and respect.

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

Many of our Years 7 and 8 were put through their paces on Tuesday as they took part in the UKMT Mathematics Challenge. This provides a stimulating and rewarding experience for all the pupils and we await the results of their problem-solving.

In September we introduced LAMDA for those pupils in Years 7 to 9 who were interested in pursuing this and the take up was very good. I was delighted to watch the



LAMDA Showcase on Thursday evening with pupils exuding confidence and skills in presenting. A special thank you to Mrs Rogers for her hard work and support in allowing the opportunity for pupils to build confidence and develop their communications skills. I would like to congratulate Buse for achieving a distinction in her recent grade 6 Bronze LAMDA Speech and Drama examination.

Tomorrow is our school birthday and this morning Father Simplicio led our Founders Day Mass marking the 69th anniversary of the school. David and Jamie, the oldest and one of the younger children in the nursery were invited to blow out the candles as we sang Happy Birthday. I hope the pupils all enjoyed their ice lollies as they left school today.

The Years 5 and 6 children are becoming extremely excited about their residential trip to Liddington and I know this is often the highlight of the year. We hope they have a safe journey as they depart next Tuesday 7th May.

I hope you enjoy the extended weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 7th May.



Paula Anderson – Headteacher  
@Challoner\_head



# Historic House Handel & Hendrix

On Tuesday 2nd of April, the Year 7 musicians visited Handel and Hendrix House in London. The visit challenged them to go into the house's past and learn about the composer George Frederic Handel and famous guitarist Jimi Hendrix.



We were greeted by the staff and were given a warm welcome into 23/25 Brook Street. We were brought into a large room above the main house and we created a chorus known as a ritornello which in Italian means little return. A ritornello is more commonly known as a chorus and verses and we made a small repetitive rhythm and created a canon out of it. We were then taken into the main building and shown many fascinating things about George Frederic Handel such as his father never

wanted him to become a musician and instead become an apprentice of a skilled worker. Next, we climbed a set of stairs into Jimi Hendrix's apartment and we learnt that Hendrix had a stuffed animal called Dogbear that he took with him everywhere he went. Sadly, we had to leave the house but we took with us many pieces of knowledge and information which will stay with us forever.

Samuel 7A

# Mrs Patience completes the London Marathon

Mrs Patience was proud to complete the London Marathon in just over 4 hours.

She joined over 42,500 runners who all together raised millions of pounds for charity.

She would like to thank all those who donated and cheered her on along the way.



# Nursery Grow Their Own

The children in the Nursery planted spinach seeds a month ago and this week they were able to pick fresh spinach to add to their tasty pasta dish.



By growing your own fruit and vegetables it gives children an understanding of food and where it comes from.

Cooking helps children's personal, social and emotional development by providing opportunities for exploration,

developing new skills which increases their confidence. Being able to cook is a great skill to have and the Nursery children find it an exciting, tasty and fun activity.

Ms Scicluna – EYFS Practitioner



## NURSERY NOTICES

# Memory Tributes

Many thanks indeed to all those who took the time to leave memory tributes and donations. The names of our loved ones were read out at Founder's Day Mass and their memories honoured.

We have raised £67.00 for 'Living On' - I know that this will be received most graciously and will help children who are bereaved receive the support they need.

Ms Ludlam - Head of Nursery



# Fascinating Maths: UKMT Junior

On Tuesday, some of our Year 6, 7 and 8 pupils took part in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge ran by the University of Leeds. This a great opportunity for pupils to demonstrate their problem solving skills to universities and/or prospective employers, particularly if they certificate.

There are 25 multiple choice questions that the pupils have to answer in 1 hour. The questions/problems set are designed to test the skills of logic and reasoning, and not get the answer by using sheer guess work. Furthermore, medical research has shown that by trying to solve such problems and taking part in such activities, particularly as we get older, it exercises the brain and can help prevent/manage diseases associated with old age, such as dementia.

Below are some of the questions set in this year's challenge, so be daring and have a go (no calculators allowed)! Answers will be in next week's update.

1. How many minutes is it from 23:35 today to 01:15 tomorrow?

A 100 B 110 C 120 D 130 E 140

2. Sam has eaten three-quarters of the grapes.

What is the ratio of the number of grapes that remain to the number Sam has eaten?

A 1:3 B 1:4 C 1:5 D 1:6 E 1:7

3. On Aoife's 16th birthday, Buster was three times her age. On Aoife's 21st birthday, how old was Buster?

A 32 B 48 C 53 D 63 E 64

4. Which of these is closest to 7?

A 7.09 B 6.918 C 7.17 D 6.7 E 7.085

5. Jamal writes down a sequence of six integers. The rule he uses is "after the first three terms, each term is the sum of the three previous terms."

His sequence is \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, 8, 13, 25.

What is his first term?

A 0 B 1 C 2 D 3 E 4

6. A rectangle is three times as long as it is high. The area of a square is twelve times the area of the rectangle. What is the ratio of the perimeter of the square to the perimeter of the rectangle?

A 12:1 B 6:1 C 4:1 D 3:1 E 2:1

## CHAPLAINCY

# The Good Samaritan Mass

On Wednesday, 1st May our First Holy Communion pupils attended the Good Samaritan Mass at St George's Cathedral. It was a beautiful, simple Mass led by Archbishop Peter Smith. The Gospel was from Luke's Chapter 10, the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

This passage challenges us to consider that we are all brothers and sisters, whatever our faith, cultural backgrounds or beliefs, it asks us to rethink our own values and to spread our horizons further to care for all those who are in need both locally and internationally. Archbishop Peter was also very keen for our pupils to understand that they are very much loved by God and have an important and unique part to play in the establishment of His Kingdom on earth. A Kingdom where all people are loved and valued.

The annual Mass is to raise money for the Westminster Crises Fund, which is run by the Catholic Children's Society. The Crisis



Fund provides emergency support for children, young people and their families who are living in poverty. They provide one-off grants to meet emergency needs such as food or essential furniture. We are very grateful to parents and pupils for their generosity in supporting this fund and for helping children and families who are in desperate need. I am grateful to Mr Fitzgerald for joining us at this Mass. The month of May is dedicated to Mary the Mother of Jesus. Mary is our mother too so we ask her to intercede for us, as we say: Hail Mary...

Mr Lohan – School Chaplain



## CHAPLAINCY VALUES

# Founder's Day Mass

Founder's Day Mass was celebrated by the whole school and past staff, pupils and founders were remembered.

A celebratory cake was cut by David, the oldest pupil in school, and candles blown out by Jamie, one of the youngest pupils in Nursery.



## 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.

To help support the mental health and well being of students during the exam season, Dragonfly have published a free booklet about how to deal with anxiety. Please find see link to the free download from their website:

[WWW.DRAGONFLYIMPACT.CO.UK/ANXIETY-BOOKLET-PDF](http://WWW.DRAGONFLYIMPACT.CO.UK/ANXIETY-BOOKLET-PDF)

### Nursery Request

The Nursery are looking for donations of two wooden pallets. If you have one and are prepared to donate and deliver we would be extremely grateful indeed. If you think you can help please email Ms Ludlam on

[ELUDLAM@BCSWEB.CO.UK](mailto:ELUDLAM@BCSWEB.CO.UK)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

 [SEE FULL CALENDAR](#)

Monday  
6 MAY

- Bank Holiday

Tuesday  
7 MAY

- Y5 & Y6 School Journey Departs
- GCSE French Orals

Wednesday  
8 MAY

- Senior Pupil Voice

Thursday  
9 MAY

- Y11 Mass of Inspiration
- ISA London South U/11 Chess

Friday  
10 MAY

- Y5 & Y6 School Journey Returns
- Y11 Study Leave Begins

