



Bishop Challoner News

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From the Headteacher...

The proposed Nursery and Junior uniform is on display in the front reception area of the school should you wish to view this. I will be sending a letter out in due course with further detail regarding the specifics of the uniform changes and timescales.



On Monday morning I visited the Junior ICT suite to be welcomed by a group of children of different ages showing me their wonderful Christmas cards that they have been designing using Purple Mash. I was impressed by the skills that they had developed and the creativity of their outcomes. They all received the Headteacher's merit stickers.

Mr Peck led our House assembly on Monday with a focus on teamwork and the Year 12 House Captains introduced themselves. We would like to encourage the pupils to wear their House badges. Well done to everyone who designed a wooden spoon. The response was fantastic and congratulations to Ariana who came in third place, Zak, in second and first prize to Jessica. Well done to all those who took part.

Mrs Woolaway and I have been interviewing the Year 11 students who applied for Sixth Form scholarships. We have been extremely impressed by the high calibre of the students this year and there will be some very difficult decisions to be made. I will be writing to parents over the Christmas period with the outcome of this process.

On Wednesday we enjoyed an informal recital concert

where Senior pupils had the opportunity to showcase their talent playing a musical instrument. A special thank you to Mr Flanagan for organising this events and for the continued support of the peripatetic music staff.

On Thursday Mr Lohan led assembly on Advent and encouraged the children to actively take part by providing their own prayers. He also touched on the Charity week that the sixth formers organised and reflected on the events of that week. The school raised a large sum of money in support of Help for Heroes, Duffus Cancer Foundation, Mary's Meals and the Nyumbani Orphanage in Kenya.

I wrote to Junior parents in January 2018 outlining that we would be reviewing our Junior uniform in the light of some changes made to the Senior uniform in September 2017. A questionnaire was sent to parents and following this, staff, pupils, Trustees and members of the PTA were further consulted.

The PTA are continuing to work hard in preparation for the Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December and I hope that you will be able to support us for what will be a fabulous afternoon.



Paula Anderson – Headteacher

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SENIOR SPORT

ESFA National Football Cup

The Year 10s run in the ESFA National Cup continues with a 3-0 victory against King Edwards Witley School. This was a stern test for the Year 10 Football team against King Edwards who are renowned for the strength of their football program.



After a cagey opening 10 minutes, Gabriel opened the scoring with a neat one touch finish in the bottom right hand corner. The Year 10s subsequently exerted their dominance with further goals from Wesley and Nick as the defence did tremoundly well to keep a clean sheet

against a dangerous King Edwards attack.

The draw for the next round will take place on 3rd December and will be available on the ESFA website.

Mr Snadden – Head of Senior PE



SENIOR SPORT

Table Tennis Finals

The Year 10 & 11 Table Tennis team represented Bromley in the South London Table Tennis finals this week at Wallington Grammar School.

In a knockout competition, Bishop Challoner faced number 1 seeds Wallington Grammar who were the eventual winners and proved to strong in the end.

Despite the loss, Luke R, Matthew W, Matteo and Thomas Y, represented the school with distinction and have further fixtures against Kings College, Wimbledon and Epsom College next term.



SENIOR NEWS

Year 9-11 enjoy French Theatre

The French department was delighted to have Onatti Productions return to Bishop Challoner. This time, the actors performed the play 'La Salle Des Enigmes' to our Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils.



It was wonderful to see such great pupil participation from Chloe, Patson, Jacob and David. The actors' enthusiasm and high energy were infectious as everyone got into the spirit of the performance. The actors commented on the positive response from the pupils and had much fun bringing the French language to life.

Well done to the pupils for watching a fast flowing play in

Madame Napier – **French Teacher**

the target language. Years 7 and 8 will be treated to an equally thrilling performance with 'Ticket Pour L'espace' next Wednesday.

A special thank you to Laurence in 8A and Ms Ruston for the wonderful lighting which really enhanced the performance.



SENIOR NEWS

Year 7 Biology Dissection

The Year 7 pupils are learning about cells, tissues and organs and this week

With the help of Ms Ruston, they successfully carried out their first dissection. Using sheep's hearts, they examined the four sections of the heart and the main arteries within the circulatory system. They then literally "tugged the heart strings", which are the tendons that control the valves in the heart. Many thanks to Ms Ruston and congratulations to all the year 7s for their excellent work.

Mrs Marpadi – **Biology Teacher**



JUNIOR NEWS

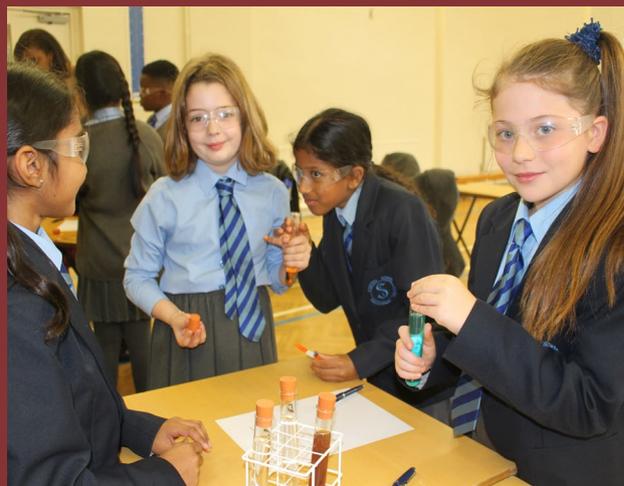
Junior ISI Science Quiz

On Monday 19th November Bishop Challoner were the proud hosts of the first Junior ISA Science Quiz. The organisers had included up to 12 Independent schools across two quiz sites, and it was open to teams from Year 4 and 5.

Taking part on behalf of Bishop Challoner were Jamie and Amatav (Year 4); Isaac and Joseph (Year 5).

Exciting rounds of general science knowledge, British birds, an engineering task as well as chemistry practicals had all competitors thoroughly engaged.

Ms Hibbert - Junior Science Subject Leader



Bishop Challoner children did their best and finished in third place. Steephill School won first place.

We look forward to more junior science activities in the near future.



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Junior Music Recitals

The music concert was amazing. Many hard-working children put a lot of effort into their music pieces. It was especially fun because you got to listen to your friends play, as well as them listening to you, and you could show off your skills to everyone.

Parents came to the concert and enjoyed the recital. There were lots of performances that made you feel cheerful and were nice to listen to. I think it was an event that the audience will remember.

Anya - Year 6



Countdown to Christmas

The Nursery children are very busy indeed preparing for the most magical time of the year.



The children joined in with an assembly this week on Advent and how it is celebrated in many different ways – calendars, candles, with a crib and an Advent wreath. The children took home an advent picture to colour in and even a candy cane! Our crib has now gone up in the nursery and it is a delight to see.

The children have been making Christmas cards

Ms Ludlam - Head of Nursery

and decorations to take home and surprise their families and friends. They have sung with gusto and are polishing up their performances ready for their nativity play – “A little bird told me” on Thursday 13th December. It is the real highlight of the year and a chance for the children to show that although young, they can rise to a challenge and put on a great show.

BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL PTA

GAMES STALLS
CRAFTS
TOMBOLA
MULLED WINE
FOOD and DRINKS
SANTA'S GROTTTO
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR
FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER
BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL

3.15pm
until
5.15pm

£1 entry per family

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Christmas Fair

List of donations kindly requested from Nursery and Junior School:

Nursery	Mystery Gift Bags
Reception	Sweets for prizes for small games
Year 1	Mince Pies & Cakes
Year 2	Sweets in a decorated jar
Year 3	Bottles for the Tombola
Year 4	Donations for a Boy's Hamper
Year 5A	Bottles for the Tombola
Year 5	Bottles for the Tombola
Year 6	Donation's for a Girl's Hamper



Fundraising Week

On Monday 19th November to Friday 23rd November the Sixth Form ran a Fundraising Week. Our Chaplaincy Prefects were given the important task of finding which charities to support and they decided to support four charities. In addition, pupils wore red on Friday to remember victims of Aids and HIV.

Help for Heroes

Help for Heroes is the leading charity for the armed forces. They help and support former members of the armed forces and their families after they leave active service to find new careers and move forward with their lives.

Duffus Cancer Foundation

Duffus Cancer Foundation is a local Charity which was set up by the father of a former pupil. This charity provides an accessible support service for all children and young



people between the age of 12-19yrs, who have been affected by cancer within their local community.

Nyumbani Aids Orphanage

Up to 1,000 children and 100 grandparents have lost their homes because of the Kenya AIDS epidemic. Nyumbani Village provides a stable home for the most vulnerable; a haven for healing, growth and self-reliance for children who have lost their parents to Aids or have contracted HIV themselves.

Gerard Lohan - School Chaplain



FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thanks to Year 12&13

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals make sure that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need share with those who lack even the most basic things. Just £13.90 feeds one child for a whole school year

It has been a pleasure supporting the Sixth Form this week as they have worked extremely hard. I would especially like to thank Joe W who organised and attended each event and his team Martha, Oliver (a stellar goal keeper), Hugo, Francis, Chiamaka and Dylan. Thank you to all of our families and staff for your continued generosity and support. We are delighted to announce that we raised a total of £600.50 for fundraising week.



FUNDRAISING WEEK

photo gallery



EXTRA CURRICULAR

Eco Club

Year 11 were determining metal hydroxide colours in chemistry this week with Dr Bovell. Analytical chemists use different techniques to determine which substances are present or absent.

Students filled test tubes with six different solutions prepared by Miss Ruston containing: Aluminium, Calcium, Copper, Iron (II) and (III) and Magnesium ions. Students had to observe and record the colour of the precipitate formed. Sodium hydroxide solution forms



different coloured precipitates with certain dissolved metal compounds

Well done 11T for getting great results.

Miss Ruston - Science Technician

EXTRA CURRICULAR

STEM Club

During the last Science club and STEM club of 2018, pupils looked at heat transfers and convection currents. First in liquids

We observed the purple potassium permanganate flow around a glass O-ring tube. Then in gasses, we looked at a draft of smoke coming in and out of a chimney. Finally members took part in a competition which involved drawing a snake, suspend it above a Bunsen burner and record the highest amount of turns in 10 seconds, without burning it. Evelyn got the best result with 13 turns. Thanks to Miss Ruston and Ms Lau.

Dr Piccio - Head of Science



ONE LAST THING...

During Charity Week, we ran two competitions, Guess the Name of the Teddy Bear and Guess How Many Sweets In a 5KG Tub. Congratulations to Mathilda (Year 3) who correctly guessed the Teddy Bear's name: Charley. There were 490 sweets in the tub. Congratulations to Myles who guessed 483 and Alex who guessed 497. They will share the sweets between them.

BISHOP CHALLONER FENCING CLUB

Our fencing coaches, Glen and Elliott, have been in Australia over the past two weeks competing in the Fencing Commonwealth Games 2018. Elliott representing England in the Senior Men's Epee and Glen Representing Wales in the Senior Men's Foil. Both boys have represented their countries extremely well. A special congratulations goes to Elliott who came 5th in the Men's individual Epee. He also fenced in the Senior Men's Epee Team event where England won the Gold Medal.

Our Junior fencers watched Elliott receive his gold medal at the ceremony in Australia during their fencing session. They are all excited to see Elliott and his gold medal when he returns in January.

Mrs M Restivo

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.

Staying safe from abuse

This week's focus is on keeping our children safe from sexual abuse. The NSPCC have produced excellent age appropriate advice as part of their PANTS campaign:

[HTTPS://WWW.NSPCC.ORG.UK/PREVENTING-ABUSE/KEEPING-CHILDREN-SAFE/UNDERWEAR-RULE/](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/)

4+ Admissions Dates

4+ Application Deadline: Friday 7th December 2018

4+ Assessment Morning: Saturday 12th January 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

 [SEE FULL CALENDAR](#)

Tuesday

4 DECEMBER

- Junior Christmas Play, 2.00pm

Wednesday

5 DECEMBER

- Community Mass
- Y7 French Theatre Visit
- Y10&11 Basketball vs Langley Park
- Sixth Form Parents' Evening, 5pm
- Junior Christmas Play, 6pm

Thursday

6 DECEMBER

- Y5-13 ISA Badminton Tournament

Friday

7 DECEMBER

- Nursery & Reception Christmas Party
- PTA Christmas Fair, 3.15pm
- Christmas Jumper Day for Nursery and Reception children

