



From the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you were able to enjoy lots of time together over the half term. It is lovely to see everyone return to school.

It was good to see a number of our Year 11 parents at Parents' Evening yesterday. I hope you found the feedback helpful as we make our way towards the first round of mock exams from week commencing Monday 28 November.

In the secular world, many people celebrated 'Halloween', on Monday evening (I hope you had an enjoyable evening, if you did!!), but it is perhaps less well known that the word 'Hallow' means 'holy'. Think of the Lord's Prayer 'hallowed be thy name'. In the Christian Church, Hallow'een was, and is, traditionally a day of prayer and fasting as the faithful prepare themselves prior to the Feast of All Saints.

Furthermore, Hallow'een is part of a less well-known Christian Triduum or "succession of three days" known as 'Allhallowtide' which consists of All Saints' Eve (Hallow'een), All Saints Day (Tuesday of this week), a major Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation (All Hallows') and All Souls Day.

Throughout this week, Mrs Bell, School Chaplain, warmly invited the school community to enter the school chapel for a moment's collection in memory of someone lost but not forgotten. Mrs Bell has a box marked 'All Souls' for those that visited to leave a note or prayer for that person. At the Whole School Morning Mass planned for **Friday 25th November**, our celebrant Episcopal Vicar of Education, Fr Victor Darlington, will dedicate prayers and blessings in their memory.

Pupil Success

Three of our Year 13 pupils – Harriet, Adam and Olivia – sat Oxbridge Entrance Exams this Wednesday. We wish them the very best with their application process.

Isabella, in Year 10, had a busy half term. She performed at The Mermaid Theatre where her dance school Pineapple Performing Arts supported students with autism at Autism's Got Talent. As well, her Performing Arts group danced at The Piazza in Covent Garden (picture below) in order to raise funds for Ukraine refugees. Well done Isabella!

Mark Wallace – Headteacher
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EYFS

Parents may have noticed Jan Murphy back in EYFS this week. She has been working with us this week to cover Ms Zimbiti, who has been undertaking her Forest School Certification training.

House Update

Mr Peck has kindly shared the house points following the first half of term. The defending champions, St Edmund & St Catherine of Alexandria, have had a sluggish start, whilst St Denis & St Margaret Ward are racing away!

St Denis & St Margaret Ward	4280
St Patrick & St Josephine Bakhita	3290
St Edmund & St Catherine of Alexandria	3030
St Michael & St Mother Teresa	2040

With House events taking place over the next few weeks, the race to be Christmas number one is hotting up!

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Week Ahead

Our first Senior School Trips Day takes place next week on **10 November**. We are delighted with the range of educational trips arranged. These are as follows:

Year 7&8: Disneyland Paris and Cultural Trip to Paris

Year 9: Samba Day

Year 10: Globe Theatre

Year 11: Maritime Museum

Year 12 & 13: European Parliament Liaison Office

We are sure that everyone will have a nice time.

Relaunching Alumni Network

We are relaunching our Alumni Network and, as the first part of this, we are hosting an **Alumni event on Thursday 10 November 6 pm** in the Library. We look forward to seeing many former pupils as we aim to continue our relationship with them and look at ways in which they can support our current pupils with careers advice and opportunities.

Careers Fair

We will be holding our second *Careers Fair* on **Friday 18 November at 1.40pm**. If you would like to be a part of this fair and support with mock interviewing or delivering a workshop, please contact Carolyn Chamberlain at cchamberlain@bcsweb.co.uk

I hope you have a relaxing weekend

With best wishes,

Mark Wallace

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Pre-Prep and Prep School News

Pre-Prep



Before half term, the children celebrated Black History Month. They had lots of fun at circle time taking turns and dancing to the beat of the African Djembe drum, moving in time to the rhythm and singing along to the song "Brown Girl in the Ring". Pre-Prep children have also been busy in the kitchen, experimenting with traditional African recipes.

The children have made fried plantain and traditional Nigerian Chin Chin biscuits which they all agreed were truly delicious.

The children have also made their very own salt dough family and painted them. Well done Nursery children you truly are amazing!





Pre-Prep and Prep School News

Pre-Prep

Celebrating Diwali in the Pre-Prep Department

What better way to brighten a dark autumn day, than with an exploration of the Hindu Festival of Lights!



The children listened to a story about Diwali read by Sameer's Dad and Roshan's Mum. They learnt new vocabulary about the goddess of prosperity and all about the festival of light.



Diwali is celebrated by making rangoli patterns, eating Indian sweets and giving gifts. The children made clay diva pots decorated with shiny sequins to light up their homes. In the afternoon, the children developed their fine motor skills, chopping up peppers and spring onions, to prepare a tasty vegetable rice dish.



A fantastic start to the half term. Well done children.

Ms Scicluna, Named 2nd, EYFS Practitioner





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SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER

5:30PM-7PM | SNACKS & DRINKS SUPPLIED | £6.50 PER CHILD | TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CLASS REPS | LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE ON DOOR | RECEPTION, Y1 & Y2 PUPILS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT | LASER SHOW AND DANCER FROM DANCEMASTERS DISCOS

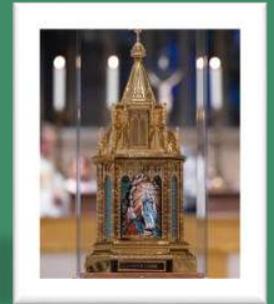
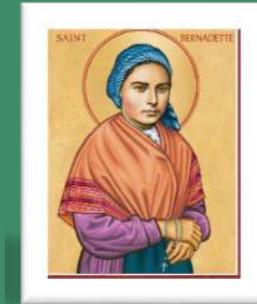


Chaplain's Corner



The nights are very much drawing in, whilst the beautiful colours of Autumn are beginning to reveal themselves. The half term break will hopefully have afforded you some time to rest and recover from the rush of the morning school runs and to enjoy a few days out with your children. As term time routines resume again, I give thanks for the great opportunity over the half term break, to visit the Relics of St Bernadette (1844-1879) that have been touring the UK.

Normally located in her hometown at The Shrine of Lourdes in France, the pilgrimage of the blessed and venerated relics of St Bernadette visited St George's Cathedral in late October, where hundreds gathered at evening Solemn Mass to view, touch and pray before the relics, and to experience the gifts and charisms of Lourdes. stbernadette.org.uk/



All Saints' Day 1st November - Apologies to our school

community for not being able to provide Mass on this Day of Holy Obligation. It will be possible to celebrate such days in school, including other important feast days in the liturgical calendar, from January.



All Souls' Day 2nd November – At this time of year, people around the world are called to remember those who have passed. A box marked 'All Souls' for your notes and prayer intentions for those gone but never forgotten, is situated at the Chapel door. Please do send a note or prayer in with your child, for them to place into the box. Those names will be offered up at Mass at the end of this month.

Whole School Mass Friday 25th November - As mentioned by Mr Wallace, there will be a Mass to welcome all new pupils who have joined Bishop Challoner this academic year. Parents of these families are warmly invited to join us from 8.45am in the Main Hall. We will be joined by Deacon Sean Murphy who, from next week, will be in school to help train young altar servers who have signed up to serve their school community in this way.

New Readers and Welcomers - Separately, I look forward to greeting children who have signed up to serve as readers and welcomers at Mass, as well as the Junior and Senior Chaplaincy teams. Please see the end for the calendar covering these trainings.



Chaplain's Corner

Christ The King Youth Day – Saturday 19th Nov 12-6pm, Ages 10-18. As Youth Minister for Bromley Deanery, I invite all young people to take part and bring a friend in this day of fun and engaging activities: icebreakers, challenges, games and quizzes, glass mosaic tile making, singing, music ministry, art and crafts, and more! Please see the flyer (opposite), scan the QR code to register your child. Entry is by registration only with a voluntary donation of £5 on the door, lunch and snacks included. The brilliant mosaic workshop activity and all-day tuck shop cost extra.

Parents - this is a drop and go event – please do re-join us for 6pm Youth Mass delivered by the young people!

Weekly Chaplaincy Calendar

- **Readers Training** – Mon 7th Nov 12.10pm, Chapel
- **Welcomers Training** – Tues 8th Nov 12.10pm, Chapel
- **Altar Servers Training** – Tues 8th Nov 12.10pm, Chapel
- **Junior Chaplaincy** – Mon 7th Nov Break Time, Chapel
- **Young Leadership Talk Y12** – Wed 9th Nov 8.35am, Chapel
- **Young Leadership Talk Y13** – Wed 9th Nov 8.35am, Library
- **CAFOD Club** – Wed 9th Nov 12.10pm, Learning Support Rm
- **Remembrance Assembly** – Fri 11th Nov 10.55am, Main Hall

Letters about Young Leadership programmes commencing next week for Year 12 and Year 13 pupils, with a consent form for their in-house Retreat Day were emailed to parents on 14th Oct. If you have not completed the online consent form using already please scan the QR code to submit by Monday 7th November. Thank you.



With every blessing for a restful weekend and a great week ahead.

Mrs Bell, Chaplain.





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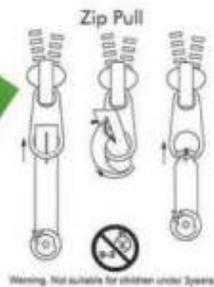
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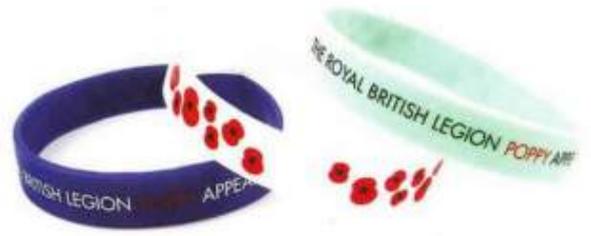
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Suggested Donations



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many platforms which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

R/FUNNY

REDDIT

R/TRENDING

AGE RATING

13+

R/MEME

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Reddit describes itself as a social news website where users connect and share stories, opinions and support; debate issues; ask questions; and chat to people with similar interests. Discussion topics are organised into communities (known as subreddits) that are created, run and populated by users, who remain anonymous throughout. Free speech is encouraged, and users – or ‘redditors’ – can vote posts ‘up’ or ‘down’ so they get more (or less) attention. Reddit is free to join, although signing up to Reddit Premium unlocks an advert-free version of the platform.

MINIMAL MODERATION

As sharing opinions on Reddit is easy (and anonymous), offensive or age-inappropriate content is frequently posted. Moderation by admins and bots does occur, but can't cover every community – so Reddit relies on users voluntarily moderating these spaces. Subreddits marked NSFW (‘not safe for work’) can contain anything from profanity to pornography, so are not suitable for under 18s.

HARASSMENT AND TROLLING

If someone on Reddit doesn't agree with your child's opinion, they may feel compelled to say so – in no uncertain terms. This could lead to a public bombardment of hurtful messages. Likewise, Reddit users are highly likely to encounter trolling (where someone posts a deliberately inflammatory comment to provoke a reaction) on the platform, which can be distressing.

FAKE NEWS

Absolutely anyone can post a story on Reddit, so sub-reddits are occasionally prone to bias, misinformation and opinions being repeated as if they are facts. Fake news articles often grab users' attention with catchy or controversial headlines, and Reddit is no exception. It's important that young people are able to identify fake news – and disregard it rather than sharing it.

GIFTING AND SPENDING

Users can gift awards to the authors of posts that they like (thereby encouraging their favourite redditors to keep contributing) by spending Reddit Coins. This virtual currency can be bought on demand (with real money) or received as part of the paid-for premium package. Users sending a gift can also leave an anonymous private message, a feature which has been abused by groomers.

'SUPPORTIVE' STRANGERS

By definition, Reddit users interact with strangers in public through their community – but also have the option to do so privately. Groomers could repeatedly up-vote a child's comments or respond encouragingly to their posts to win their trust. Once they've built a rapport, the predator then begins messaging the child in private to obtain personal details or try to lure them into meeting in person.

NEVER-ENDING NOTIFICATIONS

Reddit's default is for all notifications to be on. There are a total of 26 types of notification on the platform, ranging from chat messages and comments to updates and mentions of username. This would lead to a child's device being pinged almost constantly with alerts, frequently causing them to be distracted by incoming notifications rather than being present in the moment.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SORT THE SETTINGS

Reddit's user settings can help ensure that minors don't view adult material. Under the 'Feed Settings' tab, switch the Adult Content toggle to 'off', and enable Safe Browsing Mode (this blurs out any explicit images). Also in settings, you can turn off all unnecessary notifications, to prevent your child being distracted by every post or comment on Reddit, allowing them some tech-free time.

RISE ABOVE IT

If a person says something critical or offensive to your child on Reddit, it's natural that they'll want to respond. Explain to them, however, that is exactly the reaction that trolls look for. Don't give them the satisfaction; instead, report the comment to Reddit Support for investigation. Blocking a user stops them from messaging or following your child on the platform.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

It can often be difficult to tell if something online is real or fake – particularly for young people. It's important to encourage your child to double-check with reputable sources if what they've read is genuine. Remind them to consider what motives might be in the message – and to watch out for scams. Chatting about this regularly helps to develop critical thinking skills and good online habits.

AVOID PRIVATE MESSAGING

Through their Reddit profile, young people can control who's able to message them privately – with options including 'no-one' and 'accounts older than 30 days'. These controls help ensure potential groomers can't talk to your child in private, and that Reddit's admins and other users will be able to moderate and report anything they spot which causes them concern.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

Sources: <https://www.redditinc.com/policies/brand-management-september-12-2021#EEA> | <https://www.redditinc.com/policies/content-policy>



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LECTURE PROGRAMME OCTOBER '22 – JUNE '14

THE ARTS SOCIETY BROMLEY

Monday 7th November 7.30

LIFE ON A HARP STRING

by Margaret Watson

In the school Hall.

A jam-packed hour of information and entertainment. Take a trip with Margaret as she delves into the 5000-year history, development, design, music, and lore of this fascinating instrument.

Boasting over 1400 working parts, you will learn how the complex pedal mechanism was introduced and perfected into the instrument played today together with slides of the extraordinary designs as the instrument developed over the centuries.

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November 14th

Margaret Wilson

Life on a Harp String

One of the busiest harpists in the Southeast, Margaret has played for Royalty, given concerts at National Trust properties, Clarence House, Glyndebourne, Covent Garden and more. She is an active member of the charity 'Music in Hospitals and Care' and gives bedside concerts for patients and mentally or physically disabled people. With her varied repertoire and often resplendent costumes, she has delighted numerous audiences throughout the UK.

December 5th

Roger Askew

A Right Royal Christmas

Our royal families have celebrated Christmas throughout their long history, from William the Conqueror being crowned in Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1066. Present-giving always marked the season, from the extravagant – the City of London presented Richard II with a camel and a pelican – to the witty – Mrs. Thatcher sent the Queen a pair of yellow washing-up gloves having seen Her Majesty doing the dishes without any. This lecture explores these Royal traditions.

January 9th 2023

Clare Forde-Wille

Limewood Sculptures of Renaissance Germany

Too often the sculpture of Central Europe is ignored and yet some of the most important pieces of Renaissance sculpture were produced in northern cities and towns, often for small parish churches off the beaten track. The lecture will trace the development of German sculpture in stone, as it becomes independent of architecture, in particular through the medium of limewood, culminating in the work of the great and the glorious wood carving of the 14th century British sculptor, Grinling Gibbons.

February 6th

Paul Bahn

Australia's Aboriginal Rock Art, The World's Longest Unbroken Art Tradition

Rock art has been produced in Australia since at least 40,000 years ago, but continues to be produced in some regions - and major new discoveries of rock art are still being made in remote areas. The talk presents an account of some of the major regional variations in both rock paintings and rock engravings and presents a brief account of what we know of their many meanings, particularly in relation to Aboriginal creation myths and creator-ancestors.



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March 6th

Karin Fernald

The Blue Hour, Painting the North

The little town of Skagen in the north of Jutland, a place of sand, storms and sky, inspires artists to paint its wild and remote landscape where the North Sea meets the Baltic. In Sweden, symbolist landscape artist Prince Eugen, finds romantic inspiration in the lakes, forests, history and vivid folk art. Both Danish and Swedish landscape paintings feature the Blue Hour, that half hour or so just after sunset and before sunrise, when the landscape is suffused with a bluish light, highly atmospheric and iconic of the North.

April 3rd

Caroline Shenton

Packing Up the Nation, Saving London's Museums and Galleries in the Second World War

Following our lecture last season by Bromley member Artantxa Sardina on Looted Art, this is the gripping and sometimes hilarious story of how a band of heroic curators and eccentric custodians saved Britain's national heritage during our Darkest Hour.

Men and women from London's national museums, galleries and archives forged extraordinary plans to evacuate their collections to safety. Utilising country houses from Buckinghamshire to Cumbria, tube tunnels, Welsh mines and Wiltshire quarries, a dedicated team of unlikely heroes packed up their greatest treasures in a race against time during the sweltering summer of 1939, dispatching them throughout the country on a series of secret wartime adventures.

May 8th

Jane Gardiner

The Sun King and the Court of Versailles

For all the things that have been written about the great Sun King, Louis XIV, he is best remembered for the creation of Versailles on the site of his father's old hunting lodge and which became the seat of French government, the setting for all grand court ceremonial and the envy of every other European monarch. This lecture will be an introduction to the sumptuous state apartments, the vast gardens and pleasure pavilions, the spectacular entertainments which take place both inside and out, the collections of the King and the whole etiquette of life at one of the greatest courts in Europe

June 5th

Steven Barrett

Anatomy of a Masterpiece - Bathers at Asnieres by Georges Seurat

During the two years it took to complete, Seurat developed new colour theories and a novel technique - Pointillism - to capture the shimmering effects of sunlight on water, grass and in the air itself. This lecture looks at the painting in detail, explores Seurat's vision and ambition, his bold new ideas and contribution to



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SAFEGUARDING AND WELL-BEING INFORMATION

Who can you talk to in school?

If you need someone to talk to you about anything

you can talk to:

- Your form tutor
- Any teacher
- Our school counsellor
- A Member of Pastoral Team

Your Pastoral Team

Mrs Brooker
Deputy Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Ms Barker
Head of KS1/KS2
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Shields
Assistant Headteacher
Head of KS5



Mr Peck
Head of EYFS



Mr Lubi
Head of KS3



Mrs Restivo
Head of KS4



Ms McCormack
School Counsellor



Or you can speak with someone from Kooth
(www.kooth.com) or childline (0800111111)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Week B

Monday 7 November

- Whole School Assembly
8:45am - 9:00am Main Hall

Tuesday 8 November

- Duke of Edinburgh Meeting
5:00pm - 5:30pm Dining Hall

Wednesday 9 November

- Pre-Prep and Prep Assembly
8:45am - 9:00am Main Hall
- Y 7 and 8 Paris Trip
Departure

Thursday 10 November

- Trip Day for all Seniors
5:00pm - 7:00pm
- Alumni Event
6:00pm Library

Friday 11 November

- Remembrance Assembly—
Whole School
10:55am
- Y 7 and 8 Paris Trip
Return

