



From the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week.

I am delighted to welcome two new colleagues to Bishop Challoner this week. **Mr Chris Johnson** has joined our Religious Education Department and **Mr Ishmael Asankomah** is a PE PGCE student from Kingston University. Mr Asankomah will be with us until Christmas, as part of his training.

On Wednesday we celebrated a very special milestone. Ms Restivo has been at Bishop Challoner for 30 years, so we celebrated with Afternoon Tea at Langley Park Golf Club, one of her favourite places.

Black History Month



In recognition of all that our dedicated teaching and support staff do, for their belief in every Bishop Challoner pupil every day and in celebrating *World Teachers Day* this week, our first inspirational quote is from **Maya Angelou**, famous American poet and civil rights activist, who said:

“PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU SAID
PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU DID
BUT PEOPLE WILL NEVER FORGET
HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.”

Mark Wallace – Headteacher
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We have undertaken a number of wonderful initiatives to celebrate Black History Month during this week, both inside and outside the classroom.

For example, staff were given a card with an important figure from history or the modern day. During form time, pupils were then encouraged to ask their form tutor who their important figure was, so that this would lead to a discussion regarding why that person is an important figure. This initiative, led by Miss White, worked very well.

At lunchtime yesterday, we organised music to be played in the playground showcasing artists such as Chic, Stevie Wonder, Earth Wind and Fire, Sister Sledge, Aretha Franklin and The Jacksons. There was a wonderful atmosphere.

There will be more to look forward to next week with Assemblies being led across the Key Stages by our EDI Society.

We will be showing the Marvel Film, *Black Panther*, next Wednesday after school in the Hall from 4pm.

Next Thursday, our Caterers Nourish, are preparing a special lunch for us to include Jerk Mango Chicken, Sweet Potato Curry, Rice & Beans, Peas & Carrots and Baked Pineapple.

On Friday we have a non-uniform Cultural Day, and we are encouraging our pupils to wear costumes or colours from their countries.

National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day was celebrated this week (Thursday), and with that in mind our whole School Assembly was led by our Head of English, Mrs Cuttings. She spoke to us all about Benjamin Zephaniah, an accomplished and highly decorated author and poet. Her form class supported her by reading to us one of Benjamin's award-winning poems.

In addition to our assembly, a number of poems were shared by the English Department across the Key Stages yesterday to read together in form time. They were:

Key Stage 1: *Mud* by Polly Chase Boyden

Key Stage 2: *Maytime Magic* by Mabel Watts

Key Stage 3: *Sea Fever* by John Mansfield

Key Stage 4: *Death of a Naturalist* by Seamus Heaney

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Sixth Form Open Evening and Taster Day

Our Year 11 pupils had a very enjoyable and informative *Taster Day* on Wednesday. They had a range of subjects to choose from and I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to drop into some of the sessions that were on offer. There was *Effective Group Work Mechanisms* being developed through a Murder Mystery activity in the EPQ taster; History looked at how *Henry VII restored Royal authority in the regions during his reign*, Art was investigating *Mark Making Skills* and Business Studies was looking at how *Decision Making Trees* help businesses to evaluate and analyse their operations to decide on the best pathway to follow in order to achieve the best outcomes for the business.

I hope those of you that visited our Open Evening last night were able to get a further sense of our Sixth Form offer at Bishop Challoner.

Assessment Week

This week we have been conducting assessments in class in preparation for half term reports that you will receive next week. The assessments, along with your sons' and daughters' classwork and homework, will help us determine their progress so far this school year.

Sports News

Congratulations to our U14 Boys' Football team who defeated Maidstone Grammar School 4-3 in the 1st Round of the Kent Cup on Tuesday, with Daniel E scoring the winning goal.

Yesterday our Year 5 & 6 mixed Netball team came second in the Bromley Primary Schools event as part of the *Youth School Games* programme. This means they have qualified for the final of the *Bromley Borough Netball Championships* which will take place in November.

Ofqual and Department for Education Update – 2023 Arrangements for GCSEs and A-Levels

Both Ofqual and the Department for Education (DfE) have published decisions on arrangements for GCSE and A-Levels in 2023. Ofqual's aim for those sitting exams and assessments in 2023 is to return to results in line with those in pre-pandemic years, as the next step in getting back to normal.

DfE has decided pupils will continue to be provided with support in GCSE Mathematics, Physics and Combined Science with formulae and equation sheets. DfE has also decided, pupils taking GCSEs, AS and A-Levels will not be provided with advance information on the focus of exams next summer.

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Week Ahead

A reminder that we have Pre-Prep and Prep Parents' Evenings taking place next Monday and Wednesday, with Year 13 Parents' Evenings taking place on Tuesday.

I look forward to seeing you there.

The first week back after half term is our Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 3 November.

Careers Fair Announcement

We will be holding our second *Careers Fair* on Friday 18th November 2022 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.

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Pre-Prep and Prep School News

Thank you to Year 4 for a wonderful assembly, introducing us to some new playground games and reminding us of some old favourites. Year 4 will be encouraging the children to join in with games during break and lunchtimes over the next week. Thank you also to parents who managed to join us, it is always lovely to welcome you into school.

Next week, Parents' Evenings are taking place on Monday & Wednesday. Thank you to all who have made appointments - we look forward to sharing the children's progress with you.

The Book Fair will also be open during Parents' Evening so please consider purchasing a new book to share with your child.

Stars of the Week

Reception	Elsa-Grace for her superb effort in phonics.
Year 1	Nathan for his excellent attitude and effort in his work.
Year 2	Maggie for being a wonderful role model.
Year 3	Maxi for making great progress with times tables.
Year 4	Daisy for all-round effort and excellence in lessons.
Year 5	David for always working hard and showing great tenacity.
Year 6	Joshua for huge improvement in spellings and delivering a great speech for Student Voice.

Congratulations to all our Stars!

We are very proud of you.

Ms Barker - Head of KS1 & KS2





Pre-Prep and Prep School News

Year Two



Year 2 had lots of fun this week in Science. We have been learning about different minibeasts and researching the different things they need in order to survive. We then designed and created a suitable habitat in the form of a bug hotel. Excellent work, Year 2!

Miss Leonidas - Year 2 Teacher





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Times Tables Rock Stars

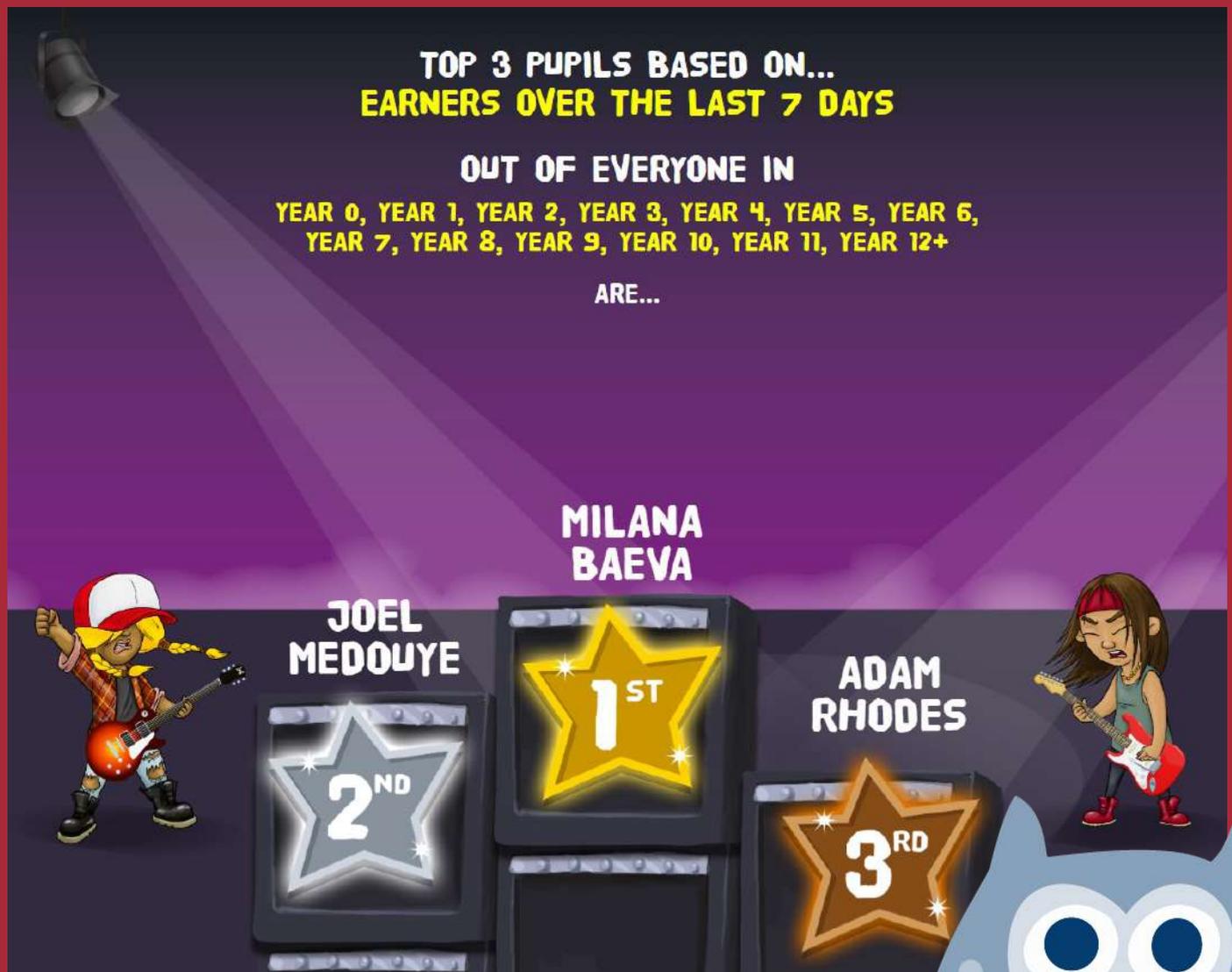
For Greatest **ACHIEVEMENT**

**TOP 3 PUPILS BASED ON...
EARNERS OVER THE LAST 7 DAYS**

OUT OF EVERYONE IN

**YEAR 0, YEAR 1, YEAR 2, YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5, YEAR 6,
YEAR 7, YEAR 8, YEAR 9, YEAR 10, YEAR 11, YEAR 12+**

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Pre-Prep and Prep School News

Times Tables Rock Stars

For Greatest EFFORT

TOP 3 PUPILS BASED ON...
**BIGGEST IMPROVEMENT IN ACCURACY OVER THE
LAST 7 DAYS**

OUT OF EVERYONE IN

**3 MRS SWEET, 1 MS BATEMAN, 2 MISS LEONIDAS, 4 MS HOYLES,
5 MR FITZGERALD, 6 MR WALLACE**

ARE...

**GRACE
TINOTENDA**

**JOEL
MEDOUYE**



KARL SABEL





Pre-Prep and Prep School News

Pre-Prep

For Black History Month, Nursery have been focusing on the book *Handa's Surprise*, written by Eileen Browne. Using story props, visual aids and real fruit they were able to retell the story independently. The children have had discussions about their favourite fruits, the different animals in the story and the fruit in Handa's basket. They also practiced carrying/balancing a basket of fruit on their head, just like Handa!

The children used their senses to explore a fruit basket, where they could touch, feel, smell and taste the fruits and were introduced to new and exciting vocabulary. They also made delicious and healthy fruit kebabs. Well done, Nursery!



We have been looking at a range of African prints, fabric and dry foods, such as black-eyed peas, rice and kidney beans. The children have made their own artwork with this mixed media.





Senior News

Senior Sports



The Year 9 team made it through to the second round of the Kent Cup after a tough extra time win versus Maidstone Grammar School. Despite dominating the first ten minutes, Challoner just lacked some composure to score despite some lovely attacking play. With their first two shots of the game, Maidstone scored twice, finishing excellently in the top corner followed by the bottom corner, leaving Luka no chance to save the shots. This was soon followed by a scrappy third goal. The boys did not let their heads drop and showed tremendous resilience in the second half. Jaemar got Challoner back into the game with a tidy finish before Aziah squeezed a finish into the corner of the goal. With time running out, captain Daniel beat three players driving into the penalty box before slotting the ball into the bottom corner. Both teams searched for a winner but some good defending from Jamar, Raff, Arlonzo and George did not allow Maidstone to nick a winner. The boys were nervous experiencing their first extra time playing for Challoner and it was Captain Fantastic again, Daniel E, who beat numerous players before driving into the box and curling a brilliant finish into the bottom corner. Again, the team defended resolutely despite a last minute corner to see out the game, well done gents, a fantastic performance.

Mr Oliver - Director of Sport



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Key Stage 3 News

It's been a great start to Key Stage 3 for all pupils. The Year 9s have started their carousel lessons in Italian, 'Ciao a tutti' and the rest of the cohort are counting the days till they depart off to Paris! 40 days to be exact.

I want to share some of the achievements that have happened over the past five weeks.

Every fortnight, tutors will be nominating a student from each year group to be 'the pupil of the fortnight'. These winners will have an opportunity to have a pizza party with myself closer to the end of this half term. The pupils nominated are:

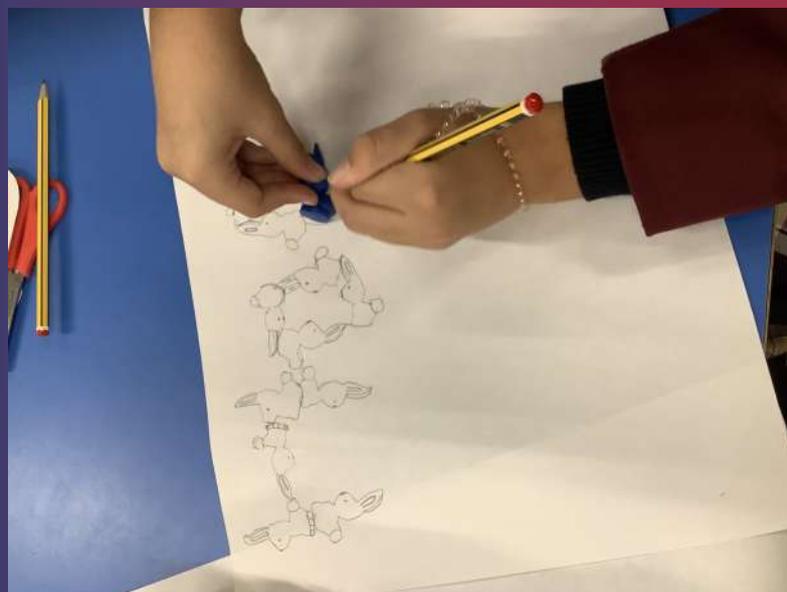
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Week commencing 5 th and 12 th October	Aida, 7A	George, 8&	Poppy, 9&
Week commencing 19 th and 26 th October	Louis D, 7&	Tegan, 8&	Luka, 9&

Mr Lubi - Head of KS3



Other News

Art Club



This week, in Art and Graphics Club, the designers were creating their own typefaces.

Mr Peck - Head of EYFS



Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior News

Pre-Prep and Prep Helpers

There were unfamiliar faces present in the classrooms of most of the Pre-Prep and Prep School last Friday. Some Key Stage 3 pupils have volunteered their Friday morning to mentor the pupils of Key Stage 1 and 2. This mentoring includes helping pupils to read or even act as a teaching assistant to scribe for the younger pupils. The feedback from pupils and preparatory teachers has been positive. It was a pleasure seeing pupils of all ages work together for a common goal and this initiative illustrates that we are an all-through school. Thank you to those pupils in Key Stage 3 who have helped over the last two weeks. I look forward to more exciting co-operations. I have included some snippets below.





Notice Board

Please remember that we are a Nut Free School and some of our children have severe allergies.

Please ensure that all food sent into school is Nut Free.

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Preparation has now closed, thank you.

First Holy Communion Prep sessions begin on Wednesday 12th October after school.
Year 3 children meet with Mr Fitzgerald at 3.35pm, Year 5 classroom. Collect at 4.40pm.
Year 6 and 7 children meet Mrs Bell at 3.40pm, T1 Meeting Room. Collect at 5.00pm.
Prompt start & finish. Light refreshments provided.
I will be in touch with parents of Confirmation Prep candidates next week.

Thank you,
Lolly Bell—School Chaplain

Local Rugby Club searching for new players

Park House Rugby Club located in Hayes is offering coaching sessions for young players of all abilities. Whether you have never played Rugby before or have enjoyed playing at school and want to continue having fun and learning more about the sport, it is a perfect opportunity to get involved. This club offers experienced coaches and family friendly fun. They currently offer Mini Rugby for ages 4-6, as well as under 8s and 9s. As well as sessions for under 14s and under 7-18s. The rugby training is every Sunday 10:7 -12:00.

For more information please contact Richard Gough

Mobile : 07870403820

Email: richardgough81@gmail.com



If parents would like to keep up to date with the current sporting activities and fixtures which are taking place at Bishop Challoner school, please feel free to follow our new Instagram page @bcsspportbromley. On this page we will post updates from results and achievements made from the students inside and outside of school to celebrate their successes.

Mr Harrison - P.E Teacher



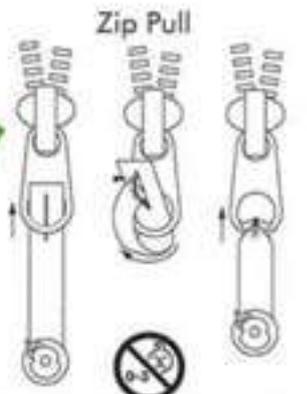
If your child would like to contribute to this year's Poppy Appeal, please send them into school with some small change. We have a box of merchandise and a donation tin at the reception counter.

Please see below some examples of merchandise available this year. Your contributions are very much appreciated!

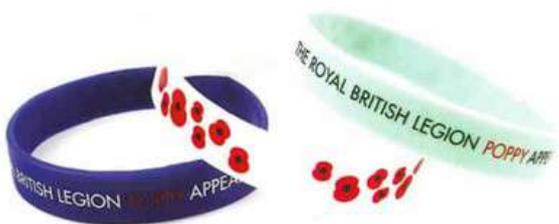
School Office



Reflector - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



Zip pull - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



Silicon wristband - **Suggested** Donation: £1.00



Badge - **Minimum** Donation £3



Sticker - Any donation



BISHOP CHALLONER'S

MOVIE

night



Wednesday 12th October 2022

Showing: Black Panther RATED 12

Celebrating Black History Month

Time: 4pm

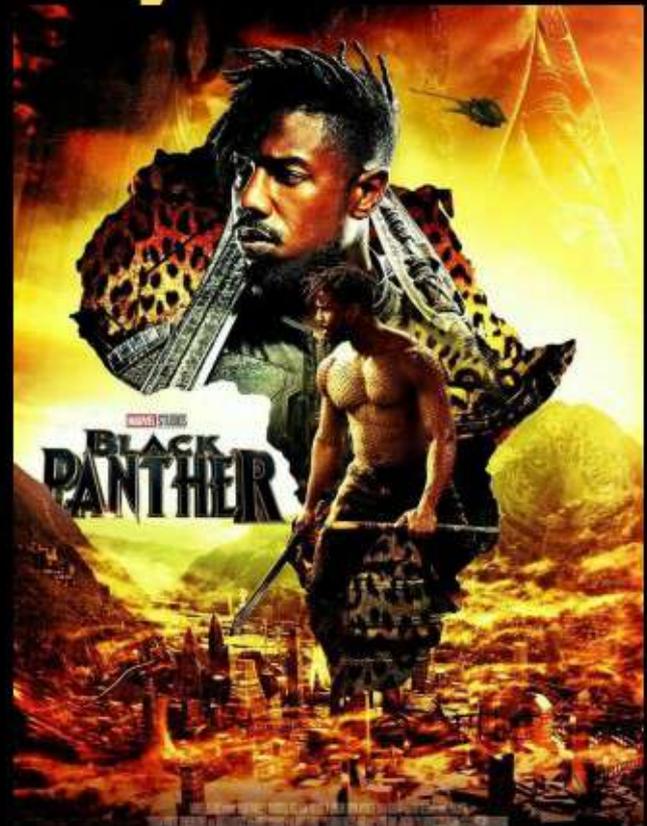
Location: Main Hall,

Bishop Challoner School

228 Bromley Road BR2 0BS

Seniors Only

For Year groups 7 - 13



PTA will be selling popcorn and other refreshments -
please bring some change.





At The National College, we provide everything educators and trusted adults need to strengthen, manage and evidence their professional, and personal development, in one place, on one platform. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.thenationalcollege.co.uk for further information and resources.

Tips for Supporting Children in DEALING WITH GRIEF

It's important that trusted adults feel able to help children and young people cope with grief – particularly at the moment, when we are a nation mourning the loss of a public figure who was treasured by so many. Children are seeing bereavement and sadness being featured heavily in the national news and in their favourite online spaces, and hearing it being talked about extensively among families and in the community. How can we help them in processing this healthily?

1 UNDERSTAND WHAT GRIEF IS

Grief is emotional distress which is a normal response to the death of someone close, well known or admired. It may feel overwhelming – especially for young people – and is often accompanied by feelings of shock, disbelief, anger or fear. These emotions may also mean that sleep, eating and our relationships with others could be affected.

2 MEET THE CHILD 'WHERE THEY ARE'

This could be a child's first experience of grief and loss – or conversely, they may have already encountered it several times. Make sure that any conversations you have with them, and the support that you give, are led by their experiences and their understanding of death – and in the context of their religious or community beliefs.

3 EXPLAIN CLEARLY WHAT DEATH IS

It may often feel uncomfortable, but it's healthier to actually use the words "dead", "death" or "died". Abstract explanations of death can frequently create even more confusion – particularly for younger children, who are still trying to grasp this complex (and possibly unfamiliar) concept.

4 BE PREPARED FOR QUESTIONS

On subjects such as this – especially when it involves a person who's well known to them – children and young people often have lots of questions, all at once. Sometimes, new queries about the issue will occur to them weeks after the event. Be ready to answer their questions as honestly as you can, using language that's appropriate for their age.

5 FIND WAYS TO REMEMBER THEM

It can help to talk to about the person who's died, even if that individual wasn't personally involved in the child's own life – such as a significant public figure, for instance. You and your child can discuss what that person meant to you, celebrate the things they achieved or go to a place where they can be remembered.

6 ENCOURAGE COPING STRATEGIES

You can help a child or young person to identify what their usual positive ways of coping are when they have overwhelming feelings. For example, do they find that talking with someone, drawing, going for a walk or listening to music help when they're feeling upset? These same activities could form an important part of the grieving process.

7 REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

If a child or young person is struggling with grief to the extent that it's impacting on their everyday life, there are lots of expert organisations that you could reach out to for further help. Samaritans provides a listening ear for anyone in emotional distress; The Mix offers specialist support to people under 25; and Winston's Wish deals specifically with helping young people who are grieving.

SAMARITANS:
116 123

WWW.THEMIX.ORG.UK/GET-SUPPORT
0808 808 4994

WINSTON'S WISH:
08088 020 021

Meet Our Expert

Anna Bateman is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



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The Arts Society Bromley



Bishop Challoner School

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LECTURE PROGRAMME OCTOBER '22 – JUNE '27

November 7th

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.



The Arts Society Bromley

January 9th 2027

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 17th 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.

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.



The Art Society Bromley

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 the history of modern art.





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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 10 October

- Whole School Assembly
8:45am - 9:00am Main Hall
- Role Model House Competition Opens
- Pre-Prep and Prep Parents' Evening
4:30pm - 6:30pm

Tuesday 11 October

- Year 13 Parents' Evening
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday 12 October

- Pre-Prep and Prep Assembly
8:45am - 9:00am Main Hall
- Whole School Open Morning
9:30am - 11:30am Main Hall
- Pre-Prep and Prep Parents' Evening
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Friday 14 October

- Whole School Reports Home
- Cultural Day—Non Uniform

School Finishes for Half Term
at 3.35pm

