



From the Headteacher...

This has been a rather short week and I am sure you have relished having an extra day off.

As I look out of my office window and look across at the front of school on a cold but sunny morning, this is a reminder that we are fortunate to have well-kept landscaped grounds. The array of different coloured tulips that line the railings at the front of school provide a splash of colour that is truly eye catching.

Founder's Day is an annual celebration at Bishop Challoner and on Tuesday 4th May we celebrated our 71 years of history. Nursery children received a special cupcake and the junior and senior children enjoyed an ice lolly as they left school on Tuesday. Mr Lohan led our assembly and also reminded us about the Feast of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales and asked Bishop Challoner and the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales to intercede for our school and our community, during these challenging times.

Mr Peck has organised another House competition and has asked the pupils to come up with a motto or slogan that can be displayed on each House board. For example, 'Greatness is measured by courage and heart', 'Together as one' and 'Never give up!' The closing date is Friday 14th May.

We very much look forward to receiving entries that show imagination and creativity of thought.



I will be writing to parents over the coming weeks with a number of updates. Have a lovely weekend.



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Mission Statement

Through faith and a broad education, Bishop Challoner School strives to develop and nurture each child's unique talents. To Live, Love and Learn like Christ and fulfil their true potential in an ever changing world.



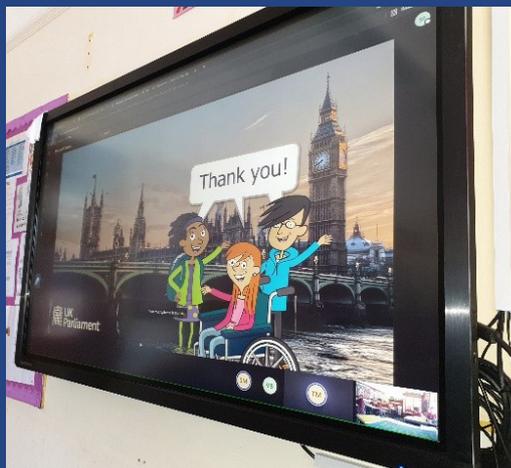
UK PARLIAMENT VIRTUAL VISIT: YEAR FIVE AND SIX

In our Virtual visit, we learnt about the House of Commons and the House of Lords. We also learnt a bit about the building of Parliament. It is sad that we could not go there though, however we learnt that the Prime Minister (Boris Johnson) goes into the House of Commons.

My friend Aida had this amazing question about which house the Prime Minister would go to if both main parties had the same amount of people. We had a quiz at the end.

I definitely enjoyed it, personally I found the House of Commons a bit more interesting.

Imogen - Year 5



The Year of St Joseph & The Year of the Family

Did you know that the Church dedicates every Wednesday to St Joseph, the Patron Saint of Families, and *The Wednesday Word Family Time* is also dedicated to Saint Joseph?

Pope Francis has declared 2021 as a special 'Year of St Joseph'. He has also declared a special 'Year of the Family', to start on 19th March 2021 (St Joseph's Feast Day) until 26th June 2022.

Find out more at: cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph & wednesdayword.org/home/st-joseph

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/love?pid=MTA101634&v=26.7>



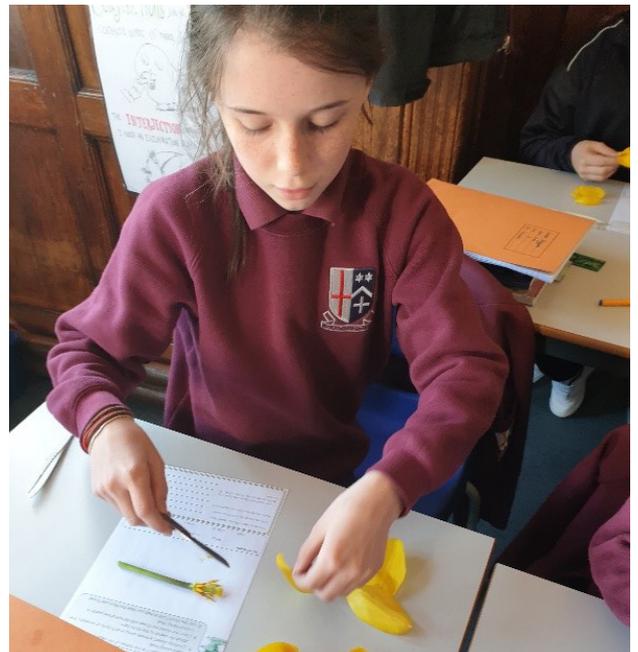
RECEPTION NEWS

The children in Reception Class have been working extremely well on their learning journey, Under the Sea. Children have been looking at creatures that live in the sea and have created fantastic responses to the subject. This half term, we have also been fortunate enough to have a chapel service lead by Mr Lohan, which the children enjoyed very much.

Mr Peck - Reception Class Teacher



YEAR 5 SCIENCE



Year Five have been looking at the parts of plants to understand the process of sexual reproduction in flowering plants.

Mr Fitzgerald - Year 5 Class Teacher



YEAR 5 WORLD MATHS DAY

In Year Five, we used tablets to take place in the global Mathematics tournament for World Maths Day on Wednesday 5th May.

World Maths Day has grown exponentially since its beginning in 2007. In fact, it holds the world record for the most participants in an online mathematics competition with 1.9 million students taking part in a single day.

It is open to students from all over the world. There were 150 countries represented in 2015. We were amazed that we were able to compete against people from Pakistan, India, America and Ireland.

Mr Fitzgerald - Year 5 Class Teacher



JUNIOR NEWS

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend - it has certainly seemed like a very short week in school!

Mr Fitzgerald has sent a letter home today giving an overview of our new Relationship Education programme which we will be using to support the teaching of PSHE. The scheme is especially written for Catholic primary schools and is titled, Life to the Full. Please take a look at the content of the scheme and let us know if you have any queries.

We have two weeks of 'Stars' to share with you today. Many congratulations to all the children who have received this recognition, we are very proud of them.

Ms Barker - Head of KS1 and KS2



Monday 26th April

Reception: Finlay - for his excellent effort in phonics.

Year 1: Devin - wonderful work in English this week.

Year 2: Trinity - for her wonderful contributions to English lessons.

Year 3: Antonia- For keeping an excellent reading record.

Year 4: Sariah for a huge improvement with her English and maths.

Year 5: Melvin - Improvement in punctuation and presentation across all subjects.

Year 6: Deren and Annabelle for volunteering in RHE and being such good sports.



Tuesday 4th May

Reception: Maggie - for her excellent story writing.

Year 1: Isabella for her lovely written work about Handa's Surprise.

Year 2: Micah - for wonderfully expressive work in English.

Year 3: Delilah - for trying really hard with handwriting and presentation.

Year 4: Joshua - For much improved organisation and attitude towards learning.

Year 5: Maisie - for being an enthusiastic, creative and helpful member of the class.

Year 6: Victor for getting 16 out of 16 in his spelling test.



NURSERY NEWS

Happy Birthday Bishop Challoner.

Everyone loves a birthday; especially when you are young. Bishop Challoner celebrated its Founder's Day on 4th May and the nursery children were keen to assist with the celebration.

With thanks to our fabulous catering team, the nursery children all took home a celebratory cake on Tuesday to enjoy. We were so happy to hear stories in true nursery ethos that these were shared with siblings at home - sharing is caring.

It was wonderful to hear how delighted our children were with their cakes. You are all very welcome.

Ms Ludlam - Head of Nursery



SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS.....

MeeToo App for iOS and Android

MeeToo is a multi-award winning, free, anonymous app where young people can talk about difficult things. Built on research showing the positive impact of peer support for mental health, MeeToo provides a safe, pre-moderated (by humans) space for young people aged 11+ to experiment with opening up about whatever may be on their mind.

Moderators check every post and reply before they go live to ensure the safety and anonymity of our users, and our counsellors uphold a sophisticated system for monitoring and tracking potential safeguarding risks.

MeeToo supports over 6,000 young people each month. It is featured on the NHS Apps Library and promoted by more than 1,000 schools in the UK.

You can easily see how MeToo works here: <https://www.meetoo.help/how-meetoo-works>

Mrs Brooker - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Local News:

We have been made aware of several attempted abductions in the local area. Please follow the below link for more information.

<https://apple.news/A8g9n1ENRSuqagJJWaVmarQ>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday

18 MAY

- Junior Sports Day, all day

Monday

24 MAY

- Year 7, 8 and 9 Examinations, all week

Friday

28 MAY

- School finishes for Half Term, 3.45pm

Monday

7 JUNE

- School resumes for all year groups apart from Year 11 and Year 13, from 8.30am
- Year 10 and 12 Examinations, all week
- Trustee Finance, Premises and Health and Safety Committee Meeting, 6.00pm

Thursday

10 JUNE

- Year 11 and 13 return from half term, 8.35am

