



From the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week.

It is hard to believe we are fast approaching the end of term and this week has been very busy in our lead up to Christmas.

There have been so many highlights, however, the stand out for me was our Junior Production of *Lights, Camel, Action 2! The Sequin*. This was an amazing showcase of our junior pupils' talents and included a bit of everything – singing, a fabulous array of dancing, great compering, wonderful judging and comedy. I enjoyed both performances tremendously – a huge well done to all our pupils from Reception up to Year 6. Thank you also to our Site Team – Mr Cable and Mr Gibbs; Mrs Restivo and Mrs Vander Elst for working on the backdrop and costumes; PTA for the refreshments and mince pies; Parents/Carers for your child's costumes and supporting them with preparing their parts and our staff in the Junior School, wonderfully led by Ms Hoyles for all their hard work and limitless patience. It was lovely that so many of you were able to join us in enjoying both shows. Thank you for coming!

The visit to BCS of the three reindeers yesterday was a lovely bit of festive fun, with all our pupils from Nursery to Year 13 taking some time out from their day to meet them and give them a bit of feed. Thank you to Ms Pittman for organising such a wonderful morning and to Mr Kent-Davies and our Junior Choir for their performances.

Our PTA have been extremely busy this past week supporting a number of events, not only the Junior Production, but hosting a Wreath Making Class, supporting at our Reindeer event and organising a very successful Fair today. A huge THANK YOU from the BCS community for all you have done, not only this week but over the course of this very busy term.

The Reception and Nursery Christmas Party, held yesterday, was another highlight and it was lovely to see the boys and girls interact so well together in their workshop prior to having their specially prepared lunch.

Mark Wallace – Headteacher
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Pupil Success

Congratulations to **Nikita T** in Year 7 who devised the winning flag as part of an international competition run by *UK Polar Network*, whereby the flag was taken to Antarctica by scientists last weekend and a picture taken of it when they arrived. The purpose is to raise awareness of Antarctica and Antarctica Day.

Well done to **Jonnie E**, in Year 11, who has been shortlisted as the *Athlete of the Term* by ISA. We will find out very soon if he has been successful in winning this accolade.

Congratulations to our **U16 Boys Football** team who defeated Kew House 4-0 in the ESFA Cup. They are now into the final round of 16 and will play at home in the new year. Our **U13 Boys Football** team lost their round of 32 in the ESFA Cup against St. Johns School. Despite this, it was a good game and the boys in this age group have shown really good progress this season.

In netball, well done to our **U12 Girls Netball** team who defeated Coopers earlier this week by 11-6.

House Competition

It has been a busy term for house activities and I would like to thank Mr Peck for driving many of the initiatives. As we approach the end of term the standings are:

St Edmund

St Michael

St Patrick

St Denis

Congratulations to everyone in supporting your houses this term and well done to our Year 6 pupils who have been appointed into their House Captain and Vice-Captain roles. Further details inside.

I look forward to seeing many of you again next week either at our Christmas Carol Service at St Edmunds on Tuesday evening or at our Nativity Play on Wednesday evening. Can I remind you to wear masks at both events – thank you.

You should be receiving a digital copy of the Spring Term Calendar today. As well, you and your children will receive a pocket sized calendar in due course for ease of reference.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

With kind regards

Mark Wallace – Headteacher
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Junior News

Maths Challenge!

I am extremely proud that all pupils in Year 5 and 6 have recently completed the Primary Mathematics Challenge which is a national competition run by The Mathematical Association. The paper is a tough and challenging problem-solving paper where pupils must use their reasoning skills in order to determine the answers.

Theo and Aida in Year 6 achieved excellent scores and achieved Gold standard certificates. We await the results nationally to see if they will be invited back to enter the Bonus round in January. Congratulations to them both.



Megan in Year 6 wrote about her experience and said:

" The Primary Maths challenge is a Maths challenge that year 5 and 6 children do. So this is my second year of completing it. I found the challenge a mixture of easy and hard, as the questions start off easy and get harder on every new page. I think the challenge is a good thing to try even if you are not the best at Maths. It was fun to try to improve my score from last year."

I would like to thank all the children for doing their very best in this challenge and for all the children at Bishop Challoner Junior School who always work so hard to progress their learning and love of Maths.





Junior News

We have had another extremely busy couple of weeks as we race towards the end of term.

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 3 to Dulwich Picture Gallery. The children enjoyed a workshop and created some super designs using printing and collage. We had a great time and received many compliments on the exemplary behaviour of our lovely children!

Very many thanks to all for making the Christmas Production such a success. The children loved having the opportunity to perform again and it was lovely to see so many families celebrating with us.

Another huge thank you to the PTA for running the Secret Present Room last Friday, serving refreshments at events throughout the week and, of course for all their hard work with the Christmas Fair.

I hope to see many of you at the carol service at St Edmund's next Tuesday. Children in KS2 will be performing and I know they have been busy practising.

With all good wishes for a Peaceful Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.



Stars of the Week

29th November

Reception	George for his improved letter formation and handwriting.
Year 1	Fiadh for superb writing in English.
Year 2	Nilah for excellent work in Maths.
Year 3	Year 3 for all being wonderful on our trip to Dulwich Picture Gallery.
Year 4	Rhys for a super Viking Project.
Year 5	Adam for a positive approach and commitment to the sporting life of the school.
Year 6	Matthew for excellent behaviour and approach to learning.

06th December

Reception	Christiana for her greatly improved cutting skills.
Year 1	Zara for a great effort in all areas of the curriculum
Year 2	Emma for brilliant concentration and a positive approach to learning.
Year 3	Gaby for excellent work in English.
Year 4	David for excellent instruction writing.
Year 5	Eva for exceptional effort in maths and art.
Year 6	Louis for being a wonderful 'Joseph' and leading by example!



Senior News

Antarctica Day

To celebrate Antarctica Day 2021, our Year 7 and Year 8 students took part in the Polar Network Flags Competition, which aims to educate students about the importance of Antarctica.



During their Geography lessons students were tasked with designing a flag for Antarctica! We had lots of fantastic entries and were delighted with the effort from the students.



Our winner was Nikita in Year 7 whose eye-catching flag combined key elements about Antarctica, including the recognisable Emperor Penguin. Her design was taken to Antarctica and can be seen being held (second from left) by Ted Scambos, a senior researcher at the National Snow and Ice Data Centre in Boulder, Colorado, USA.

Thank you to all those who took part and congratulations to Nikita.



Senior Sports

Year 11 Football Team

The year 11 boys marched into the last 16 of the national cup this week with a near perfect 4-0 away performance versus Kew House. The boys had to battle the elements with a blustery afternoon in West London. Challoner started strongly camped in their half but could not quite score the first goal despite good efforts from Nathaniel and Tom E hitting the post. Dominating the midfield and some great link up play between Kash, Tom E, Sam-Al and Nathaniel, we scored three quick goals with Nathaniel scoring two and Sam-Al scoring one. Some resolute defence from Beau, Max, Sam and Jaiden saw out the first half. Despite the lead at half time, the boys came out fast and Nathaniel bagged his hat trick. Despite Kew House coming on strongly towards the end of the game, Challoner defended well and did a professional job in seeing out the game and keeping the all-important clean sheet. Great job lads, keep it going!





Senior Sports

Year 7 Netball Team

Monday 6th December the year 7 netball team took on Coopers School. The girls started strong with three quick goals after some fantastic attacking play moving around coopers defence finding Annabelle or Gabby in the circle to get the ball straight in the net. After a short while Coopers' started to make a comeback and before we knew it was 5-4 at half time. The third quarter Coopers kept pressing Bishop Challoner's defence but they made some excellent interceptions denying Coopers many shots at goal ending the third quarter 8-6. In the final quarter Bishop Challoner pushed hard and managed to score another 3 goals securing the win for their school. Final score 11- 6

Well done to all the girls involved

Miss Johnstone - PE Teacher

Social Sport - Parent, Teachers and Pupils

It was brilliant to get the social sport back versus the parents and it was a great turnout. We decided to do a triangular football tournament with parents, teachers and sixth form all entering teams. The evening was played in great spirits and was very even with every team winning at some point and a lot of draws. The tournament finished with the teachers beating the parents 2-0 (sorry had to mention it) and some stiff bodies from the two hours of football. We will look to organise another one in the Spring term.



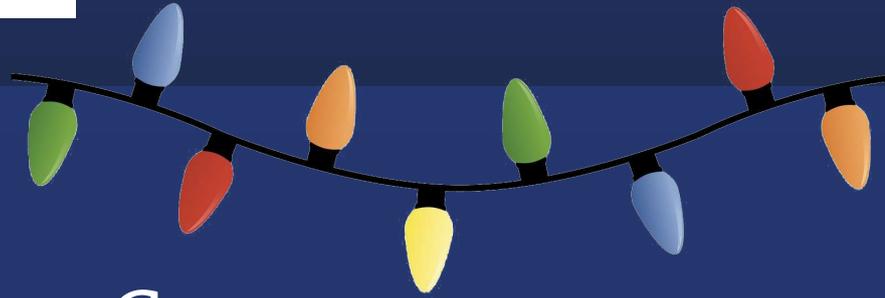


Challoner's Nativity Play





Sixth- Form News



Christmas Grotto

Well done to year 12 students who, together with local fundraiser Dee Janes from Shortlands train station, created a wonderful Christmas grotto at school for everyone to enjoy. The grotto is a collection hub for donations to Demelza Children's Hospice. A big thanks to all pupils who have already donated gifts - each donation is worth 20 house points. It's not too late to donate new, unwrapped gifts as the deadline for donations is 15th December. Merry Christmas!





Nursery News

Feeling Festive in Nursery

The nursery children have been super creative this half term and have been making a wide variety of Christmassy decorations and mementos to take home - from tote bags to door wreaths, cards and party hats - we've made it all! The children have learned so much about the true meaning of Christmas and the nativity story whilst making these and have used a wide range of media and materials to construct and create. Fabulous learning fun!

The children are excited to perform their Nativity play next week entitled "A little Bird told me" - this really is the highlight of the nursery calendar. We are sure you will be delighted and charmed by their performance - you are in for a real treat.

My thanks to the nursery team and our families this term for your unwavering support, laughter and friendship - may we wish you all a very blessed Christmas. We are sure that all of the nursery children have made it on to the "good" list - enjoy this magical time of year with your families.

Stay well and stay safe.





House News

This term our festive House theme was 'Deck the Halls.' The children were asked to create a small Christmas decoration to be placed on the school Christmas tree in the reception area. The decorations were to be adorned with the child's house colours. Once again there have been many high-quality entrants. Well done to everyone who took part, the tree looks beautiful. Furthermore, the competition's House points have made a great difference to the leader board!

During our Junior House assembly, many children from our delightful Year 6 class delivered speeches in front of the whole school on why they would be an excellent Junior House Co-ordinator. The standard and passion displayed was amazing, well done to those who participated.

As voted by the children, here are the Junior House Co-ordinators:

St Denis: Captain- Maisie	Vice Captain- Martha
St Michael: Captain- Imogen	Vice Captain- Melvin
St Edmund: Captain- Theo	Vice Captains- Matthew and Louis
St Patrick: Captain- Aida	Vice Captain- Bronte

House Latin Competition:

Mrs Newbould informed me that we had some amazing entries to this term's Latin Poem Competition. Martha's piece will be put through to national competition and judging was by Harriet and Olivia from Year 12.

1st place: Martha J6 St Denis

2nd place: Imogen J6 St Michael

3rd place: Sula J4 St Denis

Many thanks to all the students and staff that have made this House competition so fantastic this term. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Here is the Christmas number one and the final standings of 2021:

1. St Edmund-2080
2. St Michael-2015
3. St Patrick- 1610
4. St Denis-1470

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

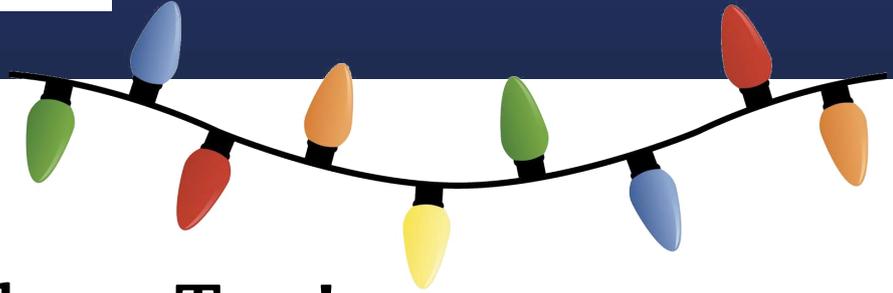
Mr Peck - House Coordinator



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House News



Challoner Tree!

We hope you like our Challoner tree! Baubles are handmade by our pupils both Junior and Senior



Mr Peck - House Coordinator



Wrap Around Care News

Christmas Arrives in Crèche

Such a busy time over the last two weeks and still the children are enthusiastically providing lovely work for us to decorate the display boards in the room and making yet another fantastic stained glass window. They have even brought snow to Bromley where the weather man failed and are also in the process of making our very own Jesse Tree.

Thank you all for your support over the term and for the donations of toys, games and books.





Our Reindeer Visit!

It was lovely to welcome the festive season with a visit from some of Santa's reindeer. The children enjoyed learning all about these gentle animals.





Chaplaincy News

Charity Week 15th to 19th November

On Monday, 15th November to Friday 19th November we ran a Charity Week led by our sixth form students. This year our pupils chose four charities:

The Hope Foundation UK www.thehopefoundation.org.uk

This organisation raises awareness and funds for street children in Kolkata, India. The charity currently cares for 500 children in Kolkata whose education and general healthcare needs are sponsored by UK donors. The more money that is raised the more children they can help.



Royal Marsden Hospital www.cancerpreventionresearch.co.uk

The Cancer Prevention Research Trust has been supporting research into the prevention of cancer to help reduce the risks of developing cancer by leading healthier lifestyles.

Guide Dogs for the Blind www.guidedogs.org.uk

This charity relies on donations to continue their life-changing work. To help make a difference to people living with sight loss, it costs: £34,600 to breed and train a single guide dog and £54,800 to support a guide dog from birth to retirement.



CAFOD World Gift: Teach someone to read <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/frontpage/products/teach-someone-to-read>

Cafod reaches out to people all over the world living in poverty with practical help, whatever their religion or culture. Reading opens up so many doors: education, work, pleasure, self-improvement. It's proven that children who can read are far more likely to get better jobs in the future. For every £10 we donate, a child or adult will be taught to read.



Chaplaincy News

Charity Week 15th to 19th November

I would like to thank the sixth formers for their enthusiasm in running the events.

Also, thanks to all the staff who supported the events and the site team who helped to set up.

A special thanks to Mrs Restivo who ran a bake sale with the sixth form. We are delighted to announce that we raised a total of £430.00. Also, this year we raised £241 for Jeans for Genes Day. This brings the total raised so far this year to £671. Thank you to all of our pupils, families and staff for your continued generosity and support.



Once again this year our pupils and families have been extremely generous for the Shoe Box Appeal. We collected a total of 29 boxes!



Chaplaincy News

Advent Season News

On Sunday, 28th November, we celebrated Advent which is the beginning of the Church's New Year. Advent is a time of waiting and the Old Testament readings, that we read during Advent, tell us about people who were waiting for a Messiah, someone who would save them from their enemies. The Prophets wrote during times of great upheaval, many people lived in fear wondering whether God loved them or if he was even there. Some felt that they had been abandoned by God but the Prophets were different, even when everything around them seemed to be falling apart, they had faith and hope believing that God would save his people.



The Prophets prayed and listened for God's voice, they searched for his presence in everyday events, and were rewarded as God spoke to them, for example, the Prophet Isaiah writes:

'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who lived in a land of deep shadow a light has shone... For there is a child born for us, a son given to us, and authority is laid on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Isaiah's promise took 700 years to be fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. When Jesus came it was the greatest gift that humanity could ever receive, for all time.

God acts at just the right time!

Advent gives us hope as we wait for that little child who comes as the brightest light into a world of darkness. God has a plan and when the time is right he will come and defeat every enemy, the greatest enemy of all being sin and death. This little child will one day offer up his own life, as Messiah and Saviour, shedding his precious blood for our sins, and through his resurrection defeating the last enemy which is death. Let us pray and stand ready as:

'We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.'





Chaplaincy News

END OF TERM REFLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS



Advent is a wonderful time of year, a time for us to remember the things that are truly important to us and to give thanks to God for all that he has given us, especially the gift of his Son Jesus. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Pastor who lived in Nazi Germany during WWII. He was a public opponent of the Nazi regime. On 8th April 1945 he was condemned to death on false charges at Flossenbürg Concentration Camp and was put to death the next day. This was just two weeks before the camp was liberated.

Dietrich had a profound understanding of the Incarnation of Christ and his power to liberate us and despite all of his sufferings he never lost hope.

I invite you to read his reflection in preparation for Christmas....

Mr Lohan - School Chaplain



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‘Those who go to the manger will be transformed!’

“If God chooses Mary as his instrument,
if God himself wants to come into this world
in the manger at Bethlehem, that is no idyllic family affair,
but the beginning of a complete turnaround,
a reordering of everything on this earth.

If we wish to take part in this Advent and Christmas event,
then we cannot simply be bystanders or onlookers,
as if we were at the theatre,
enjoying all the cheerful images.

No, we ourselves are swept into the action there,
into the conversion of all things.

We have to play our part too on this stage,
for the spectator is already an actor.

We cannot withdraw.

What part, then, do we play?
Pious shepherds, on bended knee?
Kings who come bearing gifts?

What sort of play is this, where Mary becomes the mother of God?

Where God enters the world in the lowliness of the manger?

The judgment of the world and its redemption that is taking place here.

And the Christ child in the manger is himself the one
who pronounces the judgment and the redemption of the world.

He repels the great and the powerful.

He puts down the mighty from their thrones,
he humbles the arrogant,

his arm overpowers all the proud and the strong,

he raises what is lowly and makes it great and splendid in his compassion.

Therefore we approach his manger not as if it were the cradle of any other child.

Those who wish to come to his manger
find that something is happening within them.”

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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SAFEGUARDING AND WELL- BEING INFORMATION

Online counselling support for pupils

<https://www.kooth.com>

Support for parents | NSPCC

Parenting can be rewarding, but it can also be challenging. This is a Positive Parenting guide shares practical advice.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

Coping with your teenager - NHS

Many parents find their teenager's behaviour challenging. Teenagers' behaviour can be baffling, stressful, hurtful and often worrying.

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/cope-with-your-teenager/>

Parenting teenagers | Relate

Here you'll find lots of practical advice on how to deal with common teen issues. If you have any questions, our counsellors are here to help.

www.relate.org.uk <https://www.relate.org.uk/relationship-help/help-family-life-and-parenting/>

Information, training and support for parents and carers

Being a parent can be a joy. It should be a joy. And it often is. But when your child is suffering, parenthood can be a tough, lonely and frightening place.

<https://charliewaller.org/what-we-do/for-parents>

Young minds Charity

Young Minds are a charity that provides information and advice to young people, and parents and carers.

[YoungMinds - children and young people's mental health charity - YoungMinds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/)

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Kate Brooker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th December

- Whole School Assembly
8:45 - Main Hall

Tuesday 14th December

- Carol Service Rehearsal
11:00 am - Chapel
- Christmas Carol Service
7:00pm - St Edmund's Church.

Wednesday 15th December

- Whole School Christmas Lunch
12:00pm - Dining Hall
- Nursery Nativity Play
6:00pm - Main Hall

Thursday 16th December

- End of Term Whole School Mass
9:15am - Main Hall
- End of Term Assembly
11:00 - Main Hall
- **School Ends for Christmas Holiday**
Noon

Tuesday 4th January

- Staff Inset/CPD day
All Day

Wednesday 5th January

- Junior Pupils Return Normal Time
8:30am
- Nursery Pupils Return
8:45am - 12:00pm
- Senior Pupils Covid Testing
Staggered start

Thursday 6th January

- Epiphany Whole School Mass
9:00am - Main Hall

