



## From the Headteacher...

### Pupil News

Congratulations to Year 13 pupils, Olivia D and Harriet M, who sat their Oxbridge interviews this week. Both Olivia and Harriet had two interviews each and we are very proud of them to have already gone so far in the Oxbridge process. We will keep our fingers crossed for them.

Congratulations to our *Key Stage 3 Pupils* who had a treat at lunchtime today with Mr Lubi and myself as reward for their excellent work and effort over this half term. They are Olivia and Louie from Year 7, Lucia and Tegan from Year 8, Jamar, Henry and Tyler from Year 9.

### Christmas Events

The highlight this week was our Pre-Prep and Preparatory Christmas Production, *Bethlehem The Musical*. There were two wonderful performances with Tuesday's matinee featuring our Nursery pupils which was a lovely idea and weren't they brilliant! If you thought our pupils were in fine voice on Tuesday, they nearly brought the roof down with their singing during Wednesday night's performance. What a treat we all had with both performances. The pupils were magnificent throughout with their singing, dancing, acting and comedy so uplifting. A huge thanks to all our staff in making the production possible, in particular to Miss Leonidas and Ms Hoyles for their production and direction. And a huge thanks to you, not only for supporting your children/grandchildren over the two days of performance, but in helping them prepare and for supporting with their costumes.

On Wednesday our Year 6 pupils sang at *Newman Court* and also on Wednesday, there was a lot of excitement across the school, from Early Years right up to Year 13 pupils, with our Reindeer visit. *Rudolf* is pictured below:





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On Thursday our Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 pupils were singing Christmas Carols at The Glades shopping centre. The fruits of their labours and a spirited performance over one short hour, raised £142.24 and heaps of festive cheer amongst shoppers in The Glades. The money raised will go to the *CAFOD World Food Crisis Appeal*. Thank you to Mrs Sweet for organising this and to Mr Kent-Davies for the original musical arrangements.

Today we had our EYFS Christmas party with the children being entertained by Caitlin from Perform. They then had a nice lunch and went back to the Nursery Grotto to be visited by Santa and his elves who delivered presents to the children—a lovely day for them.

So, lots of Christmas themes this week which has got everyone into the festive spirit.

## Staff News

**Ms Thusharika Gooneratne** will take up the Teacher of English role in our Preparatory and Pre-Preparatory Schools from the beginning of next term. Ms Gooneratne is already well known to the Bishop Challoner community as one of our teaching assistants and a parent. She very much looks forward to moving back to a teaching role and continuing to bring her valued experience to the school.

With Ms Gooneratne taking up the role of Teacher of English, this has enabled an opportunity to work in our Pre-Preparatory and Preparatory Departments. See Job Opportunity below:

## Job Opportunity

*VACANCY: PART TIME HIGHER LEVEL TEACHING ASSISTANT WITH EYFS EXPERIENCE*

*We are seeking to appoint a committed and enthusiastic Higher Level Teaching Assistant with EYFS experience who can support our Preparatory and Pre-Preparatory children.*

*For an application pack and information on the department, please contact the Head's PA, Miss Carolyn Chamberlain [cchamberlain@bcswweb.co.uk](mailto:cchamberlain@bcswweb.co.uk)*

*PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS TO MISS C CHAMBERLAIN AT [cchamberlain@bcswweb.co.uk](mailto:cchamberlain@bcswweb.co.uk)*

*Closing date for applications: Monday 12th December 2022*

*Interview date to be confirmed. Early applications are encouraged, and Bishop Challoner School has the right to interview earlier and subsequently offer, if the school feels they have the right candidate.*

**Ms Leshaye Domingo** will join Bishop Challoner as our new Science Technician from the start of next term. We look forward to welcoming her to the BCS community.

## Enrichment

Congratulations to Olivia D (Year 13) who presented her EPQ on French feminist philosopher, Simone de Beauvoir researching the area 'To what extent did Simone de Beauvoir trigger a long-lasting change in French Society for women?'



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De Beauvoir influenced a positive and progressive change in France for women and challenged the male dominant society. Olivia conducted some of her research through the University of York, thus preparing her well for the skills required for university life such as detailed research and referencing.

On Tuesday evening our Sixth Form English pupils attended Shakespeare's *Othello* at the English National Theatre.

Our Year 11 and Year 12 pupils attended a *Go Ape Team Building* exercise on Thursday. This is the second part of their skills training provided by the National Citizen Service.

## Sports

A huge thank you to our Year 11 and Year 12 Sports Leaders who supported Ms Restivo, Mrs Shields and Mr Lubi at the *ISA National Swimming Finals* last Saturday at the London Olympic Pool (picture below).





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## PTA

Thank you to our PTA who have supported two very successful events this week – our Reindeer visit and the Pre-Prep and Prep Christmas Production. The mulled wine and mince pies went down a treat on a particularly cold evening.

## Week Ahead

We have our whole school Rewards Assembly on Monday morning which is always a nice occasion to reflect upon our pupils' achievements throughout the term.

I hope to see you at our Carol Service at St Edmund's Church on Tuesday evening. The service commences at 7pm and there will be refreshments served afterwards in the Church Hall.

Wednesday 14 December is our final day of term, and it is a half day. The format to the day will be:

08.45 – 09.45 Mass

09.45 – 10.00 Whole School 12 Days of Christmas BCS tradition led by our Sixth Form

10.00 – 10.20 Whole School break time

10.20 – 11.30 House Music Competition – Christmas Karaoke

Senior pupils plus Year 5 & Year 6 in the Hall

Prep and Pre-Prep pupils plus Nursery in the Dining Room

11.30 – 12.00 Form Time

I hope you have a restful weekend.

With best wishes,

Mark Wallace

Mark Wallace – Headteacher  
@Challoner\_head





## Pre-Prep and Prep School News

### Pre-Prep

#### Not long now until Christmas Day in Pre-Prep School

The children have really been getting into the festive spirit.

They have been busy making lots of Christmas crafts, creating their own little nativity scenes with wooden Mary and Joseph models. The children have made personalised clay tree decorations along with pine cone Christmas trees.

The children were also in the kitchen making some yummy Christmas gingerbread men, mixing ingredients and using cookie cutters to form the gingerbread shape.



Our children have continued to work so hard, practicing the songs for the Christmas play. I think that you will agree that they were fantastic on the day! They are so excited to have everyone hear their beautiful voices!

We had a visit from two four legged friends. Two reindeers came to the school and the nursery children gave them some crunchy carrots, stroked them gently and took lovely pictures with them, as well as sitting in Santa's sleigh.





## Prep School News

The children performed magnificently at both performances of 'Bethlehem, the Musical' and we were immensely proud of them all.

Year 6 enjoyed their morning, singing Carols for the residents at Newham House and received lovely feedback. Years 3, 4 and 5 performed Carols with enthusiasm for shoppers in The Glades.

Thank you so much to all who have supported our events this week and, on a personal note, thank you for your support and good wishes over the time I have had the pleasure to lead the Pre Prep & Preparatory School.

## Stars of the Week

5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Reception	Ryan for his effort in Maths this week
Year 1	Zahari for his hard work, effort and always having a smile in every situation
Year 2	Maggie for excellent writing in English
Year 3	Tezira for great listening, being polite and good work in English
Year 4	Joel for great effort with his writing
Year 5	Amaju for his calmness and hard work this half term
Year 6	Doryane for excellent attitude and behaviour in class and really settling in well to Year 6

Many congratulations to all our Stars.  
Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

Ms Barker - Head of KS1 & KS2



## Year One

The children in Year One have been working very hard in the build-up to Christmas. They really enjoyed performing in the Junior Christmas play 'Bethlehem, the Musical', and alongside learning lots of songs, they have been working hard in lessons and have enjoyed taking part in Christmas craft activities. They are full of joy and festive cheer! Well done Year One.





## Year Three

Years 3, 4 and 5 delighted parents and shoppers when they visited the Glades yesterday. The children sang with all their hearts, filling the Glades with joyful Christmas tunes and putting smiles on everyone's faces. I was super proud of them all.



Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who were able to support us too. We managed to raise £142 that will go towards The World Food Crisis. A special thank you to Mr Kent Davies for the musical side of things and to all the teachers who accompanied us.



## Pre-Prep and Prep School News

# Wrap Around Care

This last week has been filled with fun. Den building, car stunt track design, offering help for each other.

The children in Wraparound Care wrote their thoughts on what gives them joy and helped to make our Christmas Display.

Our thanks go to the children for the joy they bring to each and every day and to the generosity of parents who have gifted us with toys, books and craft.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year!





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## The Arts Society Bromley



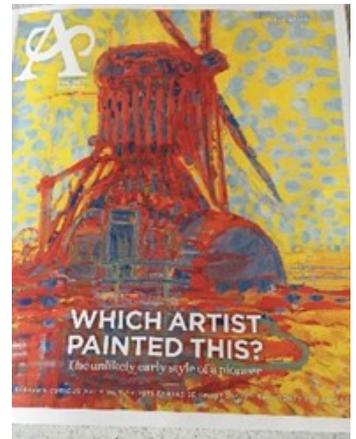
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*The Arts Society Bromley is the place for discovering more about the arts*



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Membership is £49 for a programme of nine lectures plus access to a quarterly Arts Society magazine, visits to places of interest, tours and so much more.

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email: [info@theartsocietybromley.org.uk](mailto:info@theartsocietybromley.org.uk)

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## The Arts Society Bromley



January 9<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> century British sculptor, Grinling Gibbons.

February 6<sup>th</sup> 2023

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 6<sup>th</sup> 2023

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.



## The Arts Society Bromley



April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

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 8<sup>th</sup> 2023

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 5<sup>th</sup> 2023

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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and festive cheer this year!**

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It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for The Big PTA Cash Draw will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 14th December 2022. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you think you may have a problem with gambling, contact the National Gambling Helpline confidentially on 0808 8020 133. Alternatively, visit the Gamble Aware website at [www.begambleaware.org](http://www.begambleaware.org) or the GamCare website at [www.gamcare.org.uk](http://www.gamcare.org.uk)



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## 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](http://www.kooth.com)) or childline (0800111111)



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## SAFEGUARDING AND WELL-BEING INFORMATION

<https://www.bromleywell.org.uk/assets/documents/>

[emotional-wellbeing-factsheet](https://www.bromleywell.org.uk/assets/documents/emotional-wellbeing-factsheet)

<https://www.bromleywell.org.uk/assets/documents/>

[counselling-services](https://www.bromleywell.org.uk/assets/documents/counselling-services)

For help contact Bromley  
Well

 Freephone 0808 278  
7898



[spa@bromleywell.org.uk](mailto:spa@bromleywell.org.uk)

Monday-Saturday 9am -  
5pm

Mrs Brooker - Safeguarding Lead

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Week A



#### Monday 12 December

- Rewards Assembly—Whole School  
8:45am - 9:00am Main Hall
- Carol Service Rehearsal  
12:30 -3:30pm St Edmund's Church

#### Tuesday 13 December

- Christmas Lunch—Whole School Dining Hall
- Whole School Reports Published
- Carol Service  
7:00pm St Edmund's Church

#### Wednesday 14 December

- Whole School Mass  
8:45am - 9:30am Main Hall
- Autumn Term Ends  
12:00pm

Year 7 Application Deadline

Scholarship Application Deadline

