



From the Headteacher...

At the beginning of this week we held our Junior and Senior prize giving ceremonies virtually; I am pleased that so many of you were in attendance. It was an opportunity to celebrate individual successes and achievements of pupils and recognise consistent and sustained effort.

My special thanks to Dr Kyaw Htun, our Guest Speaker at the senior event. As a trainee GP he talked about persevering and not giving up when we face difficulties or challenges. He achieved a number of different degrees before taking the medical route.

Thank you to all of our musical accompaniments and to those who contributed to the evening.



I was pleased to award the new Paula Anderson Senior and Junior trophies to Shayara in Year 9 and Matthew in Year 5, who have demonstrated respect and responsibility, two of our school values. I hope that these will be awarded year on year as a means of paying tribute to pupils who have shone to help others.

One of the things that I am most proud of at Bishop Challoner is rubber stamping our Catholic Christian values and ensuring that they have been embedded within the school. In collaboration with you, the pupils and the staff I wanted to ensure that these values were relatable and meant something to those within the community. Upholding these values and daring to be the best that you can be, as our school motto indicates, are what counts in my eyes.

As I leave Bishop Challoner today, thank you for your support and for trusting in me as your Headteacher for the past seven years. It has been challenging, stimulating, fulfilling and extremely rewarding.

Wishing the school community and Mr Wallace all the very best for the future. Goodbye.



Paula Anderson – Headteacher
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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.



SENIOR SPORTS

Senior Sports Day

It was great to welcome back senior sports day for years 7-10 last week after we could not run this last year due to Covid. The first day of July brought a fabulous summer's day and the pupils were all excited to participate and compete. We hired Norman Park in Bromley which is the home track of the fastest woman.

The pupils had to all compete in at least one track and one jump, with the new addition of Danish Longball to encourage participation for all pupils. The events were a lovely reminder of the talented athletes we have at our school.

Throughout the day, the pupils were a credit to the school showing excellent behaviour and effort. The pupils competed all day in order to score points for their houses and the results are as follows:



Fourth place - St Patrick with 301 points

Third place - St Michael with 315 points

Second place - St Denis with 420 points

First place - St Edmund with 459 points



A massive thank you to all staff involved. A big thank you to the site team and Sandy and her team for organising everyone's lunches. A big thank you as well to Ms Restivo for her planning, organising and delivery of the day.

Mr Oliver - Director of Sport



Year 7 Religious Studies



Year 7 have had a great year in RE, learning about Christian symbols, Catholic Sacraments, the history of the school and the Chapel. They have explored Hinduism and its complex God and Goddesses.

As our final topic we looked at the history of stained-glass windows in the Catholic church and they have designed and made their own which is adorning their classroom.

Ms Restivo - Teacher of Humanities



JUNIOR NEWS

Transition Day By Maisie

On Tuesday 8th June we did a transition afternoon, where we tried out some senior lessons, which consisted of performing arts, English, and finally some sports. It could not have got any better!

The first lesson was performing arts with Mrs Otley and I had the time of my life. My favourite bit was when we split into multiple groups and made machines; the group I was in made a human making machine. After that, we did a catwalk but not the type of catwalk you might expect, you had to actually be an animal. We all had a really great time.

After all that fun, more enjoyment was waiting to come when Mrs Miotti taught us some English. We started the lesson by learning what pathetic fallacy is (it is when you give human feelings to something non-human). This next part was my favourite bit, where we listened to some music and made up some sentences with pathetic fallacy. I LOVED this lesson.



Last of all, we did Frisbee with Mr Lubi. By the end of this lesson, I looked like a tomato from all the running up and down the pitch in the sunshine. This afternoon started with a bang and ended with bang!

If I could describe this whole day in one sentence it would be:

"The best day ever!"



JUNIOR NEWS

Junior School – Learning Support Department

The Junior School learning support environment has been fully embraced this year. We have a new classroom with lots of extra space to display all the hard work that the children have achieved. We have had fun too, from playing games such as Mobi (Maths), to testing our times table skills with picture puzzles and using our creative writing skills to tell wonderful stories. Here are some comments that the Junior children have to say about us.

Year 6 Pupil

"In learning support you learn a range of things such as sounds, problem solving and spellings. At Bishop Challoner Mrs Andrews and Mrs Black teach in the learning support department. Mrs Andrews teaches English. You'll learn different sounds, spellings and to embrace our imagination we have creative writing as well. Mrs Black teaches learning support in maths. We have learnt all sorts of different maths techniques, all to help us in the future at Senior level."

Year 6 Pupil

Learning support at Bishop Challoner is great, as you can improve your knowledge of a range of topics, such as spellings and maths etc. I go to practice my creative writing and make it even better. I go to Mrs Andrews, one of the most wonderful teachers, who works in the learning support department.

We work on improving our skills and getting even better. I like going to practice my creative writing. Usually in creative writing, Victor and I are handed a picture and are asked to describe it in a creative way. I also work with Mrs Black for maths and there I get to enhance my maths skills and have fun.

Overall, learning support is fun, a good way to learn and it is nice to get one to one teaching. I have enjoyed my sessions this year and think it has improved my skills. Creative writing has been the session that I have really enjoyed and have produced some pieces of work that my teacher has shared with my parents.

The staff within the learning support department have worked really hard this year and it has been lovely to see how the children have blossomed and flourished in their learning. - Mrs Hickman

Thank you to all the children for responding, through your hard work, to the challenges of this academic year. You have all done an incredible job.

A big thank you from Mrs Andrews and Mrs Black.

Year 5 Pupil

"I think the learning support department is great. I am good at maths but when I went to Mrs Black's Group I learnt so much more, like over the 1 thousand times table!

In Mrs Andrew's Group I learnt more about creative writing and comprehension, so I thank you both."

Year 4 Pupil

"The learning support room is great as it shows me what I'm good at and what I need help with. Plus, all the teachers there always have a fun way to help us learn, even if it's just doing maths or English exercises. There's no other room in the school like the learning support room.

I enjoy going to this room because when I'm there I learn something new every time. The learning support has helped me a great deal with my subjects, such as learning to tell the time and division. It is also a great place to catch up on the work I missed or perfecting my times tables."

I'm very grateful that there is learning support at school so that I can learn more and more about the subjects I study. I know that whenever I need help on something I can ask Mrs Black or Mrs Andrews to help me.



Year 2....

One of the books studied by Year 2 this term was 'Treasure Island' by Robert Louis Stevenson. A fantastic classic story which lends itself to a wealth of cross-curricular activities. One of which being to make a treasure map which we aged by tinting it with tea leaves and adding some hidden treasures on their fictional island.

Science - Year 2 learned about different kinds of plants growing either from seeds or bulbs and learnt what they needed to develop into healthy plants. Children planted three sorts of seeds and looked after them until they had reached such a height that it was time to take home and plant them outside or in larger plant pots.



DT - children had to follow instructions to make their own pirate ship using empty water bottles and a lot of imagination.

The maths task was to write your own co-ordinates to help friends locate the hidden treasures using compass points, symbols and map key.



Art/geography - we learnt to locate and name oceans and continents, then comparing the British Isles to Australia. The emphasis was on the musical and artistic culture of the Australian indigenous population or Aboriginal people.

Aboriginal artists made their paints from natural material and their art included lots of symbols and dots. Year 2 made their own aboriginal-style pictures using patterns, dots and natural colours to show Australian animals in their natural habitats.



Year 1 pupils have work very hard this term and produced such beautiful work: Zebras and African huts based around their study of Handa's Surprise and, after reading the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, they made lighthouses, beach huts and moving pictures showing Mr Grinling's lunch being stolen by the seagulls as it went along the line from the cottage to the lighthouse.

The room looks so bare without all the children's colourful work.

Well done.

Mrs Vander-Elst



Junior Sports Day

The Juniors were full of anticipation and excitement when sports day finally arrived on Wednesday 16th June, the first in two years. The weather was kind and brought a beautiful June morning. After the last 15-18 months, it was brilliant to see so many pupils participating in different events. The pupils were involved in 6 different events, a sprint and a relay race within their class. The pupils showed exemplary sportsmanship and behaviour throughout the hot morning. The results were extremely close with only 26 points splitting the four houses:

Fourth place - St Michael with 618 points

Third place - St Edmund with 632 points

Second place - St Patrick with 640 points

First place - St Denis with 644 points



A massive thank you must go to former Head pupil, Lucas and the sixth formers for helping run the events or assisting with the scoring. A big thank you to the site team for helping organise the evening before and morning of sports day. A big thank you to all junior staff involved as well as the fantastic Ms Restivo for her planning, organising and delivery of the day.



Mr Oliver - Director of Sport



Year 6...



We have finally reached the end of another extremely challenging school year where, once again, the children have adjusted and adapted to everything that has been asked of them. I hope that, come September, we will be able to return to the normality of assemblies and school visits and all the other things that we used to take for granted. However, I know that the children will rise to any challenges still to come.

We approach the end of term with a certain sadness as we say goodbye to some members of the Junior team. To Mrs Vicens-Thompson who has taught Year 2 through the summer term; to Mrs Maxwell who has taught Junior School music and of course to Mrs Hickman, who is leaving us after a wonderful, dedicated teaching career of over thirty years. We wish them all good luck and every happiness and our thanks and good wishes go with them.

We will also be saying goodbye to our amazing Year 6 class. All of us lucky enough to teach them have been delighted with their progress and impressed with their maturity and positive attitude. It is fantastic that so many of them will be staying with us and I look forward to following their achievements in the Senior School.

With my very best wishes,
Ms Barker - Head of KS1 and KS2

Goodbye & Good Luck Year 6



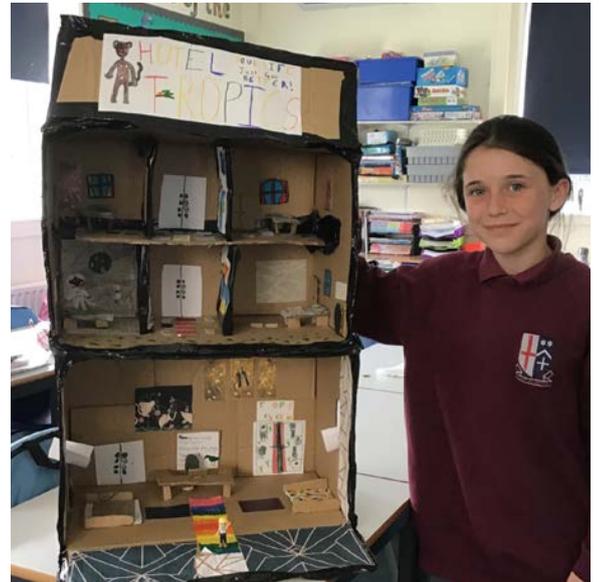
Bright Sparks Club

Over the last half term, the children who attend Bright Sparks club have been working on projects to design a 'Ten Star Hotel for Children.' On Thursday, it was time for them to give their final presentations to a panel of judges – Mr Peck, Miss Prieto and Mrs Black. The ideas and range of presentations were incredible.

Martha started us off with her 'Tropics Hotel,' she had chosen to make a 3D model of her hotel complete with themed rooms, slides and my favourite – a floor xylophone. Her tour guide, Samantha, took us round the hotel and showed us all the features. The judges were even lucky to receive a VIP ticket.

Next, Maisie and Aida, introduced us to 'Dream Topia,' a fun hotel with the motto, 'Your imagination awaits you.' They had again made a model which included ladders, slides, a playground and a customisable bedroom. They presented excellently with a lot of humour.

Finally, Theo presented his hotel – 'Natology World.' Theo had chosen to do a PowerPoint presentation which included all the features – watches and swipe pads, ceilings that are screens, mattresses that change firmness, a monorail, petting zoo and vegetable patch. He then gave us all a booklet of his hand drawn designs and also a tomato plant to take home. All three presentations were well thought out, imaginative and the children had put a great deal of effort into their work. Thank you also to the judges for giving up their lunchtime to hear the wonderful presentations. They now await the judges decision...



Ms Hoyles - Year 4 Class Teacher

Fencing Club

The fencing club has continued to stay in touch throughout the year. During Lockdown, there were interesting PowerPoints on 'Teams' giving information about the students' coaches, role models in fencing and exercises for them to practice before coming back to club.

Congratulations to both the senior and junior fencers who have made excellent progress under their coach Glen.



Ms Restivo - Fencing Club



LAMDA...

Saturday 22nd May was the day of the LAMDA examinations for our pupils from Year 3 – Year 9. They had all worked so hard and with huge tenacity during Zoom lessons! It is not easy acting in isolation and everyone entered into the spirit with great enthusiasm. All of us were a bit out of practice with taking formal external examinations and were facing an examiner we had never met before. What a challenge to go into a room (the senior library) and act your heart out on your own. Everyone was nervous – parents who were there to support waited anxiously at the door, but our pupils rose to the occasion with great pride and positive energy. All of them came out with huge smiles and a sense of pride in having taken up a challenge and seen it through.

Well done to:

Jamie
Milana
Isabella
Sula
Bronte
Prudence
Sita
Maya
Imogen
Theodore
Isabella
Kaela
Tyler
Jewell
Femi
Khalil
Hrishi
Joel
Isabella
Eddie
Aida
Sjoukje



Who all achieved excellent outcomes.

We are very proud of the hard work and creativity of all of our LAMDA pupils and look forward to seeing this creative and hard working cohort go from strength to strength.

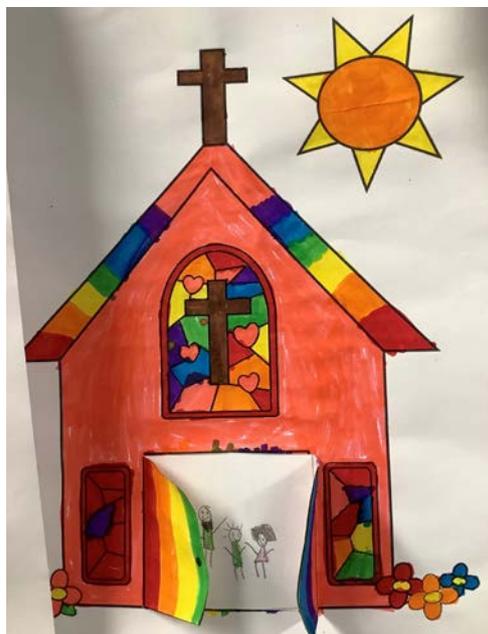
Well done to all LAMDA pupils.

If you would like to join classes, do get in touch.

Mrs Rogers - LAMDA Teacher



Reception



The children in our wonderful Reception class have been working tirelessly on their learning journey, Mini-Beasts. The children have been busy like bees and have created beautiful responses that are on display in our classroom. Our room looks amazing.

In RE, we have also been looking at 'Our Church Family.'

Mrs Vander-Elst - Teaching Assistant



Forest School For Nursery

The Dolphin and Butterfly groups were treated to their last session at Forest School this week. They have rounded up the end of term with a hotdog snack cooked outside, demonstrating their fantastic fire safety skills.

The children all took home a certificate and a medal to herald their success over the course of the year. The children have learned and mastered some amazing independence skills in dressing and learned how to manage and assess some of their own risk. They have watched the site change through the seasons and weather and experienced Mother Nature first-hand. As the future custodians of our planet, it is essential that the next generation learn how to take care of and understand how they impact their environment and nature.

This has never been more important.

Mrs Coates - Forest School Leader



Confirmation - 26th June



On Saturday, 26th June, six pupils were Confirmed at St Edmunds. Our congratulations go to: Year 11 boys Daniel and Nathan and Year 9 boys, Beau, Isaac, Marcus and Louis.

There are three Sacraments of initiation in the Church, firstly, Baptism which in the case of infants is decided by parents, secondly, First Holy Communion, which parents also decide and thirdly Confirmation, here the young person chooses whether or not to be Confirmed.

Father Steve preached a wonderful homily about the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives and, importantly, the deeper commitment that one makes to God when they choose to be Confirmed. It was a pleasure to prepare the students as they all showed maturity and a strong commitment to their faith during the sessions. We pray that our pupils will continue to experience the power of the Holy Spirit moving in their lives.

Mr Lohan - School Chaplain



Chaplaincy News



During the restrictions we have managed to run two liturgies a week at school. This has given the pupils the opportunity to pray regularly and reflect on their faith. I have enjoyed meeting with individual year groups on a regular basis. I have particularly enjoyed meeting with, Nursey, Reception and Year 1 and Year 2 over the past few weeks. Their joy, enthusiasm, innocence and simplicity of faith is infectious and it is no wonder that Jesus said to his disciples "Let the little children come unto me, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 19:14)

As we draw to the close of this term, I invite you to pray with me for those staff and pupils who are leaving, for those who remain and for all of our new staff and pupils who are joining us.

At the end of this school year we give you thanks for all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom, for the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced.

We give thanks for those who are leaving, for all the good that they have done, and all the seeds that they have sown. We give thanks for the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles, for the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days, and for the love that has kept us going.

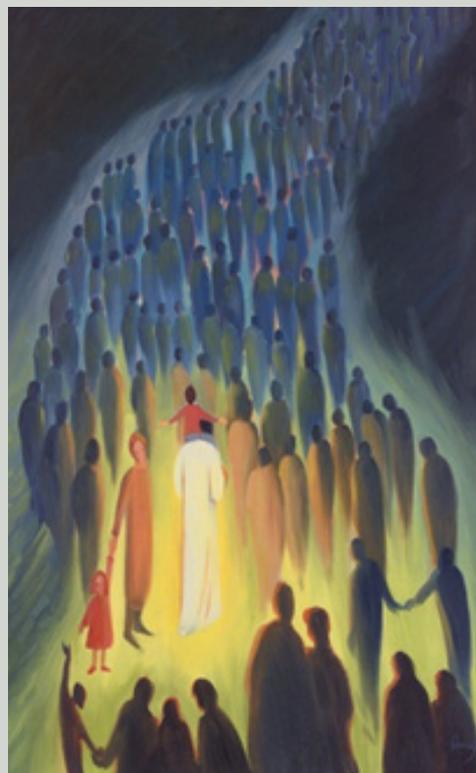
We also give thanks for our new staff, the friendships that have just begun and the new journey we will share. We give thanks for the community that we are, and for the community that we will become.

Bless our pupils, families and staff as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish. Pour out your love on us so that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Happy Holiday!

Mr Lohan - School Chaplain



Wraparound Care



Although this term has not been as summery as we all wished, the children at Breakfast Club and Crèche produced a beautiful seaside display which brightened our room even on the dullest of days.

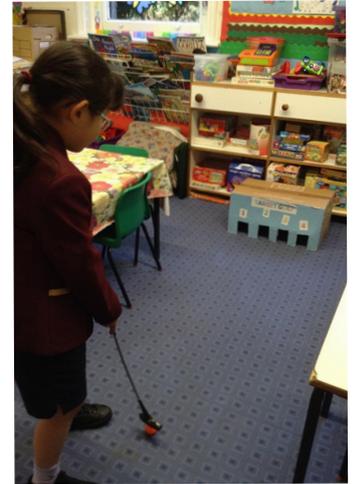
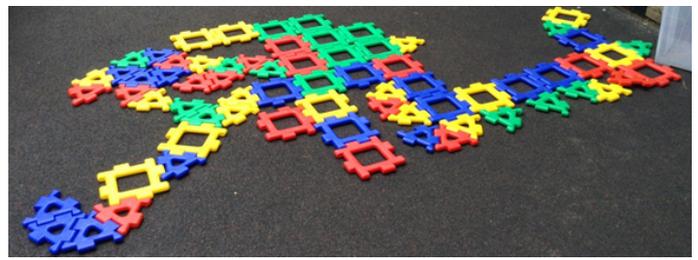
As part of World Oceans Day, we looked at the impact our plastic waste was having on some marine animals. We placed the decorated hands of the children around a world display showing their awareness of the real need to :-

“Lose the Loop, Stash the Trash”



Breakfast Club and Crèche

Despite the weather being colder than expected, we were all able to spend many days playing outside; flying paper aeroplanes, blowing bubbles, a game or two of golf (indoors or outdoors) and a few friendly England vs Germany football matches (England is still on a winning streak). Children have tested their contortionist abilities to fit into the cars they once upon a time used to drive, with varying success.



We, the staff, would like to take this opportunity to thank the children who have attended the Breakfast Club and Crèche for their fun-loving personalities and creative abilities.

We have been touched too that parents have enabled their children to attend just because they enjoy it rather than for parental need.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy holiday.

Mrs Vander-Elst - Breakfast Club and Crèche Supervisor



SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS

Not sure about Snaps, Streaks or Instagram? The variety of apps and social media tools can seem bewildering at first but the very-highly recommended NetAware resource from O2 and the NSPCC is an excellent way to find out more about the different apps and games your child may use – see: www.net-aware.org.uk

Tip: NetAware also has an app for your smartphone to stay in touch with the latest updates.

Games can be over-looked but remember most modern consoles connect online and often have in-built web browsers. Ensuring appropriate gaming content is also important so make sure to check what PEGI-rating different games have, including the descriptions such as sex, violence or bad language – see: www.pegi.info

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

Mrs Brooker - Designated Safeguarding Lead



Have a wonderful Summer break.

From Bishop Challoner.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday

3 SEPTEMBER

- New Pupil Induction Day for Reception, Year 7 and Year 12: 10.00am
- MidYis Assessments for Year 7: 11.00am

Monday

6 SEPTEMBER

- Whole school returns: 8.35am
- Whole School Welcome Assembly: 9.00am
- CEM Tests for Reception to Year 6: 9.00am

Tuesday

7 SEPTEMBER

- Year 7 Welcome Retreat Day: all day

Friday

10 SEPTEMBER

- Whole School Welcome Mass : 9.00am
- PTA Meet and Greet: 3.15pm

