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BEDE'S NEWS

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

As I write to you this week, I am reflecting with great pride and appreciation upon our two extremely successful recent Open Events here at the College – our Sixth Form Open Evening last week (at which we launched our new Sixth Form structure) and our Annual Open Evening last night. Both events were very well attended by our guests to the College, and I would like to wholeheartedly thank my colleagues and our pupils for their support, and for being outstanding ambassadors for this fine school at both events. We are now very much looking forward to our brand new Open Morning tomorrow from 10am until 2pm.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and many of us in the College community have pressing matters on our minds and in our hearts, and a number of other burdens which we are carrying. Mary calls us to bring them to her as our loving mother. We trust that Our Blessed Mother will take all of our concerns to her son Jesus.

The theme of the week here is "Faith" – as scripture says "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea', and it would obey you" (Luke 17:6). We need to regularly think about someone who we know is in need, and bring them to God in prayer. But how should we pray for them and what should we pray? It is important I think to spend some quiet time listening to what God might be saying to us in our hearts. We should do our best to pray with faith that God will answer our prayers – perhaps not always in our time or in our way – but to consistently have faith in God's love, God's power and God's wisdom.

I look forward to writing to you again next week, and to be able to celebrate another exciting and hope-filled week here at St Bede's.

You can learn much more about the life of the College via our website and social media channels and do please sign up to follow the College Twitter accounts and my own (@LouisdArcy1 is my handle) if you can.

We continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers here at the College.

Mr L d'Arcy
Headmaster
@LouisdArcy1



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ANNUAL OPEN EVENTS 3-18years

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 2019 - 10.00am ~ 2.00pm

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Wet But Undaunted

Last week, our Upper Fifth Geographers set off to Betws-y-Coed to complete compulsory fieldwork for their GCSE. Upon arrival at the Rhyd y Creuau Field Studies Centre, students had an introduction to fieldwork techniques and then layered themselves in every waterproof imaginable, ready to carry out their human fieldwork data collection in Llanwrst. The torrential rain made the use of iPads almost impossible (nothing beats pencil and paper!) yet the students showed great resilience and managed to collect their data efficiently.

The next day, the weather was far kinder to us, with the Welsh sunshine even breaking through the cloud at points, and students gathered their physical fieldwork data like pros. They collected a range of data on the Afon Conwy, with a few students taking home a sizeable volume of the river in their wellies as a souvenir.

Mr Parkes, Mrs Smith and I were most impressed with the way the students worked late into the evening during two intense classroom sessions and it was a pleasure to see how much progress was made over the three days. Staff and students returned to school on Wednesday with happy memories and a bag full of wet washing!

Miss Livesey



Success Across The Board

After a wash out of nearly all sports fixtures this weekend, we are pleased to announce the following Cross Country results: U12 runner Ophelia, in her first race for the College, finished third overall from a field of over eighty runners. Riley, who is no first timer, was third in the U14 race. She has been representing the College for the last three years in various activities. Riley had a special mention last term for her selection to the U14 England rounders team and has recently been selected for the Greater Manchester U14 football squad.

James finished second in the U14 race with Alfie sixth and Owen ninth. This is a two week competition, but having had to cancel last Friday, the second week will now be held on 18 October.

The Senior Netball team were winners of their first friendly match v Newcastle 37 -15, which bodes well for the upcoming season.

Mrs McCormick



U13 ESFA Cup Run Begins

ESFA Cup SBC 5-2 Abraham Moss

In the first round of the ESFA Cup competition the U13s travelled to Abraham Moss on a blustery evening which made conditions difficult. The boys settled down after a scrappy start and Kwame took control of the midfield and proceeded to dominate it for the rest of the game. An outstanding performance which would see him claim Man of the Match.

Indeed it was Kwame who gave the U13s the lead when he completed a nice passing move by beating a defender on the edge of the box and powering the ball into the bottom corner. It did not take long for St Bede's to double their lead after Benat weaved his way to the edge of the box where he was hacked down for a free kick in a fantastic position, Louis stepped up and curled the ball into the net. At half time we were three up after a wonderful corner from Benat was converted by Justin at the back post.

In the second half Abraham Moss mounted a comeback by scoring two goals of their own, but each time they did St Bede's responded with one of their own. Benat found the net twice, the first a lovely low drive from the edge of the box and finally a penalty earned by Harry O's blistering run past three defenders. The boys will be disappointed with the goals they conceded, but in difficult conditions and against a physical team they should be very proud of their resilience and ability to grind out a result.

Mr Mitchell



Drug Awareness

We are delighted to welcome Elizabeth Burton-Phillips QVA MBE as a guest speaker on Wednesday 6 November at 6pm. Elizabeth will speak to our Upper Fifth and Sixth Form during the day and in the evening she will also be delivering a presentation to parents and guardians.

Since losing Nicholas one of her twin sons to suicide at the age of 27 in 2004 Elizabeth Burton-Phillips now dedicates all her time to raising awareness of the horrific impact of drug and alcohol addiction on families and ensuring that those affected by someone's substance abuse receive adequate and timely support.

Elizabeth was nominated as a Woman of Achievement in the Women of the Year Lunch Awards from 2009-2012 and her courage and determination to support families continues to be acknowledged around the world. She was awarded an MBE in the June 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours List for 'services to people who experience drug addiction and their families' Her charity was further awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in May 2017.



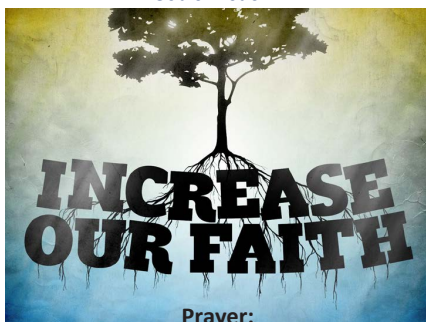
Theme of the Week

FAITH

"Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea', and it would obey you." (Luke 17:6)

Challenge:

Think about someone you know who is in need, and bring them to God in prayer. How should you pray for them and what should you pray? Spend some quiet time listening to what God might say to you in your heart. Pray with faith that God will answer your prayer – perhaps not in your time or in your way – but have faith in God's love, God's power and God's wisdom.



Prayer:

Dear God, increase my faith in you and help me to build your kingdom on earth. Help me to know how to pray with faith and trust in you. Amen

St. Bede's College proudly presents...

Professor Sir Ian Kershaw:

'The Rise of Hitler'



We are thrilled to announce that St. Bede's will host a talk by one of world's most renowned modern historians. His two part biography of Adolf Hitler, *Hubris and Nemesis* is a definitive text and his many other works attest to his unparalleled skill as a communicator of History as well as to his immense depth of scholarship. Professor Kershaw will speak for about forty-five minutes and has kindly agreed to answer questions from the audience.

We would like to warmly invite you and your students to attend. The event is free but seats are limited and can be reserved via [sims-pay \(www.sims-pay.co.uk\)](http://www.sims-pay.co.uk). If you would like further details, please email a request to Mr. Alasdair Power at apower@stbedescollege.co.uk.

Please let us know if you require special access arrangements in advance.

When?

Thursday, 21st November 2019, 5 p.m.

Where?

The Academic Hall,
St. Bede's College,
Alexandra Road South,
Manchester,
M16 8HX



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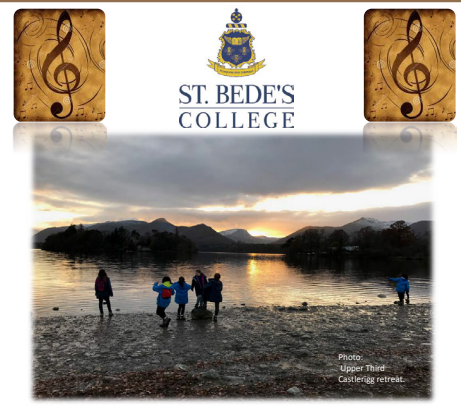
Friday 27 September 2019

Come along to Coffee Morning
Every penny we raise for Macmillan can help more people with cancer as they can.

Please arrive at the Vaughan Library from 8.15am and the coffee will be served at break and lunchtime.
Thank you!
(The House Teams)

Cakes, cuppas and cash at the ready!

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING
MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT
RIGHT THERE WITH YOU



ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

Autumn Concert

Tuesday 15 October 2019
Academic Hall
6:30 - 7:30 pm

A free and informal music recital showcasing the musicians and ensembles at the College

Play In A Day

On Friday 27 September, all students in the Upper Third were taken off timetable to participate in a group bonding exercise: Play in a Day. Competing in House groups, students performed a couple of scenes chosen by Mrs Alderson from Alan Ayckbourn's "Ernie's Incredible Illucinations" with a carefully choreographed dance sequence set to popular rock song "Eye of the Tiger" for a boxing match scene. (Thank you Mrs Barber for getting everyone to work together so well).

Mr Mason was on hand to source sound effects and provide stage lighting.

The winning House was Champion (under the directorship of Mrs Vyce) and the runners-up were Magdalene (well done to Mrs Sullivan).

Mrs Poolton chaired the panel of judges (comprising herself plus Tom and Lucy from A-Level Drama) and her thoughts follow: "We were really impressed with the enthusiasm of all the performers. There seemed a great team spirit in each of the Houses and we enjoyed some great performances. We have picked out our "best bits" from each performance."

Bosco (Mr Hughes)

It must have been very difficult to go first!

The highlights were:

- When the dead German soldiers were carried off - it was very funny
- Mum's voice - carrying it off for the whole time must have been difficult
- Dad's comic timing
- Auntie May's convincing stoop
- The boxing match

Star performer - Penelope - the German officer who was clear and confident, had a great accent and no script

Magdalene (Mrs Sullivan)

A worthy runner up

The highlights were:

- The dance - had the best timing and we were impressed by the facial expressions of all of the cast as well as the individual performances
- The scene where the soldiers burst in - having the German officers voice heard off stage was particularly effective
- The Doctor's very clear voice
- The boxing match

Star performer - Cliona - the boxing referee whose count and ad libs were great

Siena (Mr Yates)

Going last can't have been easy

The highlights were:

- The performance of the doctor and receptionist
- Auntie May's fight
- The soldiers looking at the TV
- Ernie's very clear delivery
- The use of music in between scenes

Star performer - Henry - the German officer for his reactions and particularly funny use of the stick!

Champion (Mrs Vyce)

Well done to this year's winners

The highlights were:

- The lack of scripts
- All the characters could be heard
- Ernie's very funny performance
- The crowd at the boxing match
- The dance - particularly the timing and the individual performances
- The carousel was particularly effective
- Improvisation throughout

Star performer - Charles - Dad for his accent and impressive dance

Overall, a fabulous and exhaustingly hilarious time was had by all and we have been able to spot a few new stars for the future!

Mrs Alderson





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Nature's Tiny Miracle

In their year group assembly on Monday, 'Nature's Tiny Miracle', Prep 6 Busy Bees explained to a variety of people – thugs, cleaners, lumberjacks, hunters, litter louts and gangsters – why it is so important to take care of the environment and protect our planet.



The pupils considered the harmful effects of vandalism, aerosols, deforestation, poaching, and plastic and air pollution on God's wonderful world. This very clear message was delivered through song, dance, actions, poetry and prayer. The show's finale was a beautiful rendition of Paul McCartney's 'Love Song to the Earth'.



Well done, Prep 6 – a most meaningful lesson!

John Lewis Community Art Wall

Prep 5 have been studying William Morris this term as part of their 'Victorians' topic. William Morris is one of the most influential designers of the 19th century.

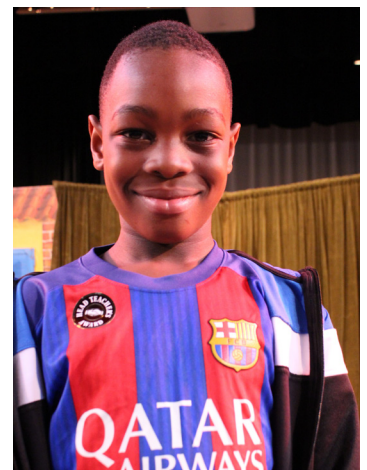
The children have enjoyed recreating some of his most famous wallpaper designs and six pieces of art work will be displayed in the John Lewis café in the Trafford Centre, from Monday 7 October until Sunday 24 November, on the Community Art Wall. Please go and have a look at their wonderful work.



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to our wonderful Enya and Jordan who received a letter in the post informing them they have been awarded a 'Headteacher's Award'.

Enya and Jordan are always so polite, well-mannered and friendly. They set a very good example to those around them. Mrs Hunt is especially proud of how well Enya has settled into Prep 2 and of how Jordan has been so kind and supportive to his classmates. Both children are standing out for all the right reasons.





Nursery - Louis
Reception - Olivia
Prep 2 - Christopher
Prep 3 - Bally
Prep 4 - Francesca
Martha

Notices

Monday 7 October
Cake Sale
Donations from Nursery and Prep 6
Children please

Cakes are NOT to contain nuts - thank
you



Free zone
from
nuts

Podcast

Following the centenary of the Suffragette movement, we were interested to see how the lives of women had changed in the last 100 years. We wanted to investigate modern-day female role models in Manchester, so we decided to interview three local businesswomen.



Our aim was to find out how they run successful companies whilst balancing the other commitments in their busy lives. Our first interview was with Gail Jones, Joint Managing Director and co-founder of UK Fast. UK Fast is a cloud hosting and data centre provider, just down the road from St Bede's on the Birley Fields Campus. We were keen to find out the inspiration and influences for Gail as a leader of this thriving Manchester company. We chose six girls from Prep 5 and 6 to be our interviewers and decided to make it into a podcast so they could share their findings with a wider audience.



We plan to release the podcasts on the first of each month until December and in our upcoming podcasts we interview Sally O'Loughlin; Hotel Owner and Interior Designer and Jennie Johnson; CEO of Kids Allowed Nurseries.

Our budding reporters have researched and developed the questions themselves and are extremely excited to hear their hard work go live! We would also like to thank Manchester band Alias Kid for giving us permission to use their music on our Podcasts.

Here is the link for episode one:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-130632280>