



BEDE'S NEWS

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian family,

The theme of the week at the College has been self-confidence and the challenge to us all is to continue to believe in ourselves and in what we see as the truth. We have been encouraging our pupils and each other to not bow to peer pressure and to speak up with respect. We keep trying to do our best to entrust everything that we are and that we have, to the care of Our Lord and be comforted that miracles do happen.

Since I last wrote to you it has been another bumper week here at St. Bede's College. On Saturday evening I attended the Manchester Irish Association Gala Dinner at the Midland Hotel, chiefly organised by one of our Bedian parents Mr McHale, and both my wife and I had a fabulous evening. It was lovely to meet so many current parents and fellow Bedians during the course of the evening and I am proud to write that St. Bede's College was extremely well represented!

It was a great pleasure for me to meet our U12 footballing heroes and their inspirational coach Mr Mitchell in my study on Monday and they are very rightly our Team of the Week.

Our 11+ admissions season continues at a pace and I am hugely enjoying meeting such a diverse array of friendly and engaging prospective pupils and their parents.

I have visited the Prep School unannounced on a number of occasions this week and I am always immediately struck by the warm glow of excitement and industry generated by our Prep pupils and my colleagues. I continue to enjoy chatting, when I can, with many of our wonderfully supportive Prep parents (and our wider parent body of course!) before and after school.

Our House Mass for the Feast Day of St. John Bosco was held in the Chapel yesterday afternoon and it was wonderful to join colleagues and pupils to celebrate the occasion solemnly. Father Mulgrew gave a truly inspiring sermon and on the grounds of my impending and well overdue diet, I respectfully declined the kind invitation to refreshments and cake in the dining hall afterwards!

As I draw my review of the week to a close, I would like to thank all of my colleagues, teaching and support alike, who endured the snow on Wednesday and worked so well as a team in order to ensure that the College was able to open as normal. I keenly understand however that for many families, the best decision for them was to remain at home.

I would like to wish you well for the coming week and we continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers here at the College, particularly at our weekly Mass held on a Tuesday.

Mr d'Arcy
Headmaster

Book Biscuits

Book Club members proved themselves expert biscuit decorators this week as they transformed Mrs Poolton's plain ginger biscuits into book themed masterpieces. The results were fantastic and ranged from Japanese writing to a Hogwarts House Crest. Mr Davies kindly agreed to take on the unenviable role of judge, eventually selecting Maite's Winnie the Pooh design as the winning biscuit.

Mrs Poolton, College Librarian





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U12 Team Cup Running Over

The U12 team continued their strong form in the Manchester Cup by beating Parrs Wood School 5-2 away from home, in wintery conditions. Snow fell throughout the game but the boys battled on against tough opponents to come out victorious.

The first half was a tight affair with both teams trying to dominate the ball. Bede's managed to take a one goal lead two minutes before half time when Justin linked up superbly with Benat who whipped in a cross which found Harry C. After an incredible run from the left wing he tapped it in at the back post.

St Bede's settled down in the second half and managed to impose themselves on the game. The pick of the goals came from Justin, after Kwame had beaten two people in midfield. He clipped the ball over the Parrs Wood defence, where Justin coolly slotted it into the corner. Parrs Wood pulled a goal back but Benat managed to add two more goals and Harry O scored with seconds left on the clock.

The boys now progress to the semi final with a trip to Wright Robinson most likely.

Mr Mitchell



Holocaust Memorial Event

On Wednesday 23 January, ten Upper Fourth pupils attended a Holocaust Memorial event at HOME Cinema.

The pupils watched four short films related to Holocaust commemoration. The theme of the collection of films was 'Torn From Home' and specifically covered how being a refugee is remembered and commemorated amongst the survivors of genocides and their descendants. The pupils particularly enjoyed a hip-hop-style short entitled 'Edek', which told the story of one man's bravery in sheltering Jews during the Holocaust.

After the films they listened to a moving talk by Danny Herman, one of the last Jews to escape Nazi Germany before settling to a life of safety and sporting success in Manchester. The pupils found his story of bravery, loss and good fortune both enlightening and relevant in a world dominated by several prominent refugee crises. Danny will be retelling his remarkable story at the Historians' Club on Friday 8 February.

With rising intolerance, as well as an increase in Holocaust denial and Anti-Semitism, this event helped to educate our pupils about not just the Holocaust itself but events such as the Rwandan Genocide.

Mr Lee Rodriguez



Congratulations

Four pupils received their awards in Celebration Assembly this morning for outstanding achievements in a variety of subjects.

Dan in Spanish, Gerrita in French, Sophie in Geography and Sophia in Music.

Well done to all.





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Medals Galore

On Friday 25 January the Upper Third Athletics Squad travelled to Sports City at the Etihad Campus to compete in the Manchester Indoor Athletics event. Both the girls and boys teams competed incredibly well and managed to finish third out of eighteen schools competing.

This has ensured qualification for the Greater Manchester Regional Invitational which takes place on Friday 1 February.

There were some excellent individual successes with pupils picking up the following individual medals:

Gold - James W 800m and Fiyin 60m B
Silver - Harry O 60m A, Shula 60m A, Amarachi, 60m B and Blessing 200m B
Bronze - William T 200m A and Boys Relay - Harry, William, Fiyin and Benat

Well done to all.

Mr Mitchell

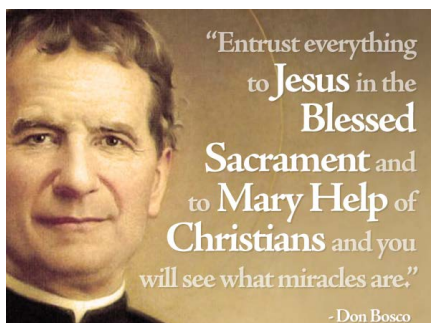


Theme of the Week

Self Confidence

Feast of St John Bosco 31st January

Challenge: Believe in yourself and in what you see as truth. Do not bow to peer pressure but speak up with respect. Entrust everything that you are and have into the care of Jesus and see miracles happen.



'Do not let people disregard you because you are young, but be an example to all believers in the way you speak and behave' (1 Timothy 4:12)



Team Of The Week - U12 Football Team

This week Mr d'Arcy was joined by the U12 Football team who are currently enjoying a winning streak.

They have won the majority of the regular block fixtures on Saturday mornings as well as battling through to the Manchester and ESFA cup semi-finals.



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College Closure & Severe Weather Procedures - Guidance for Parents / Carers

This procedure is applicable to all pupils in the College.

In the event of bad weather, we will endeavour to keep the College open. However, should the College be forced to close, we will then follow the procedures below

In the event of severe weather overnight, such as heavy snowfall, the College will update parents as follows:

- An InTouch message by email and SMS.
- An update will be posted on the College's website www.sbcm.co.uk.
- An update will be posted on the College's social media platforms (@stbedescollege & St Bede's College, Manchester)

If there is no such message on the website and you have not received a text message, you should assume that College will be open as usual and normal journeys should commence if it is safe and practically possible to do so.

In the event of closure, College buses will be cancelled and there will be only limited personnel on site at College.

The decision as to whether the College should and can stay open in inclement weather conditions is one the Senior Leadership Team take very seriously and the safety of the community is always uppermost.

You should only attempt to travel to school if you are satisfied the conditions are safe to do so. If you cannot get your child to school, or if you decide the conditions are hazardous, then please follow the usual Attendance Policy.





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Diversity - Prep Two Assembly

On Monday 28 January Prep 2 performed their class assembly. After much deliberation, the children decided that they wanted the theme to be all about diversity and how being different makes you special. We decided to show this through the story of God and the rainbow, talking about how He chose each colour because of their individual qualities.



The rainbow can remind us that our differences make us special and if we all stick together and accept this we will shine brightly. The children thought about this and wrote prayers to God to thank Him for making them different.

Well done!

More Photos: www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/prep-2-diversity-assembly/



Space The Final Frontier

Dr Sheila Kanani from the Royal Astronomical Society visited the Prep School this week. Dr Kanani carried out workshops with all classes from Nursery to Prep 6 and then with the teachers after school.



Dr Kanani's workshops were fabulous. The children learned so much about space including the size and scale of our Solar System, the component materials that make the nucleus of a comet (a cool dry ice experiment) as well as having the children undertake Stage One astronaut training, which included problem solving, reaction speed, a healthy meal for astronauts and learning and translating some Russian.

The children and staff really enjoyed their space experience with Dr Kanani and we very much hope to work with her again in the future.



Powering To The Podium

Our Prep 5 and 6 athletes braved the snowy, cold weather conditions on Tuesday to participate in the AJIS Indoor Athletic Championships in Wigan.

Competition was fierce and our pupils performed admirably in events that included speed bounce, standing longjump, soft javelin and balance. The pupils showed great camaraderie and team spirit throughout the day, supportign and encouraging each other, particularly in the relays and endurance events.

We achieved varying degrees of success but huge congratulations go to our four medallists, Joshua P5, bronze in the three lap track, Ayo P6, bronze in the vertical jump, Kilty and Mwena P5, gold in the chest push. Condolences go to Ellie P6 who missed a medal in the one lap track by just 3/100ths of a second - so close!





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STARS OF WEEK



Reception: Leah
Reception: Patrick
Prep 5: Joe



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 3



Notices

Thursday 7 February
Bosco House 'Danceathon' 1.30pm

Bosco House children only to wear an item of red with their school uniform, donations are welcome.
British Heart Foundation