



BEDE'S NEWS

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Reflections on the Week

Congratulations to everyone who has been part of the 'Hairspray' production. Dancers, Singers, Actors, Musicians and Technical support you are all delivering an amazing performance. I am so proud to see how you work as a team and approach a challenging script. Mr d'Arcy was part of the audience on Wednesday and he loved the production. We have so much talent here at St Bede's. Thank you to everyone who has been part of this amazing production. I am looking forward to seeing the closing production on Saturday night.



Mrs S Pike

Hairspray

A sell out show on every night and a protean range of talent on display made this a quite unforgettable production. The audience were transported to Baltimore, USA in 1962 where one girl is determined to challenge colour segregation in spite of the disapproval of almost everyone around her. The music of the period and the joyous exuberance of youth were perfectly captured by the direction of Miss Smith and the choreography of Mrs Barber, while the costumes chosen by Mrs Alderson perfectly reflected the status and identity of each character. The orchestra, under Mr Davies' impeccable direction, created a superb context for the young singers and how they rose to the occasion!

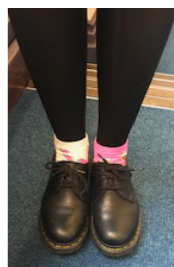
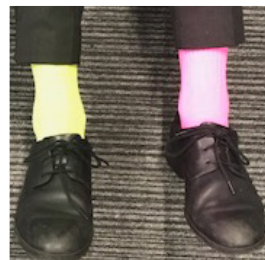
Rarely can such a youthful cast have displayed such vocal range and maturity, with Velma's 'Miss Baltimore' and Motormouth Maybelle's 'I know Where I've Been' being particular highlights. As the curtain comes down on Saturday night we will begin the long farewell to another rich crop of performers who move on from the sixth form to university. Will, who has never dropped a comic line and Emily who is the queen of the pout and flounce, will be much missed, as will the poised Freya and the positively balletic Brontë. James and Finlay whose duet brought the house down every night, have given so much over the years while Harriet once more inhabited a role, breathed life into Tracy as only she can do. A fitting climax.

More Pictures: www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/hairspray-2018/



Anti-Bullying Week

As part of our anti-bullying week activities today, many pupils sported odd socks to raise awareness and reinforce the message that it is OK to be different. Mrs Poolton produced an excellent display in the library and in a competition to design a poster about this year's theme 'Choose Respect' Chloe (U4 Coy) won the award with her eye-catching design.





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Latest Football News - ISFA Cup Leeds Grammar

St Bede's College went one up with some nice work down the right hand side from Mancisidor who cut the ball back for Davies to finish expertly. St Bede's then conceded a penalty which Francis managed to save but Leeds scored the rebound. Bede's then lost their shape and Leeds punished them to go 2-1 up. In the second half St Bede's continued to dominate the game but couldn't find a way through until Davies whipped a free kick into the top corner to take the game into extra time. Enthused by the late goal, St Bede's went on to take control in extra time and hit Leeds quickly with Salisbury scoring off a corner and a neat finish from Neill to put them 4-2 up within the first four minutes. Leeds battled to get themselves back in the game but St Bede's were able to secure a 4-2 win.



Easyfundraising

Thank you to those Parents and Staff who have signed up to support us on Easyfundraising. We have already raised over £32!!!

All students in the college have this week received a laminated business card with details of the link to get involved.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sbcmanchester/

It takes no time at all, is very simple to do and costs you nothing. If you do internet shop, book hotels/holidays online or use insurance/utility comparison sites we would be very grateful if you could sign up and help us to raise money for our fantastic charities - Dementia and Alzheimers.

Thank you in advance

Mrs Corbett

Christmas shopping list
 You could help us raise over £30 in free funds with your Christmas shopping

Gift	Cost	Retailer	Donation
Gift for him	£50	MeatFind	4% = £2
Gift for her	£50	Next	4.5% = £2.25
Gifts for kids	£120	Amazon	1.5% = £1.80
Christmas day groceries	£80	Waitrose	£20
Boxing day buffet	£20	Covent Garden	£3
Christmas party outfit	£50	ASDA	3% = £1.50
Christmas tree	£55	Willy	3.5% = £1.93
Decorations	£40	Wilko	1% = 40p
Stocking fillers	£30	Primark	5% = £1.50
Total			£34.38
20 supporters =			£687.60

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Christmas Fair
 Saturday 1 December 2018
 9.30 - 12.30

- ❖ Festive plant stall
- ❖ Chocolate Tombola
- ❖ Gaelic coffee & mince pies
- ❖ Selfie with Santa
- ❖ Wheel of chocolate fortune
- ❖ Hot snacks
- ❖ Bottle Tombola
- ❖ Face painting
- ❖ Fantastic raffles prizes to be won
- ❖ Craft stalls

Netball

Congratulations to the U16 netball team who finished 3rd in the County round of the National Schools Tournament. This meant that they narrowly missed out on qualifying to the North West round. This is a great pity as Greater Manchester is an excellent County for Netball with teams qualifying from this round often going on to win the All England National tournament.



The girls demonstrated excellent spirit and work ethic throughout with some outstanding original skills shown by one or two of our players. Harriet the captain plays for Northern Thunder as does Savannah. Aoife plays for Greater Manchester County. The team gelled and applied feedback. In the qualifying round we beat Wright Robinson, Oldham Hulme, Saddleworth, Stockport, Cardinal Langley, Loreto grammar and Altrincham Girls. In the semi-final we played Withington the score at ½ time was 5-5. The score remained on centre until the last minute of the game when 2 mistakes by our team were capitalised on and Withington won 11-9. hugely disappointing but we must celebrate the success of the day 3rd from 16 top netball schools is a fabulous achievement.

Mrs McCormick



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Bosco House Welcomes SVP

As part of our ongoing efforts to develop intergenerational links with our local community Bosco House, represented by Year Leaders, were delighted to welcome visitors from a local Parish SVP group as our guests to watch Hairspray. The ladies were delighted with their VIP treatment and thoroughly enjoyed the show which they said 'gave any professional theatre a run for its money'.

Well done Emily, Jack and Grace for being great House Ambassadors. We look forward to welcoming more visitors throughout the year.

Mrs Corbett



Blackrock Weekend

Blackrock College, Dublin, returned to St Bede's, last weekend for the annual football fixture when the first and second teams compete for the Blackrock Challenge Trophy and the Rowlands Trophy, respectively. This eagerly awaited weekend was established between the two schools over fifteen years ago by former Headmaster John Byrne.

On a beautiful, autumnal Saturday morning the four teams met at Brantingham Road. The second eleven game was slightly one sided as a very young St Bede's team fought valiantly against a much older and more physical Blackrock side, who ran out deserved winners 5-0. In a more evenly contested fixture the first eleven game ebbed and flowed with the home team leading 1-0 at half time. However, an early penalty in the second half and a backpost header from a corner gave Blackrock the lead. Bede's piled on the pressure looking for an equaliser, to no avail and Blackrock scored again on the break to make it 3-1.

The weekend included dinner on the Friday evening for both teams in Didsbury and took in the Bolton-Swansea match on the Saturday afternoon. We look forward to the visit to Dublin next year.



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St Bede's House Christmas Card Competition
2018

'Child of our planet'

U3 HOMEWORK

The Art department are delighted to announce the launch of this year's Christmas Card Competition.

This year's theme is 'Child of our planet' – allowing plenty of scope for you to think ecologically and astronomically as well as theologically in your creative interpretation of the theme!

- Entries must be unique, thoughtful, skilful and bold
- Use the A5 paper provided
- Your name, form and house must be written clearly onto the back of your design
- There will be an overall winner and a house winner

Entries must be submitted on Monday 19 November to Mrs Dittman in R4

Winning artists will be entered into the Catholic Independent Schools' Conference (CISC) Christmas Card competition.



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This CISC competition is now in its eighth year. The standard of entry across the age range has been consistently impressive the images below are some of last year's entries:

The winner of the CISC Junior Category was our very own Sonny Francis, now in L4. Sonny's carefully composed collage brings our attention to the Christ child. In a bold use of text, Sonny achieves the use of scripture and uses the phrase, "The night that changed everything." This conveys the heart of the Christian message but uses a technique borrowed from the kind of public art quotations you're likely to see in Times Square.



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We Will Remember Them.

The Prep 5 assembly this year focused on remembrance of those who lost their lives during World War I. The assembly started with a look back on the former pupils of St Bede's who died during the war. They then presented a piece about Vera Brittain whose diaries as a nurse during the conflict, in which she lost her brother, fiancé and close friends, were published into a book "Testament of Youth".

This was followed by a scene from "The Wipers Times" based on the true events where soldiers wrote their own newspaper from the trenches, in which they ridiculed the military leadership and the politicians who sent them to war. The scene ended with an anti-war song "Profit In Peace."

Next the children performed a piece from RC Sherriff's famous WWI play "Journey's End." which ended with them "Going Over The Top!" before performing "The Soldier" by Rupert Brooke. This was followed by "The Last Post" played by Mr Davies and a minute's silence.

The assembly ended with a performance of "The Green Fields Of France". There wasn't a dry eye in the packed Academic Hall. Parents were enthralled by the wonderful performance of the Prep 5 children. They really were fantastic. They have worked incredibly hard in the build up to Remembrance Sunday.

The children gained so much from their preparation and performance; working and learning lines to a deadline, speaking and performing in public and learning about the bravery of so many men & women one hundred years ago including the many Bedians who served and died.

They will remember their assembly. They Will Remember Them!

To view images of the assembly follow this link: www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/prep-5-world-war-i-commemoration-assembly/

To watch the video of the assembly follow this link: www.sbcm.co.uk/sbctvs/prep-5-world-war-i-remembrance-assembly/



St Bede's STEM Club Starts.

Tuesday saw the start of the first ever STEM Club at St Bede's. A group of enthusiastic scientists from the Prep gathered in H1, one of the College laboratories, where they were greeted by Mrs Edwards (Prep Science Coordinator), Mrs Michael (Head of Science in the College) and Jess a Sixth-Form Student and our Lead STEM Ambassador.

The children learned about natural and manmade polymers before investigating hydrogels and their use in babies' nappies and firefighting. They had a wonderful time in the lab. It was the first phase of their investigative programme.



Chaplaincy Team Training Day

The new members of the Chaplaincy Team had their training day and commissioning service at Salford Cathedral on Monday 12 November. Twelve schools from around the diocese received training from Sr Judith Russi from the Department for Education. The pupils spent the day learning what is involved in being a Pupil Chaplain and writing a development plan to focus their endeavours. The day concluded with Canon Anthony McBride, Episcopal Vicar for Education, commissioning each pupil, they were presented with their official certificate to act as Pupil Chaplains in the Diocese of Salford.





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Headteacher Awards

This week the brilliance of our children has been highlighted with a record number of Headteacher Awards. Four wonderful individuals have been presented with the award from Mrs Hunt. They have shown the unique attributes each of our children have in the Prep.

Congratulations to you all. Sophie for your wonderful charity work in making and selling poppies as part of the Remembrance Day events in the school. The money you have raised and donated to the College Memorial Fund dedicated to Bedians who fell in World War I & World War II. Rex and Hogan for demonstrating your unerring helpfulness, care and consideration following the Harvest Assembly. Amelie, your poem about the 'Windrush' generation was beautiful. A shining example of endeavour and empathy.

We are so proud of you all. Your headteacher awards are very well deserved.



A Roman Adventure

On Wednesday 16 November, Prep 3 visited the Grosvenor Museum in Chester. The visit tied in with this term's topic 'The Romans'. The historical city of Chester was a perfect location to see the ruins of a once occupied Roman fortress. During the visit the children were able to look around the two main exhibition galleries of the museum and were then invited to take part in a workshop. This included learning about the archaeological aspects of Roman history.



The afternoon was lots of fun as the class were able to dress up as soldiers and march around the city chanting at full volume! It also included a visit to the amphitheatre where our group leader taught us some battle formations. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and a superb learning experience for Prep 3!

For more images from the Legion's Roman Adventure follow this link: www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/prep-2-roman-adventure/





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Nursery - Oliver

Prep 1 - Victor & Raffi

Prep 2 - Dara

Prep 3 - Oscar

Prep 6 - Bailey & Peter

STARS OF WEEK



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Reception



Notices

Fill sweetie jars for the Christmas Fair.

Donations for the Christmas fair.

Tuesday Prep 2 Tatton Park Visit

Wednesday Own Clothes Day