



ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

BEDE'S NEWS

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

It gives me great pleasure to be writing to you at the end of the third week of term and it has been another rewarding and exciting week here at St Bede's.

Our theme of the week in the College has been "The Kingdom of Heaven" - as scripture says "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand" (Matthew 4:17). The challenge for all of us this week, as we launch the College's annual pilgrimage to Lourdes with our Lower Sixth students, is to consider whether we could participate in a pilgrimage at some point soon in our lives. Going on pilgrimage to a holy place can be an adventure during which one feels inspired and strengthened in one's faith and closer to God. It can often also be a new beginning.

I am delighted to have conducted a great many 11+ admissions interviews this week and there has been hugely positive feedback from prospective pupils and their families regarding the College. In particular, the candidates and their families have been extremely complimentary about our tremendous current pupils and my colleagues. The strongest advocates for St Bede's continue to be our fabulous families and my brilliant colleagues. I am very much looking forward to conducting more interviews here at the College tomorrow morning, before heading to Wright Robinson College to watch our Senior Girls in the Regional Finals of the National Netball Championships. If they finish in the top two tomorrow, they will qualify for the National Finals in London! Whatever the outcome is tomorrow, I am so proud of your fantastic season and your outstanding teamwork so far. Thank you also for the inspirational support for them from my coaching colleagues.

Thank you so much as always for your unwavering commitment to the College and I hope that you all have a relaxing and restorative weekend.

May God bless you all and we continue to keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers here at St Bede's.

Mr L d'Arcy
Headmaster
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ST BEDE'S COLLEGE MANCHESTER

THE PLACE TO BE





Kitchener Camp and Jewish Refugees

With the impending International Holocaust Day on Monday 27 January and this year being the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, we were very fortunate to have an amazing display on the Kitchener Camp and Jewish refugees in the Second World War. It was loaned to us for one day by the 'Learning from the Righteous' project and this was the first time the display has been seen outside of London.

There was also Holocaust Memorial Workshop in the library today with special guests Danny Herman, a Jewish refugee at a young age in 1939 and Antony Lishak from the Holocaust Memorial Day, a published author with years of experience in Holocaust education.

Mr Lee-Rodriguez

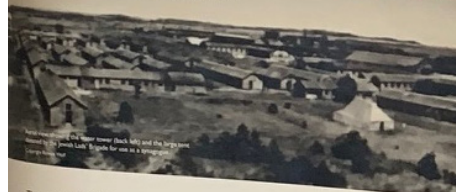


Kitchener camp was located a short distance from the town of Sandwich in Kent. The site provided 42 residential huts, each divided in two, with bunk beds for sleeping.

Some documents identify which hut a Kitchener man lived in. In some Kitchener photographs, groups of men stand in front of their hut numbers.

There are few official records remaining from these events: many were destroyed or have been lost. Instead, this exhibition draws on the letters, documents, and photographs that were kept by the Kitchener refugees. These family materials provide a broad sense of the Kitchener history, from the perspective of those who were rescued.

Out of this chaos of old boilers and rubbish dumps there gradually emerged a sense of orderliness. The confusing huts became sorted out, the dining tables clean, white wooden tables and chairs. The store swelled with double beds, enamel jugs, zinc buckets, and coco-matting rugs - all lavishly displayed. Adapted from The Kitchener Camp Review, March 1939



The men arrived with the expectation that wives and children would soon follow. The daily construction work was partly intended to distract from this separation.



LEFT: Inside one of the huts at Kitchener Camp. An official notice was pinned to a Kitchener hut on 24 August 1939.

In six weeks Kitchener had to go from an old army camp to operating as a small settlement for 4,000 men. At the time, the neighbourhood had a population of around 3,500.

There were huts for catering, teaching, there were stores, a post office, a cinema and a hospital; there were dentists, barbers. There were also large bike and luggage stores and toilet blocks adjoined the huts.

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goods and materials to be shared among the refugees during renovation and repair.

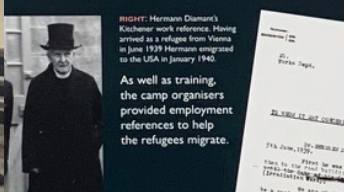
maintenance, or morale, or horror in the camp, and there was a sense of which

anger in mistreated refugees' physical worse.

Others spoke with pride in their work. It was a sense that however hard it was, it provided a sense of purpose and that renovating the huts for more men to be rescued.

How the rescue was regarded among the men seems to have differed according to character traits, state of health, age, friendship, whether family members in continental Europe.

Kitchener was far from luxurious and there have been a moment's quietness or privacy always intended to be a short-lived stoppage of safety until the men could emigrate.



RIGHT: Hermann Diamant's Kitchener work reference. Having arrived as a refugee from Vienna in June 1939 Hermann emigrated to the USA in January 1940.

As well as training, the camp organisers provided employment references to help the refugees migrate.

BELOW: Refugee Josef Frank's Jewish Lads Brigade badge. By war's end Josef was the only survivor of his extended family.

Few records remain from the camp. By collating small everyday objects, such as the arrival numbers, was the history, one item at a time.

badge giving

Holroyd Howe Chinese New Year The Year of the Rat

In celebration of Chinese New Year - The year of the Rat. Steve, our Head Chef, will be doing a Chinese Themed Day on Monday 27 January.

There will be something tasty for everyone as you can see from the sample menu displayed here.

We hope you enjoy it!

Holroyd Howe



Theme of the Week

The Kingdom of Heaven

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(Matthew 4:17)

Challenge

This week we launch the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes with the L6. Going on pilgrimage to a holy place can be an adventure where you feel inspired, strengthened in your faith and closer to God. It can be a new beginning. Have you been on a pilgrimage?



Prayer:

Lord, you give me the opportunity to repent, leaving my old ways behind and moving forward. Help me to follow you on life's pilgrimage journey to you, you are the way, the truth and the life. Give me special places and times where I can deepen my faith. May opportunities come my way and give me the courage to accept a new challenge. Amen

Team of the Week

Team of the Week - St Bede's pupils did themselves proud, winning three out of four categories at the Modern Languages Performance Morning at Cheadle Hulme School. They met with the Headmaster to discuss their wonderful achievement.





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WWF: Australia

On Wednesday the whole of the Prep came to school wearing their own clothes in order to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund: Australia Bushfire Emergency. Everyone has seen the heart breaking images on the news of how the lives and habitats of so many of Australia's unique flora and fauna have been devastated by the ongoing bushfires.

In our Building the Kingdom classes many children expressed their sadness at what they saw happening to the animals and asked if we could do something to help. This fantastic sense of community, charity and care shown by our children is wonderful to witness and with their generous donations has raised an amazing £553.83!

Thank you all for showing your support and love for the victims of these tragic fires.



Space Education Gold Award

The Space Education Quality Mark Gold Award Plaque has finally arrived in the Prep. The Gold Award was given to the Prep for all of the fantastic work the children produced.

Their work impressed STEM Learning UK, the European Space Agency's Education Resource Office and astronaut Tim Peake. Everyone was so excited to receive the wonderful plaque which is on display outside the Prep School Office. Make sure you pay it a visit when passing. It is beautiful!



Happy Birthday!

Reception - Kyra-May

Prep 5 - Grace

Prep 6c - Sofia

Notices

Tuesday 28 January

Prep 2 Assembly - Chapel 3.00pm

Please enter via Prep Entrance no earlier than 2.50pm to allow the children to finish their last minute preparations.

HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Reception



STARS OF WEEK



To celebrate Chinese New Year there will be a Chinese themed menu in the dining room on Monday 27 January.



Prep Three Visit Chester

Prep 3 visited Chester Zoo on Thursday as part of their topic in Humanities 'The Rainforest'. The sun was shining and most of the animals were visible throughout the day.

On arrival the children were excited to see the monkeys at the first available opportunity and they were on form as expected. There were then plenty of photo opportunities as the class saw bears, zebras, tigers and even a rare species of kangaroo.

A brief stop for lunch was then followed by a more thorough tour of the zoo in the afternoon. Amongst the children's favourite animals were snakes, jaguars and the very intimidating lions.



The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the bat cave which every member of the class experienced. They were given a talk by one of the zookeepers in almost total darkness whilst being surrounded by hundreds of flying bats. The day was a superb adventure for all the class who gained a huge amount from the trip.



Coding Wizards and Their Wands

Preps 5 and 6 have been putting their coding skills to the test whilst using the brand new Harry Potter Coding Wands. St Bede's are the first school in the country to use this equipment in the classroom!

Students must use advanced coding concepts such as variables, loops and sensor algorithms to make their spell patterns change objects on the screen. The children have loved using the wands, they said it makes them feel like they are actually living in the 'Wizarding World'.

They have really enjoyed the challenges, creating the codes which have been difficult but really rewarding when they have cast the correct spells and they see it work.

Look at this video to see the 'Wingardium leviosa' spell in action.

<https://vimeo.com/386675149>

