



The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian Family,

As I write to you with my latest review of the week, I hope that all members of our College community are keeping safe and well during these difficult times. It has been a great joy for us to be able to welcome back many of our Prep pupils and colleagues this week, and it has been wonderful for me to be able to hear the sound of children playing outside sailing through my study window after such a long period of silence. We have greatly missed our pupils and colleagues here at the College, as well as the frequent visits to the site by our loyal and supportive families.

I would like to thank you again for the extremely valuable and essential feedback which we continue to receive regarding our systems for remote learning, and it has helped us to incrementally develop our practice during this period of physical closure for the College. We are currently extremely busy planning for the phased reopening of the College to our Lower Fifth pupils and Lower Sixth students from Monday 15th June and we are very much looking forward to some semblance of normality returning soon. The health and safety of our pupils, their families and my colleagues however remains of course of the highest priority and I will be writing to our families about our plans on Monday.

During this continued period of unprecedented uncertainty and change, it is so important that we continue to spend some valuable time each day in spiritual reflection. I have included a prayer below for us to say in private or with our loved ones:

Lord our God, open us up to your Spirit
living within us,
that we may live fully
each day of our lives.
Touch us,
that we may become more aware
of all that is around us,
growing in a sense
of wonder and awe,
and in appreciation
for all that we see and hear
and touch, taste and smell.

May we live in such a way
that we never take anything
for granted,
but always be appreciative
and express our thanks
to those who are part of our lives.
Amen.

St Bede – pray for us.

For the many of you who have been recently enquiring, my wife and my baby daughters Anna and Claragh are all happy and healthy, and we very much look forward to introducing them to you when the time is right.

As I come to the conclusion of my review, I would like to thank you all again for your outstanding support for myself and the wider College in recent times and I very much look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Do please continue to stay in touch with my colleagues and me, and do not hesitate to contact us at any stage if you need our assistance or advice.

May God bless you all and we continue to keep all of the Bedian Family in our thoughts and prayers.

Kind regards,

Mr d'Arcy.

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A Sense Of Place

U3B have been working on a developing writing skills unit and as part of this, we began to explore how to create a stupendous setting. After exploring a variety of extracts, students were given the freedom to create their own description and work on crafting their language to create a sense of place:

Mrs Norris

Halloween - Fareedah I

It was the night of halloween (the most gothic night of the year). Darkness covered the vast graveyard. Everywhere was pitch-black, except from the light inside of the church. It was gloomy and scary: the howling of wolves in the distance; the light kept flickering on and off and it was suddenly getting colder and colder. Overhead, grew dark clouds looking down angrily. Soon after, the clock stroke midnight and the shadow of the church-tower was towering over me. Looking around, it smelt like the undead. The wind blew bitterly as the night went on. The path ahead was dark and somewhat scary, it was foggy and was hard to see with only the brightness of the full moon to see. The white, silky spiderweb hung like curtains. Two birds pouched on the top of the gravestones and started to stare intensely.

The Crash - Edward C

Walking in the door and pushing through the turnstiles, I was in. No-one had entered ever since the crash. Glass from the train painted the platform. The train, left in pieces, a wreck nobody could forget. Intermittent power surges made the lights flicker sporadically. Frightening the rats, scuttling over the disused tracks. I jumped down onto the tracks and made my way to the dark tunnel in anticipation. I turned on my torch. Nervous about what would happen next, I stepped into the darkness.

The Football Pitch - Max H

The football pitch is the place where I feel that I can be myself and I can be the most happy. I have lots of very good memories there, on the pitch, in the stands, in the changing room. This place is where I call my second home. It has the most beautiful blades of grass and is full of bright blue seats, going all around the pitch like a massive ocean. The crowd cheering on as you play is the best moment in the world and you can never forget the chants and the noises that the sound makes. I can be myself and express my feelings out on the football pitch and that is where I feel most pleased to be. I can never tell if it is going to be sunny or whether I'm going to freeze and it will be extremely windy or wet, but I always know that every time I step on to that football pitch, I can embrace myself and do the things I want to do and become the person I aspire to be.

By the Beach - Peter H

Early one Sunday morning when the sun was shining, my family and I decided to go on an adventure, but no one knew where we were going except me. Everyone was so excited, as we had been stuck at home for half a year. Charlie, my little brother, had forgotten how the outside world looked before lock down. I had planned for us to go to the beach. We were only 5 minutes away. When we got there I told my brother to close his eyes. He was shocked when he opened them and realised we were at the beach. As Charlie started running across the sand he shouted excitedly, "it feels like the sand is tickling my feet." In a flash, we all ran onto the sand. It was the most glorious, golden beach. The sand was burning hot from the beating sun, and the calm, blue ocean waves made a gentle hissing sound as they crept onto the shore. Occasionally there was a cool light breeze, which felt so soothing on your face, a welcomed break from the heat of the scorching, summer sun. I could hear the flapping wings of the seagulls as they flew up high in the clear, blue sky. At the end of the beach, I could hear the enticing music of an ice cream van, and children laughing as they put ice cream on their friend's noses. After half a year stuck at home, this felt like heaven. As I fell asleep, I enjoyed the feeling of the warm, morning sun on my tired face.

Thank You

In these challenging times when pupils have been spending a lot of time at home, by no means have they been idle! As well as keeping busy with online learning, one of our Upper Third pupils, Sarah has been busy paying tribute to the key workers and the NHS. She lives on a road that has two care workers, a social worker a nurse and two teachers and also police officers.

Sarah set to task to create a large banner of appreciation and unfurled it. Mr Davies, her form tutor said 'Sarah is an incredibly hardworking pupil and her artwork has been very therapeutic. She finds it helps her to wind down after and during a busy day of school work. I was amazed by the boldness of her work and her use of colour. I am sure that the key workers passing by will really appreciate Sarah's efforts. Well done Sarah!'

Sarah has been recommended for a Headmaster's Commendation by Mrs Park, her Art teacher, who was extremely impressed. 'This is great, Sarah is brilliant and absolutely loved doing art, so I am really pleased it's helping her and that she's using it to encourage and thank other people too.'

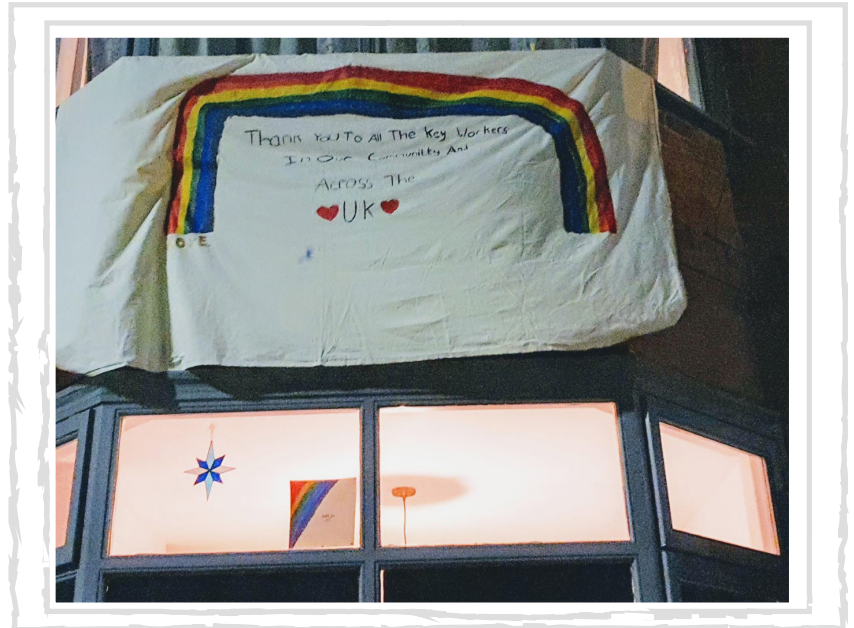
Mr Davies

Mother Tongue Winner

Congratulations to Maria B-M from class L4MRL who has been chosen as a winner in the Mother Tongue Other Tongue Competition on the Other Tongue category for her poem "Montserrat".

This is a multilingual poetry competition that celebrates cultural diversity and the many languages currently spoken in schools across the UK. This competition was open to all students from primary and secondary schools in the North West and West Midlands regions so the competition was fierce.

Mr Gerardo



Montserrat.

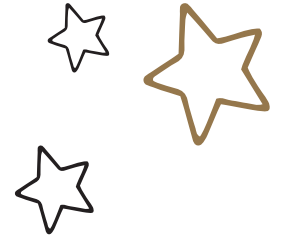
Mountains, the true birth of nature, your eyes are They melt when you see one and your heart burns with fear when you step on it. Your hair like silk flutters but your body freezes. The sun hangs over the sight, and like a blaze, cold and hard, overwhelms your fragile body to bow to the real power of life, your eyes are fixed. The sun burns through them leaving a tear running down your cheek. A part of you wants to continue until you reach the top, but the other part of you can't go on. Every step you take, every creak is part of the experience that your senses have absorbed. This new experience threatens you but it also illuminates your whole being. In the top, your eyelids close before you take your last deep inhalation. Experiencing life in all its glory begins to seem too much to understand. Such wonder, such magnificence it is overwhelming. You relax completely free, to embrace the only one country that can alter you so internally, that it can caress your soul, Spain. It's not any mountain that can scare you so deeply, but this one projects peace in a way that many others cannot. The spirit of mother nature itself, Montserrat.



Headmaster's Commendations



U3 MUR	Francesca B	French
U3 WLS	Maria DH	Classical Civ
U3 WLS	Maksy B	Classical Civ
U3 DVS	Charles S	Maths
L4 LVR	Josie O	Science
L4 LIV	Alex B	Geography
L4 WIL	Isobel H	Geography
L4 LVR	Frankie I	Geography
L4 MRL	Rafal S	Geography
L4 MRL	Maria B-M	Spanish
L4 MRL	Dara S	History
U4 SIN	Aaron A	Geography
U4 DUN	Erin B	Geography
U4 COY	Riley B	History
U4 PRH	Ashton M	History
U4 SMT	Niamh R-N	History

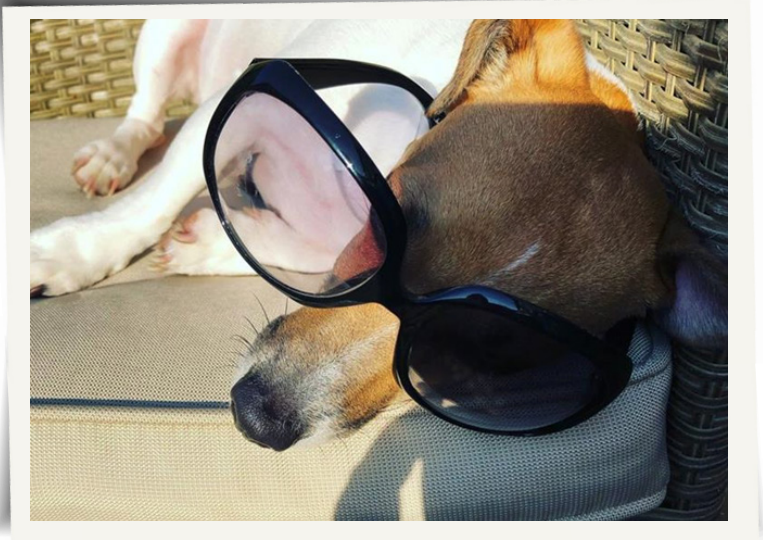
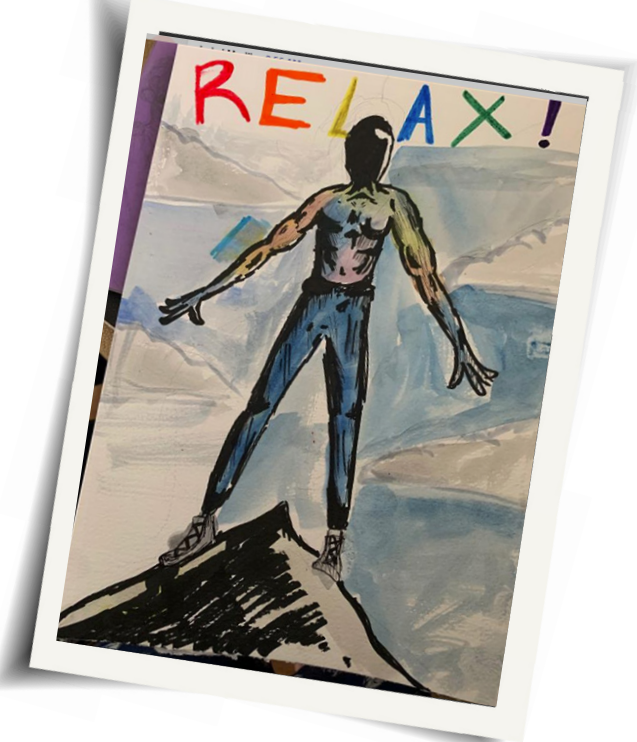


Lower Seniors - Spark Joy Challenge

This week's theme was relaxation and the winners were Maria B-M and Paddy Mc for their beautiful artwork.

This week's theme is 'All shapes and sizes', so get creative, Lower Seniors!

Mrs Vyce



Blue Peter Badge

Congratulations to Lucy in Prep 4 who sent her volcano story, which was set as part of our supported learning activities, to Blue Peter.

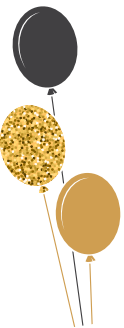
She was so pleased when she received a 'Blue Peter Badge' in the post. Lucy has already set her sights on a sports badge next.

Well done Lucy.



WISH YOU
A VERY
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

RECEPTION **CALEB**
RECEPTION **THOMAS**
RECEPTION **JOE**
RECEPTION **OLIVIA**
RECEPTION **SASKIA**
PREP 5 **MAISIE**
PREP 6 **BRUCE**



Pentecost

Poppy (Prep 6) and Oscar (Prep 4) took Tuesday afternoon's Building the Kingdom work to a whole new level this week. They adapted their lesson on Pentecost by using balloons to explore how the Holy Spirit breathes life. They 'breathed life' into the balloons, just as the Holy Spirit does to us all. Poppy and Oscar then wrote the names of some of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit on the balloons. The children released the balloons and gave an example of how they show they've got the gifts and fruits of the spirit. What a wonderful idea! Well done, Poppy and Oscar!



Lockdown Concert

Music is a huge part of life at St Bede's Prep School, so whilst in lockdown, some of our singers had the wonderful idea of putting together a 'Lockdown Concert!' They also decided to raise money for a local charity called 'SoundUp Arts', which brings music to those living with dementia.

The idea is that if you enjoy the concert, you can go to their charity website (www.sounduparts.com) and make a donation. Using their mobile phones and computers (and with lots of help from parents!) pupils recorded their songs. Some even made the most of the beautiful weather we've been having and sang in their gardens!

Everyone worked incredibly hard on their songs to make sure the concert was the best it could possibly be and I'm sure you'll agree that they've done a fantastic job!

Here is a link to the concert: <https://vimeo.com/425508408/a24a42f802>



Another Busy Week For Our Talented Pupils

Here is a selection of some of the fabulous work the children have been taking part in.

