



### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



My highlights of the week have included attending the Eucharistic Service, which was led by our Upper Third pupils and celebrating the feast day of St Catherine of Siena on Thursday. Enjoy your weekend

Mrs S Pike  
Headteacher



### Theme of the Week

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## Home

"Make your home in me, as I make mine in you." (John 15:4)

**Challenge**

What does home mean to you? A place to rest? Safety? Love? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is the vine and we are the branches. We think about our relationship with God and are welcomed to share a home with God.



I am the vine,  
you are the branches. - Jesus

Feast of St Catherine of Siena, 29 April

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus, as we remember St Catherine of Siena on her feast day on 29 April, help us to remain close to you as St Catherine was. Bless all our work that it may bear fruit that will last. Amen



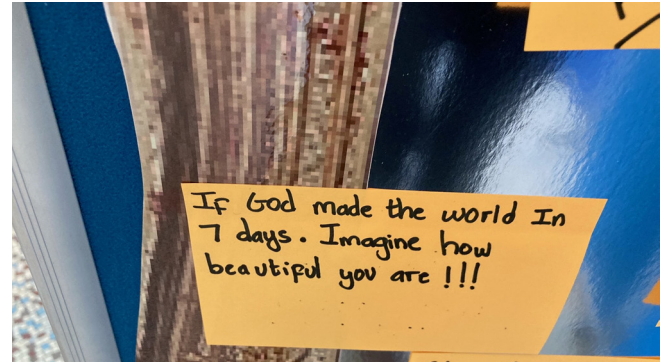


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### St Catherine of Siena Feast Day

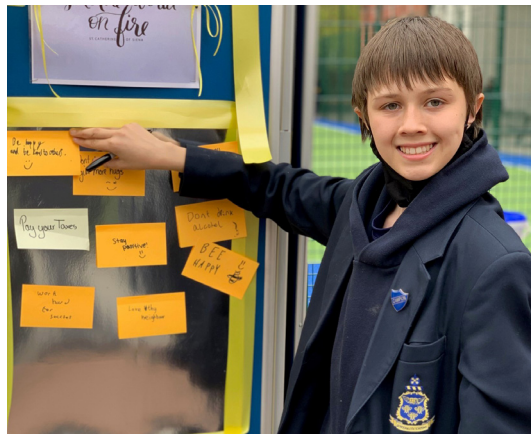
This Thursday, 29 April, was the Feast Day of Saint Catherine of Siena. In a normal year we would celebrate this together as a House, enjoying a service and reflection in our beautiful chapel. This year is, of course, not a normal year. Owing to bubbles we couldn't meet as a House. Instead we looked to bring some joy and colour to a Thursday afternoon.



In addition to a lovely video produced by our pupils and marvellously edited by Mrs Hibbert, pupils and staff from all years and Houses, including the Prep, were invited to take part in our festivities and activities at lunchtime. They wrote positive messages on a reflection wall and attached prayers onto the cage, to create a wall of yellow ribbon. You can see some of the wonderful messages of encouragement and compassion which came from our excellent pupils. With a crack of sunshine, some upbeat music, and plenty of orange squash, it created a joyous atmosphere and one which appropriately encapsulated the passionate life and work of Catherine of Siena. She was woman fiercely dedicated to the Church, willing to go against the orthodoxy of the time and always prepared to serve others. She remains an inspiration to so many and a reminder that we are free to pursue the path of our choosing, and that we should always look to serve god.

It is at this point each year that I hope we can all take a moment to think about her most famous quote: "Be who god meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." A mantra which I believe we can all strive to live by.

**Max Lee Rodriguez - Head of Siena House**



### Eucharistic Services

Thank you to Upper Third pupils who have been leading the Eucharistic Services in the Chapel for the past fortnight. The pupils in the Upper Third have read eloquently and learnt new skills whilst leading an act of worship for the College community.

These strong foundations will continue to grow throughout their time in the college as we see our pupils continue to flourish in leadership skills and grow in their confidence in leading worship.

**Mrs Hibbert**



### Siena Day Futsal

Thursday saw the second leg featuring teams from Lower Fourth in front of a large crowd, off they went. First up, Siena V Champion. As it was the feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena, the team did not want to disappoint and went L for leather and took the game to Champion, who were favourites to win. After a hard-fought battle, both teams delivered and the match ended as a deserved 1-1 draw.

Next up, Bosco v Magdalene. This was always going to be a tasty fixture and Mr Davies, Head of Bosco House, hoped that by refereeing the match himself, he may have been able to nudge proceedings towards a Bosco win. This was not the case. Even with the added firepower of Aamina and Malaika, Raphael's Bosco team were just not strong enough to halt the advance of a textbook display from Magdalene, leaving Mr Davies in tears. Well done Magdalene on a magnificent 2-0 win.

**Mr Davies**



## Climbing Kilimanjaro for Stick n Step

I've always wanted to climb Kilimanjaro, it's the highest free standing mountain in the world so it's going to be a serious challenge and a timely one for me as we've booked to do it just a few weeks before a key birthday of mine.

I'll be taking on this challenge with my good friend Gavin and raising money for Stick 'n' Step. <https://www.sticknstep.org/> which is a centre which supports children with cerebral palsy and their families. Gavin's daughter, Amy, attends the centre and is an inspiration to us all. She's a bright, positive young lady and her smile and infectious laugh never fails to light up the room. Amy, like many of her friends attends the centre for weekly exercise and physio sessions and it really is one of the highlights to her week. It's been a pleasure to see first-hand the wonderful care provided by stick 'n' step and how happy the young people are whom attend.

Kilimanjaro will be an exciting challenge for Gavin and I however, it feels small in comparison to the daily challenges that Amy and so many other children and adults with similar challenges face on a daily basis. Stick 'n' step is a charity that enables, inspires and supports children up to the age of 25 with cerebral palsy and their families. They receive no government funding and therefore rely solely on donations and fundraising efforts. Each year stick and step need to raise some £600,000.00 to deliver the invaluable care, support and services they offer to over 100 hundred families that attend.

For this reason its invaluable that we support these services in what they do best. Please give what you can, we really appreciate your support and thank you for your kind donations.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/debandgavin>

Mrs Ainscough



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### Head of Maths

Hello everyone,

I am delighted to have recently joined the school as the new Head of Maths. It is an honour and a privilege to work at St Bede's and I look forward to building on the long tradition of success that the department holds.

My teaching career began in Leeds, before moving to Leicester and then Madrid. 10 years ago, I moved to Manchester to take up my first Head of department role and after meeting my wife here, I settled in the area. Having worked in the independent, state and international sectors, I have a real appreciation of the all-round education that St Bede's offers its students, and I am excited to part of that.

Beyond the class room, I am passionate about sport and travel; from football to badminton, I will watch or play any sport, and even a game of table football brings out my competitive side! I have also been lucky enough to visit, work and volunteer in many amazing countries. I have set myself the goal of visiting 1 country for every year of my life, and despite recent restrictions, I am currently ahead of target!

**Mr Cooper**



### Lower School Maths Challenge

We are delighted that this week some of our students in U3 and L4 will take part in the Junior Maths Challenge; this is a national competition for talented Mathematicians organised by the UKMT (UK Mathematics Trust). The 1 hour long, multi choice paper encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates are awarded for the highest achievers nationally, and exceptional students will be invited to the follow on rounds of Kangaroo or Olympiad. We wish all the students taking part the best of luck!

**Mr Cooper**  
Head of Maths



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### Riley Pots Winning Shot

The sun was out, the pitch had been freshly prepped and the opening game of the football season was upon us with the staff and students very grateful to be playing fixtures again.

Buoyed by a local derby taking place the team was hungry for success. Debutants Billy and Elliot would taste their first senior derby and wouldn't disappoint.

After a slow start from both teams chances were few and far. Captain Luigi and Jay were looking to link at every opportunity looking dangerous on the counter. The best Bedes chance in the first half fell to Alex who eventually shot wide from just inside the box after some good work.

Micah and Harry were a threat on both wings providing support and superb link up play.

Henry marshalled the defence well and fulfilled his "Ederson sweeper keeper" duties by stopping a MGS counter that was destined to lead to a goal but saved well and prevented the goal.

H/T 0-0

If the first half was cagey the 2nd half was anything but with both teams in search of shots on target and that goal ahead goal. Sonny made some great forward runs from midfield, which complimented the impressive Malachy who had been inspired by Kante the night before!

Chances started to arrive with Luigi hitting over from a tight angle and Sonny shooting low and wide after a sweeping move. MGS kept coming forward but this time found "Preston North End's Number 1" Michael who was ever present and a commanding force in the net.



With 8 minutes left in the tie Malachy intercepted a pass and played a delightful through ball to Luigi who unselfishly squared the ball to "cometh the hour cometh the Jay" who was coolness personified took a touch and slotted home into the bottom corner to send the ultras (Mr Brown and Mr Fogel) into rapturous applause.

The back four defended like beavers as MGS swarmed forward for the equaliser. Ciaran was a

rock not allowing his tricky winger to pass. Paul showing good leadership qualities and Billy adding great steel, tenacity and composure.

As the full time whistle sounded the defenders were ecstatic at keeping the clean sheet and all the boys were delighted for Jay who offered to get the Kit Kat's in!

A massive thank you to MGS who hosted the fixture, which was played in a good competitive spirit and well done to all the 30 boys involved.

Remember footballs always the winner and be grateful for every opportunity to grace the grass in a Bede's shirt.

MOTM- MALACHY - He was the driving force in central midfield, broke the game up and started a lot of key attacks including the goal in the game.

Well done gentlemen, another positive experience.

**Mr Fogel & Mr Brown**



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### Blue Peter Badge

Over the last few months Bally, in Prep 4, has entertained and impressed us with his wonderful piano recitals; his outstanding abilities have not only been recognised by musical examining boards but also by Blue Peter.

This week Bally received his Blue Peter Music Badge. This is a wonderful achievement and Bally joins a long list of fantastic Prep children who have received Blue Peter badges for a vast array of different activities. We do enjoy it when children share their achievements from both in and out of school.



### Materials - Engineering & Structures

As part of their Science topics on Materials and Engineering & Structure Prep 2 took on a fun challenge investigating and testing a range of materials that could be used to make strong and sturdy bridges. They were tasked with investigating if dominoes, Lego or wooden blocks were the best materials to construct a bridge. By working as a team and by experimenting with various ways to assemble the materials they were given, their conclusion was a unanimous one; Prep 2 believe that the Lego made the sturdiest and most secure bridge as the interlocking blocks were very strong and did not topple over easily. Excellent investigative and problem-solving skills from our young pupils in Prep 2. They are certainly building bridges in preparation for moving up into Key Stage 2 next year.



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### Edson Strikes Early

Prep 6 pupil Edson made his debut for Manchester Boys' U11s Football Team last Saturday in a cup fixture v Rotherham Boys. The team ran out 4-1 winners in an impressive display.

Edson opened the scoring after just 35 seconds with a mazy run; he said "It felt good to score and gave me a confidence boost with the team."

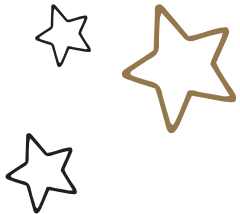
On further describing what it meant to play for Manchester Boys "It means a lot to represent the county as they've not won the cup in 30 years and it's something I want to achieve." Well done Edson and good luck in the next round. St Bede's are proud of you.

Mr Fogel.



*Housepoint Winners and Stars of the Week - Prep 5 & 6*





*Housepoint Winners & Stars of the Week  
Nursery & Reception*



*Housepoint Winners and Stars of the Week - Prep 1 & 2*



*Housepoint Winners and Stars of the Week - Prep 3 & 4*

## Class of the Week Prep 2



Monday Motivation

WISH YOU  
A VERY  
**HAPPY**  
**BIRTHDAY**



PREP 2 **SHAE**  
PREP 4 **LUCIAN**  
PREP 6 **JEANO**  
PREP 6 **AMELIE**

We don't grow when things are easy, we grow when we face challenges

## Notices

Parents are advised to continue to adhere to social distancing rules and to wear a face covering at drop-off and collection.

**NB: Monday is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed.**

