



ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

Bede's News

21 May 2021

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Enterprise, Karate and Rowing have been some highlights this week for our College pupils. I would have loved to accompany Prep 3 at Chester Zoo this week, but the diary was full. Despite the weather our spirits have been high at St Bede's College this week.

Mrs S Pike
Headteacher

Theme of the Week

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Pentecost

"When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth." (John 16:13)

Challenge

After Jesus ascended to heaven he promised to send the Holy Spirit. Have you ever invited the Holy Spirit into your life? The Holy Spirit is present to all of us, all of the time. We can say 'Come Holy Spirit' anytime we need to activate God to work in our lives.

Prayer

Come Holy Spirit and fill my life. I ask you to meet me in this moment, fill me with the fire of your love. In all my difficulties, fill me with your peace that goes above all understanding.
Come Holy Spirit. Amen.



Eucharistic Service

Thank you to the Lower Fifth for leading this week's Eucharistic Service in the College Chapel. The pupils led the service and prayed for a continuing outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the College Community, as on the day of Pentecost.

Mrs Hibbert

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St Bede's Pupils take to the Water

Eight pupils in Upper Fifth have taken up rowing as an activity for Senior Games with some using it to complete their Silver DofE award.

This is a new, exciting venture for St Bede's College, and is being delivered in partnership with Agecroft Rowing Club at Salford Quays. The Club is a thriving development centre of almost 200 members across junior, senior, masters, social and para squads. Several Agecroft rowers have gone on to represent their country at World Championships and the Olympics. The English department's very own Mrs Sullivan is a past member and in her time, was Captain of the Ladies squad.

Our coach, Helen Leigh has been a +member of Agecroft RC for nearly 10 years and has rowed competitively at a high level. Her career highlights include being a single sculler for Team England.

The programme began on the 5 May with an indoor session on the ergometers. This was an opportunity for the group to display their talent, but actually served to demonstrate that some things really aren't as easy as they look. In trying to master the sequence of legs-body-arms, arms-body-legs, it soon became apparent that coordination and concentration were necessary in equal measure!

It didn't take long for the girls to get into the rhythm though, and Helen had them out onto the water sooner than we had all anticipated. Great hilarity ensued at the sight of one or two 'wall hugging' their way along the quay, trying to put theory into practice whilst others simply headed for the horizon. Nonetheless, in the immortal words of Brian Hanrahan, "I counted them all out, and I counted them all back". The smiles on the girls' faces telling me they'd had a good day.

For the second week, the group were straight into the boats and spent a lot more time finding their way on the water. All were doing incredibly well, despite the hailstone lashing down around them but the afternoon had to be cut short when the thunder clattered overhead.

I am genuinely excited to be a part of this adventure and to offer a completely new sport to the pupils. In doing so our aim is twofold; firstly to have the students acquire a new skill, whilst having fun, and secondly, to compete against other schools with the potential for any top talent identified to feed into the club and race at national and international level.

If all goes well, it is hoped we can broaden this opportunity to other year groups in the future.

Miss Whitney



Book Award Shadowing



After last year's lockdown it is a pleasure to be shadowing the judging of the Carnegie Medal once again. The Medal is awarded annually to the author of an outstanding book written for children and young people. Groups of staff and pupils have been reading the eight books shortlisted and meeting to discuss which one we think ought to win, just like the national judges.

We are looking for the book which gives us an outstanding reading experience, considering plot, themes, characterisation and style.

We are yet to vote to decide our favourite but have been enjoying talking about them all. You can read more about the award at www.ckg.org.uk and all the books can be borrowed from the Library.

Mrs Poolton



Maher Library Reopening The Month of Mary



The Library is now open again to all pupils from 8am, Tuesday to Friday, for study, reading or exchanging books. Numbers will still be

limited and pupils will be seated at tables according to year group, but Mrs Poolton is looking forward to welcoming everyone back. During the school day, year group restrictions still apply.

Mrs Poolton

On Tuesday morning pupils from Lower Fourth gathered in the College Chapel for an assembly with a twist. Mrs Hibbert led the pupils in a Service of honouring Mary the mother of Jesus, crowning her Queen of the May. The pupils read from John 2: 1-11 in which the mother of God, at the wedding feast of Cana, asked Jesus to help the bride and bridegroom who had run out of wine.



Pupils reflected on the encouragement of Mary and how her involvement prompted the action of Jesus. We can all draw strength from this scripture and ask our heavenly mother to help us in situations so that she will call upon her son Jesus.

Mrs Hibbert

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The DofE Award at St Bede's has progressed wherever possible throughout the pandemic, with the support and flexibility offered through DofE With a Difference.

Many of the current Year 11 pupils who began the award last year have shown great determination and resilience by continuing with their DofE activities. Some have had to be quite creative in their activity choices and I've heard some really nice stories of how they've used their time productively. Learning new languages, learning to bake and taking online first aid courses with St John's Ambulance are just a few of the new skills to be developed.

Young people have missed out on so much that having something to work towards still, and actually something to look forward to, is really important. That is why, in the absence of the expedition section, the DofE have introduced the Certificate of Achievement for every pupil who manages to complete the volunteering, physical and skill sections during these unprecedented times. The Certificate is a formal recognition, by the DofE, of their dedication to their programmes and everything they've achieved through these three sections, as well as their resilience in coping with ongoing uncertainty. Over half of the 2019/20 bronze group have received their certificate.

This year, 39 pupils in Year 10 have enrolled onto the DofE Bronze Award and are currently working towards completing their volunteering, physical and skills sections. We aim to have issued 39 Certificates of Achievements by September.

Expeditions

The 2021 expedition programme started – within Covid-safety protocols – on the 30th March with 29 Year 11 pupils meeting at school for a Bronze DofE map reading and navigation revision session. The following day they put their compass skills to the test on a practice walk around the Mobberley area, starting and ending at Quarry Bank Mill. The sun shone brightly and the two days proved extremely useful for everyone involved.

The training days will lead to a two-day Bronze expedition on 3/4 June, held over from last year. Students will travel to Buxton by train and navigate themselves, unaccompanied, to the campsite approx. 10 miles away where they will spend one night. They will then return to the station via different routes.

14 of the 29 Bronze students signed up for the Silver award having completed the volunteering, physical and skill sections before December. Their expedition will take place over three days and two nights at the end of June in the High Peak area. It is testament to their commitment and dedication that they have managed to complete two levels of the award during the pandemic. A further Bronze expedition will follow later in the year for the Year 10 pupils.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme aims to provide young people with the opportunity to have fun, make friends, improve their self-esteem and build confidence. They gain essential skills and attributes for work and life such as resilience, problem-solving, team-working, communication and drive, enhancing CVs and university and job applications.

St Bede's College is proud to be a Direct Licensed Organisation and as such we can offer the chance to obtain the award to all willing pupils starting at bronze level at the end of their third year. More information will be made available shortly.



Miss Whitney
DofE Manager

Karate Kicks Off

On Wednesday morning we finally got to start our Karate club. Initially it is just for the Upper Third and Lower Fourth students, but as the bubble situation changes, the club will be opened up to more year groups. It was great to see the students take to the instruction so well and they made some excellent progress in their knowledge and understanding of karate in the session.

The sessions will be running every Wednesday morning from 8:00am - 8:45am. It isn't too late to for other students to sign up. If students commit to the programme and work on their skills outside of the sessions in their own time, it is possible to reach Black Belt standard by the end of Upper Fifth.

Thank you Mr Gillis for giving up your time to run the club!

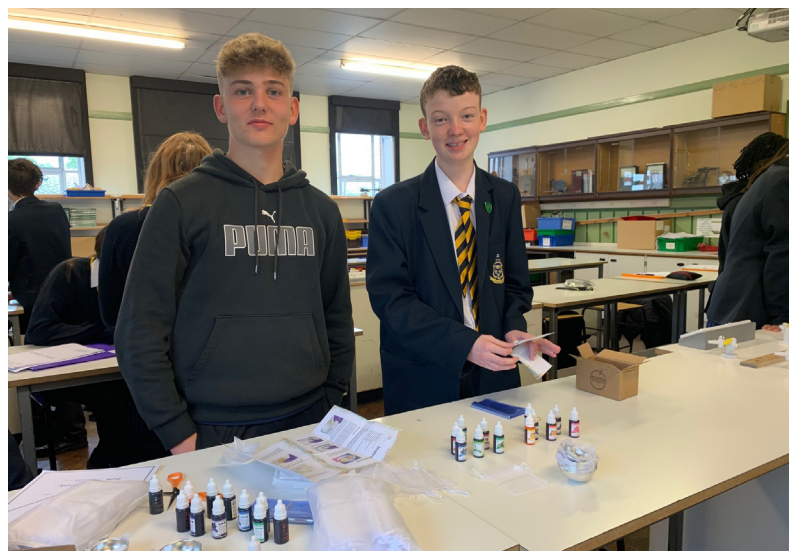


Upper Fourth Enterprise Competition

The trading window has opened for our fantastic cohort of Upper Fourth Business students who are running their own Enterprises. Offerings are rich and varied, from clothing and masks (very of the moment) to mocktails and smoothies - lifting our spirits out of lockdown... And bath bombs with secret surprises in the middle to pamper yourself or that someone special.

The groups have had to organise themselves, come up with their names, product design and pitch their ideas to staff to receive their start up capital, and are now busy putting their plans into action. Not easy at the best of times, but with Covid restrictions in place the students have extra hurdles to cross to make sure their activities are in line with current guidance.

Congratulations to CMJ who got off to a flying start this week making over £475 in revenue, and who are our Enterprise Team of the Week.... But with the trading window not closing until June 25 it's all still to play for!!



Meet the Teams

CMJ

Our business is the CMJ store. We sell unique clothes, masks and jewellery.

Our PRICES.

T-shirt - £11.95

Hoodies - £15.95

Necklaces - £4.45

Ring sets - £5.95

Singular ring - £1.50

We believe that people should buy our tshirts, hoodies and jewellery because

it is a unique and fun business where people can create their own style, purchase quality clothes and buy distinctive jewellery.

You can buy our product from our website <https://thecmjstore.com>

or contact us on our instagram @thecmjstore.

Coming Soon



Stay fashionable and safe

We sell T-shirts and hoodies with matching masks and jewellery

<p>Check out our website thecmjstore.com</p> <p>@thecmjstore</p>	<p>Hoodies £15.95 T-shirts £12.95 Necklaces £4.45 5pcs ring set £5.95</p>
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Ring Bomb Sensations



Hi we are Ring Bomb Sensations and our aims are to bring joy through our bath bombs and to make money for our business project

Our product is a fantastic bath bomb filled with joy and relaxation as soon as it hits the water. There is a brilliant surprise ring within the bomb and we have a range of rings and colours so there is always a reason to buy more! The price is £3 for a 'Bathbomb Surprise' and 1.50 for a ring by itself.



We think you should buy our product as it can take you far away into a world of happiness. They are homemade and organic unlike the bigger bath bomb companies. You are able to buy them from inside the Vaughan building at lunchtimes.

Tropical Crush



We're selling healthy mocktails to lift people's spirits and get them summer party ready as we come out of lockdown. Our products include:

Drink 1: Party On The Beach- Fresh Mango Smoothie on a crushed ice bursting with a sweet Alphonso flavour and taste to quench your thirst and entice your tastebuds.

Drink 2: Party On The Playground- Fresh Raspberries and passionfruit on a crushed ice bursting with a temptingly intense taste

For this taste sensation we are charging ONLY £2.00 for each beverage!

We think you should buy our mocktails because they taste amazing and they're reasonably priced (ONLY £2.00)!

They can be bought on the Academic corridor @ 1pm every MONDAY and FRIDAY lunch time

With our profit we're going to share it amongst the group because of all the hard work we have made- we deserve it!

Chester Zoo

Prep 3 visited Chester Zoo on Thursday as part of their topic this term 'The Rainforest'. Although the rain was falling throughout the morning most of the animals were visible. On arrival the children were excited to see the elephants at the first available opportunity and the monkeys were on form as always! There were then plenty of photo opportunities as the class saw lions, 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 the cheetahs, jaguars and the terrifying crocodile. The day was a superb adventure for all the class who gained a huge amount from the trip. They also came across many facts about The Rainforest for next week's lessons.



The Rainforest

Prep 3 spent the afternoon in Alexandra Park as part of their topic study 'The Rainforest'. They have recently been comparing the precipitation in Manchester in comparison to areas of the Amazon (there are bigger differences than you would expect!) They were able to identify many deciduous and coniferous trees in our beautiful park during the day.

They also played the role of scientific detectives and were able to label the different trees based on the shape of their leaves. It was a great opportunity for the children to spend time out of the classroom and they enjoyed the experience very much.



A Day at the 'Beach'

Reception class have been enjoying learning about the oceans as part of their 'Topic' work. They can name the five oceans of the world and even talk about the Mariana Trench the deepest place on earth! To support their learning, the children have worked extremely hard to create an amazing display. They even have an underwater world in their role-play area. This is complete with mermaids, pirates and all kinds of sea creatures!

On Wednesday, as part of their learning, they enjoyed a party picnic. They brought in snacks from home and pretended they were enjoying the sunshine at the beach! As they were super busy, they left their snack wrappers and leftovers on the sand. They intended to clear it all up later. Unfortunately, they were enjoying themselves so much, that they forgot to go back and clear up the mess. The litter spread across the beautiful beach and into the ocean! They made pictures to show how litter can get into the sea and all agreed that the next time they visit a real beach, they would make sure they cleaned up their litter after them. Well done Reception class, you have had an amazing half term and we are all incredibly proud of all of you!



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STEM

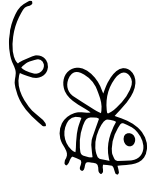
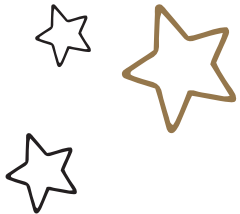
Prep 5 have been studying the states of matter in Science and STEM. Their challenge this week was to transfer coloured water (the three primary colours) from full containers to empty ones without touching the containers, all they had to use were pieces of kitchen towel. After some discussion and attempted short cuts and cheats they realised that they could fold the paper towel in half and put each end into the containers with and without water. They then had to predict the outcome.

They all predicted that the water would transfer to the empty cups and the primary colours would combine to make the secondary colours of orange, green and purple. They also discovered that the water was at the same level in each cup and deduced that it was gravity that caused this effect. The children have really enjoyed their STEM challenges this year and also discovered that gravity plays a fundamental role in every aspect of our lives.



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



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



Housepoint Winners and Stars of the Week - Prep 3 & 4 Prep 1 & 2



Monday Motivation

The Holy Spirit is a healing spirit. When the Holy Spirit is present, anything is possible.

Reinhard Bonnke

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Class of the Week - Prep 3



PREP 1 **ELIZABETH**

PREP 2 **ALEXANDER**

PREP 2 **AOIFE**

PREP 3 **RAYYAN**

PREP 4 **OLIVIA**

Word of the week

Holy Spirit



Notices

Class Photos on Monday morning. All pupils should come to school wearing their winter uniform. Prep 3 and 4 will get changed for their afternoon games lesson.

