



Headteacher's Message



Advent is the liturgical season when we prepare for Christmas. A season of hope, joy and expectation. Our theme this week is Hope.

"Help us to bring hope to others in our words and actions"

We look forward to welcoming you to our celebrations over the next few weeks - EYFS Nativity and Carols by Candlelight. Well done to Prep 3 with their Advent assembly yesterday.

Mrs S Pike
Headteacher

Grill the Priest

The season of Advent has begun and to commence the Advent activities the pupils in Upper Third and Lower Fourth visited the Chapel to 'Grill the Priest'. The pupils had many questions and took the opportunity to get answers to things that they have always wanted to ask a priest and Fr Joe was happy to answer, including do you always have to be a priest? Do you miss not having children and a wife? What would you do if you weren't a priest? When did you start to think about becoming a priest? The pupils were surprised to hear that Fr Joe's mother was Jewish, and that he was a journalist. The pupils came away understanding that whatever we offer to God, God gives back so much more. The pupils then finished with writing their prayers and placing them upon the Chapel Christmas tree, which will be remembered at mass during Advent.



Grease 2021

Being a part of the famous school tradition that is the annual Musical was amazing, especially to be performing in a show as iconic as Grease, and being one of the Pink Ladies really topped it all off. Although it was absolutely exhausting and the choreography was challenging, which is something we've come to expect with Mrs Barber, the high of being in such an energetic and rewarding show was unforgettable. Not only that, but to be able to perform alongside such a dedicated and multi talented cast is what really made this experience like no other. The high production set and incredible costumes really let the 1950s feel come to life and definitely helped us to enhance our performance, even more so being accompanied by such skilful musicians.

Grease is something that we have been working on for a very long time. After many unmentionable events, Grease was put on hold and there were numerous times when we thought it would never go ahead. To give the audience something that we had put so much into over such difficult times really made it that bit more special. Alongside the show came many other great opportunities, not only did we get to see the show live at the opera house which was fantastic, but the cast also had a workshop with professional actor Dan Partridge who is playing Danny on tour. His advice and critiques were invaluable and as someone who is considering doing a career in drama the chance to speak with someone who is successful in the industry was inspirational.

None of this would have been possible without the creative vision and determination of Miss Smith. I speak for the whole cast when I say how thankful we are for all that she has done for performing arts at St Bede's and how much we appreciate the amount of effort that gets put into these musicals as she really does go above and beyond. These productions have made the school experience for so many pupils, and for that we can't thank you enough.

K Connolly - Lower Sixth



Pupil Library Assistants

Anna, Bosco and Clinton are now officially Pupil Library Assistants. They completed their training and received their badges this week. Pupils using the Library can now look forward to these friendly faces greeting them and offering assistance. Well done!

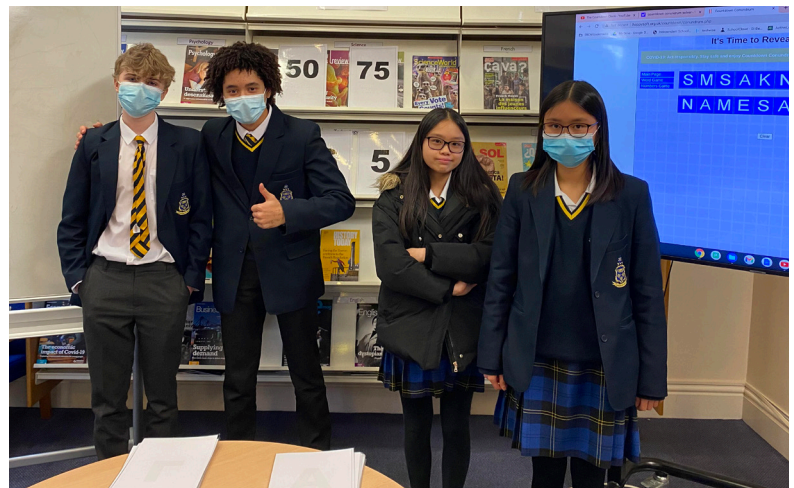
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Countdown

The last two weeks saw our Upper Fifth pupils take place in Countdown. The first round, with some very difficult letters and numbers games, gave Campion victory over Magdalene by 11 points to 4. The second round, saw a much higher scoring match, with Siena overcoming Bosco by 21 points to 19. I would like to give a huge well done to all the Upper Fifth pupils who took part and made each round competitive. Furthermore, thank you once again to the staff involved who helped run the events. I am looking forward to the next competition amongst the Lower Fifth which will take place after Christmas.

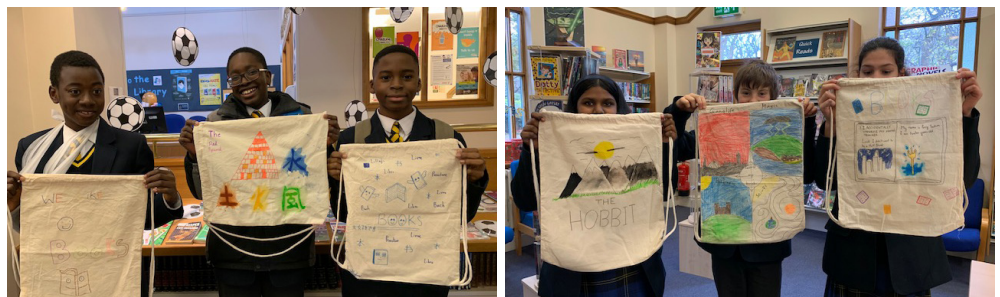
Mr Wilson



Book Club

Book Club for College pupils meets in the Library every Friday lunchtime. We enjoy lots of different book-based games, quizzes and activities as well as looking at the new books added to the Library that week and eating biscuits!

The last two weeks have been particularly creative and members have produced some fantastic book-themed bags.



Mrs Poolton

The Twelve Days of Bookmas

The English Department has combined Advent door-opening with the Twelve Days of Christmas for each of the remaining days of term. Each day, pupils will reveal a book cover behind one of our festive doors on the English corridor to inspire their Christmas holiday reading, to add to their Christmas gift wishlists, or to buy as presents for family and friends.

All the books are Young Adult and are suitable for ages 13 and upwards, and perhaps some mature, younger College pupils. Our Upper Third and Lower Fourth pupils might also be interested to see what they could add to their St Bede's Reads lists for their sponsored readathon, which is raising money for Mary's Meals <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stbedesreads>



See our Twitter handle @StBedesEnglish for the grand reveal every school day.

Mrs Boylan

BOSCO HOUSE PRESENTS.....

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Salford LOVES & FISHES

FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER

Christmas Jumper Day!


Bring in luxury items to contribute to our luxury hamper appeal to give struggling families a much needed boost at Christmas time.
All items will be donated to Salford Loaves and fishes charity

ITEMS YOU SEND MAY INCLUDE;


- CAKES
- BISCUITS
- CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS
- CHOCOLATE SWEETS
- TURKISH DELIGHT
- AFTER DINNER MINTS
- SAVOURY CRACKERS
- CORDIAL
- TOILETRIES
- NON-PERISABLE FOOD ITEMS
- MINCE PIES
- NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS
- DATES
- CHUTNEYS
- WAX-SEALED CHEESE

THESE ARE JUST A FEW POINTERS FOR IDEAS.




CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



A celebration of Carols and readings in the spirit of Christmas.

Tuesday 14 December
Academic Hall 6:30pm

Because of limited availability, the event may be also streamed in the college chapel



Sports News

We held our Year 7 Sports Scholarship evening on Tuesday. All scholars worked exceptionally well. A big thank you to all our Lower Fourth, Upper Fourth and Lower Fifth students that helped out.

No fixtures happened this weekend because of the weather.

Netball practice took place in the sports hall, with a great turn out despite the weather. The girls are developing every week and gaining a greater understanding of positions and tactics.



Year 10B Netball result against William Hulme. St Bede's won 8-7, this was only the girls third match. It was a great game, the girls played fantastic throughout the, with Maria G making her debut. The girls played in various positions, in each quarter. They worked well as a team and cannot wait for their next match.

Miss Sharp

U13 Futsal Competition

St Bede's girls did the school proud and finished runners up in the U13s Futsal Manchester Schools Tournament held at Platt Lane. The team which consisted of four girls in each of year 7 and 8 and was led by captain fantastic Aoife, who was top scorer.

Phenomenal Phoebe in goal and defenders Zara, Chloe and Maize ensured not many goals were conceded. Combined with the attacking force of Imogen, Olivia and Grace kept the fans happy with goals galore. The girls were unbeaten in their first four games with three wins and a draw to set up a winner takes all tie against Wright Robinson who came out victorious.

Well done to all the team and a great experience had by all. Futsal is always the winner! FORZA St Bede's.

Mr Brown & Mr Fogel



ISFA Selection

Cian O in the Upper Fourth has been selected to represent St Bede's in the under 14 Independent Schools Football Association (ISFA) team. This is an excellent achievement securing a place in the squad ahead of thousands of other boys from up and down the country. Cian is an exceptional goalkeeper, although he plays in defense or midfield for the college team, and rose above the competition in final trials last weekend. He now has a training camp to look forward to in London at the start of the holidays and we wish him all the best as he flies the flag for St Bede's. Congratulations Cian!



Mr Parker

Campion Feast Day

This Wednesday Campion House were thrilled to be able to celebrate their House Feast day together after a year's hiatus.

We met in the Chapel after lunch to find it had been beautifully decorated for Advent by Mrs Hibbert, featuring a stunning Christmas tree, trailing ivy and even bows in our house colour of blue.

The mass, led by Father Michael, encouraged us all to be inspired by the faith and commitment that Edmund Campion showed, being proud of our talents and our relationship with God.

We were also treated to some beautiful readings and prayers by our House Captains Eniola, Divine, Noah, Cayden, Lily A, Lily S, Jacinta, Luca, Malaya and Scarlett. As we couldn't sing together, Mrs Hibbert took up the reins of providing us with a gorgeous Hallelujah, followed by a dance duet performed by Malaya and Scarlett. In Campion House we certainly are proud of our talented students and staff!

After mass we headed into the Dining Room for the obligatory Campion cupcakes! We also got into the Advent spirit by blasting some Christmas tunes, as requested by the quiz winning Upper Fourths!

We all had a wonderful afternoon and are so grateful that we have been able to come together again to celebrate as the Campion family.



Mrs Barber

Head of Campion House

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Safeguarding Tips - A Parent's Guide

A quick weekly guide in one area of Safeguarding from Safeguarding Lead **Mr Sanders**.

Friends has a specific and set definition in the physical world and adults fully understand what it means when a young person describes someone as a friend. Adults can sometimes have misconceived ideas when they apply their definition of a friend in the physical world to the online world. Friends and followers online are not always people the young people know, nor can young people be sure who these people actually are. Below is a guide to friends and followers online.

Credit National Online Safety.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and educators with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What you need to know about... FRIENDS & FOLLOWERS

What are they? 'Friends & Followers'

What makes social media actually 'social' are the connections users make with other users on the platforms. Every social networking site handles these connections differently, calling them 'connections', 'friends' and 'followers', amongst others. Having friends and followers is how we find out what other people say and do. Your friends and followers are much more likely to see your online content than those outside of your network, which is why it's important to be mindful of who you connect with and what you share. On some platforms, if two accounts follow each other, this may allow additional communication channels such as private messaging.

Ellie-May
FRIENDS ✓
28 Followers

Oscar
FRIENDS ✓
147 Followers

Kumail
FRIENDS ✓
63 Followers

Jada
FRIENDS ✓
56 Followers

Amelia
FRIENDS ✓
45 Followers

Know the Risks

Access to private information

This may include your child's home address, school, date of birth, names of siblings or other relations, as well as seeing photos that inadvertently contain sensitive information. This is completely harmless information for genuine friends or family but could cause issues in the hands of a criminal.

Catfishing

'Catfishing' is the common name given to an individual posing as someone else on social media. They do this to try and attract typically young and vulnerable people who they look to then take advantage of. Unfortunately, there are many examples of this happening across the world that have had real-life consequences.

Online bullying

Once a connection is made on social media, there is the potential to send private messages between individuals. It is difficult for social networks and other users to see what is being said between accounts. This provides an opportunity for bullies to victimise individuals and can create a dangerous spiral of online activity.

Safety Tips

Check privacy settings

Platforms such as Facebook allow users to modify their privacy settings, which means people who are not friends can't see all your profile information. It's also possible to hide this information for some or all of your connections. Always make sure your child's accounts are set to private.

Talk about strangers

Make sure children understand that they should only connect with people that they know or can completely trust. They should be wary of anyone messaging them frequently who they don't know in real life or have never spoken to or actually seen online. Catfish will stick to text-based messaging only, to keep their identity secret.

Delete old connections

Children should be mindful that everything they share will probably exist online forever and that they shouldn't share anything that gives too much information away. Every now and again, they should delete old connections that they no longer spend time with. Old accounts can easily be hacked, exposing personal information to strangers.

Further Support

Encourage an open dialogue

It's really important that your children knows that they can speak to someone about anything they're not sure of online. It's crucial that they know they won't be judged or told off for anything they've done; it's far more important to know if they're in danger or worried about something.

Seek additional guidance

If your child wants to spend a lot of time online and is displaying compulsive or addictive behaviour, is negative, struggles with schoolwork and reduces real-life interactions or has frequent changes in mood, they could be experiencing negative interactions online. Speak to them and seek support from their school or your local safeguarding team if you think your child has been affected.

Our Expert Emma Davis

Emma Davis is a cyber security expert and former ICT teacher. She delivers cyber awareness training to organisations nationally and has extensive knowledge and experience of managing how children access services and apps online.

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Prep Girls' Football

The Prep Girls' Football Team managed to finish second in the Manchester Schools' Futsal Competition on Monday 29 November. The girls played fixtures against St Cuthbert's, Oswald Road, Button Lane, West Didsbury and MCA primary in small teams of five. The games lasted 10 minutes and the team managed to record four victories, a draw and just one loss. Each member of the team deserves great credit for such an achievement, especially Francesca L who was nominated as one of the players of the tournament. Larissa was also a shining star and managed to score a total of twelve goals!! It was a fantastic afternoon for our consistently brilliant Girls' Football Team!



Hockey

The Prep boys took part in their first ever Hockey match and played well throughout the games, Sammy and George showed off their control and skills which they had learnt in training helping their team to a 2-1 victory against Manley Park followed by a 3-1 against St Margaret's . Lucian, Jysiah, Oscar and Clion performed well, improving and learning as they went along. They changed positions throughout the games to give them a better on field knowledge of tactics.



The Girls' Team only had 4 players with no subs to give them a rest! The first game was a close game against Manley park, girls had to work hard as a team to come out on top, Jojo and Francesca working hard in defence and Casey attacking with Larissa who scored the winning goal to seal a 3-2 victory.

Against St Margaret's the girls changed positions, with them all trying their hand at attacking winning 4-0.

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Advent Assembly - Prep 3

The Advent season was introduced in the chapel this week by Prep 3. They performed an assembly which started with a dance to 'Jingle Bells'. Through their singing they were then able to show the true meaning of advent in the build up to Christmas. They sang 'four bright candles' and explained the significance of the wreath. They made it clear that it is important to use Advent as a time for reflection rather than concerns with the materialistic aspects of Christmas. The assembly concluded with the class sharing some images of Christmas memories from previous years. The children performed fantastically and it was lovely to welcome so many parents to the chapel again!

Click on the link to watch the video of this wonderful assembly: <https://vimeo.com/652631318/687608d291>



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Stars of the Week



Housepoint Winners



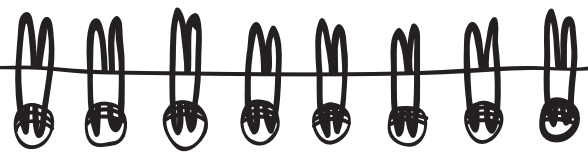
Class of the Week - Prep 3

Monday Motivation



Word of the Week

Advent



Notices

9 December - EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production, Academic Hall, 2pm start - parents are asked to arrive no earlier than 1.50pm via the Main College Entrance

15 December - Whole School Trip to the pantomime (nut free packed lunch required) - We will leave school at 12pm and hope to back by approximately 4pm

16 December - KS2 Carols by Candlelight, Academic Hall, 2.30pm - parents are asked to arrive no earlier than 2.20pm via the Main College Entrance

