



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

14th February 2020

INTRODUCTION

We have had a wonderful week this week which started with the athletes visit on Tuesday. Everyone who participated in the events they ran, enjoyed themselves very much. On Thursday after school we experienced the Fiesta Latina with amazing food and music. The students entered into the spirit of the event with their red clothing. After all the activities taking place in school, the half term will be a welcome respite. As always however, there is intervention for years 11, 12 and 13 taking place over the half term. Please encourage your child to attend all their sessions and arrive on time for the start. Timetables for intervention have been emailed to all parents.

Have a lovely half term.

OLYMPIC ATHLETES VISIT

Hi my name is **Rayne Jenay Tapper** and I'm a 13-year-old national athlete who has competed in English Schools in Birmingham, the South of England championships, the London Indoor Games, Nationals in Sheffield, just to name a few. On Tuesday 11th February we were able to meet two proficient athletes named **Jordan Smallin (Bobsleigh)** and **Reuben Arthur (4x100m Gold medallist in the Commonwealth games)**.

I was exhilarated because the whole experience of them visiting our school was mind blowing, especially when they shared their arduous journey to success with us. It was such a motivation. I appreciate the fact that they spent the day motivating and talking to us through a variety of activities. As an upcoming international athlete I am going to take this inspiring day as a motivation to continue believing in what I love and always try my hardest in class and on the track because it's not unreachable. Nothing is!

Rayne Tapper 9M

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 17th February—Sunday 23rd February: Half term holidays

Wednesday 26th February: Ash Wednesday

Monday 2nd March: Inset Day school closed for pupils

Tuesday 3rd March: PTA meeting starting 5.30pm.

Thursday 5th March: Community Languages Evening; World Book Day

Week commencing 9th March: Science Week

Wednesday 25th March: Year 10 Parents' Evening

Friday 3rd April: Last day of term

We had non-uniform day in support of these athletes and raised **£535** which is going to the athletes, helping them to prepare for the next Olympics.

Thanks to everyone for their support.

Mr Hart, Head of Year 11



THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS

- Year 7:** Lucja Dzialek (7W) (+45)
Year 8: Clayton Roberts (8F) (+45)
Year 9: Julian Kiode (9C) (+35)
Year 10: Kiara Caner (10F) (+35)
Year 11: Sofia Donghia (11C) (+25)
Year 12: Vijesh D'Souza (12C) (+35)
Year 13: Gideon Larn (12F) (+45)

EPRAISE BREAKFAST

Below are the top 5 Epraise collectors in each year group for this half term who have won a free breakfast which took place on Thursday this week.

Congratulations to all!

Yr 7

Adam Kent 7F, Esah Ahmed 7F, Elisio Brahilika 7W
 Kayann Bailey-Bowen 7W, Donya Shaterian 7W

Yr 8

Arda Caner 8M, Christos Gkegkollari 8O, Dimitrios
 Lesai-laios 8M, Rachael Odugu 8F, Anna Maria D 8O

Yr 9

Zion Okai-Mensah 9F, Elissavet Lesai-Laiou 9M
 Manahwe Miles 9F, Katie Hopwood 9M

Benjamin Mahboobian 9M

Yr 10

Kaira Caner 10F, Raine Estrella 10O, Iona Ogunnimo
 10F, Ali Amiri 10A, Alex Tesfagaber 10A

Yr 11

Dejean Francis 11F, Pascal Chanda 11M, Rathus
 Surenthiran 11M, Gadir Al Khatib 11M
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NUMBER DAY 2020

NSPCC Number Day, took place on Friday 7th February, wherein mathematics was the highlight of the day; for example, students are given maths-related starters prior to their lessons. It is important because it is a day dedicated to raising money for the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children). At Bishop Douglass, we did an array of activities and collectively raised **£232.11** for the NSPCC. One of such things was the highly anticipated Teacher VS Pupil quiz, won triumphantly for the previous two years by the team of students. During lunchtime, four students selected from the top set in mathematics were up against four Form Tutors. Both teams had 20 seconds to answer each of the 11 questions: whoever answers the most questions correctly wins.

With the victorious team being the students for the past two years, there was a significant amount of pressure on the pupils' team this year. But alas, the winning streak was broken, with the teachers coming out triumphant. Nevertheless, it was greatly exhilarating. *By Nathanielle Manuel (8C).*

Thank you for all your support for this day. Congratulations to: Monique Hart (correctly guessed the number of sweets in the jar); Savindi Gunaratne—winner of school quiz, 8C & 10W winners of Form Quiz.
Ms Kalam, Maths Teachers & Number Day lead



WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday-Unanimous- (Adjective) - (of two or more people) fully in agreement:

- The **unanimous** consent of all the shareholders was required to approve the merger.
- Since one of the five council members objected to the proposal, the vote was not **unanimous**.

Tuesday-Monotonous - (Adjective) - (of a sound or utterance) lacking in variation in tone or pitch; dull, tedious, and repetitious; lacking in variety and interest:

- Jane does the same thing every single day, therefore considers her life to be **monotonous**.
- Everyone complains about my science teacher's uninteresting and **monotonous** lectures.

Wednesday-Perspicacious - (Adjective) - Having a ready insight into and understanding of things:

- The **perspicacious** fireman quickly detected the cause of the fire.
- The **perspicacious** teacher had no problem identifying the two students who had cheated on the exam.

Thursday-Deference- (Noun) - Polite submission and respect:

- If you treat others with **deference**, then people will respect you back.
- Firefighters deserve to be granted with the utmost **deference** for their loyal service.

Friday-Calibrate- (Verb) - To mark units of measurement on an instrument such so that it can measure accurately:

- The doctor will **calibrate** my oxygen level by having me blow air into a tube that is attached to a computer.
- During the concert, the audio technician will **calibrate** the music to a comfortable listening level.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS/ACTIVITIES AND STUDY SUPPORT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8.00-8.45am	Homework Support A1.1 8am Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study Library Maths Club Library 8.50-9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i> Laud’s morning prayer 8:25am Chapel Sports Breakfast Club —7.15 - 8am	Homework Support A1.1 8am Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study Library Maths Club Library 8.50-9.10 Sage Club 8.30am DO.6 Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i> Sports Breakfast Club —7.15 - 8am	Homework Support A1.1 8am Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study —Library Maths Club Library 8.50—9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i> Sports Breakfast club —7.15 —8am	Homework Support A1.1 8am Social skills Y7 A1.2 8.45am-9.10 Independent Study —Library Maths Club Library 8.50—9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	Homework Support A1.1 8am Social Skills Y8 SO.5 8.45am Independent Study —Library Maths Club Library 8.50—9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i> Sports Breakfast club —7.15 —8am
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Homework Support A1.1 Fitness Club Gym	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 Geography Society B1.4 Fitness Club Gym Spanish Cine Club A3.1 Moment for Jesus Chapel Basketball	Homework Support A1.1 KS3 Art Club T1.2 Science Club Y7: SO3 Fitness Club Gym Bible Club DO.6 Basketball Club Basketball courts	Homework Support A1.1 Spanish Cine Club A3.1 Geography Club B15 Fitness Club Gym Basketball Club Basketball courts Model UN B14 Moment for Jesus Chapel	Homework Support A1.1 Fitness Club Gym Basketball Club Basketball courts
After School 3.10-6pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm Drama Club Drama Studio (until 4.30) KS3 Boys Boys Basketball training (Y7, 8 & 9) Basketball Court	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm Drama Club Drama Studio (until 4.30) Sixth Form sports 2.10-4.30pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm Football Netball Fitness	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm Dance Club Dance Studio (until 4.30pm) Cricket Club Sports Hall (until 4.10)	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4.10) Chess Club —S0.1 (until 4.30)