

Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

15th November 2019

INTRODUCTION

Our week began with a sombre commemoration for Remembrance Day. Student behaviour was exemplary during the service.

This week was Anti-Bullying week—a national awareness-raising week. The focus this year was on how we respond to witnessing bullying. Our PSHE lead sent out power points to initiate discussions in form time.

We hope you have a relaxing weekend.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

National Anti-Bullying week started this Monday and to raise awareness, students took part in discussions on the topic as below in their form groups at Registration.

Which one are you? A BYSTANDER – someone who is around but not involved in bullying but knows it's going on and/or sees it happening ; **OR: AN UPSTANDER** —someone who helps the person being bullied. This might be by reporting it to the teacher, asking if they're alright after the incident or, if it's safe and won't escalate the situation, saying they don't think it should be happening.

Reasons to be an upstander: A small change can lead to something big!

Create a climate that does not encourage bullying. The best way to kill a fire is to starve it of air and fuel. The reactions are often the fuel that creates bullying - they crave attention. They crave the reaction from people who think it is funny. They want to look BIG.

Ignore them. Do not be their audience. **INSTEAD...**support the person who is being bullied **NOT** by attacking (verbally or physically) the bully. **Be positive towards the victim of bullying.**

Be an **UPSTANDER** online:

STOP: Take time out before getting involved and don't share or like negative comments; check the community guidelines for the site you're on.

SPEAK: Ask an adult or friend that you can trust for advice; Use the report button on the platform its happening on; report it to the school as this could be impacting on the emotional health of someone

SUPPORT: Encourage the bullied person to talk to someone they trust; send them a supportive message to let them know they're not alone.

Madam Grounds

PSHE Academy Lead

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 2nd December: INSET day—school closed to pupils

Tuesday 3rd December: KS4/5 Mock exams start

Thursday 5th December: Senior Citizens' Christmas party

Week commencing 9th December: Whole school assessments

Wednesday 11th December: Carol Service 6pm

Tuesday 17th December: Christmas dinner for pupils

Thursday 19th December: Last day of term



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On the 11th of November we held our annual Remembrance Service led by Father Kevin. The whole school was in attendance for two minutes of silence. There was a brief talk led by Mr Harris and a poem read by Mr Burt. The last post was played by Mr Reed. It was, as always, very poignant.

RE Department

YEAR 11 INTO 6TH FORM EVENING

Thank you to all staff and students who helped with the Sixth Form Open Evening which took place on Wednesday evening. It was A very successful evening.

Ms Wilkhu

Head of 6th Form

THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Lucja Dzialek (7W) (+50)

Year 8: Arda Caner (8M) (+75)

Year 9: Karl De Las Alas (9C) (+35)

Year 10: Kiara Theys (10M) (+70)

Year 11: Ahmad Amiry (11F) (+30) and Reohn Gordon-Fregene (11M) (+30)

Year 12: Muhammad Ali Qasimi (12C) (+20)

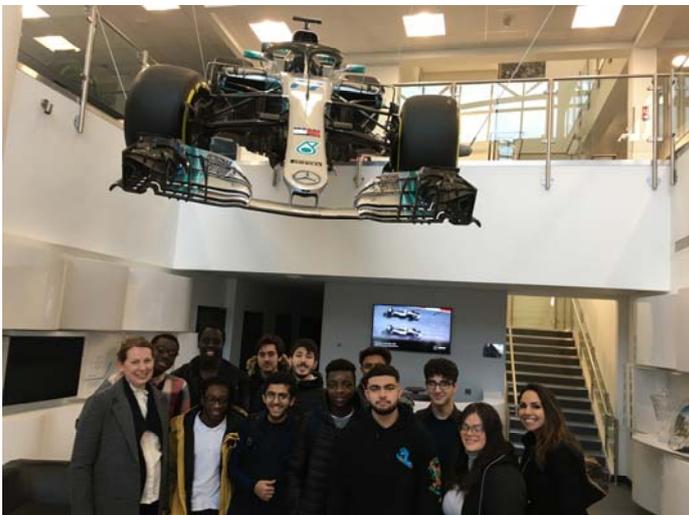
Year 13: Jon Homer Israel (13O) (+45)

MERCEDES F1 TRIP

A group of 6th Formers interested in careers in engineering, mathematics and technology among other things, were taken to the Mercedes AMG HPP on Saturday last week. This is the report:

On the trip to Mercedes AMG HPP we were given a tour around the design, manufacturing and testing facilities, guided by the fantastic Mr Gant. We learnt a lot, not just about engine design, but also about Formula One and Mercedes AMG Project One, their road car that has a Formula One engine. It was a fun trip, packed with both learning and cutting edge technology. It was inspirational and great to see our subjects in practice.

Ebrahim Adat and Alessandro D'Onghia (12A)



WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Complacent- Adjective- Showing smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements; pleased:

- The winner's **complacent** smile annoyed some people.
- I am rightfully not **complacent** with low quality service.

Tuesday – Vendetta-Noun- A series of actions taken to get back at or harm someone:

- Jim was arrested for acting on a **vendetta** against the man who killed his wife.
- Because Helen stole Joan's car, Joan has waged a **vendetta** against her.

Wednesday – Admonish- Verb- Warn or reprimand someone firmly:

- My drama teacher would **admonish** students for repeatedly forgetting the lines.
- I hope my boss does not **admonish** me for being late.

Thursday – Indefatigable- Adjective- Never showing signs of getting tired:

- In order to be a model, you need to have **indefatigable** patience.
- Jack is an **indefatigable** defender of human rights.

Friday- Cynical- Adjective- Distrustful of human sincerity or integrity:

- Helen is a **cynical** woman who does not trust anyone.
- Because Larry is such a **cynical** person, he has very few friends.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This is a reminder that we have asked all students to contribute at least **one item** to their Form group to make up a Christmas Hamper which should include:

- ◇ Christmas cake
- ◇ Christmas pudding
- ◇ mince pies
- ◇ Christmas crackers
- ◇ tin of chocolates
- ◇ individual chocolate (coins, wrapped chocolates)
- ◇ sweets
- ◇ box/tin of biscuits
- ◇ small cakes (yule logs/jam tarts/sponges etc)
- ◇ Soft drinks

All donations need to be in by **Thursday 12th December** so that they can be distributed in time for Christmas.

We thank you in advance for your support as always.

God bless, *The RE Department*

BD PTA WINTER FAIR

The first BD PTA Winter Fair will be held on **Friday 29th November 2019 from 3pm to 5pm. As always, we need your support!**

Please donate anything you can for prizes, however small. Suitable items would include chocolates, toiletries, scented candles, cakes, bottles, hampers, vouchers for the raffle etc. Please bring in donations to school along with a note of your name so we know who to thank. Alternatively, if you work for a company that would be interested in sponsoring us or donating a prize for the event please let us know. Please have your child bring any donations into school by **Wednesday 20th of November** so that we can advertise them and prepare for the event.

Please put the date in your calendar and join us taking part in the festive spirit. Many thanks in advance for your generosity and support.

Ms Wejknis, PTA Co-ordinator

HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS

On Wednesday 6th November our liturgical prefects sent off our harvest festival collection to the local food bank at our school parish of St Mary's.

We are all very grateful for your support of this important collection for those in need at this time of year.

God bless,
RE Department



Fr Kevin and the Liturgical Prefects



TEAM CHESS CHALLENGE QUALIFIER

The following students represented Bishop Douglass School at the National Team Chess Challenge, North London Qualifier at Mill Hill County High School on Thursday 7th November after school.

- Jon Homer ISRAEL 13 Owen
- Cameron LAWRENCE 13 Owen
- Joshua MESSETTER 11 Campion
- Dave MANUEL 11 Campion
- Clifford APPIAH 12 Fisher
- Muhammad Ali QASIMI 12 Campion
- Kudakwashe BENZA 13 Southwell

Our team played 4 rounds of chess and in the competitive games we finished 5th of 9 teams. In rounds 2, 3 and 4, our reserves also played making up an extra team to play against the team who had a bye in each of those rounds. All players got at least one game in the competitive team.

The photo shows our team from round 1 playing our reserves from round 1 in a friendly match in round 2 when Bishop Douglass were the team with a bye. These "friendly" games were played under tournament rules in the same room as the main competition.

There was a buzz on the mini bus on the way back to Bishop Douglass as the players discussed the events of the afternoon and shared in each other's successes. We look forward to our next competition when we enter a local afternoon qualifying event for the National Schools Under 19 Chess Championships 2019/20 on Friday 22nd November 2019.

Mr Carter, Chess Club Leader



WINTER FAIR POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

Winter Fair Poster Competition Winner: **Kiara T 10M** 50 e-praise points!
 Effort Prize : **Rozalia S 7C** 25 e-praise points!
Well done!

PTA MEETING

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the PTA meeting this week. We discussed the Winter Fair which is fast-approaching. The information is elsewhere in this bulletin and above are the wonderful posters we are using to advertise the fair.

So far the PTA has raised £946. Thank you all for your contributions. Pupils have been given letters about the Winter Fair and the arrangements on the day for our helpers and for the other students. Please ensure that you read this letter and sign the consent form if your child is helping on the day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Madam Wejknis
 PTA Co-ordinator

BD CONTACT

Please note that if you need to contact us by email, you should use the following email address:

schooladmin@bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk

Please do not use the email service used to send you this newsletter as it is not checked regularly. Please do not send texts but telephone our Receptionist on 020 8444 5211 or use the email above.

Thank you for your support.

The School Office

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 Sage Club 8.30am DO.6 Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am Laud’s morning prayer 8:25am Chapel	Homework Support A1.1 8am Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study Library Maths Club Library 8.50-9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 8am Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study —Library Maths Club Library 8.50—9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 8am Social skills Y7 A1.2 8.45am Independent Study —Library Maths Club Library 8.50—9.10 Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	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 – free breakfast before 8.20am
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 KS4 Art Club T1.2 Fitness Club Gym Raising & Giving Committee DO.6 Indoor Football Club Y7 Sports Hall Drum Club EO.6	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 KS4 Art Club T1.2 Science Club SO.6 Geography Society B1.5 Fitness Club Gym Spanish Cine Club A3.1 Moment for Jesus Chapel School Choir EO.6	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 KS3 Art Club T1.2 Fitness Club Gym Bible Club DO.6 Basketball Club Basketball courts Geography Club B1.5 Guitar Club EO.3	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2 Fitness Club Gym Basketball Club Basketball courts Spanish Cine Club A3.1 Moment for Jesus Chapel Model UN B1.4 Song in Lunchtime EO.6	Homework Support A1.1 Bachata dance club A3.1 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 Football Sports Field	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm Drama Club Drama Studio (until 4.30) Debate mate Y7-10 C3.1 (until 4.20) Sixth Form sports 2.10-4.30pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm KS3 Film Club C3.1 3.15-4.20pm Football Basketball 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) Basketball fixtures Girls Football KS3 Football fields	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4.10) Chess Club —SO.1 (until 4.30)