



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

8th November 2019

INTRODUCTION

We had a great turn-out for the fireworks display which took place on Wednesday this week. Thank you to all who supported this event.

There is a lot of fund-raising going on throughout the school, with Christmas Hamper collections, the Christmas fair and the Senior Citizens' Christmas party—please support these wonderful events as much as you are able. Details are provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

Meanwhile, after school and Saturday interventions continue for our senior students. Please encourage your child to attend all available sessions.

Thank you to all parents who attended our Target Setting Day today. We trust that you and your child found it useful. Have a wonderful weekend.

BD FIREWORKS

This Wednesday students and staff joined together for the annual BD Firework display. The event was hosted by 10A Saints with all proceeds going toward the Senior Citizens' Christmas party. Students were treated to a selection of pizza and sweets before heading outside to see the fireworks.

Special thanks to **Eloise, Iona** and **Tara** from 10A, who were fantastic in setting up this event.

Mr Reed

Head of Music & 10A Form Tutor



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 12th November: BD PTA meeting at 5.30pm. All parent/carers welcome

Tuesday 12th November: Cinema Evening from 3.15pm

Wednesday 13th November: Year 11 into 6th Form meeting 4.30pm to 6.30pm

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

ON-LINE SAFETY

Childnet have updated their parent and carer toolkit that will help parents have conversations about online safety. Their booklet 'Let's talk about life online' includes ten key messages that should be shared with children:

1. "You can always come to me if you need help."
2. "What would you do if this happened...?"
3. "Remember that not everyone is who they say they are online."
4. "Keep your personal information safe, and other people's too."
5. "Be respectful to others online."
6. "Think before you post."
7. "Remember to ask if it's okay."
8. "Remember not everything is true online."
9. "The things other people post online might not always show what their life is really like."
10. "Recognise how going online makes you feel and take a break when you need to."

The Parent and Carer Toolkit can be found here:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit> and further information is available:

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Let's-talk-about-life-online.pdf>

THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Lucja Dzialek (7W) (+45)

Year 8: Ryan Bah (8W), Ashley Lithy (8W), Naomi Allen (8W), Oliver Dingivan (8M), & Gabriel Aversani Gil (8W) (+25)

Year 9: Manahwee Miles (9F) (+40)

Year 10: Raine Estrella (10O) (+40)

Year 11: Alexandra Walczak (11C) (+25)

Year 12: Clivert Chapula (12F) (+45)

Year 13: Tuesday Bustamante (13L), Paul Nartey (13O), Natalie Rutagamirwa (13S) (+15)

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 to be donated to our charity this term, The Passage, who work to alleviate homelessness.

The hamper should include the following items:

- ◇ 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

Can you please give your child one of these items to donate to their form group's hamper. 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



WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday –Efface- Verb- To cause something to fade or disappear:

- With time, the words are **effaced** by the rain.
- As a mediator, Travis worked hard to **efface** communication problems between his clients.

Tuesday –Exquisite– Adjective- Especially fine or pleasing; exceptional:

- The wedding cake was absolutely **exquisite**, unlike any he had seen before.
- The chef made an **exquisite** presentation with the meal for the evening.

Wednesday – Coerce– Verb- Persuade (an unwilling person) to do something by using force or threats:

- As the students argued, the teacher tried to **coerce** them into silence with the threat of a detention.
- The man was **coerced** into giving evidence.

Thursday – Circumspect– Adjective- Wary and unwilling to take risks:

- Most doctors are **circumspect** about recommending the new medication to their patients.
- You need to be **circumspect** about giving out too much personal information on the internet.

Friday- Adamant– Adjective- Refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind:

- She remains **adamant** that an injustice was done.
- Sue was **adamant** about that job in Australia.

FROM THE LIBRARY

SCARY STORIES COMPETITIONS

I am pleased to announce that **Mara De Ninno**, 7 More, is the winner of the Scary Stories writing competition. We had several excellent entries, and a mention must go to **Chidubem Ukaenwe**, 7 More, for his runner-up story, 'Bye Bye Mary.' **Farhana Sediq**, 8 More, is the winner of the 'Do You Know your Horror Novels?' quiz. Mara and Farhana both receive a £10 gift voucher and a certificate.

Congratulations to the winners!



Mara



Farhana

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!**

To make the event a real success, we need prizes. We ask you please to donate anything you can, 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. It would be preferable if items are brought into school by **Wednesday 20th of November** so that we can advertise them and prepare for the event.

Finally, the Fair would not be a success without your attendance, so please put the date in your calendar and join us taking part in the festive spirit. All proceeds raised on the evening will go to PTA fund, which is raising funds for a new Minibus.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity and support.

If you are able to help out on the day or would like more information about the PTA please do not hesitate to contact me via schooladmin@bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk

The next PTA meeting is on **Tuesday, the 12th of November 2019 at 5:30pm** to discuss the arrangements for the fair. All parents/carers are welcome.

Ms Wejknis, PTA Co-ordinator



CINEMA EVENING

10 More are hosting a **Cinema Evening** to raise money for the Senior Citizens Party. We are showing the movie, **Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2** on **Tuesday 12 November**, starting at 3.15pm. The cinema evening will also include a **space themed tuck shop**, where student can purchase **out of this world** treats for the movie.

Tickets are **only £1** and can be bought from before the event from Madam McCrone.

Madam McCrone

Drama Teacher & Form Tutor 10M

BD FOOTBALL

On Thursday 31st October, BD beat East Barnet School 1-0 thanks to our captain Fabian Lockridge-Scott in the second half.

Having been held to a draw in our last two games against Finchley Catholic and The Wren, the team were determined to make sure we got all three points from this difficult fixture.

BD were dominant in the first half from the first minute and were able to keep possession and have a few half chances from Julian, Fabian and Ricardo; however, this dominance was disrupted due to an injury to an East Barnet player's arm. In spite of this, we were able to stay concentrated and have many attempts at goal. However, we nearly conceded to a wonder strike from their striker which hit the bar.

In the second half, BD continued how we ended the first half - keeping possession and limiting East Barnet from having any attacking opportunities. Midway through the second half, we got the goal we deserved after Dorian's corner was handled by the opposition as it was travelling towards the back of the net. Fabian stepped up and slotted the penalty down the middle. From then on we controlled the game and we were able to show our skills through brilliant dribbles from Maximo and Julian.

As the whistle blew we celebrated our win with Mr O'Brien, Mr Hajidsavva and Mr O'Neil.

Match Report written by Chibueze Ogbuehi 9C



Mr O'Brien giving us final instructions as we begin the second half

CATHOLIC LIFE

Our poppy appeal is going well and is being led by the raising and giving team in the sixth form.

We are looking forward to our remembrance service which will be led by Father Kevin.

God bless

RE Department

**TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
2019**



***GUARDIANS
OF THE GALAXY 2***

ENTRY: £1

FOOD & SNACKS ON SALE

PLACE: E05 at 3:15pm

Please buy your ticket from Madam McCrone

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)