



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

1st November 2019

INTRODUCTION

With winter fast-approaching and the evenings getting darker earlier, we ask that you please ensure that your child takes extra care walking to/from school and crossing roads. Please ask them to keep to well-lit roads and to use pedestrian crossings where possible, taking extra care if no crossing is available.

Please regularly check your child's homework to make sure it is completed to the best of his/her ability. The school's homework policy is set out in the journal.

Target Setting Day will be taking place on Friday next week. Please ensure that you have booked your appointment with your child's Form Tutor. Refreshments will be available from the library, where you can also get homework logins.

Our school week ended on a lovely note today with a mass for All Saints Day, featuring our choir and some fantastic readings.

We hope you have a peaceful weekend.



BD PTA WINTER FAIR

Thank you to parents who came to our recent PTA meeting. We discussed the first BD PTA Winter Fair which will be held on **Friday 29th November 2019 from 3pm to 5pm**. The school day will finish at 12:30pm and students will have the opportunity to go home and get changed before the event. Some students will be able to stay and help out with the setup, and a letter will be handed out next week seeking consent for this.

The fair promises to be an exciting event with a plethora of stalls and exciting activities such as Christmas grotto, Christmas cake around the world, handmade Christmas cards and Christmas gifts stall and second-hand uniform stall to name a few. Please note that there is a nominal entrance fee of 50p.

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 and the PTA team.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 8th November: Target Setting Day—pupils and parents in for appointments with Form Tutors

Monday 11th November: Remembrance Day

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

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

THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Lucja Dzialek (7W) (+60)

Year 8: Arda Caner (8M) (+65)

Year 9: Andre Rodrigues (9W) (+35)

Year 10: Raine Estrella (10O) (+30)

Year 11: Christelle Larnyoh (11F) (+30)

BD FIREWORKS

Please note that there will be a fireworks display after school from 4.30-5.15pm on Wednesday 6th November.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Christmas is nearly here!!! As part of our Advent celebrations, this year we have chosen to work with **The Passage** as our Christmas act of charity. As you know homelessness is a serious problem in the UK and **The Passage** helps those across London.

As part of our commitment to the Catholic ethos of the school, each form group is expected to provide at least **one** hamper which will be distributed to local families in need this Christmas.

The hamper should include the following items:

- ◇ Christmas cake
- ◇ Christmas pudding
- ◇ mince pies
- ◇ Christmas crackers
- ◇ tin of chocolates
- ◇ individual chocolate (coins, wrapped chocolates etc)
- ◇ 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 –Imminent- Adjective- Likely to occur at any moment:

- The firemen told us it was safe to leave the building slowly because we were not in **imminent** danger.
- The guard blew his whistle to warn of the train's **imminent** departure.

Tuesday –Eminent– Adjective- (of a person) famous and respected within a particular sphere; remarkable, great:

- Everyone was looking forward to taking the class with such an **eminent** professor.
- As an **eminent** author of many children's books, he has played a significant role in helping parents raise respectful and well-mannered citizens.

Wednesday –Candid– Adjective- Truthful and straightforward:

- Because the politician made a **candid** speech, he earned the respect of the voters.
- The book reviewer had no trouble giving his **candid** review of the awful novel.

Thursday –Delirious– Adjective - Not able to speak or think clearly especially because of mental confusion or illness:

- The tropical heat was making me **delirious** and unable think clearly.
- **Delirious** with grief, my friend could barely speak at her dad's funeral.
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Friday- Manoeuvre– Noun- A movement or series of moves requiring skill and care:

- A talented snowboarder managed to **manoeuvre** around an incoming tree with a last second swerve.
- The pilot had to make a daring **manoeuvre** to avoid an incoming missile that would have destroyed his plane.

BD CONTACT

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Gospel Choir Workshop

This Tuesday saw Bishop Douglass Music department welcome guests from the world famous **Kingdom Choir**. Marsha and Vaughan took time out of their busy schedules to run a 3-hour gospel choir workshop with students from across the school. Over 50 students took part in the workshop, which culminated in a performance to year 7 at the end of the day.

"I'd never sung Gospel but I thought I'd just get out of my comfort zone and give it a go!" (Oskar - 7C)

Mr J Reed
Head of Music



Caribbean Dance Workshop

Wednesday 16th October 2019 saw Bishop Douglass host its inaugural 'Caribbean Dance Workshop' as part of our Black History Month celebrations.

The workshop was hosted by a number of year 13 students – led admirably by Amma Paterson – for Key Stage 3. We learned a number of new moves, inspired by carnival, festival and Caribbean music. We then put these together in a routine, and were guided to perfect our moves by Amma and Belor (Ngombo).

The students (and teachers) who took part, had great fun and were thrilled to learn about a culture which many had never been exposed to before. It is for exactly reasons such as this, that it is so important to the school community that we are able to host such events.

Thank you to the members of the sixth form who gave up their time to choreograph and teach a routine with such patience and enthusiasm. This was matched by the members of Key Stage 3 who locked and popped with confidence, and gave a glimpse of the exciting events which may be yet to come as these talented students continue through their school journey.

Let's hope this begins a new tradition in Bishop Douglass, because I for one, had a wonderful time!

Madam Lewinton
History Teacher



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)