



# Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

*In Pursuit of Excellence*

12th October 2018

## INTRODUCTION

Assessment week has gone very well with teachers impressed with the mature approach of our pupils.

The RE department has continued its fund-raising drive with this week's Harvest Festival collection of tinned goods—donations going to our local food bank. The donations certainly looked very impressive. Our thanks go to all pupils, parents and staff who, yet again, show their willingness to help others less fortunate than themselves.

**Please note that the school will be closed next Friday 19th October for an inset day** and this will be followed by half term.

Have a wonderful weekend.



### The First Pan-African Conference



The First Pan-African Conference was held in London from 23 to 25 July 1900 in Westminster Town Hall (now Caxton Hall) and was attended by 37 delegates and about 10 other participants and observers from Africa, the West Indies, the US and the UK.

W.E.B. Du Bois played a leading role, giving the closing speech, "Address to the Nations of the World", appealing to world leaders to act against racism, to grant colonies in Africa and the West Indies the right to self-government and demanding political and other rights for African Americans.

See more on [www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk](http://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 19th October: INSET day

Half Term: 22nd October—26th October (inclusive)

Tuesday 30th October: BD PTA @ 5.15pm

Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trip: Thursday 1st November

Friday 2nd November: Target Setting Day

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Once again, many thanks to pupils, parents and staff for their contributions both of items for sale and in terms of helping on the day (special mention to the mother of Oliver, 7M, for your assistance).

It was a very successful event. We raised £327.16 which was sent to MacMillan Cancer Support.

Mr Hadjisavva  
Head of RE



## SPIRITUALITY MATTERS

***The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.***

This week's Gospel teaches us about the importance of Jesus Christ. Within Matthew's writings, Jesus is insinuating that he will be stone that the builders rejected.

In overcoming death, Jesus became the corner stone on which our faith was built. His example teaches us today about the importance of staying true to ourselves and to our faith through adversity.

So this week, do not lose sight of your own place on this earth, and the reason that you were put here. Let us remember the actions of Jesus Christ, and become one with God.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

If you have not already ordered your photographs online, please have your child return the envelope with payment enclosed by Monday first thing or during Registration at the latest.

Thank you for your assistance.

epraise.co.uk

*THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS*

- Year 7:** Gwenn Bulatao (7C) (+35)
- Year 8:** Roya Shaterian (8W) & Dru Amin (8O) (+25)
- Year 9:** Raluca-Elena Cozma (9C) & Ilea Dehghan (9A) (+45)
- Year 10:** Ibinabo Tariah (10M) (+25)
- Year 11:** Alby Avdullaj (11F) (+45)
- Year 12:** Kuba Demko (12S) (+35)
- Year 13:** Barnabas Grunwald (+55)

*ROME TRIP*

Last week, two students from BD visited Rome as part of a combined trip with our sister schools. The students were able to visit amazing historical sites, such as the Colosseum and Palantine Hill, and enjoyed the stunning architecture throughout the city. On Wednesday they visited Vatican City and had an audience with the Pope. The group was

very excited to be invited to the platform where the Pope delivered the mass in the beautiful sunshine.

Ms Gant—Trip Leader

*WORDS OF THE WEEK*

**Monday – Specious** – Adjective: Superficially plausible, but actually wrong; misleading in appearance:

- The politician gave the voters a **specious** argument about BREXIT.
- Rather than admitting he overslept, Joe gave his teacher a **specious** reason for being late.

**Tuesday – Insinuate** – Verb: Suggest or hint (something bad) in an indirect and unpleasant way; manoeuvre oneself into a favourable position by subtle manipulation:

- She **insinuated** that her colleague had bribed his way into the top job.
- He **insinuated** himself into the President's confidence.

**Wednesday – Compunction** – Noun: A feeling of guilt or moral scruple that prevents or follows the doing of something bad:

- They used their tanks without **compunction**.
- Surprisingly the gang member showed **compunction** when questioned about the crime.

**Thursday – Tentative** – Adjective: Not certain or fixed; provisional; done without confidence; hesitant:

- She had a **tentative** appointment at the hospital; the doctor would confirm it later in the week.
- The baby took his first **tentative** steps.

**Friday – Innocuous** – Adjective: Not harmful or offensive:

- She asked an **innocuous** question, but her colleague did not see it that way.
- The football manager disagreed with the referee; to him, the foul looked **innocuous**.

*HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS*

The RE department sends it thanks to all pupils, parents and staff who gave so generously this week for the Harvest Festival collection in aid of our local food bank.

The food bank was very grateful to receive all your kind donations and has asked us to pass on their thanks.

Mr Hadjisavva  
Head of RE



**EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND STUDY SUPPORT**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School 8.00-8.45am</b>	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> <b>Handwriting Club</b> Library 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> —Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free <i>breakfast before 8.20am</i>	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> <b>Handwriting Club</b> Library 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> -Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free <i>breakfast before 8.20am</i>	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> <b>Handwriting Club</b> Library 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> —Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free <i>breakfast before 8.20am</i>	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> <b>Social skills Y7 A1.2</b> 8.45 <b>Independent Study</b> —Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free <i>breakfast before 8.20am</i>	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> <b>Social Skills Y8 A1.2</b> 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> —Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free <i>breakfast before 8.20am</i>
<b>Lunchtime 1.30-2pm</b>	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> <b>Maths Club A1.2</b>	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> <b>Maths Club A1.2</b>	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> <b>Maths Club A1.2</b>	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> <b>Maths Club A1.2</b>	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> <b>Maths Club A1.2</b>
<b>After School 3.10-6pm</b>	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> (until 4:10)

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS/ACTIVITIES:**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunchtime 1.30-2pm</b>	<b>Fitness Club</b> Fitness Suite <b>Basketball Club</b>	<b>Fitness Club</b> Fitness Suite <b>Basketball Club</b> <b>Choir E0.6</b>	<b>Salsa/Bachata dance A3.3</b>	<b>Fitness Club</b> Fitness Suite <b>Basketball Club</b> <b>Senior Choir</b> —E0.6 <b>Y11 Anime Club C3.1</b>	<b>Fitness Club</b> Fitness Suite <b>Basketball Club</b> <b>KS3 Art Club T1.2</b>
<b>After School 3.10-4.10pm</b>	<b>Drama Club</b> —E0.4 Lord of the Flies rehearsals (3.10-4.30pm) <b>Orchestra</b> —E0.6 <b>Boys football training</b> <b>Girls basketball training</b>  <b>Fixture:</b> Y7 Football v East Barnet @ East Barnet (Mr Hart)	<b>Fixture:</b> Y10 Girls Basketball @ Cophthall School	<b>Music practice Club</b> —E corridor <b>KS3:</b> Football Basketball, Fitness <b>KS4 &amp; 5: (from 4.10)</b> Basketball, Fitness <b>Drama Club Rehearsals</b> (see Monday)—E0.4 <b>Fitness Club</b> —Fitness Suite  <b>Fixtures:</b> Y8 Football v East Barnet @ E Barnet (Mr O'Brien) Y9 Football v E Barnet @BD (Mr Asaro)	<b>Dance club:</b> (until 4.30) Dance Studio (3.10-4.30pm) <b>School Choir</b> —E0.6 <b>Fixture:</b> Y7 Football v FCH (Mr Hart) Venue to be confirmed	<b>Chess Club</b> —S0.1 <b>Music Appreciation</b> —E0.6 (until 3.30pm)