



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

16th March 2018

INTRODUCTION

Science week started on Wednesday with a visit from the Tropical Zoo, which was very successful. Activities will be continuing next week.

We are very proud of our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students who have worked very hard this week in their Trial Exams. These continue into next week and we ask parents for your continued support in ensuring they revise for these important exams.

We look forward to meeting Year 6s who will be attending our Master Classes in English and Maths on Saturday in preparation for their Key Stage 2 SATs.

Included with this newsletter are the term dates for next year.

SPIRITUALITY MATTERS

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

This week, we have been asked to turn and recognise the saving grace that Jesus brought to the world. He came to teach the words of God, to show us the right way to live, so that we may reconnect with the Lord our God. In the midst of our frantic lives; filled with deadlines, exams, and work schedules, let us remember that the celebration of Easter is a moment where we can turn towards our Lord, and acknowledge his saving gifts.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Music Springfest: week commencing 19th March

22nd & 23rd March: Trip to Haworth: Year 13 English

23rd & 26th March: re-scheduled GCSE Geography Field trip

Last day of Term: 29th March 2018

First day of Summer Term: 16 April 2018

EASTER EGGS WANTED

Please remember to bring Easter Eggs by **Thursday 22nd March 2018**. Thank you for your support.



SCIENCE WEEK...PART ONE

Visit from the Tropical Zoo Wednesday 14th March

Science week got off to a flying start with a visit from the tropical zoo on Wednesday morning. The return of this annual staple did not disappoint. Year nine were once again the beneficiaries of the experience this year and all three groups of students gained detailed knowledge of some of our planets most unusual and often endangered species. Kicking off with a talk about conservation and the issues surrounding the delicate balance of the world's eco systems, students were surprised at the effect on numbers of individual species due to human activity.

We were then introduced to, and offered the opportunity to handle some of these coveted organisms including scorpions, tarantulas, tree frogs, a boa constrictor and a python!

Our students reacted with varying degrees of enthusiasm ranging from intrigue to downright horror.

The students were complimented on their respectful behaviour and we are glad to report all students and the animals survived the experience unscathed.

The festivities of science week will continue into next week so please look to the next newsletter for reports on activities including: a dissection masterclass, busking science showcase, a careers talk from a practicing chemical engineer, and many other exciting talks and activities.





THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS

- Year 7:** Esjena Hasmuja (7W) (+55)
Year 8: Estefania Henao-Pardo (8A) (+40)
Year 9: Bianca Pinto (9M) (+40)
Year 10: Kreeti Shahi (100) (+25)
Year 11: Cameron Lawrence (11M) (+35)
Year 12: Mia Kemp (12W) (+30)
Year 13: Roy Ngugi (13L) (+10)

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL



Our Year 7 boys football team continued BD's run of sporting success across the year groups, with an impressive 3 – 1

defeat of Hendon School. This win has taken them to the semi-finals of the league. Congratulations to the team and good luck for the semi-final.

Mr O'Brien

YEAR 7 BASKETBALL

The Year 7 basketball team has enjoyed mixed success in a tough competition this year. They finished the season in 3rd place overall with a win on Monday evening against SJSM.

The future of BD basketball looks strong in their hands.

Mr Hart

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL

The Year 8 football team, assisted ably by some draftees from Year 7, ran riot in the quarter-finals of their league match with a 7-1 win over Hendon this week. **Man of the match** was **Eyobed Tsegaye**.

Again, congratulations to the team and good luck for the semi-final.

Mr Asaro

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

DEADLINE for return of completed Own Find forms:
Friday 20 April 2018

3 (school) weeks remain for the return of completed "Own Find" forms. Please hand them in at the Library.

Thank you for your co-operation.
 Madam Pavlou (Librarian)

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Emulate – Verb: Match or surpass (a person or achievement), typically by imitation; imitate:

- Most rulers wished to **emulate** Alexander the Great.
- Hers is not a hairstyle I wish to **emulate**.

Tuesday – Untenable – Adjective: Not able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection (especially of a position or view):

- The medical student found it impossible to maintain his **untenable** habit of sleeping 3 hours each night.
- The scandal put the President in an **untenable** position.

Wednesday - Ruminare – Verb: 1. Think deeply about something; 2. (Of a ruminant) Chew the cud:

- Geoffrey and Alice often sat **ruminating** on the nature of their existence.
- We sat in the field looking at the sheep and cows **ruminating** without raising their eyes.

Thursday – Nuance – Noun: A subtle difference in or shade of meaning, expression or sound; **Verb:** Give nuances to:

- When translating, you must have sufficient fluency in the language to pick up each fine **nuance**, otherwise a meaning might be changed entirely.
- The effect of the music is **nuanced** by the social situation of the listeners.

Friday – Elucidate -Verb: Make something clear; explain, to make something that is hard to understand clear or easy to understand:

- The presentation will help to **elucidate** the project.
- When asked for details of the robbery, the suspect refused to **elucidate**.

BISHOP DOUGLASS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Term Dates 2018-19

AUTUMN TERM 2018

First Half:	Tuesday, 4 September* – Friday, 19 October
<i>Half-term:</i>	<i>Monday, 22 October – Friday, 26 October</i>
Second Half:	Monday, 29 October – Thursday, 20 December

SPRING TERM 2019

First Half:	Monday, 7 January – Friday, 15 February
<i>Half-term:</i>	<i>Monday, 18 February – Friday, 22 February</i>
Second Half:	Monday, 25 February – Friday, 5 April <i>(Easter weekend 19 – 22 April)</i>

SUMMER TERM 2019

First Half:	Tuesday, 23 April – Friday, 24 May
<i>May Day:</i>	<i>Monday, 6 May</i>
<i>Half-term:</i>	<i>Monday, 27 May – Friday, 31 May</i>
Second Half:	Monday, 3 June – Friday, 19 July

***Start of Year Arrangements**

Tuesday, 4 September:	Inset Day – 4 more to be arranged
Wednesday, 5 September:	Year 7 start and 6 th form enrolment
Thursday, 6 September:	Year 7 (in lessons) and 6 th form induction
Friday, 7 September:	Years 7 – 11 in school
Monday, 10 September :	Whole School

EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND STUDY SUPPORT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8.00-8.45am	Homework Support A1.1 Independent Study Library Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i> Sage Club	Homework Support A1.1 Independent Study Library Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	Homework Support A1.1 Independent Study Library Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	Homework Support A1.1 Independent Study Library Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>	Homework Support A1.1 Independent Study Library Breakfast Club Hall – <i>free breakfast before 8.20am</i>
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After School 3.10-6pm	Support A1.1 (To 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (To 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (To 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (To 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (To 4:10)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – WHOLE SCHOOL:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Basketball Basketball Courts	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Basketball Basketball Courts KS3 Arts Club T1.3 Choir for Years 7 & 8 in E0.6	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Basketball Basketball Courts Film Club Y7&8 B3.2	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Gardening Club S0.7 Geography club for Years 7&8 Choir for Years 10, 11 & Sixth Form in E0.6	Fitness Club Fitness Suite
After School 3.10-4.10pm	Bishop Douglass Youth Club (BDYC) Sports Hall <i>*Runs until 5:30pm</i> STEM Club S0.5 Drama Club Drama Studio Orchestra Music Dept Trampoline Club Dance Studio	Music practice Music Dept.	Rock School Music Dept. Wednesday club (girls only) Badminton, basketball, fitness, netball/football (Sports Hall)	Dance Club Dance Studio Gospel Choir Music Dept.	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Chess Club S0.1