



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

20th April 2018

INTRODUCTION

We hope that you had a wonderful break and that students have returned energised and ready for the final term.

The countdown to exams now begins in earnest and for those with children sitting GCSEs and A Levels, we hope that you continue to encourage your children to keep up with their revision and to attend all the remaining intervention sessions offered.

Our thanks go to all pupils and parents for your generosity in donating Easter eggs for the North London Hospice and Oak Lodge School. These were much appreciated. We also thank pupils and parents for the generosity shown during our penny collection over Lent.

SPIRITUALITY MATTERS

Our Easter service on the last day of term was full of evocative imagery.

Our drama performers brought home the Easter message and as always, the singing was beautiful.

Father Kevin's insightful sermon gave us all something to ponder over the break.



SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

Our thanks to all student performers who took part in the Spring Music Festival which took place before Easter. Thanks also to all staff who helped support and organise the festival and to our audience members. The festival gave many students from years 7-13 the opportunity to perform, listen to and enjoy music as part of their school day.

The week was a huge success with the drama studio full to bursting on occasion. The concert series also helped to raise over £28 in just four days via a penny appeal. All proceeds will be passed onto CAFOD as part of the whole school charity fundraising effort carried out this lent season.

Mr Reed, Head of Music

"MAKING THE LEAP" WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 21st March students in Year 10 took part in workshops hosted by Making the Leap. Making the Leap help introduce the worth and importance of gaining work experience to help support future studies and provide a valuable insight in the world of work. During the sessions students were deeply engaged in a range of activities ranging from identifying the many uses of a toothbrush to discussing the keys roles a student on work experience with a large banking corporation may undertake!

Feedback from the Making the Leap team was extremely positive. The visiting staff were greatly impressed by the "exceptional" behaviour of the students around the school. One facilitator also commented on the great resources he saw around the school, especially in the Music department. He also went on to praise the sixth form students and staff he had met, especially Mr Reed, who he described as a "thoroughly decent chap"!

Making the Leap staff thank all those involved in making the day extremely productive and pass on their best wishes to all students, parents and staff.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

24th April: A level Spanish /French Speaking Exams

24th April: HPV Vaccination Y8 girls (2nd dose)

25th April: Year 10 Parents' Evening

25th & 26th April: Spanish GCSE Speaking Exams

27th April: INSET day—school closed to students except those asked to come in to re-sit exams or complete coursework

30th April & 1st May: Community Language Speaking Exams

7th May: May Day Bank holiday

9th May: Year 9 Parents' Evening

23rd May: Year 7 Parents' Evening

28th May: Half term Holidays





THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Esjena Hasmuja (7W) (+25)

Year 8: Rose-Mary Lawlor (8M) (+30)

Year 9: Paul Cusack (9C) (+60)

Year 10: Aymen Jaber (10M) (+50)

Year 11: Cameron Lawrence (11M) (+35)

Year 12: Natalie Gamage (12A) (+60)

Year 13: Trisha Garing (13S) (+35)

Congratulations to our **Epraise Prize Draw winners for last term (below):**



INSET DAY FRIDAY 27TH APRIL

School will be closed to all students except those who have been asked to come in to resit exams or complete coursework.

FOOTBALL SEMI-FINALS

Our football teams from Year 7 and Year 8 both have semi-final matches taking place next week. Year 7 will be playing St Andrews at St Andrews on Tuesday 24th April and Year 8 will be at Friern Barnet on Wednesday 25th April.

Good luck to all involved.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

The date for handing in "Own Find" forms has passed but if any student has recently found their own work experience place, please hand the form into the Librarian, Mrs Pavlou, as soon as possible and she will try to accommodate this.

HAYFEVER SEASON

As the hay fever season approaches, please note that we are unable to dispense anti-histamine tablets at school. If your son/daughter suffers from hay fever or requires a daily anti-histamine please ensure that the medication is taken before your child comes to school.



WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Negligible (adjective): so small or unimportant as to be not worth considering; insignificant:

- A **negligible** amount of damage was done to the vehicle following the crash.
- The price difference was **negligible**, so I decided to buy the more expensive pair of shoes.

Tuesday – Bastion (noun): 1) An institution, place or person strongly maintaining particular principles, attitudes or activities; or 2) Any fortified place:

- Rosa Parks is a great example of a **bastion** for desegregation.
- Soldiers sought shelter behind the **bastion**.

Wednesday – Vestige (noun): a trace or remnant of something that is disappearing or no longer exists:

- He showed no **vestige** of remorse for his crime.
- The hungry dog left only a **vestige** of food in his bowl.

Thursday – Scrutinize (verb): examine or inspect closely and thoroughly:

- Clifford did not **scrutinize** his grocery bill and later realised he had been grossly overcharged.
- He looked around with more time to **scrutinize** the scene and noticed something he hadn't previously seen.

Friday – Acrimonious (adjective): angry and bitter (typically of speech or discussion)

- It was an **acrimonious** dispute between drivers and management that initiated the bus strike.
- There was a supposedly **acrimonious** relationship between the football teams, but in reality, they were the best of friends.

COMPETITIONS

Our Kitchen is running two competitions starting next week and posters are included outlining what these entail. Please note that the prize mentioned is not provided in cash but will be put on your child's lunch account for her/him to use in the usual way in the school's canteen.



Happy tasting and baking!



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. Fixture: Year 7 Football semi-final v St Andrews @ St Andrews (Mr O'Brien)	Rock School Music Dept. Wednesday club (girls only) Badminton, basketball, fitness, netball/football (Sports Hall) Fixture: Plate Cut semi-final Year 8 football v Friern Barnet @ Friern Barnet (Mr Asaro)	Dance Club Dance Studio Gospel Choir Music Dept.	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Chess Club S0.1