



# Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

*In Pursuit of Excellence*

5th November 2018

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. How quickly time has passed—it will soon be Christmas. The weather has certainly changed to feel much more like winter!

Thank you to all who came to school today for Target Setting Day. This is always a very worthwhile meeting to assess where your child is and where they will be, with effort and dedication, by the end of the year. We hope you found it useful.

Please note that all students are invited to our Fireworks display on Monday 5th November. There is a note about it elsewhere in this newsletter.

We hope you have a restful weekend.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Over the month of October, students have been finding out about the lives of well-known, and some less well-known, figures as part of Black History Month. As this year is the 70th anniversary of the Empire Windrush landing in Britain, we have guided students towards finding out about black Britons. Popular choices have included the soldier and footballer Walter Tull and authors Zadie Smith and Benjamin Zephaniah. Students were also excited to learn about global figures with the Malian emperor Mansa Musa and Michelle Obama featuring prominently.

The students really enjoyed sharing their research with their peers and learning from student presentations.

*Mr Harris  
Head of History*



Walter Tull



Michelle Obama

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 5th November: Fireworks Display from 17.30 in Sports field. Open to all students & staff**

**Week commencing 12 November: Anti-bullying week**

**Wednesday 14th November: 6th Form open evening**

**Thursday 29th November: international Evening**

**Monday 3rd December: INSET day, school closed for pupils**

## LIBRARY COMPETITIONS

Mrs Pavlou, our Librarian, is currently running two competitions which are open to all students. The first is a "Guess the Book & Author" using clues provided (see a sample below). The second is "Guess the Characters" from the descriptions provided. The winners will receive 50 Epraise points each.

Entry forms can be picked up from the library. The competitions close on Friday 9th November.

Good luck to all.



## SKI TRIP FEBRUARY 2019

Next year during the week of the February half-term, Mr Reed will again be venturing to the mountains for the now annual ski-trip which is run in conjunction with our sister schools in the Academy Trust. Ski-ing will take place in Foppolo, Italy and the price includes travel, accommodation, food, lift pass, ski hire and ski lessons.

Letters outlining the costs and other details, are available from Mr Reed or from Student Services.



epraise.co.uk

*THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS*

- Year 7:** Jakub Jaworski (7W) (+60)  
**Year 8:** Manawhee Miles (8F) (+30)  
**Year 9:** Tara Dev (9A) (+35)  
**Year 10:** Alin-Cristian Cozma (10W) & Molly Palmer (10W) (+30)  
**Year 11:** Agnieszka Rudy (11M) (+55)  
**Year 12:** Cameron Lawrence (12O) (+35)  
**Year 13:** Soraya Arif (13A) (+30)

# Fireworks Display

## Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November:

- Snacks and refreshments will be available in the food tech room;
- Fireworks to start at 17.30 on the school field;
- ALL staff and school pupils are welcome to attend the display.

Mr O'Brien  
 Head of Year 8 & Youth Club leader



## *BD WINTER HATS*

Woolly winter hats with the school's logo on them are available for sale now from Student Services at a cost of £3.00.

## *WORDS OF THE WEEK*

**Monday – Incendiary** – Adjective: **(Of a device or attack) designed to cause fires, fire-raising or tending to stir up conflict:**

- Guy Fawkes, a Catholic, and his comrades, planted **incendiary** devices under the Houses of Parliament. This was in reprisal for increasing oppression of Roman Catholics in England by James 1. They were caught and executed; the famous gunpowder plot of 1605 was foiled.
- The aircraft was loaded with **incendiaries**.

**Tuesday – Ambivalent** – Adjective: **Having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone:**

- Some loved her, some disliked her, few were **ambivalent** about her.
- Some of his friends were confident in their plans to go to University but John felt **ambivalent** about his future.

**Wednesday – Uncanny** – Adjective: **Strange or mysterious, especially in an unsettling way; difficult or impossible to explain:**

- When the psychic looked at the abandoned house, she had an **uncanny** sense that something bad had happened to the owner.
- My best friend has the **uncanny** ability to know my thoughts before I speak.

**Thursday – Doleful** – Adjective: **Expressing sorrow, grief or sadness:**

- The naughty toddler looked at me with such sad, **doleful** eyes that I really could not reprimand her.
- He threw a **doleful** glance at the unappetising tuna sandwich.

**Friday – Tactile** – Adjective: **Of or connected with the sense of touch; designed to be perceived by touch:**

- I find bubble wrap extremely **tactile**; I cannot resist popping the bubbles!
- Braille was designed for the blind as a kind of **tactile** alphabet.

**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 breakfast before 8.20am	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> <b>Handwriting Club</b> Library 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> -Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> <b>Handwriting Club</b> Library 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> —Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	<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 breakfast before 8.20am	<b>Homework Support A1.1</b> <b>Social Skills Y8</b> A1.2 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> —Library <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am
<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>Chess Club: SO.8</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—E0.6</b> <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—E0.4</b> Lord of the Flies rehearsals (3.10-4.30pm) <b>Orchestra—E0.6</b> <b>Boys football training</b> <b>Girls basketball training</b>  <b>Fireworks Display</b> from 5.15pm Sports Field—open to all students	<b>Fixture: Y12</b> Football v St Thomas More @ STM (Mr Hadjisavva)	<b>Music practice Club—E corridor</b> <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>Fixture: Y9</b> Football v Friern Barnet @ FB (Mr Asaro)	<b>Dance club:</b> (until 4.30) Dance Studio (3.10-4.30pm) <b>School Choir—E0.6</b>  <b>Fixtures:</b> Y7 v Friern Barnet @ Friern Barnet (Mr Hart) <b>TBC</b> Y8 v Friern Barnet @ Friern Barnet (Mr O'Brien)	<b>Chess Club—S0.1</b> <b>Music Appreciation—</b> E0.6 (until 3.30pm)