



# Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

*In Pursuit of Excellence*

4th October 2019

## INTRODUCTION

The fantastic progress our pupils make was recognised by the London Mayor last week in a ceremony at City Hall attended by our Associate Headteacher, Mrs Henderson. Please see below for a report.

We offer a number of clubs to students at lunchtime and after school. These are on the last page of this bulletin. This week we have a "Club of the Week" showcasing a club, with more to follow over the next few weeks.

Have a wonderful weekend.

## LONDON MAYOR RECOGNITION FOR BD

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has celebrated the outstanding performance of Bishop Douglass with an awards ceremony. The school was honoured for its work to reduce educational inequality and achieve exceptional results for children who were previously behind in their studies, at a Schools for Success awards ceremony on Friday 27th September.

The Schools for Success programme was created by the Mayor in 2017 to improve the support given to children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The programme recognises primary and secondary schools that ensure strong progress for their lowest attaining pupils, has a strong overall performance and shares their work with other schools. The ceremony was hosted on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September by Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare Joanne McCartney.

**The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said:** "I'd like to congratulate the staff of Bishop Douglass for their excellent work. Schools for Success was created to celebrate the difference that teachers, teaching assistants, support staff and governors are making every day to support children and reduce inequalities, and this school's inclusive and supportive learning environment is a great example of this. London has the best schools and teachers in the country, and by working together we can make sure that no young Londoner is left behind."



Associate Headteacher Mrs Henderson (right), with Head of Salvatorian College, Alan Bryant, and Deputy Mayor Joanne McCartney (centre)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 15th October PTA Meeting 5:30pm– 7.30pm:** All parents welcome

**Friday 18th October:** INSET day—school closed for all pupils

**Half term: Monday 21st October—25th October**

**Monday 11th November:** Remembrance Day

**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

## CLUB OF THE WEEK—DANCE CLUB

Dance Club is run by Madam McCrone and Madam Ellery every Thursday after school for FREE. It covers all types of dance—commercial, latin, musical theatre, salsa and contemporary. Additionally, Dance Club offers students the opportunity to run and teach their own dance class. Students are currently rehearsing for the Creative Arts Evening which runs every year. All students get to showcase their talent, learn new styles and have fun. We currently have 23 members from year 7 all the way to year 10. Everyone is welcome!

*Madam McCrone  
Dance Club Leader*



**WORDS OF THE WEEK****THIS WEEK'S EPRAISE WINNERS****Year 7:** Adam Kent (7F) (+50)**Year 8:** Chanelle Daly (8O) (+70)**Year 9:** Manawhee Miles (9F) and Emerald Park-Carroll (9C) (+35)**Year 10:** Kaira Caner (10F) (+110)**Year 11:** Molly Palmer (11O) (+35)**Year 12:** Nantia Ntalla (12A), Moulka Ben Mosbah (12F) & Kourosch Kimia Nia (12C) (+10)**Year 13:** Michelle Praise & Natasha Kalebwe (+20)**SCARY STORIES COMPETITION**

With the long, cold evenings drawing in there's no better time to catch up with your reading. Cosy up in front of the fire with a nice, hot cup of chocolate and prepare to **frighten** yourself out of your wits. The end of October brings **Halloween** – stories to **scare** and **thrill** you. Two competitions are now running in the Library, giving you a chance to win a £10 gift voucher. Here is a small selection of **scary books** you will find – a range suitable for Year 7 right up to Year 13:

<i>Dawn Demons</i>	<i>Midwinter Blood</i>	<i>Zom B City</i>
<i>Harry Potter</i>	<i>The Walking Dead</i>	<i>Shiver</i>
<i>Twilight</i>	<i>The Small Hand</i>	<i>Rosemary's Baby</i>

and many, many more.....

**611 SCHOOL BUS CONSULTATION**

As advised previously, Transport for London are consulting about removing the 611 school bus route and replacing it with additional 112 buses that would stop on the North Circular Road by Christ College School. We have voiced our concerns regarding the inconvenience and pollution children would be subject to by this move. We would be grateful if as many parents as possible would consider objecting to the proposal by visiting <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/routes-112-and-611/> by **Monday 28 October 2019**.

**Monday – Untenable** – Adjective- (especially of a position or view) not able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection:

- The mayor's proposal is **untenable** and will not gain the support of the city council.
- The losing debate team had an **untenable** argument.

**Tuesday – Insular** – Adjective- ignorant of or uninterested in cultures, ideas, or peoples outside one's own experience:

- As you are a world traveller, you should not have such **insular** views.
- Since the creation of the internet, few people are able to remain completely **insular**.

**Wednesday – Subliminal** – Adjective- perceived by or affecting someone's mind without their being aware of it:

- Since **subliminal** suggestions exist beneath our conscious levels of thought, we rarely realise their influence.
- Any kind of **subliminal** advertising is illegal on British TV.

**Thursday – Culinary** – Adjective- related to cooking:

- Mr Jack Abdu is a **culinary** genius.
- The chef created a **culinary** masterpiece that wowed his patrons.
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**Friday – Squabble** - Noun- a noisy quarrel about something trivial:

- The old couple was known to **squabble** about even the most trivial things.
- Though they felt it was a serious matter, it appeared to onlookers that they were engaged in a **squabble**.

**PTA MEETING**

Please note the rescheduled date for the BD PTA meeting: **Tuesday 15th October at 5.30pm**. All parents and carers are welcome and any involvement is much appreciated.

On the agenda will be fund-raising plans for this year. Last year it was decided that we would try to raise funds to purchase a new school mini-bus and so far we have raised money through cake sales, the summer fair, and of course, your donations. Thank you for your continued support.

*Ms Wejknis*

BD PTA Co-ordinator

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH—OCTOBER

'If a race has no history, if has no worthwhile tradition' said historian Carter Goodwin Woodson, whose work led to the creation of Black History Month. Black History Month is an annual observance that commemorates the history and achievements of members of the black community around the world and is celebrated here in the UK in October every year.

In Bishop Douglass, every week throughout October we will have a chance to learn about the life and achievements of some well-known, and some less well-known, figures from past and present. See below for this week's figure of significance.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2019

### Historical Figures:

## Robert H Lawrence



**Life:** Oct 1935 – Dec 1967

**Country of Origin:**   
United States of America

**Historical significance:**  
Lawrence was a United States Air Force officer and the **first** African-American astronaut.

### R.E. REPORT

**MacMillan coffee morning:** A massive thank you again to all who helped out and donated to this great cause. Your support helped us raise £331.21 for the Macmillan cancer charity. We were lucky to have the assistance of our PTA and liturgical prefect team.

**Harvest festival Donations wanted:** We are requesting donations of tins and dry goods for the Harvest Festival in support of our local food bank. Please could you have your child bring in any items by **Friday 11th October**. We will be delivering the items later that day.

God bless,

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### PHOTOGRAPHS

If you wish to order the photographs taken recently in school, please return the envelope given to your child with the payment inside or order online by 10th October. Any orders after this time will be subject to late fee by the photographers.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS/ACTIVITIES AND STUDY SUPPORT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School</b> 8.00-8.45am	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 8am <b>Handwriting Club</b> Library 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Maths Club</b> Library 8.50-9.10 <b>Sage Club</b> 8.30am DO.6 <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am <b>Laud’s morning prayer</b> 8:25am Chapel	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 8am <b>Handwriting Club</b> Library 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> Library <b>Maths Club</b> Library 8.50-9.10 <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 8am <b>Handwriting Club</b> Library 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> —Library <b>Maths Club</b> Library 8.50—9.10 <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 8am <b>Social skills Y7</b> A1.2 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> —Library <b>Maths Club</b> Library 8.50—9.10 <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 8am <b>Social Skills Y8</b> SO.5 8.45am <b>Independent Study</b> —Library <b>Maths Club</b> Library 8.50—9.10 <b>Breakfast Club</b> Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am
<b>Lunchtime</b> 1.30-2pm	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Maths Club</b> A1.2 <b>KS4 Art Club</b> T1.2 <b>Fitness Club</b> Gym <b>Raising &amp; Giving Committee</b> DO.6 <b>Indoor Football Club</b> Y7 Sports Hall <b>Drum Club</b> EO.6	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Maths Club</b> A1.2 <b>KS4 Art Club</b> T1.2 <b>Science Club</b> SO.6 <b>Geography Society</b> B1.5 <b>Fitness Club</b> Gym <b>Spanish Cine Club</b> A3.1 <b>Moment for Jesus</b> Chapel <b>School Choir</b> EO.6	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Maths Club</b> A1.2 <b>KS3 Art Club</b> T1.2 <b>Fitness Club</b> Gym <b>Bible Club</b> DO.6 <b>Basketball Club</b> Basketball courts <b>Geography Club</b> B1.5 <b>Guitar Club</b> EO.3	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Maths Club</b> A1.2 <b>Fitness Club</b> Gym <b>Basketball Club</b> Basketball courts <b>Spanish Cine Club</b> A3.1 <b>Moment for Jesus</b> Chapel <b>Model UN</b> B1.4 <b>Song in Lunchtime</b> EO.6	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 <b>Bachata dance club</b> A3.1 <b>Fitness Club</b> Gym <b>Basketball Club</b> Basketball courts
<b>After School</b> 3.10-6pm	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm <b>Drama Club</b> Drama Studio (until 4.30) <b>KS3 Boys Football</b> Sports Field	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm <b>Drama Club</b> Drama Studio (until 4.30) <b>Debate mate</b> Y7-10 C3.1 (until 4.20) <b>Sixth Form sports</b> 2.10-4.30pm	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm <b>KS3 Film Club</b> C3.1 3.15-4.20pm <b>Football</b> <b>Basketball</b> <b>Fitness</b>	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4:10) <b>Evening Study Library</b> *Hot meal served at 5.45pm <b>Dance Club</b> Dance Studio ( until 4.30pm) <b>Cricket Club</b> Sports Hall (until 4.10) <b>Basketball fixtures</b> <b>Girls Football</b> KS3 Football fields	<b>Homework Support</b> A1.1 (until 4.10) <b>Chess Club</b> —SO.1 (until 4.30)