



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

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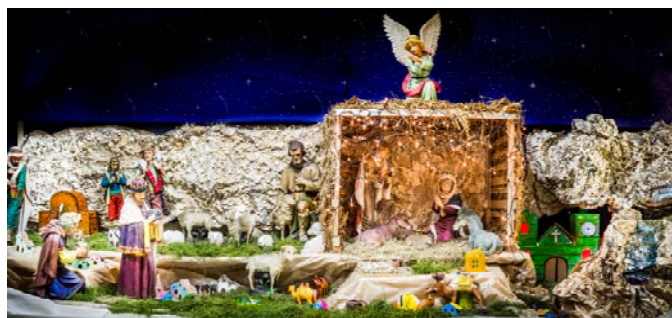
SPIRITUALITY MATTERS

“I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

This week we celebrate the second week of Advent, the week of preparation. John the Baptist warns everyone to prepare the way for the Lord. When the Lord comes, he will bring the salvation humanity needs and we will not be worthy to be in his presence. As we move towards Christmas, we must remember the importance of the message. Are we really ready and prepared to welcome Christ into our lives once more? Let us ensure in the upcoming weeks that we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of the Lord.

Please remind your child that throughout Advent there will be “2 minutes for Jesus” in the Chapel at 2pm every day.

Our next event which we are very much looking forward to is our annual Advent Carol Service which will take place on Wednesday 13th December starting at 6pm. Parents are most welcome to join us.

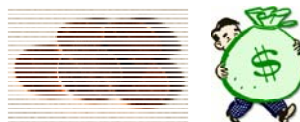


Wear a Christmas Jumper Day (£1)

Friday 15th December



PENNY COLLECTIONS



Every day throughout Advent there will be penny collections on the gate raising money for the Catholic Children Society!
Bring in all spare change to donate!!



CHRISTMAS CHARITY EVENTS

Thank you to all those who have given to our appeal for Christmas hamper items—we very much appreciate your generosity. There is still time to donate, as hampers will be sent next Thursday to our charity church. Please give generously for families in need! Meanwhile, our penny collection continues at the school gate each morning and on Friday 15th December all students are encouraged to take part in National Christmas Jumper Day and make a donation of £1. Proceeds will be donated to Save the Children. Thank you for your support.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 13th December Advent Service 6pm

Thursday 21st December—Last Day of Term

MERCEDES TRIP

On Saturday Mr Burt, Ms Gant and 14 year 11 & 12 students visited Mercedes Benz HPP AMG, where the Hybrid Power Train is designed, manufactured and tested. The HPT is the engine and electric system which drives the Mercedes F1 engine.

We were given a tour of the company including the dyno testing area where they simulate conditions of a formula one circuit in order to test the Hybrid Power Train. We were also able to see the area where they inspect manufactured parts using an intricate computer-controlled machine which measures with the accuracy of 200th of the width of a human hair!

We learnt some interesting facts including that when the battery energy store is fully charged it would be able to recharge 200 iphones in 3 minutes, and that the new Hybrid Power Train for next year’s F1 cars takes up to 7 days to assemble!



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THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE**WINNERS****Year 7:** Shayan Taheri Takaleh (7W) (+ 40)**Year 8:** Tyrique Malcolm (8W) & Kwadwo Addo (8W) (+40)**Year 9:** Arnilda Myzyri (9F) (+40)**Year 10:** Tehjarne Mellis (10F) (+30)**Year 11:** Kuda Benza (11M) (+25)**Year 12:** Haline Kanda (12F) (+25)**Year 13:** Angeline Castro (13L) (+25)**SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY**

On Thursday we were very pleased to welcome 130 guests to our Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. Thanks to the fund raising efforts of our Year 10 pupils we enjoyed a lovely evening with a three course Christmas dinner, carol singing and bingo! Thanks to all our staff and student helpers.

★ **Maths Challenge - Solution**

$$3 \times 12 - 5 = 31 \quad (= 36 - 5)$$

$$2 \times 10 + 11 = 31 \quad (= 20 + 11)$$

$$4 \times 8 - 1 = 31 \quad (= 32 - 1)$$

$$6 \times 7 - 9 = 31 \quad (= 42 - 9)$$

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**Maths Challenge**

Can you use all the numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 and 12 together with any of +, -, x, ÷, () to complete the following.

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WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday- Insatiable (Adjective) - Impossible to satisfy (of an appetite or desire):

- He had an **insatiable** appetite for Kit-Kats.
- The footballer had an **insatiable** hunger for scoring goals.

Tuesday- Advocate (Verb) – Publicly recommend or support; **(Noun)** - A person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause of policy; a person who puts forward a case on someone else's behalf:

- While the majority of people in the community might not be in favour of school uniforms, we **advocate** them.
- I am a strong **advocate** for reading to children at a very early age; it can develop a lifelong love of literature.

Wednesday – Visceral (Adjective) – Relating to deep inward feelings/instinct rather than intellect:

- He had a **visceral** fear of change.
- Her **visceral** reaction was to shout at the other driver, which she regretted immediately.

Thursday – Eclectic (Adjective) - Deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources:

(Noun) - A person who derives ideas, styles or tastes from a broad and diverse range of sources:

- Universities offer an **eclectic** mix of courses.
- I have an **eclectic** taste in literature; from Shakespeare to Harry Potter!

Friday- Coherent (Adjective) - Able to speak clearly and logically; consistent and forming a unified whole:

- The cyclist was lucid and **coherent** and did not appear to be injured following the accident.
- The pupils in the Student Council functioned as a

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>	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		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 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		Music practice Music Dept.	Rock School Music Dept.	Dance Club Dance Studio Gospel Choir Music Dept.	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Chess Club S0.1