



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

9th February 2018

INTRODUCTION

It will be a busy time here during the half-term with intervention sessions for Year 11 and the 6th form. The timetable for these sessions is attached to this newsletter.

There is a message about the Year 10 Work Experience placement forms later in this newsletter. Please take note of the due dates for completed forms.

Thank you to those parents who attended the 6th Form Parents' Evening on Wednesday this week. Reports have been sent out to those parents who were unable to attend.

The half-term is a good opportunity for reading so please encourage your child to put down the phone and take up a book. We have "Drop Everything And Read" operating during the school day so please also ensure that your child has a book every day so that they can participate fully in this initiative.

We hope you have a restful half-term. School starts again as usual on Monday 19th February.

GOLDSMITHS UNIVERSITY VISIT

On 28th January a select few students attended a taster day to Goldsmiths, University of London, based in south-east London. We were taken by a current student on a guided tour of the campus taking in its notable buildings such as the Richard Hoggart building, which is the main building on campus, and the Sir James Hatcham building which is the University church and which is currently being converted into an art gallery.



We took part in a workshop whereby we were given the task of writing our own haiku poems. Haiku is a Japanese form of poetry consisting of 17 syllables divided into three lines of five, seven and five. Following this, we needed to sum up someone's life story in five bullet points and then create a story from this, which was also great fun and had no boundaries.

Overall it was a wonderful experience. Thank you to the English Department staff for organising it. It was very informative and educational and I would definitely recommend a visit to the university. You might even get to observe a lecture – we got a sneaky peak through the glass.
Report by Amber Rayner 10F

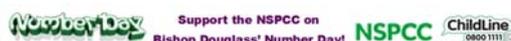


A celebration of all things mathematical took place on Friday in aid of the NSPCC, with students and staff involved in various activities to raise money for the charity.

Some of the activities were: a treasure hunt, won by Man Ching Lau (7C), with Trinity Plaza (7F) the runner-up; two Guess-the-sweets-in-the-jar competitions which were won by Giorgia Serban (10F) and Peter De Almeida (8W); a "What Number Am I?" quiz won by 7C; and the annual staff v students lunch-time quiz, won by the students. The winning student quiz team members were: Victoria Kus, Malgorzata Wilk, Eyobed Tsegaye and Patrycja Hubka. The staff team comprised: Mr Harris, Madam Venables, Madam Leen, and Madam Grounds.

Our Maths Challenge this week is the question the staff team got wrong to give the student team the win. Would you get it right?

Congratulations to all winners and thank you to all who donated. A total of £144.68 was raised for the NSPCC.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February Half Term—week commencing 12 Feb 2018

Ski Trip to Molina, Spain during half term

19th Feb: Year 9 DTP & Meningitis Vaccinations

20th Feb: Year 8 Drama & English trip to "Othello"

23rd Feb: Year 10 & 11 "Poetry Live!" event

BRITISH BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD 2018

Two of our Year 13 students took part in this year's Biology Olympiad which aims to challenge and stimulate students interested in Biology to expand and extend their talent. It involves sitting two one-hour papers. The top students are then selected to compete for the British team in the Olympiad. **Nneka Ekene-Micah** attained a Silver and **Lenon De Vera** a Bronze award, which are awarded to the top 10% and 18% of entrants respectively. Congratulations to them both.



THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Esjena Hasmuja (7 Ward) (+40)

Year 8: Peter De Almeida (8 Ward) (+45)

Year 9: Paul Cusack (9 Champion) (+45)

Year 10: Amber Rayner (10 Fisher) (+35)

Year 11: Rafael Andorinha (11 More) (+30)

Year 12: Sahira Khadery (12 Fisher) (+45)

Year 13: Jesse Towoua (13 Line) (+30)

SPORTING NEWS

The Year 11 boys basketball team continued their unbeaten run with a 82-34 victory against The Wren Academy. Thanks to Tatyana Onsanya for her expert handling of scoring and time-keeping.

The Year 8 boys basketball team will be playing in the **Barnet Cup Final** against East Barnet School on 21st February here at BD.



BANK OF ENGLAND TRIP

Sixth form Economics students enjoyed an interactive day at the Bank of England last week.



TRAMPOLINING

Tia Handscombe (7W) successfully executes a forward somersault as part of her trampoline routine in Trampoline Club—every Monday 3.10-4.10 with Mr O'Brien.



Maths Challenge

The colour **Green** is made by a ratio of 3:1 of Yellow paint to Blue. How many one litre cans of both colours would be needed to make 24 litres of Green paint?



Support the NSPCC on
Bishop Douglass' Number Day!




WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday - Efficacy (noun): The ability to produce a desired or intended result:

- There is little information on the **efficacy** of this new treatment as it is still in the development stage.
- The **efficacy** of the celebrity fad diet has not been evaluated in clinical trials.

Tuesday - Incessant (adjective): Continuing without pause or interruption (of something regarded as unpleasant):

- The **incessant** noise kept him awake.
- The Mayor promised everything would be done to restore the bridge which had been washed away by the **incessant** rain.

Wednesday - Caustic (adjective): 1. Sarcastic in a scathing and bitter way; 2. Able to burn or corrode organic tissue by chemical reaction:

- It was an unfounded **caustic** remark that reduced Tim to tears.
- **Caustic** cleaners are often used to unblock drains and pipes.

Thursday - Eradicate (verb): Destroy completely; put an end to:

- It was difficult to **eradicate** the memory of the burglary.
- I erroneously managed to **eradicate** my essay as I forgot to save it on the computer.

Friday - Perfidious (adjective): Deceitful and untrustworthy:

- Because he is such a **perfidious** person, you cannot believe a word he says.
- **Perfidious** gossip is malicious and dangerous.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

9 – 13 JULY 2018

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

Work Experience is a great opportunity for pupils to experience the world of work for a week and it is something we have offered, very successfully, for many years.

Pupils should now be actively seeking a placement and the half-term holiday is a great time to get out and look. The deadline for returning completed Own Find forms is **Friday 20 April 2018**. The form should be completed by the employer agreeing to the work placement and returned to the School Library as soon as possible. When forms are received they are passed on to Barnet. They undertake Health and Safety visits for us, to ensure that the placement is suitable and safe for pupils to attend. This requires time, so **forms received after 20th April cannot be accepted**. You should all have received a copy of the form but spare copies are available from the Library at any time.

The Barnet placement website will go live in May - you will be notified of the exact date nearer the time. Most Barnet placements will be in retail, office, care homes, nurseries and primary schools. Your child will have to select a placement from the website and, at this point, it is too late to find an own placement. **Remember – you will be in competition for placements with other schools so the sooner you find a placement the better, or you may be left without one.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

EASTER EGGS WANTED

This Lent we will once again be collecting Easter Eggs to donate to the community to share the joy of Easter. Last year we donated over 400 eggs that were much appreciated by pupils and staff at Oak Lodge school, members of the Nazareth House community as well as the patients, staff and volunteers at the North London Hospice in North Finchley. In order to make this possible we would ask that each pupil brings in an Easter Egg. The deadline for the Eggs will be **Thursday 22nd March 2018**.

Thank you for your support in advance.
Madam Hajiantoni



6TH FORM HISTORIANS INSPECT ROYAL PAINTINGS

Last week our sixth form historians plus three art students visited two critically-acclaimed art exhibitions on the royal collections of Kings Charles I and Charles II. The first was at the Royal Academy where we were to see the first display of Charles Stuart's art in 400 years. The exhibition showcases Charles' world-class collection of Renaissance art as well as the iconic portraits of Charles I and his family by Anthony Van Dyck. The students were very excited to see not only works of such national significance but to understand further the personality of Charles I and his court. We were led on a tour by an expert from the Royal Academy who was able to provide immense depth on the paintings and their artistic and political context.

After lunch in St James, the students proceeded to Buckingham Palace to view the Royal Collection of Charles II. This exhibition referenced the different personality and attitudes of Charles II. It included beautiful items such as the King's own bible and James II's baby book with locks of Anne Hyde's hair. The students had a recorded headphone tour which allowed them to view the gallery at their own pace and investigate works in great depth. We are immensely grateful to Madam Chisholm for accompanying us and imparting her own expert knowledge.



ROME TRIP OCTOBER 2018

We are organising our annual trip to Rome, in conjunction with our partner schools of the Cardinal Hume Academies Trust. This will take place from **Monday, 1st October** returning on **Friday, 5th October 2018** (inclusive).

This is a wonderful opportunity to see a capital city that, in the ancient world, was successively the capital city of the Roman Republic and the great Roman Empire. A microcosm of history and culture, it is regarded as one of the birth places of Western civilisation. Since the 1st century AD, Rome has been the seat of the Papacy.

Our trip will include visits to all the major sites, including the Vatican City, St Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and the Colosseum. Everyone should visit Rome at least once in their lifetime, so please think about allowing your child to participate. We are travelling with a reputable company, NST Tours, who are ABTA and ATOL accredited and come highly recommended for school journeys. The total cost of the trip will be approximately **£700.00**, which will be confirmed once final numbers are known.

If anyone is interested please see Madam Hajiantoni for a letter.

