



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

9th March 2018

INTRODUCTION

On Thursday this week we had the re-scheduled World Book Day, which coincided with International Women's Day. Staff, as always, relished the opportunity to dress up for the day. Year 7 students also had the opportunity to dress as their favourite book characters.

Next week is Science week, where we celebrate all things scientific with special activities taking place throughout the school.

Trial exams for Key Stage 4 and 5 also start next week. This is an important opportunity for students to test how well their revision is progressing in the final push before the real thing. Please encourage your child in their revision.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

KS4 & 5 Trial Exams: Week Commencing 12 March
13th March: 'A Streetcar Named Desire' trip, A Level English
14th March: Selected Y10 students visit to Imperial College
14th March: A Level Geography Revision Day
15th March: UCAS Exhibition—Year 12
Music Springfest: week commencing 19th March
22nd & 23rd March: Trip to Haworth: Year 13 English
23rd & 26th March: re-scheduled Geography Field trip
Last day of Term: 29th March 2018

WORLD BOOK DAY 2018 – Celebrating Women in “The Year of the Woman”!



World Book Day 2018 fell on March 1st – however, this was sadly snowed off by the so-called “Beast from the East”. So, can you imagine our delight when it was rescheduled for Thursday March 8th – fortuitously, also “International Women’s Day” and fitting perfectly with our theme for WBD 2018 of books written by female authors!

This year, our Year 7 students, always aware of their “British values”, exercised their democratic rights and created a petition demanding that those book-loving students who wanted to dress up for this pivotal day of the literary calendar, should be allowed to. Democracy prevailed and a number of Year 7s also came in dressed as their literary favourites!

And the Bishop Douglass staff created their usual motley parade of literary characters. There were Pirates walking the playground, Suffragettes storming the corridors (a homage to Mary Woolstonecraft’s seminal work “A Vindication of the Rights of Women”), fantastical characters from “The Hunger Games” presiding over the Drama and Music realms in an incredible array of wigs and colours, and countless characters from JK Rowling’s much loved “Harry Potter” series – to name but a few of our efforts.

Throughout the day, a series of writing workshops were organised by Larissa Leen, our Literacy co-ordinator. Students worked with graduates from London’s Goldsmiths University and some up-and-coming literary classics were surely penned in those dynamic sessions that students enjoyed so much!



THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS

Year 7: Tomoki Inoue (7M) (+35)

Year 8: Malgorzata Wilk (8A) (+30)

Year 9: Paul Cusack (9C) (+20)

Year 10: Jorga Harris-Noonan (10C) (+25)

Year 11: Jon Homer Israel (11C) (+35)

Year 12: Eleftheria Kranioti (12F) (+30)

Year 13: Chiene Chloe Villanueva (13L) (+20)

YEAR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL

Well done to the Year 8 boys football team who won against Hendon in the recent Barnet League play-off quarter-finals this week. They won 7-1. Congratulations to the team and the coach, Mr Asaro.

CHINA AND ROME TRIPS

Remember to get your child to collect a letter from Madam Cheng or Madam Hajiantoni respectively, about the China and Rome trips taking place in October 2018.

GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS

Letters have been sent to parents advising of the new dates for these day trips, which now take place on 23rd & 26th March.



Drama & Music teachers recreate the Hunger Games for WBD

EASTER EGGS WANTED

Please remember to bring eggs by **Thursday 22nd March 2018**. Thank you for your support.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

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

4 Weeks remain for the return of completed "Own Find" forms. Please hand them in at the Library.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Madam Pavlou (Librarian)

WORDS OF THE WEEK

This week's words have a science theme for Science Week

Monday—Osmosis (noun) - (1) the process by which water molecules pass from an area of high water concentration to an area of low water concentration through a partially permeable membrane; (2) the process of gradual or unconscious assimilation of ideas, knowledge etc:

- **Osmosis** is important to plants. They gain water by **osmosis** through their roots. Water moves into plant cells by **osmosis**, making them stiff so that they are able to hold the plant upright.
- He never studies but seems to learn by **osmosis**.

Tuesday – Inertia (noun) - a tendency to do nothing or to remain unchanged; the resistance of any physical object to any change in its state of motion:

- The car's **inertia** carried it forward several feet after the driver pushed the brakes.
- The engineer shut down the locomotive's diesel engine completely, but with no brakes, he knew the engine's enormous **inertia** would keep its speed very high.

Wednesday—Synthesis (noun) - The production of chemical compounds by reaction from simpler materials:

- Nikesh measured the **synthesis** of carbon dioxide during the reaction.

Thursday—Impartial (adjective) - not biased: treating all equally:

- The doctor attempted to be **impartial** when considering the evidence from the drugs trial.

Friday – Spectrum (noun) - a continuous sequence or range:

- Newton discovered the full **spectrum** of light by experimenting with the shape of the lens in his eye.

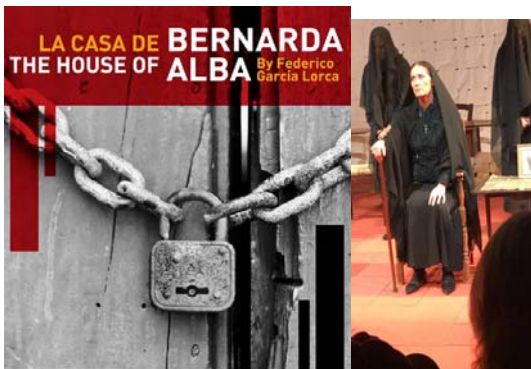
WORLD BOOK DAY PHOTOGRAPHS



A LEVEL SPANISH TRIP

On Wednesday 28th February, Madam Venables and a group of A Level Spanish students braved the snow to visit the Cervantes Theatre in Southwark. They went to see the iconic play "La Casa de Bernarda Alba" (The House of Bernarda Alba) by Federico Garcia Lorca, performed in Spanish.

Upon arrival they were pleasantly surprised by the intimate setting, and thoroughly enjoyed the fantastic acting from the all-female cast. Many gasps were heard in the final scene as they witnessed the shocking but powerful ending. Madam Venables looks forward to arranging the trip again next year.



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 Fixture: Year 7 Basketball v SMSJ @ BD (Mr Hart)	Music practice Music Dept. Fixture: Year 7 Football v Hendon @ Hendon (Mr O'Brien)	Rock School Music Dept. Wednesday club (girls only) Badminton, basketball, fitness, netball/football (Sports Hall)	Dance Club Dance Studio Gospel Choir Music Dept.	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Chess Club S0.1