



Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

In Pursuit of Excellence

9th November 2018



BD PTA MEETING

Dear Parent/Carers,

A massive thank you to all parents/carers who attended our recent PTA last Tuesday. We have agreed on the date for the next meeting: Tuesday, the 15th of January 2018 at 5:30pm. We will register with the easyfundraising cashback platform this month and provide you with all necessary information on how to use it via the Newsletter in due course. We are also in the process of registering for the local community fund from Waitrose and Co-Op thanks to two of our PTA members.

Additionally, we all agreed to add a ParentPay account option to donate towards the minibus. It will be visible on your ParentPay account as minibus Fund. It is optional to contribute and there is no minimum amount, so if you feel you could support us, even as little as £1, you will make a difference to our community. Every penny counts! The information about the individual donation and amounts is confidential.

The main PTA involvement at the moment is the **International Evening** that is taking place on the **29th of November 2018 at 5:15pm.**

We need your help! Would you be interested in any of the following:

- Volunteer to set up on the day from 3pm
- Volunteer to clear up after the event
- Have an idea for a stall/want to run a stall
- Contribute prizes to the raffle
- Bring a dish on the day

If you are interested and have time to spare please send us and email on schooladmin@bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk. Make sure to put PTA in the subject.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Wejknis

PTA Teacher Lead

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Week commencing 12 November: Anti-bullying week

Wednesday 14th November: 6th Form Open Evening

Friday 16th November: Community Language assessment
3.15-4pm

Thursday 29th November: International Evening

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday is held yearly on the second Sunday in November to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the World Wars and later conflicts. This year Remembrance Sunday falls on the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

We held our own remembrance here in school today in a moving service with prayers from Father Kevin, readings by Madam McLean-Boyd, Mr Burt and Mr Harris. Music was provided by Mr Reed, who played the Last Post. Wreaths were laid by the Head Boy and Girl, Mr Murphy, on behalf of the Governors, Madam Chisholm on behalf of all staff, and Bodwin Bitalo as the youngest student in school.



WIDER HORIZONS YEARS 8 & 9



Next year during Wider Horizons week two residential trips will be offered for students from Years 8 and 9. The two options are either a trip to Lisbon (Portugal) or to Naples (Italy). Both have

30 places available.

Information letters have been emailed to parents, and hard copies have been made available to students in those year groups, but if you haven't received a copy please ask your child to pick one up from Student Services.

Due to pressures to book flights, deposits are required to be paid on ParentPay by **Tuesday 13th November.**



THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE WINNERS

- Year 7:** Krzysztof Pekala (7O) (+45)
- Year 8:** Amelia (8F), Arwen (8C), Fabian (8C), Jihane (8O) and Ediola (8W) (+30)
- Year 9:** Robert Amarie (9M) (+45)
- Year 10:** Sina, Leigh, Gadir (10M), Sofia, Martine, Mpetsi Enxhi (10W), Kyro and Dejean (10F) (all +20)
- Year 11:** Lady Angel Mae Navarra (11M) (+45)
- Year 12:** Cameron Lawrence (12O) (+15)
- Year 13:** Barnabas Grunwald (13A) (+90)

SPIRITUALITY MATTERS

Last week we enjoyed a whole school mass for the Holy Day of Obligation, All Saints Day. It was lovely to see our talented choir perform, and our readers were exceptional.

This day starts the Month of the Holy Souls in the Catholic calendar which is a chance to remember the faithful who have gone before us. This month provides an opportunity to share God's love and his desire to cleanse our souls of all that might keep us from experiencing the fullness of joy in Heaven.

All students and staff can remember departed friends and family, by writing their names in the **Remembrance Book** which has been set out near the A stairs. Prayers will be said throughout the month remembering all the names recorded.

Mr Hadjisavva
Head of RE

COMMUNITY LANGUAGES LETTER

Letters have been sent to year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students who have expressed an interest in sitting a GCSE or A Level in a community language.

An assessment will take place to test the students' baseline levels on Friday 16th November from 3.15pm—4pm.

Please contact Ms Venables if you have not received a letter and would like your child to participate.

BD WINTER HATS

A reminder that woollen hats with the BD logo are available for sale from Student Services for £3 if you would like one for your child.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Corroborate – Verb: Confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding):

- The witness had **corroborated** the boy's account of the attack.
- The story was **corroborated** by evidence.

Tuesday – Enunciate – Verb: Say or pronounce clearly. Express (a preposition, theory etc.) in clear and definite terms:

- The speaker **enunciated** each word slowly to ensure the audience understood her unfamiliar accent.
- As the teacher gave instructions, she was careful to **enunciate** each step of the process so her students would not be confused.

Wednesday – Succinct – Adjective: Briefly and clearly expressed especially of something written or spoken):

- I have been advised to use short, **succinct** sentences when completing application forms.
- Everyone was happy when the politician made a **succinct** speech that did not take all evening.

Thursday – Verbose – Adjective: Using or expressed in more words than are needed:

- The **verbose** teenager talked non-stop about clothes and make up.
- The **verbose** speaker went well over his 10 minutes limit at the conference.

Friday – Pacify - Verb: Quell the anger, agitation or excitement of. Bring peace to (a country or warring factions):

- The elderly lady was confused and upset; I managed to **pacify** her by holding her hand and talking about days gone by.
- After losing yet another match, it was left to the football manager to **pacify** angry supporters.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The fireworks display took place on Monday 5th November, organised by Mr O'Brien. It was a huge success with many students staying after school to enjoy the balmy weather and a great show.

Thanks to all who organised this event.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND STUDY SUPPORT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8.00-8.45am	Homework Support A1.1 Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study —Library Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study -Library Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 Handwriting Club Library 8.45am Independent Study —Library Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 Social skills Y7 A1.2 8.45 Independent Study —Library Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am	Homework Support A1.1 Social Skills Y8 A1.2 8.45am Independent Study —Library Breakfast Club Hall – free breakfast before 8.20am
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2	Homework Support A1.1 Maths Club A1.2
After School 3.10-6pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4:10) Evening Study Library *Hot meal served at 5.45pm	Homework Support A1.1 (until 4.10)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS/ACTIVITIES:

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Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Basketball Club Chess Club: SO.8	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Basketball Club Choir E0.6	Salsa/Bachata dance A3.3	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Basketball Club Senior Choir—E0.6 Y11 Anime Club C3.1	Fitness Club Fitness Suite Basketball Club KS3 Art Club T1.2
After School 3.10-4.10pm	Drama Club—E0.4 Lord of the Flies rehearsals (3.10-4.30pm) Orchestra—E0.6 Boys football training Girls basketball training Fixture: Year 7 Football v The Wren @ BD (Mr Hart)	Fixture: Year 8 Football v The Wren @BD (Mr O'Brien)	Music practice Club—E corridor KS3: Football Basketball Fitness KS4 & 5: (from 4.10) Basketball, Fitness Drama Club Rehearsals (see Monday)—E0.4 Fitness Club— Fitness Suite Fixture: Year 9 Football v The Wren @ BD (Mr Asaro)	Dance club: (until 4.30) Dance Studio (3.10-4.30pm) School Choir—E0.6 Fixtures: TBC: Year 7 v Friern Barnet @ FB (Mr Hart) Year 8 v Friern Barnet @ FB (Mr O'Brien)	Chess Club—S0.1 Music Appreciation— E0.6 (until 3.30pm)