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Reflection

The end of the school year is a time to look back and say thank you for all that has passed; on the challenges and the successes, the sorrow and the joy, all the change that has shaped us into the newest version of ourselves. We can be grateful for the lessons we've learned from the difficulties we felt were huge, but we managed to overcome through the love and support of the people around us. All of this has made us grow and change into better versions of ourselves. So we give thanks for all we have been, all that we are and all that we have yet to become.

Nevertheless, this is just one year, and we still have so much to learn. There are so many opportunities that lie ahead of us, so many talents to develop and new skills to learn, it's mind-blowing! So, take full advantage of the holidays: it's time to slow the pace down, approach our time differently - resist filling every moment with activities - and make sure to enjoy every minute of rest, so we can return refreshed, restored and ready to give of our best in the year ahead.

Happy holidays!

Prayer

Lord, teach us to celebrate success, as we reach the end of another school year.

Fill us with gratitude for family and parents, teachers and good friends.

And thank you for your unconditional love and protection.

Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Saint Bede, pray for us.





Mr Marsden

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers

We have arrived at the end of an academic year during which there has been a huge amount for the school community to look back on with pride. The summer term has been no exception, and the following pages of this newsletter are full of examples of successes for us to celebrate - whether it be in Sport, Music, Art or elsewhere. Yet again we have seen 'Being a Bede' at its best!

At the end of term we are saying goodbye to a number of staff who are moving on from Saint Bede's to take on new opportunities. Mrs Lowe, Mr Roe and Mrs Sharpe will all leave with our thanks and best wishes for the next phase of their careers. Father David is also moving on to continue his ministry at St Bernadette's in Bispham and will be greatly missed by us all. In September, we will be joined by Miss Bowers (RE), Miss Clayton (Maths), Miss Dixon (Geography) and Dr Godley (Science). We will also welcome Miss Southworth back from her maternity leave.

This is also, of course, the end of my first year as Headteacher at Saint Bede's, and once again I would like to thank all of you for the welcome and support I have received since September. Saint Bede's is a special community and I am grateful to be part of the family. I wish you all a happy, restful and safe summer break, and look forward to exciting new challenges and experiences in 2022/23.



Being A Bede



Saint Bede's Singers

It has been a busy time for our singers at St. Bede's this term. It was a real joy to lead the singing in the mass with the Year 4's who sung so enthusiastically on their retreat at Saint Bede's.

On Saturday 25th June the school choir took part in the 'Festival of Choirs' organised by Lytham Performing Arts Festival. Out of 8 choirs we were the only school to participate. It was a great evening of music with each choir singing two contrasting pieces. Our selection was 'The Family Tree' by Venice and 'Free Ride' by the Edgar Winter Group. The adjudicator comments were all very positive and included: 'What a fabulous warm, well placed ensemble tone. The harmonies were very secure with lovely dynamic and tonal contrasts'.

The choir also attended the 'Come & Sing Day' led by Emma Williams and Tim Uffindell. They got through a lot in such a short space of time. The day concluded with a performance for parents which included the songs 'Blinded by Your Grace' by Stormzy and 'I'm Still Standing' by Elton John.

Design A Crucifix

Cardinal Newman College - Design a Crucifix

We were asked by Cardinal Newman college to invite our pupils to design a crucifix for the display around the faculties of the college. Pupils were given the brief to work in any media but the crucifix had to include an image of Christ. Miss Newsham and myself felt that we could up the ante by running a preliminary heat in school and then sending the entries to Cardinal Newman.

The standard of entries was so high that we could not separate the 3rd place winners, so the pupils who won the competition at Saint Bede's were: First place: Mackenzie Year 10, Second Place: Cecily Y9, Joint 3rd Jason and Jacob and the prize for first and second place was a gift voucher, and the third place winners received a box of chocolate and they all received a certificate.

Only days later, we were pleased to hear that Mackenzie was the overall winner at Cardinal Newman and she won a whopping £100 voucher. There were also 4 highly commended entries from Jacob Fox, Jason Sandford-Jones, Edie Bridgeman and Thomas Massey.

The successful entries will be kept on permanent display in the college.



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The Great Sunflower Race

Great Sunflower Race

We began this competition as a way of standing in solidarity and keeping in mind the sufferings of the Ukrainian families in the terrible war going on between Ukraine and Russia. Through this competition we raised nearly £250 which was sent to Caritas Poland who are offering vital supplies to refugees at the borders, and we continue to pray for an end to this conflict.

Keep the photo updates coming in as I will be posting them to the Bede's Chaplaincy Instagram page through the holidays. Remember that the closing date for the last measurement is August 26th and the winners will be announced on 6th September once all year groups have returned to school.

Bede's Green Team & Gardening Club

The Gardening Club had a challenging year keeping on top of the weeding in the allotments, but they were pleased to see poppies in the Remembrance bed, daffodils in the Wordsworth bed, allium, tulips and narcissis at Toad Hall and a variety of wildflowers and we were very successful with the sweet peas and Livingston daisies and nasturtium elsewhere. We have looked after the local wildlife by putting in bird tables and squirrel feeders which we have watched with delight. Thanks to the following core members for sticking with the ups and downs of gardening life this year; Edie, Elliott, Ava, Ellie, Bridget and Abi. Let's see what we can conjure up next year.





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'Fun' Raising Success!

SVP Fun Raiser Event

After months of planning and preparation the SVP finally held the final fundraising event of the year in the Sports Hall on 15th July. We were overwhelmed with the response and everyone had a fantastic time. The team had thought of everything and there were continuous queues at every stall. The soundtrack was a winner and there was something for everyone. What a fun way to end the school year!

There was so much to do with lots of small prizes to be won and grand prizes for the winners of 'Beat the Teacher'. Also a small number of lucky winners were able to take home a jar of sweets or one of the plush toys. The event generated such a lovely buzz, everyone who attended was keen to have a good time and it was lovely to see everyone really enjoying themselves. Well done to the SVP members who have worked so hard to bring this event off the page and into reality especially to our core members, Evie and Edie, Maisie and Ava, Ellie and Abi, Elliott and Tom, Bridget and Emily, Eva and Izaak - who will be receiving certificates of service from the National SVP office in September. Also thanks also to all the pupil and staff volunteers who gave up their time to supervise the event. Congratulations for a job well done!

All the profits will be split between CAFOD, The Bridge Project, Blackpool and Brian House Hospice. Huge thanks to everyone who took part.





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LAMDA Success!

Just Landed - LAMDA Results for 2022

These results are for a combination of Verse and Prose, Public Speaking and Acting.

Mrs King is so proud of all of the below students, please congratulate the following:

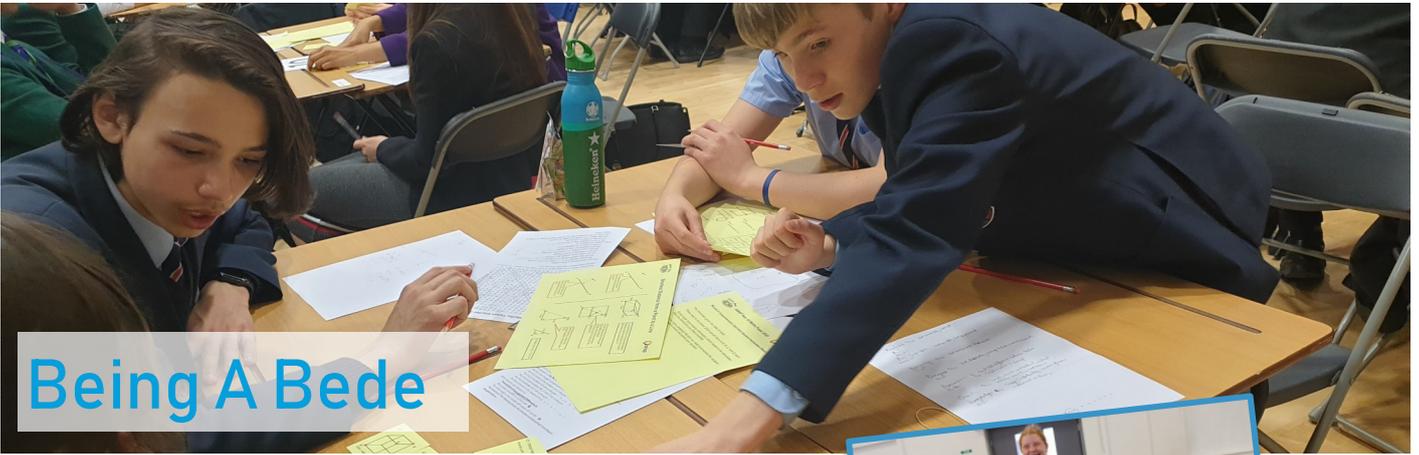
Amelia Donnelly Nelson - Merit
Charlotte Cleasby - Merit
Ella Elizabeth Flanagan - Distinction
Jason Sandford-Jones - Distinction
Alexander Hamilton Birt - Distinction
Alexa Pisano - Merit
Alice Harrington - Distinction
Lucinda Farrell - Distinction
Leah Rae - Bronze Award - Distinction



Celebrating Numeracy Challenge!

This term Mr Binns was able to catch up with all of his Numeracy Challenge Champions, the pupils who successfully completed the numeracy challenges and were then selected as winners. For their excellent problem-solving skills they earned a certificate as well as a refreshing treat to help them cool down during the hot spell at the end of term.

Well done to you all and I look forward to beginning our next numeracy challenge in September!



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West End Theatre

During this half-term, the West End Theatre Company came in to do a series of Shakespeare workshops with our Year 7 and 8 students, based on the play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The students completed a series of drama warm-ups, vocal training practises and characterisation activities, finishing the session with mini group performances of a section of a scene from the play itself. This was a thoroughly enjoyable and educational visit, well done to all.



Celebrating Geography!

This year the Geography Department signed up to 'Arctic Live' which allowed Year 8 geographers to take part in an online lesson live from an Arctic research station in Svalbard. Students had a virtual tour around the station and got to understand how scientists live and work in the Arctic, including what to wear and how communication skills are needed to keep safe.

Year 8 got creative during their tectonics topic, discovering how careful construction of buildings can make them 'life safe' to ensure that lives are saved in the event of an earthquake disaster. Students took inspiration from the world's top earthquake resistant buildings such as Utah State Capitol, the Burj Khalifa and the Yokohama Landmark Tower.





Celebrating Success

Sport at Saint Bede's

Sports Pupils Of The Month

- 7 - Elliott Smith / Bella Coupe-Caroll
- 8 - Oliver Meekings/ Grace Tyson
- 9 - Kyle Buchanan/ Libby Hall
- 10 - Corey McGow/ Olivia Tingle

Rounders

Our Year 7's came 3rd out of 7 in the Rounders Tournament winning 4 games, drawing 1 and losing 1 by just a single rounder.

Captain: Isabella Mannino

Vice-Captain: Freya Wilson

Year 8 Rounders:

Our Year 8's team did really well. They won every game convincingly apart from the last one losing by just 2 rounders meaning that they finished runners-up in the competition.

Captain: Beth Mazzola

Vice-Captain: Emilia Beacham

Year 9 Rounders:

Our Year 9's had a tough start in the competition and showed great improvement as it went on! They finished 5th overall winning 2 and losing 2 of their games.

Captain: Maria Eddleston

Vice-Captain: Ruby Rawcliffe

Athletics

47 girls from Year 7-10 took part in the Wyre and Fylde Girls' Athletics competition at Stanley Park. All year groups competed in a variety of track and field events representing the school exceptionally exceptionally.

Athletics Tournament

Written by Edie Bridgeman

After finding our part of the stands and warming up, it was time for the hurdles, Abbie Tilford and Lucy Appleton ran for year 8 and we did well! Next was the 100 m. Edie Bridgeman and Ellie Francis ran and were both lucky enough to come in the top 3! The relay for the Year 8's went well, Edie started the first leg, then on to Beth, Lucy then Ellie to finish! Everyone tried their hardest. Lucy Appleton and Abbie Tilford ran 200m while Edie Bridgeman and Ruby Long threw discus and Izzy Tuck and Beth Mazzola threw shot put. All of the students in the field events were strong competitors. Soon the 1500m passed and it was time for the 800m, Izzy Tuck ran for our year and did so well! She maintained a good level of stamina and ended up in 3rd. The last event was the relay finals, both Year 7 and 8 teams got in! We were so glad to come 4th overall. Finally, we all sat down and waited for our results,. The Year 8 team came 5th, well done to everyone who took part and cheered people on. We had a great day.

Sports Day

Cricket





Celebrating

A Year of Sport

Another fantastic year of sport! A first year of being part of a school sports team for many and a first opportunity for others to compete after a hectic couple of years. Football, netball, badminton, rugby, handball, athletics, cricket, rounders, Fylde Cross Country and so on – the fixtures and clubs have continued with so many of you taking part!

There's been a variety of sporting achievements this year both in and out of school. From coming 5th in the 200m England Schools Athletics Finals, to Blackpool Netball; dancing at the Queen's Jubilee at Buckingham Palace, competing in National Indoor Climbing Awards; BMC Youth Climbing Series; Jiu Jitsu and a range of martial arts gradings, Barcelona Football Festivals; gymnastic competitions in Sweden, Finland, Malta; park runs, Race for Life, English and Scottish Bouldering Competitions; attendance at Brian Rose's Boxing Club, coaching younger age football teams, Ice dance shows for 'Sister Act', to scholarships at Blackpool FC, Rounders Champions and playing cricket for Thunder Academy. Wow, so very proud and impressed of the commitment and talent we have at Saint Bede's.

A big well done to all of those who have taken part in a sporting activity and shown the characteristics needed to 'Be a Bede'. We are excited once again for all of our clubs starting again in September and cannot wait to see more fantastic achievements and success stories! If you've not been part of a team or club this year... come and have a go!





Being A Bede

Online Safety

Chatting, being kind and making friends online: Talk about how their online actions affect others. If your child is engaging with others online, remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something. If they are considering sharing a photo/video of somebody else, they should always ask permission first. The internet has many positive opportunities for children to learn and play, but it can also be used in negative and unkind ways. It's really important to speak to your child about being kind online, and how they can get help if they see or hear anything that makes them feel worried, scared or sad.

The term 'online friend' can be used to describe people you only know through the internet, or those that you also know offline. Some children make friends online by meeting new people through online platforms such as social media and gaming sites. To help children have positive online friendships, read this [handy guide](#).



Parental controls: Parental controls have been designed to help you manage your child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so they shouldn't replace the need for you to support and advise your child using the internet. For more information and step by step instructions on setting up parental controls, visit [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters](#).

Supervise their online activity: Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as the living room or kitchen, where an adult is able to supervise. Primary-age children should not access the internet in private spaces alone, such as in a bedroom or bathroom. Obviously, as children grow parents want to let them have more independence and having parental controls on their devices does go some way to giving you peace of mind.

Make sure they know where to go for support: Remind your child they can always speak to you or an adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried or upset. To find out how to report problems on social media sites, visit: [Supporting your child with reporting unwanted content online](#)

Mr Binns' Maths Challenge

Can you figure out the answer to Mr Binns' newsletter maths challenge? Send your answers to ebinns@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk

Mr Binns' Summer Challenge 1

- What is the difference between 40% of 50% of 60 and 50% of 60% of 70?

1



A: 9 B: 8 C: 7 D: 6 E: 5

Mr Binns' Summer Challenge 2

- How many of the figures shown below can be drawn with one continuous line, without drawing over anything twice?

2



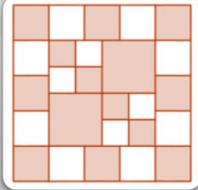
A: 0 B: 1 C: 2 D: 3 E: 4

Extra Tough!

Mr Binns' Half Term Challenge 3

- The diagram shows a large square divided up into squares of different sizes
- What percentage of the large square is shaded?

3



A: 61% B: 59% C: 57% D: 55% E: 53%