



Saint Bede's

Catholic High School

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Reflection

The Gift of New Life

We can have a hard time understanding certain things that happen in life. On a worldwide scale, we question why there is war and suffering, or on a personal level we question why a relationship ends, why someone gets sick, or why someone chooses a particular person as his or her friend. In the Gospel for Easter Sunday, we encounter several people who had a hard time understanding what was happening in their lives.

Throughout Easter we reflect on the resurrection and what it means for us today as followers of Jesus. Can we welcome this gift of the new life Christ offers us and like the disciples; move through confusion, doubt, and scepticism to faith?

Prayer

Living Lord,
may your life bubble up inside us
like a spring flooding our lives
with love and forgiveness and bringing us ever
closer to you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.





Mr Marsden

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support over the Spring term, which really does seem to have flown by. Highlights of the six weeks since the half-term break have included the Castlerigg retreat, fundraising activities for the Ukraine crisis and, of course, our Easter liturgies in the hall today. We also welcomed Year 9 parents/carers into the hall as their 'Options' process got underway, and this week we met with Year 10 parents/carers during our remote Parents' Evening. It has been, as always seems to be the case, a busy period and I am grateful for your engagement with all these activities and more.

Easter represents the culmination of all that Jesus taught and said throughout his period of ministry. His resurrection provided the final, undeniable proof that he really was the Son of God. At Easter we celebrate the triumph over death and sin of Jesus' resurrection and remember that we have the promise of eternal life if we believe in him and follow his teachings.

I wish all of our families a happy and holy Easter.

Best wishes,

Mr Marsden



Being A Bede



Easter Cross Challenge

Each year Mrs Hoston runs a challenge for Year 7 to create an Easter Cross that reflects the religious side rather than the commercial side of Easter. The crosses are to be made using any skills that they have learnt at school or at home and can be 2D or 3D and made out of any materials. Each year we are astonished at the variety of work submitted, from drawing and painting to paper quilling and quilting, tiling and knitting to baking.

This year is slightly different as the Easter Cross bakes will be sold at a break time bake sale on the last day of term. All proceeds from the sale will be split between the Year 7 charity, Brian House Children's Hospice and the Chaplaincy who will donate the proceeds to Caritas Poland for the Ukraine.

Judged by a selection of staff from the RE and Art department a number of Year 7 will be receiving prizes for their efforts!



Last Saturday, a selection of our incredible Year 9 and 10 girls attended a festival to celebrate International Women's Day. A fully interactive event, it offered amazing workshops, entertainment and inspirational talks. The day culminated in a collaborative session in which local influencers (including the Mayors of Fylde and Wyre!) allowed the girls to voice their views on how to make the Fylde coast a better, safer place for women.





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Waterfalls

Our Year 7 geographers have taken the opportunity recently to channel their creativity in producing work about various features of rivers. Some pupils used their technological know-how to make videos describing the formation of landforms, including spectacular images and labelled diagrams. Others made the most of a wide variety of materials such as ribbon, stones, bubble wrap and even cake to produce 3D models showcasing meanders and oxbow lakes, waterfalls and gorges or examples of whole river systems. It was great to see the effort that pupils had put into their work and they really enjoyed looking at, and peer assessing, each other's creations.



Science Club

During this term Year 7 have been invited to a lunchtime Science Club which is promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

The club is very popular among students and over the past term we have tasked the students with a variety of experiments. In Science club we have built air powered cars, windmills and rockets. We have also investigated sound and static electricity. The enthusiasm of the group has been excellent and each session was linked to the application of the scientific understanding in industry.

Science Club is held on a Wednesday lunchtime in the Science building for Year 7 students only. We hope to see you there!





Reading Mentors

This term, Year 10 volunteers have been working with a small group of Year 7 and 8 pupils in order to support them with their reading. This takes place twice a week, during morning registration, in the SLC. Mrs Blackburn has been very impressed with the maturity of the Year 10 pupils and how receptive their mentees have been. We are already seeing some impressive results in terms of improved fluency and comprehension.



'Much Ado About Nothing' Performance

As we are now a 'Shakespeare School', 16 of our Year 8s were selected to perform as part of a Shakespeare Festival at The Grand Theatre, Blackpool, in a performance of 'Much Ado About Nothing', alongside other schools from the Fylde Coast!

After three months of hard work and rehearsals on the 15th March 2022, those 16 talented pupils took to the stage at the Grand theatre and wowed the audience with their interpretation of three scenes from the famous Shakespearean comedy.

This amazing opportunity not only encouraged pupils out of their comfort zone, but it has also offered them the chance of being chosen to join the Royal Shakespeare College. With scouts in the crowd, three pupils are currently being chosen to join the College and will have another opportunity to perform 'Much Ado About Nothing' in Stratford in the summer.

All pupils involved behaved impeccably on the day and did Saint Bede's proud. Well done and congratulations on the performance.





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BAE Rotary Club Competition

We have spent last term monitoring the condition of the grounds, there having been a few heavy storms and some ferocious winds for our plantings to contend with. We have bought some new equipment to make our life in the garden easier and have pruned back the trees and undergrowth. We have installed 2 squirrel feeders and a bird feeder, which are always gratefully emptied but so far, we haven't been in the area to see this at the time.

We have named our raised beds: Lest We Forget, Wordsworth, Toad Hall, Jubilee and Wilding. We are seeing shoots breaking the surface of the raised beds and we are looking forward to surprising you with bursts of colour in the grounds above the all-weather pitch in the weeks to come.



Music Success

We are so proud of the fantastic results from the following pupils who all passed their graded ABRSM brass exams this half-term. A very proud Mrs Coupe (School Brass Teacher) said they have all worked very hard and thoroughly deserve their excellent results.

- Isaac Whall (Cornet Grade 2)**
- Theresa Boylan (Cornet Grade 5)**
- Joseph Boylan (Trombone Grade 5)**
- Bridget Boylan (Cornet Grade 2)**

Be The Best Bede!

Thank you to everyone who got involved in the Year 11 charity event this week, raising money to support the crisis in Ukraine. Year 11 challenged the rest of the school to be 'the best Bede' and beat them in a series of games, skills and feats of strength. Everyone from Year 7 to Year 10 and even teachers got involved, trying to become the best Bede. Winners received Easter eggs and, of course bragging rights, for the rest of the year. Well done to Year 11 for their creativity, enthusiasm and competitive spirit, and well done to everyone else who came together to support a worthy cause.





Being A Bede

Chaplaincy Notices

Determined to help the displaced Ukrainian families with support where it's most needed, the SVP group set to work on leading on the fundraising and collections for the Ukraine Emergency Relief campaigns in school. Working alongside Mrs Cox (local parishioners), so far we have collected cash donations for Caritas Poland who are converting this cash to emergency aid at the Ukraine border. They have supervised the filling and delivery of shoeboxes filled with stationery and toiletries for children and backpacks filled with blankets and emergency supplies for families and adults. Nearly one hundred sunflowers will be planted and grown in many of your homes through the Summer in solidarity with the Ukrainian people that help us to reflect on our hopes for peace. To add to the total we ended Lent taking a couple of chocolate jar guessing games round form rooms and on the yard, and wound up for Easter with a Bake Sale which is always welcome. Even though they rose to the challenge of showing leadership here, the suffering of our brothers and sisters was never far from our minds but we are glad that we did as much as we could to support them in a meaningful way.

Year 10 Castlerigg Residential

Recently, Year 10 pupils stepped away from their busy day-to-day lives and experienced an unforgettable Catholic retreat at Castlerigg Manor in Keswick. During their retreat pupils shared stories about their lives and experiences, learning more about one another and their faith. One pupil said, 'it was amazing getting to know people in my year that I had never spoken to, I wish I could do it all over again.'

We started and ended each day in the Chapel, with a unique and meaningful prayer run by the Castlerigg team. Pupils reflected on the belief that they are 'fearfully and wonderfully made' and that they each have a calling to support one another and the world.

Throughout the week, pupils donned the famous Castlerigg cagoules and spent time in the hills, hiking through Great Wood and even climbing to the top of Castlehead to see the incredible views over Keswick. A particular highlight of the week was the visit to Newlands Adventure Centre, where pupils participated in rock climbing and archery.

Thursday was the culmination of the week, pupils explored Keswick town and returned to the Manor for the evening liturgy. The liturgy was a special and memorable time, in which pupils organised and ran Eucharistic adoration with praise and worship. Thank you to the volunteer pupils for joining the choir, band and reading – you were fantastic. The evening ended with a games night and a particularly competitive game of musical chairs!

Thank you, Year 10, for being open-minded, positive and for simply making the trip unforgettable for all!





Celebrating Success

Sport at Saint Bede's

Cricket

Our Girls Under 15's Cricket Team represented the school in the North Lancs Finals, we took a team of 7 Year 10's and 2 Year 8's, they were great sports and played great as a team.



Football

The boys were unlucky in the quarter finals of the Lancashire cup losing 2-0 to a very strong St Christopher's team. The team showed great resilience and fought bravely to the end. Special mention to Fergus who made some excellent saves and was the man of the match.



Basketball

Our girls Under 13's team represented the school with fixtures against Garstang, Millfield and St. Aidan's. We took 13 girls, made up of both Year 7 and 8 Girls. All pupils worked hard and won a couple of games against tough opposition.



Boxing

Sean McGann, head coach at Fleetwood Amateur Boxing Club, has been into school to deliver taster sessions to all year groups in lessons and at lunchtimes. We hope that Sean will come back to visit us in the future for students to experience this again.



Rugby

Well done to the team for finishing 3rd in the Wyre & Fylde cup, along the way they faced some stiff competition and demonstrated great skill and teamwork. Their final record was: Won 4 & Lost 2

Special mention goes to Daniel who played through injury and drove the team forward.



The rugby team played in the local Wyre & Fylde rugby league recently and enjoyed some competitive games against Carr Hill, LSA, Baines, Garstang & Cardinal Allen. The boys finished 2nd in the Plate competition with a record consisting of: 3 wins, 1 draw & 2 losses

Well done to Teddy, George and Leo who drove the team on and helped develop the new players.

Sports Pupils Of The Month

Year 7 - Emily Wilson and Seb Jones

Year 8 - Ella Flanagan and Jayden Richardson

Year 9 - Cecily Richardson and Ethan Scot

Year 10 - Daniel Crumpton and Daniella Gough

Year 11 - Tom Swarbrick and Rhia Kelly



School Notices

Rise Against Hunger

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Can we pack 5,000 meals in a day?

On Saturday, 14th May, we are hosting an event in conjunction with the Lytham Rotary Club to help alleviate world hunger through aiming to pack 5,000 meal packs consisting of rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavouring mix including 20 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packages that will be shipped to schools in Africa.

Year 10 pupils have already seen a presentation which has outlined the valuable work undertaken by this charity and the other year groups will be learning more about Rise Against Hunger's campaign after the Easter break.

We are looking for pupil volunteers to assist with the meal packing at the school to meet the challenge of packing 5,000 meals. There is no need for them to commit to the full day (although pupils are more than welcome to do this) as there will be morning and afternoon sessions.

Together with the Rotary Club, we are also looking for donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to support local charities.

Look out for more information after Easter.

#RiseAgainstHunger

<http://www.lythamrotary.co.uk>



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' Easter Challenge 1

- Mr Binns has a box of 30 matchsticks
- He begins to make the number 2022 using the matchsticks
- The diagram shows the first two digits
- How many matchsticks will be left in the box when he has finished?

1

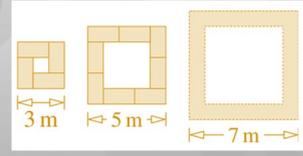


A: 20 B: 19 C: 10 D: 9 E: 5

Mr Binns' Easter Challenge 2

- Mr Binns arranges tables measuring 2m by 1m according to participants in a meeting
- The diagrams show the plan view for a small, a medium and a large meeting
- How many tables are needed for a large meeting?

2



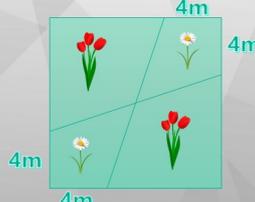
A: 10 B: 11 C: 12 D: 14 E: 16

Extra Tough!

Mr Binns' Easter Challenge 3

- Mr Binns has planted tulips and daisies in a square flower bed of side length 12m, arranged as shown
- What is the total area, in m^2 , of the regions in which he planted daisies?

3



A: $48m^2$ B: $46m^2$ C: $44m^2$ D: $40m^2$ E: $36m^2$