



Saint Bede's

Catholic High School

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Reflection

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

After an extraordinarily mild winter, we are seeing signs of very early spring blooms all around us. Putting the climate emergency observations to one side, I must admit that I look forward to seeing the signs of the season changing; I was a winter baby and I count down the drear, darkness of winter to the joy of the longer, lighter, and warmer days.

As the seasons change, so we also change. There are some changes that we look forward to, and some we dread. Some changes we plan for, and those that are thrust upon us and make our head spin; but change is an invitation to grow, and the faithful will call on God's grace to embrace the changes they face with excitement, hope and joy.



Prayer

Robert Frost - 1874-1963

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfil.



Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

As the academic year progresses, the weeks do seem to gallop along and we already find ourselves at the halfway point of 2021/22. It was with a degree of nervousness at what was to come that we returned to school in January, given the huge concern nationally at the time regarding the 'Omicron' COVID-19 variant, but we have been fortunate that the disruption has been less than that faced by many other schools. With restrictions again easing and the national picture looking brighter, we can be cautiously optimistic that we will see a continuing return to normality as the year progresses.

Last night's 'Stars In Their Eyes' concert, our first such event since early 2020, was a wonderful celebration of the talent and dedication our pupils possess and a great way to highlight that music and performing arts at Saint Bede's are back! Thank you and well done to all pupils involved and to Mr Warrington, Mrs King, Mrs Holmes and Mr Barnett for their work which ensured the night was such a success. Among other highlights of the last six weeks were a number of sporting successes which you can read about elsewhere in the newsletter.

At the end of this half-term we say a fond farewell to Mrs Newsham, who is retiring after many years of dedicated service to Saint Bede's as a teacher, Governor and most recently Learning Support Assistant. Having already 'retired' once from her teaching post at Saint Bede's she did ask me that she be allowed to slip away with the minimum of fuss, but we would not let her go that easily! Thank you, Mrs Newsham, for all you have done.

Have a lovely break.

Mr Marsden
Headteacher



Being A Bede



Stars In Their Eyes

A spellbound audience were delighted to welcome 'Stars in their Eyes' back after a two year absence.

As always, this popular event in the school calendar showcased some of the amazing musical talent nurtured at Saint Bede's. Skilfully coached by Mr Warrington, Mrs King and Mrs Holmes, a range of solo artists and group performers from all year groups performed songs that appealed to all ages and tastes ranging from soulful love songs to driving rock and foot-tapping 'golden oldies'.

Skilfully choreographed and energetic dance routines enhanced the musical numbers and the hall was transformed by striking lighting effects delivered by our skilled and hard-working technical crew.

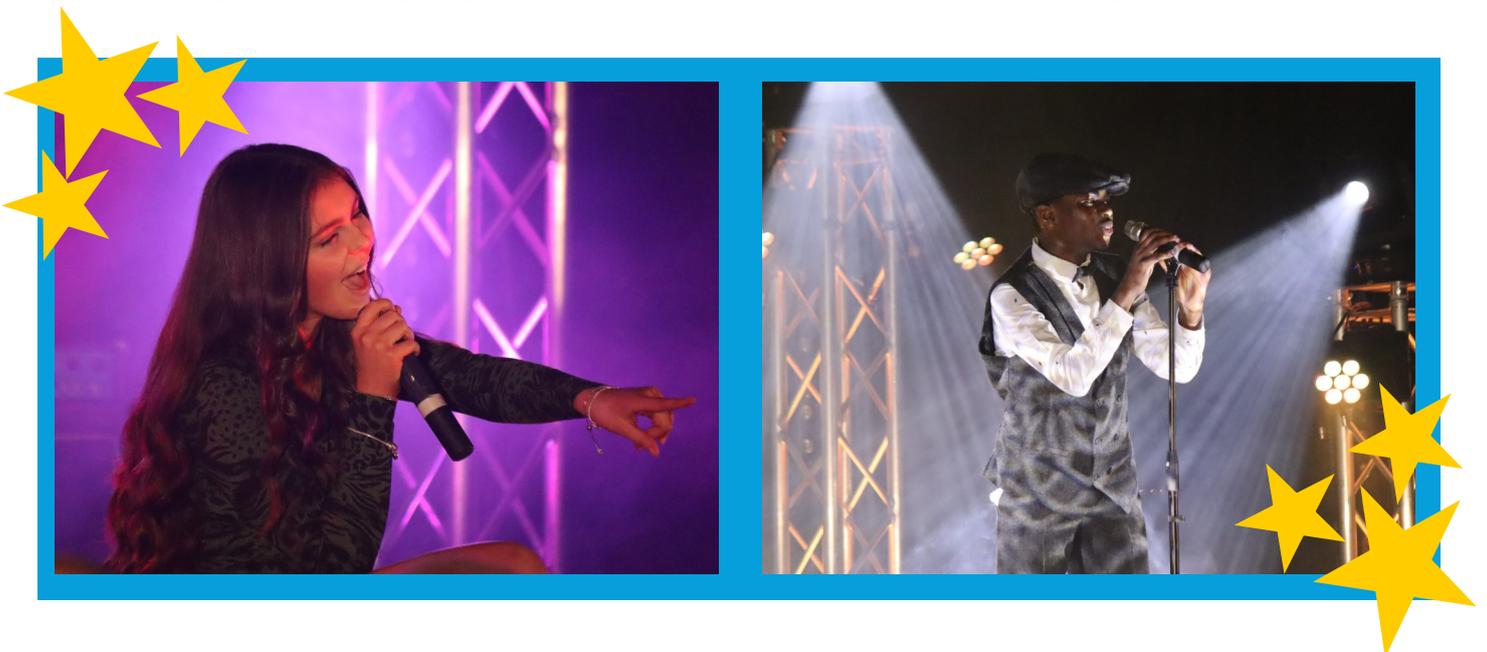
As well as the excitement and competitive element of 'Stars in their Eyes', it is always good to see the teamwork and spirit of mutual support and encouragement that characterises this event.

A 'Stars in their Eyes' tradition is to welcome back the winner(s) from the previous year to entertain the audience while the votes are cast for the winner. After a long overdue wait, we welcomed back Money On The Line who played a stunning set with energy and professionalism. It was good to see that the usual disputes that often bedevil bands had not troubled this talented group who still have their original line-up!

During their set, the customary raffle was held. In addition, a tuck shop ran by Emilia Mannino raised over £250 to help children in Nepal.

With so much talent in evidence, the audience faced difficult decisions in selecting the winner for 2022. However, after the deliberations had taken place, the triumphant artist was David in Year 8 and Maisie in Year 11 was the runner up.

Another vintage year for this great galaxy of stars and we can be confident of an even brighter firmament in 2023!





Geography Photography Competition

Last term, Saint Bede's geographers were encouraged to take part in the Geographical Association's annual photo competition. This year's theme was physical geography in process. Students were to capture physical geography in action and provide a short explanation of the physical processes taking place.

There were some outstanding entries this year, with both impressive images captured, alongside excellent geographical explanations. After submitting 10 shortlisted students, two Saint Bede's students have been recognised nationally and will feature in the GA magazine.

We are incredibly proud of Ethan Rimmer and Olivia Koryciorz whose photograph entries were described as 'striking' and 'well composed'. The G. A have now published the winning photo's on their website - [GA physical geography student photo competition](#)

Awards will be announced at the Geographical Association Awards Ceremony, on Monday 11 April 2022, where we will celebrate the winners. and Olivia will have the opportunity to attend the awards ceremony and the lectures for the GA conference at the University of Surrey in Guildford in April.



Number Day 2022

On Friday the 4th of February we had our first every Number Day, which enabled pupils to appreciate numbers in a different way to their usual Mathematics lessons, and raise money for the NSPCC.

There was a variety of different activities that pupils took part in, ranging from making shapes in their PE lessons, to finding the NSPCC buddy using various mathematical skills.

The Mathematics teachers also ran different games relating to probability at lunchtime. Pupils went head-to-head to see who could count closest to 30 seconds, tried rolling a matching dice to their teacher and completed Maths questions to enter a raffle.

All of these activities enabled the school to raise over £100 for the charity, look out for the total amount on the Saint Bede's social media channels soon!

UKMT Maths Challenge

There were several pupils in Years 9 and 10 who were selected to take on the UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge this half term. The challenge is designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using various mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. They are expecting to get their results back soon, with bronze, silver and gold certificates on offer for those attaining the best scores, and even the possibility of making it into a follow-on round.

Below is an example of the types of questions that were on the challenge:

Q18 – Dick Turnip sold his horse, Slack Bess, for £56. The percentage profit he made was numerically the same as the cost, in pounds, of his horse. What was the cost of his horse?

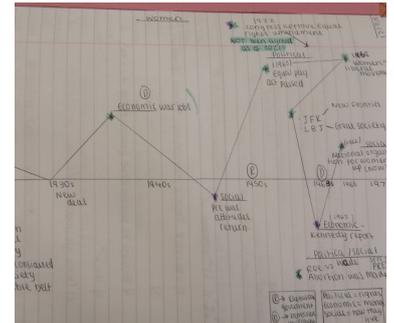
A. £36 B. £40 C. £45 D. £48 E. £50



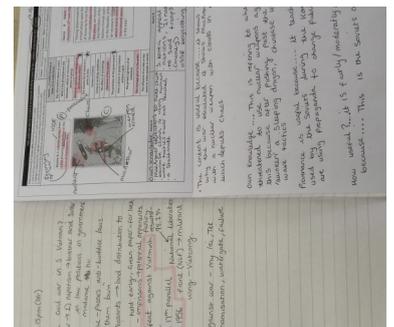
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History

Year 9 History pupils have been getting creative by dual coding road maps to track how Germany changed from a Democracy to a Dictatorship between 1933-1934. They have been learning the etymology of both words and made judgements on the most significant event in the establishment of a Dictatorship. They debated the impact of the Reichstag Fire, Enabling Act and Night of the Long Knives-we are proud of our passionate debating Year 9s.



Year 11 pupils have been working hard on their revision in history. Well done to those who have attended the revision and intervention sessions. Pupils have been using their cross curricular graph skills to plot the changing treatment and experiences of differing groups in USA between 1920-1973. A big well done and thank you from Mrs Smith.



70 Years!

As 2022 marks the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the History department will be asking pupils to take part in the Historical Association 70 Years-70 things' competition. The Historical Association set the following:

As part of our activities commemorating Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, we would like to put together a collection of 70 'things' that tell the story of the last 70 years. Please read the full details of the competition from the Historical Association [here](#).

You will receive further information from Mrs Smith after half term.



A Shakespeare School

This year, in partnership with the RSC, Saint Bede's became a 'Shakespeare School'. This has given 16 of our Year 8 students the opportunity to take part in a performance of 'Much Ado About Nothing' at The Grand Theatre, Blackpool, alongside other schools from the Fylde Coast. The students have auditioned for their parts and are busy working on their production, ready for The Grand's stage. The production, comprising of a collaboration from several local schools, will take place in March.



Chaplaincy Notices

StampBEDE Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has donated stamps to the appeal for equipment for the Bone Cancer Research Trust. We have filled 4 tubs with used stamps so far. Please keep collecting and sending your stamps in as every donation makes a huge difference and could bring us one step closer to more successful treatment and we hope a cure one day.



Year 10 Castlerigg Residential

Not knowing whether government COVID restrictions would be lifted on residential visits, at the close of the last school year we took the gamble and tentatively pencilled in the dates of 7th - 11th March 2022 for our annual Year 10 retreat. We were thrilled when we were advised the visit could go ahead and I am pleased to say that this year we will be taking 58 pupils to Castlerigg with a team of 6 staff.

Pupils can look forward to spending a week away, with friends, in a beautiful, Lake District location. They will spend some of their time in workshops where they will develop their teamworking, critical thinking and leadership skills; all whilst exploring their relationships with God, themselves, and others. The rest of the time they will spend taking meals together, walking, chatting and most importantly challenging themselves to step out of their comfort zone and try new things (like climbing and archery).

We appreciate that this has been organised in a very short timescale, so we thank all the parents and pupils for their cooperation and support in bringing it together and for helping to create memories for your children that they will never forget.

SVP

RightMove report the current average for house prices in Lytham being £265,745, we know this can be much higher depending on where you are looking. Tom in Y9 came to us with an idea to raise £192 through a whole school fundraiser, which will make it possible to buy a CAFOD World Gift that provides vulnerable women and children with a home for life – offering the security of a house to live in and land to farm. This would also include the legal support necessary to help women to stand up for their rights and stop widows from losing their homes. We hope to raise much more than this and would like to send the remainder of the donations to support Brian House Children's Hospice for children with life limiting illnesses and the Salvation Army Bridge Project which addresses homelessness in Blackpool. Watch this space and lend your support in any way you can.



Being A Bede

Bede Green Team

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.



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday falls on 2nd March, and begins the season of Lent, which is 40 days (not counting Sundays) of fasting and repentance prior to the celebration of Easter. To mark this special day, pupils are invited to attend a lunchtime service in the School Chapel for the blessing and distribution of ashes. As it is a day of Fasting and Abstinence in the Catholic church, please also note that no meat will be served through the food service in school on this day.

Welcome Back!

We were pleased to welcome Phoebe home after her last round of treatment. Students and staff were there to celebrate this great milestone.





Celebrating Success

Sport at Saint Bede's

Cricket

The U13's made up of four Year 8 girls and nine Year 7 girls represented the school at AKS Lytham in the girl's indoor cricket tournament. The U15's won their match against AKS and are also through to the next round.

The under 13's and U15's now progress into the Northern Finals alongside AKS which will take place in March.



Handball

Yr7 boys – well done to the boys who competed in the Wyre & Fylde Handball competition, there was plenty of skill involved and the boys competed well. Elliot and Ben were the standout performers.



U14 boys – well done to the Yr 9 boys who competed in the Wyre & Fylde Handball competition. The team were invincible and displayed some excellent skills. Michael and Oliver were the star performers and were crucial to their victory.



U16 boys – well done to the Yr 11 boys who competed in the Wyre & Fylde Handball competition. The competition was fiercely competitive and the boys demonstrated god skill and resilience. Tom and Luca was outstanding throughout.

Indoor athletics

Yr7 – 8 boys and girls represented the school in the Wyre & Fylde Indoor Athletics competition. All competed valiantly and achieved some pleasing results. They were close to the top of the table but it wasn't meant to be – hopefully next year we will be even stronger!



Yr8 – 8 girls and 10 boys represented the school in the Wyre & Fylde Indoor Athletics competition. The girls were very unlucky to not finish first – missing out by 4 points! The boys managed to win the competition (by 2 points!) and now progress onto the Lancashire finals at Stanley Park – GOOD LUCK BOYS!!



Cross Country

Congratulations to our cross country runners, selected to run for Fylde in the Lancashire Cross Country Championships at Witton Park in Blackburn. They ran in horrendous conditions.



Pupils were: Casey Hornby, Leo Hornby, Darcy Tate (and Francesca Burrough got selected but was ill on the day). Rico Moretti and Jayden Richardson, Jayden came 17th, just missing out on one place to get through to the inter-counties.

Sports Pupil Of The Month

Year 7 –Adam Wareing / Hannah Sergeant

Year 8 – Beth Mazzola / Jayden Richardson

Year 9 –Hannah Gale / Lewis Bentley

Year 10 –Olivia Cunliffe/ Lewis Colwell

Year 11 – Keeley MacDonald, Caitlin Moran/ Fergus Hotchkiss





Keeping Pupils Safe

It is disappointing that a small number of parents are still disregarding the regulations concerning the zig-zag markings outside the school entrances and placing pupils at risk by either stopping or parking on them. The markings are there to ensure that other road users have a clear view of the school entrance and that pupils crossing the road at those points have unobstructed vision and don't have to move between vehicles. The markings outside our main entrance are also on a blind bend.

Rule 243 of the Highway Code indicates a range of places where motorists must not park, including: on a bend, a dropped kerb or the brow of a hill. It also states that drivers must not park near a school entrance, anywhere that would prevent access for emergency services or near a bus stop, tram stop or taxi rank. Parking on yellow zig-zag lines at the times stated on the yellow signs can result in a fixed-penalty notice.

Please be mindful of this and help to keep our pupils safe.



Mrs Tasker is completing a 50K Ultra Challenge in the Peake District to raise money for the Teenage Bone Cancer Trust. A great big thank you from Mrs Tasker for the money already raised, with just over 5 months left to go!

Mrs Tasker has raised over £270 so far.

Here is the link again for those who want to donate: [Click Here](#)

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' Half Term Challenge 1

- A machine pours 250 millilitres of juice every 4 seconds
- How many **litres** of juice does the machine pour every **minute**?



1

A: 1000 B: 3750 C: 4000 D: 3.75 E: 4

Mr Binns' Half Term Challenge 2

- Mr Binns has 100 cards
- There is a whole number from 1 to 100 on each card
- No cards have the same number
- Mr Binns puts a star on every card that has a multiple of 3 on it
- He puts a circle on every card that has a multiple of 5 on it
- How many cards have both a sticker **and** a star them?



2

A: 1 B: 6 C: 8 D: 10 E: 15

Extra Tough!

Mr Binns' Summer Challenge 3

Extra Tough!

- Mr Binns had ten sparklers of the same size
- Each sparkler took 2 minutes to burn down completely
- He lit them one at a time, starting each one when the previous one had one tenth of the time left to burn
- How long did it take for all ten sparklers to burn down?

3



A: 18 minutes and 20 seconds
B: 18 minutes and 12 seconds
C: 18 minutes
D: 17 minutes
E: 16 minutes and 40 seconds