



Saint Bede's

Catholic High School

Newsletter - October 2021

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Reflection

The following poem challenges our preconceptions and misconceptions about refugees.

Take a moment to read the Dan Bilston poem from as normal from top to bottom.

Then take a moment to reflect and then read it again starting from the bottom to the top.

Refugees - Poem by Dan Bilston

They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or me
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way



Prayer

Jesus, friend and brother, you know how it feels to leave your home and family, to carry nothing with you, to travel as a stranger.

Help all refugees far from home, driven out by war and hunger.

Lead them safely on, they are our sisters and brothers.

Inspire us to show our love and a true welcome.

Amen.



Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a half-term in which we have been very fortunate to be able to enjoy our school resembling something much closer to normality. In particular, it has been wonderful to see the return of clubs, sports fixtures and visits – especially the Year 7 and 8 visits to Jarrow over the last fortnight. I recognise, of course, that the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is not quite behind us and I am grateful for the precautions pupils are continuing to take such as regular testing and wearing a face covering on school and public transport. These small acts help to keep everyone safe and minimise the risk of further disruption to education. Some pupils have, unfortunately, had to be absent from school due to a positive Covid-19 test. I know how frustrating this is and am grateful to you for keeping on top of your work as much as possible on Firefly.

Next half-term, key events include our Mass of Remembrance for Year 9 pupils, Mock Exams for Year 11 and, of course, all the various Christmas celebrations. There is lots of hard work to do but also lots to look forward to. Thank you for all of your efforts this half-term and for the warm welcome you have given me since joining Saint Bede's.

Have a lovely half-term break with your families.

Best wishes

**Mr Marsden
Headteacher**

Farewell

We say farewell and thank you to the following members of staff who have left Saint Bede's this term.

Iggi Moore and Leigh Kinder have both supported a number of pupils through their work in the Learning Support Department developing their skills and building their confidence with great skill and patience.

Sarah Kinder has been a very dedicated and cheerful member of our housekeeping staff who has worked with great energy and enthusiasm in a role that has become even more crucial during the pandemic.

We wish them all every success and much happiness for the future.





Celebrating Success

English Author Workshops

On Friday 15th October, local author and performance poet, Nathan Parker, came into school to deliver poetry and oracy workshops with our Year 9 students. The students had prepared their own poetry during National Poetry Day, the theme for this was 'Empowerment'. The students were invited to write a poem about something they felt empowered to speak about, and the results have been phenomenal. During the workshops with Nathan Parker, he gave them strategies to develop their creations and importantly, methods and techniques to develop their skills in public speaking and performance.



Creative Writing Club is Open to All

Writing Club is our favourite time of the week! We have a different story prompt each week and before we go, we celebrate the best story of the previous week with chocolate and cheers. Come down if you love writing, creativity, and biscuits!



My Twist on a Tale

Last year our very own Ethan Scot won the nationwide 'My Twist on a Tale' competition - his story has been published in a book that you can find in the SLC. If you want an opportunity to enter this year's competition, which asks you to look to the future, please hand in your entries to Miss Rodgers by the 1st November. Further details can be found on FireFly.





Celebrating Success

Geography Photography Competition

This 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. The following students were shortlisted by the geography department and have submitted their entries to the G.A. Wish them luck!

Year 7

Daniels Ivanovs - soil changes and consequences - Rydal water trail

Jason Collister – river bank erosion - Brock Bottom

Ben Walker – the shape of a heart - Rigg Beck River

Evie King – River Lowther, Cumbria

Ethan Rimmer – The end of the remains of St Anne's pier



Year 8

Emilia Beacham – Fog on Grasmere Lake

Isabel Tuck – Midnight leaf – Ribby Road, Kirkham



Year 9

Ella Higginbotham – Chemical weathering – tractor on the beach, Lytham

Adam Jones – A sunset over the dune regeneration – St Anne's

Olivia Koryciorz - Sedimentation

Year 11

Joseph Ball – Cornwall, Sandymouth Bay – cliff erosion and rock formation

Aaron Graham - Jugla River, Latvia – Sedimentary cliff

Thank you to all staff and students who helped at the Bake Sale on Friday 1st October and in particular a big thank you to staff and pupils who took the time to supply or bake cakes, biscuits and baked treats. These delicious goods were greatly appreciated and all cakes were sold on the day.

As an event for Year 9, we raised £160.55 for Fylde Food Bank which is the dedicated charity for that year group. Sam Nelson will be the student who hands over this money on the school's behalf.

Fund Raising for Fylde Foodbank





Chaplaincy Notices

At the start of next term, we will be responding to the appeal from Fylde Council to collect items to support the refugee families from Afghanistan who are due to be housed locally. Everybody has a right to hold and express their own opinion and judgment but this is damaging when fear of 'difference' lies at the root; as Christians we are challenged to show empathy and form compassionate opinions based on truth and love. I hope that you can see past our differences to support some of the most vulnerable people and families in the world right now.

Paula Burdess, School Chaplain

Climate and Gardening Club

Last term, the Gardening Club launched the 'Seeds of Faith' activity in school, where they delivered unidentified plants to every form with the instruction to tend it well as you would your faith; as it will not grow if it is neglected, but if it is given the attention it needs it will flourish into a beautiful creation that can enrich everyone by its presence.



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On 6th October our enthusiastic Youth SVP Group lead a fast-paced bake sale from the Drake Building. It was clear to see how delighted our pupils were with the array of cakes which staff and families had so generously donated because the final sales total for the day was £326.63 which is a phenomenal total for a fundraiser of this kind. Many thanks to all who were involved in any way. The total of donations collected through ParentPay was £426 which is a significant amount of money that will provide meaningful support to struggling communities overseas.



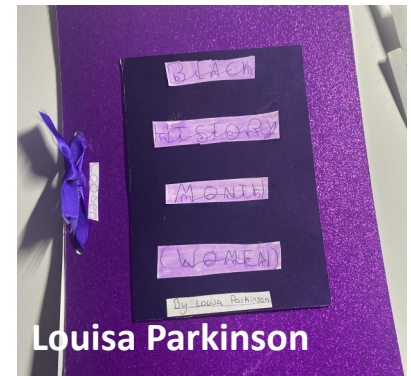
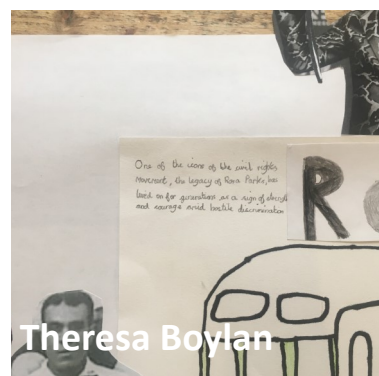
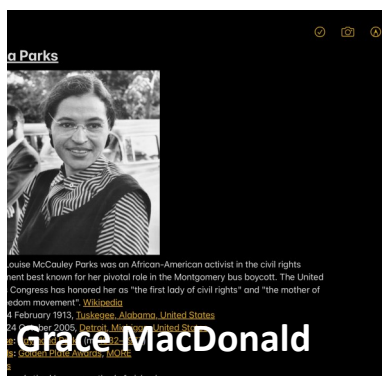


Black History Month

October marks Black History Month in the UK. The event was officially recognised by the US government in 1976, and first celebrated in the UK in 1987. All year groups have been set a challenge on Firefly asking them to research an individual who they have been provided with, for each day of October. Students have been asked to create a museum exhibit that celebrates the lives of one or many of the key figures listed.

Mrs Smith from the History department would like to say a huge thank you and well done to those pupils who have already submitted entries to the Black History Month challenge. She has had some wonderful entries that have celebrated the achievements of prominent people from different fields. A particular thank you to the following pupils: Louisa Parkinson, Theresa Boylan, Grace MacDonald, Cecily Richardson and Jayden Richardson. The deadline for entries is the beginning of November for anyone who would still like to enter. The winning entries will be announced at the beginning of November. You can find information for the task [here](#).

The History Department will produce a newsletter every half term which will include key historical events, a historical hero of the half term and on this month in history. This has been produced by our wonderful pupils. We hope you enjoy reading it.





Celebrating Success

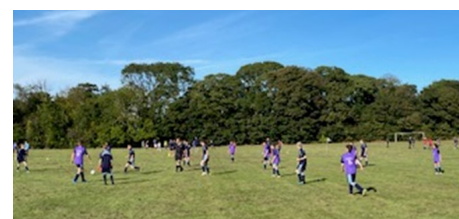
Sport at Saint Bede's

Football

Year 7 – 26 pupils went to Carr Hill high school and all performed exceptionally well. Lots of goals were scored and fun for all. Well done to all pupils. Your behaviour and attitude did us proud and we look forward to seeing all 26 play again.



Year 8 – Pupils have been participating in the Wyre & Fylde League and have displayed excellent skill and sportsmanship. We are so proud of our team and wish them good luck in the Lancashire Cup.



Year 9 & 10 - Pupil have displayed excellent team work, attitude and enthusiasm in the Wyre & Fylde Cup. Both year groups will continue to compete in the competitive league and we wish them the best of luck as we have got off to a great start.



Year 11 - Well done to our Year 11 team. Saint Bede's pupils defeated a very strong Parklands team in the Lancashire Cup. Please join us in wishing them luck for the next round—good luck!



Netball

All year groups have experienced some competitive netball, either through external competitions or within school. Well done to all students, we are so proud of your achievements. Please continue to tell us about your sporting achievements in all sports in or out of school.



Tag Rugby

Pupils were treated to some tag rugby as we welcomed Fylde Rugby into the school. All enjoyed the experience. We will be looking to invite them in again so that all year groups have the option to experience Tag rugby.



Glow Dodgeball

Pupils have been treated to some glow dodgeball from Wyre and Fylde Sports officer. Pupils and staff welcomed the game and are excited to get stuck in again soon as we can hopefully state that - Glow Dodgeball will return!





Parking

Although the vast majority of parents park safely and considerately when dropping off or collecting their children, a small number are still using the zig-zag markings for that purpose.

The markings are a vital safety feature that helps to provide uninterrupted vision for pupils crossing the road to enter/exit the school site.

According to Highway Code Rule 243, you should not park near a school entrance — as well as anywhere that would prevent access for emergency services, at or near a bus stop, opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, over a dropped kerb, and in front of an entrance to a property. Fixed penalty notices and fines can be issued in the event of infringement of these rules.

We ask for everyone's support in helping to keep our children safe.

We are grateful for your help in keeping our children and the pupils at St Peter's safe.



Pilgrimage to Jarrow Hall

On Friday, 8th and Friday, 15th October, all our pupils in Years 7 & 8 took part in a pilgrimage to Jarrow Hall to find out more about the Venerable Bede, our patron saint and learn what life was like in Anglo-Saxon Britain. This is very much a 'rite of passage' for pupils when they start their life at Saint Bede's and we were pleased to provide this opportunity for Year 8 who had missed out on this opportunity last year.

Our pupils were able to visit a museum to find out more about the monastic life experienced by Saint Bede as well as his contribution to documenting our history and translating parts of the Bible. They took part in a range of activities including calligraphy and stamping replicas of Anglo-Saxon coins as well as investigating artefacts from the time.

A visit to the replica Anglo-Saxon village and farm brought the past to life and gave a vivid sense of the challenges faced by our ancestors as well as their contribution to the world we live in today.



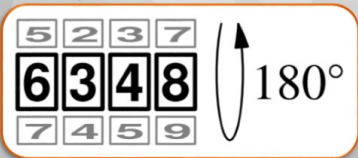
Mr Binns' Maths Challenge

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 bike lock has four wheels numbered with the digits 0 to 9 in order
- Each of the four wheels is rotated by 180° from the code shown in the first diagram to get the correct code
- What is the correct code for the bike lock?


1








A: 0815 B: 1893 C: 1972 D: 4892 E: 84362

Mr Binns' Half Term Challenge 2

- A square of paper is folded in half four times to obtain a smaller square
- Then a corner is removed as shown
- Which of the following could be the paper after it is folded



2

A:  B:  C:  D:  E: 

Extra Tough!

Tough!

- Mr Binns writes a list of 2021 consecutive integers
- The sum of his integers is 2021
- What is the product of all of his integers?

3

A: 2021^2 B: $\frac{2021 \times 2022}{2}$ C: 2^{2021} D: 2021 E: 0

Time for Trivia

Do you know the answers to Mrs Beswick's questions?

Key Stage 4 -

Which Machiavellian Shakespeare character shares his name with the parrot from Disney's 'Aladdin'?

Key Stage 3 -

Which Shakespeare play is the basis for the film '10 Things I Hate About You'?



Email your answers to;
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