



BEDE'S NEWS

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The Headmaster's Review of the Week

Dear Bedian family,

It has been another extremely busy, purposeful and positive week at the College, with the Easter Term very much in full swing now. Last Saturday we held our entrance examination, which was very well attended, and it was a pleasure to meet so many prospective pupils and their parents. The entire process was expertly run and I received a great deal of positive feedback from parents about their experiences of the day. Thank you to everyone involved in creating such a calm and friendly atmosphere at the College for the pupils and their parents. The supplementary examination takes place on Monday 28 January for any pupils who could not attend the original day.

Our fantastic Alumni Lecture Series continues on Wednesday 23 January with Kevin Sheehy, Director of Alma Mater Resourcing, visiting the College and also holding a question and answer session on achieving one's career ambitions.

Next week we will be including a new feature called "Team of the Week" and more details will be revealed then.

Our annual Upper Fifth interviews are taking place at the moment, as the pupils continue to plan their Sixth Form subject choices, and I am also delighted to have already met a large proportion of the Upper Fifth pupils individually for conversations in my study in order to get to know them better. They are such a wonderful year group!

The religious focus this week in the College has been Peace, as we celebrate Peace Sunday on 20 January. Our Chaplain, Mrs Hibbert expands upon this theme later in the publication. I was privileged to attend my first College Mass of the full term on Tuesday of this week and it was wonderful to see so many pupils involved in the service. I was also very touched when they prayed for me amongst their intentions.

I would like to wish you well for the coming week and we continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers here at the College.

Mr d'Arcy,
Headmaster.



Letters To Uganda

Upper Third pupils have been working with Mrs Hibbert and the English Department in support of the work of Fr John Baptist Bashobora, in Mbarara, Uganda.

Fr John has over six thousand abandoned or orphaned children in his care and has established a school for them. A number of College pupils have volunteered to become 'pen friends' with the Ugandan children and the first letters were sent this week. They have been assisted in this by Mr Onzivu a College parent who works in Uganda.

All the pupils are eagerly awaiting their replies.





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St Bede's Reads

During Advent, Upper Third and Lower Fourth pupils were reading to raise money for Mary's Meals, a charity which provides daily meals to some of the poorest children in the world.



Sponsor money is now being collected – pupils can hand the money they have raised (in an envelope marked with their name and form) to Mrs Poolton in the Library.

It has been great to hear about the brilliant books pupils have been enjoying as they have been supporting the valuable work of Mary's Meals.

More details about their work can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk



Weekend Football

St Bede's B Teams v QEGS, Blackburn

On the morning of the Entrance Examination we also had four football fixtures against QEGS Blackburn. The U12b and U14b travelled north to Blackburn and the U13b and a combined U14/U15 team took to the field at Brantingham Road. The U12b team were playing the QEGS A team and competed incredibly well throughout. It was their first outing as a squad and the boys produced some fine football. After going 2-0 down early on the lads went in 2-2 at half time. Fergus slotted Tyreek in to finish and fine wing play from Patrick K to cross for Edward to fire home.

QEGS started brightly again and took another two goal lead before Patrick G brought it back to 4-3. After a number of positional changes to test the new squad out QEGS put the game to bed with three late goals to win 7-3.

The U13b team also took on a QEGS A team at Brantingham Road and ran out 3-0 winners. The boys dominated possession and scored some great goals. James and Samson scored in the first half and Finlay added to the lead in the second. Henry made some fine saves to ensure he kept a clean sheet. Oliver and Cormac had great games and optimised the spirit of St Bede's football.

The U14b also played QEGS A team on a windswept pitch. The boys played with the wind in the first half and took full advantage playing some lovely football and taking a 3-0 lead into half time. There were goals from Kareem, Raphael and the pick of the bunch being a fine chip from Uwak after a superb through ball from Micah. QEGS produced a remarkable come back in the second half which was interrupted by a header from Richard to leave the game tied at 4-4. Sadly, QEGS scored a thirty-yard free kick in the dying moments to win the game 5-4. It was nearly the perfect start to the U14b programme but an admirable performance has laid the foundations for the rest of the season.



Finally, a combined U14/U15 team took on QEGS U15s at home. Both sides battled well and enjoyed good periods of possession. Julian scored a great goal and Sam was as robust as ever in defence. Patrick, Markel and two goals from Ty ensured the boys ran out 5-3 winners. Ty's finishing was superb and Michael made some outstanding saves. A wonderful performance from a group of boys who have only played together on three previous occasions.



Welcome!

St Bede's College welcomed Luke Bradbury into College on Tuesday. Luke is studying to be a priest and is currently on placement with Fr Dearman and Monsignor Allen at Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich.

Luke enjoyed a tour of the college and a visit to the Nursery class to assist Mrs Hibbert in teaching the pupils a song about Jesus' love. Luke joined us for lunchtime Mass which was led by U3 pupils.

We continue to pray for his vocation to the priesthood.

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Prayer Of The Week

As we journey through the Easter term each week will have a theme and a prayer will be said in Form Time each day which reflects this. The theme this week was Peace and many parishes this Peace Sunday will be collecting for the work of Pax Christi, a Catholic organisation supported by the Bishops of England and Wales.



'Good politics serves peace'

Pope Francis World Peace Message 2019

Dear Jesus,

you are the Prince of Peace. You taught that we should not try to retaliate: but to love our enemies. This can be difficult. Help me to be a bridge builder, but also to have the courage to stand up for what is right.

Amen.



U12 Ease Into The ESFA Quarter-Final



The U12 football team travelled to St Mary's, Crosby in the last sixteen of the ESFA cup competition. On arrival the lads were thorough and professional in their preparation and warm up which saw them start the game brightly.

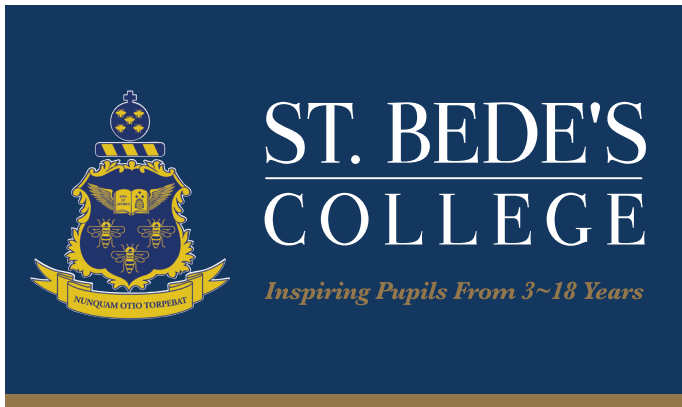
A through ball left Harry O one on one with the keeper and he coolly slotted home to put St Bede's 1-0 up in the first five minutes. St Mary's were a strong, physical team and had some players

who could hurt the U12s but St Bede's dominated possession and created two chances that could have seen them extend their lead. Unfortunately, they were pegged back just before half time when St Mary's scored with a fine volley from the edge of the area to leave the tie all square at the interval.

The second half continued in the same vein with St Bede's dominating possession and creating chances but St Mary's looking dangerous on the counter. The U12s took the lead when Benat ran through on goal and was pulled back to win a penalty. Benat calmly struck home with a fine spot kick. St Mary's once again managed to peg back the U12s with a lofted free kick that made its way to the back post to be poked home.

The game remained at 2-2 until the last fifteen minutes when the U12s finally made their possession count with four quick goals. There was a wonderful thirty yard strike from Padraig, James added a tap in at the back post and Benat smashed home after a lovely through ball from Gabriel. Gabriel followed this by scoring his first goal for the College with the final kick of the game. This completed the scoring to see St Bede's run out 6-2 winners.

The wonderful victory has now set up an away day in Newcastle upon Tyne against Ovingham Middle School in the quarter finals.



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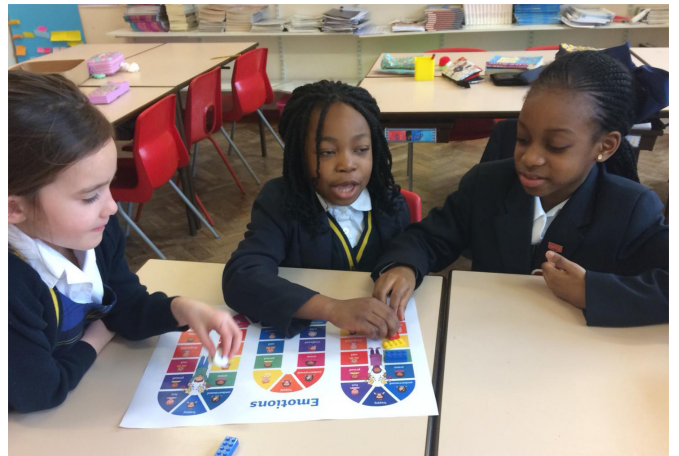
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Something For Everyone

The Spring Term clubs started this week with a wonderful selection of activities available to the children. They have Art Club with Mrs Cartmell, STEM Club with our Sixth Form Ambassadors, Football with Sean Goater and Technola Club with Mr Robinson.

There are thirteen activities available to the children. The key stage one pupils in Lego Club had a fantastic time using their imaginations to build space ships. In Mindfulness Club the children played a game about emotions and discussed how they can apply what they learn in Mindfulness at home and in school. STEM Club attracted our Prep 5 & Prep 6 scientists to experiment in magnetism making their own magnetic compass.

We shall keep you updated with all the different activities happening in clubs this term.





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Horatio In The 'House'



Last week Prep 5 were visited by Horatio Malchance one of the few survivors from the Battle of Balaclava. They had been studying the poem "The Charge of the Light Brigade" and had been identifying the poetic techniques found in the poem with metaphors such as "The Valley of Death", repetition "Half a league, half a league, half a league onwards" and onomatopoeia "thunder'd & flash'd".



To help them with their own 'Letter from the Battlefield' Captain Horatio Malchance discussed his time in the cavalry, the bad luck he endured and the scene of devastation he saw. The children learned a great deal from Horatio and used his responses to help with their writing. "Hussar! Hussar! Hussar!"

Technola - Computing

This week in computing, Prep 3 and 4 made a fantastic start on their music production modules. Over the next few weeks they will be producing their own fully structured songs and will even feature lyrics and themes.

Prep 6 have started on their robotics course which very swiftly increases in complexity, allowing them to program the robots to undertake specific tasks. When using more advanced text coding, our goal will be to create a moving replica of the solar system.

Prep 5 have been taking part in Advanced Coding Decomposition while Reception Class have been working on an introduction to coding.



Gruffalo

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the release of Gruffalo, Prep 1 made a 'Gruffalo Crumble'. The book by Julia Donaldson has been a hit with generations of children since its release in 1999.



The children in Prep 1 really enjoyed deciding what ingredients would be in a Gruffalo Crumble. They then baked the crumble and the crumble 'looked good!'.





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Reception - Ayesha

Prep 4 - Grace

Prep 6 - Darcey

STARS OF WEEK



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 6



Notices

Monday 21 January - Cake Sale
Please remember to bring a small amount of money to buy a treat.

Donations of Cakes are welcomed from Prep 1 and Prep 4 on Monday morning
No nut products or fresh cream please.

23 January - Prep 3 Trip to Chester Zoo
Please bring a packed lunch and drinks in a disposable bag.

28 January - Prep 2 Class Assembly
2.50pm. Prep 2 parents/family are invited to attend but no earlier than 2.40pm please, via Prep Entrance, as the children will be rehearsing.