

BEDE'S NEWS

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Reflections on the Week

The Spiritual life of the College is important to all members of our community and we are thankful to be supported in this by Fr Dearman. On Tuesday we were fortunate to have an opportunity to remember loved ones during our Mass of Remembrance, celebrated by Fr Dearman.

There is much excitement amongst our Upper Third as they are off to Castlrigg next week for their bonding retreat. I hope that everyone has a wonderful time.

Preparations for the Christmas Fair are well underway. Thank you to everyone for your very generous donations so far. Don't forget to return your raffle tickets - it may be you! See you all next Saturday.

Mrs S Pike

A Gift Under Our Christmas Tree

This year St Bede's College are taking part in the Shoe Box Appeal for Salford Loaves and Fishes. Each person who goes to the drop in centre on Christmas day will be given this box of simple items to those in most need of our support, who without us, would not get a Christmas present on Christmas day.

The box needs to be wrapped in Christmas paper and filled with everyday items. These must be completed by Friday 14 December and need to stay open so that we can make sure they are evenly filled.

Each form class is putting together a box, however individual families are invited to fill their own box to donate under our Christmas tree. If your company is able to donate any of the items we would be delighted to accept them.

Please feel free to add a Christmas card to personalise your gift.

God bless and thank you, Mrs Hibbert College Chaplain.

Road Safety Week

This week has been road safety awareness week with the focus being 'Bike Smart'.

Statistics show more than 300 children aged 15 and under are killed or suffer lifechanging injuries every year when cycling. Help your child to prepare themselves by reading and actioning the 'top tips to make road safety stick'.

More Information can be found here <u>www.think.gov.uk/</u>











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Library Enterprise

A new venture run from the Library can supply pupils with their stationery needs. Upper Fourth pupil Theo Jones and a small team of Library assistants are selling pens, pencils, erasers, highlighters and rulers at competitive prices.

Any profits will buy more books for the Library, all of which will be selected by the pupils involved. Items can be bought during Library opening hours and suggestions for other items to stock will be gratefully received.



Christmas Fair 2018

Dear Parents, Teachers, Friends and Alumni,

The long awaited Christmas Fair 2018 is now just around the corner! We look forward to welcoming you on Saturday 1 December, when you can visit Santa's Grotto and try your hand at various activities and games, both firm favourites and new additions. Enjoy a spot of Christmas shopping and don't forget to refuel with good food, a mulled wine or two, one of our famous gaelic coffees and a mince pie whilst being entertained by the College's very own Senior Orchestra!

The Christmas Fair is always one of the highlights of the year for our children and is a great fundraiser. We always hope to achieve more year on year – but we only achieve this with YOUR help. Thank you to the people who have already volunteered to help on the



day but, for those who may have time available and would like to volunteer their services, we would be very grateful to hear from you via the following different channels:

Survey Monkey – <u>www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QJ8YR3L</u> Paper Volunteer form Via Email – <u>bedian@stbedescollege.co.uk</u>

Christmas Fair Raffle tickets are one of our main sources of Bedian Association revenue so please don't forget to send in your sold Christmas Fair raffle ticket counterfoils with the collected monies to either the Prep Office or the Main College office. To encourage their sale we are also introducing the possibility to buy them in the online shop on SIMS Agora as well

The same rules apply here - 1 book of 5 is £5 and you can buy an unlimited amount. Sales via Agora will close on 29 November to enable us to print and prepare the on-line purchased ones.

All raffle tickets, whether purchase via Agora or using the printed ones, will go into the same draw. Prizes include tablets, Christmas hampers, beauty gift sets, gift vouchers and much more!

As an added incentive for the children there is an inter house competition running this year and houses will be awarded extra points for the most tickets sold!

As always, any uniform items that pupils have outgrown can be recycled in a "new to you" sale so please drop them off in the Prep and College receptions. We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair

Best Wishes, The Bedian Association



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ISNA Plate Competition

Congratulations to the U15 netball team who beat Birkenhead School 66 - 16 in the second round of the ISNA plate competition. Special mention to Aoife who scored 62 of these goals, absolutely brilliant shooting statistics. We now play Westbound at home in the next round, with a date to be confirmed.

Mrs McCormick



Bede's Reads 2018

As we look forward to Advent we are preparing for the return of St Bede's Reads, an annual sponsored read run by the English Department and the Library. We are raising money for Mary's Meals, a charity which provides meals for some of the poorest children in the world. It costs just under £14 to feed a child one meal per day for a year – so we are aiming to provide a lot of meals for a lot of children!

All Upper Third and Lower Fourth pupils are being asked to set themselves a challenge by selecting books to read during Advent then asking family and friends to sponsor them. We hope all who take part will enjoy all the benefits of reading while helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

College pupils in other years are, of course, welcome to join in with St Bede's Reads – all the details and materials are available from the Library. Information about Mary's Meals can be found at <u>www.marysmeals.org.uk</u>.









Poetry Competition

The standard of entries this year was easily the highest yet as students from all four houses produced their verse with lyricism, creativity and reflection. I was very pleased to see such a wonderful set of poems from the U3rd in particular, which is reflected in the number of highly commended students. The job of picking a top three from the students in each year was certainly very tricky, yet one worth pursuing as the competition continues to grow and the students of St. Bede's College show their literary prowess.

Mr. Yates

U3 Winner: Harry C (Siena) - Werewolf

U3 2nd: Dara (Bosco) - Change

U3 3rd: Amarachi (Campion) - Puberty



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U3 Harry C - Werewolf

The moonlight bounces off the walls, The midnight moon echoes and calls A spark of electricity runs down my veins, The forest trees swaying in the rain.

My taste buds start to tingle. The fangs aching at my gums, Claws start to grow from my fingers and thumbs. The itching of hair rubbing my neck. The sudden grunting and growl, The anger and strength impales my soul, My clothes begin to rip and tear, Everyone runs in cold despair.

Fully morphed werewolf sniffing the room, Barking and howling beneath the moon, Chasing through the forest at speed, hunting in packs for our daily feed.

Latest Football News

A new block fixture was added to the calendar last weekend with Westholme School, Blackburn visiting Brantingham Road for the first time. All junior teams from U12 to U15 would take to the fields for a round of home fixtures and it turned out to be a successful morning for the College.

The U12s were dominant from the start and six goals from Benat meant they would take home a 9-3 win with the other goals coming from James (his first for the College), William and Harry O. The U13s had an equally successful morning securing an 8-1 win following a display that saw them play some lovely football. George secured a hat-trick with Austin adding two and Oliver, Callum and Michael chipping in with further strikes. The U14s ran out on the 1st XI pitch for the first time and were inspired to a 6-1 win with Patrick, Sonny, Markel and Ben all getting themselves on the scoresheet.

Unfortunately the U15s poor run continued and despite a competitive first half which saw them trailing by one goal with two minutes to go before the break but finished 3-0 down. The second half was a struggle for the lads and they eventually saw out a 7-0 defeat.

This weekend sees our final Saturday block before the Christmas break against Kings Chester but the football will not end there with the U12s into the last sixteen of the ESFA competition and the second round of the Manchester cup. The U13s will face Oldham Hulme in the last sixteen of the ISFA and the U14s are into the last sixteen of the ESFA and the second round of the Manchester. The U15s will be looking for a change in fortunes when they face Wright Robinson in the second round of the Manchester cup.



Carols By Candlelight

Academic Hall Thursday 13 December 7pm All Parents and Pupils welcome



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Prep 2 Visit The Stone Age



Yesterday Prep 2 visited Tatton Park to test out their knowledge of their topic the Stone Age. The children began their day by looking at artefacts made from bronze, iron and flint. They were able to hold them and talked about how they were made and what they were used for. After that the children made a timeline spanning from the dinosaurs to

year 0 and investigated how people lived in the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic time periods. The children enjoyed a range of activities that deepened their knowledge and understanding of what life was like in the Stone Age. The first activity explored cave communication and cave painting. The children were able to handle the materials that people used to leave each other messages and decorate caves. The second activity allowed the children to understand why prehistoric

people travelled and how they lived in their day to day life. The children were challenged to use Stone Age tools, such as deer antlers and sheep bones, to plant crops to help them survive in the Neolithic



period. The day ended with shelter building. The children worked as a team to build a tripod and A-frame structure warm and cosy ready to face the cold Stone Age climate.

The children have been writing reports on their Stone Age Adventure. Here is one from Bally:

"First I saw that we were going into a house where they showed us some artefacts and let us hold them. After that I learnt so many things about the Bronze Age, Stone Age and Iron Age. Soon after we made a timeline with our bodies. Then we learnt how people began to make fire.

After lunch Jill showed us how to make a fire using a bow, sticks and dry leaves. My favourite part was the cave painting because I like drawing with charcoal. After the cave drawing Heiko wore the boar skin. He was laughing because it was funny!"

For more images of theis wonderful visit follow this link: www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/prep-2-visit-stone-age/

Netball Triumph

On a cold Monday evening Baguley Hall Prep School brought a developing



High 5 Netball team to play St Bede's in squad training. Our Prep 4/5 emerging team played them first in an end to end game with lots of missed shots and excitement. Final score was 2-1 to St Bede's.

Baguley Hall then played St Bedes A team with a helping hand from Miss Lewis. It was fast paced with some incredible shooting from Ellie. St Bede's won convincingly but it was a great experience for all involved.





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Poetic Prizewinner.

Prep 4 pupil Amelie entered a nationwide competition launched by The Voice Newspaper as part of their annual Made By History competition. The theme for this years entrants aged nine to fourteen was The Windrush Generation.



The entrants had to compose their own poem related to the people who came to the United Kingdom from Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and Barbados between 1948 and 1971. The name is derived from the name of the ship MV Empire Windrush which docked in Essex in 1948 carrying five-hundred people from Jamaica.

Amelie's poem was titled "Sacred and Worried in the Windrush". She was one of hundreds of entrants and her poem was shortlisted for the final which was held in London on Monday November 12. Amelie travelled to the venue with her family and was overjoyed to have received third place in the competition.



Here is Amelie's poem: Scared and Worried in the Windrush: Waves rolling in the sea Interacting with the shaking boat. Never felt such sorrow, never felt so scared! Don't know where I am going! Realising I'm in the deep, blue sea far away from home Understanding I'm in the mother country. Seeing whales come up to shore breathing the thick seaside air. Hearing the waves crashing against the ship.







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Nursery - Billy and Cassie Prep 2 - Jysiah

STARS OF WEEK



HOUSE POINT WINNERS



CLASS OF THE WEEK - Prep 6



Notices

Thursday 29 November Prep 4 Trip to Liverpool: The World Museum (Ancient Egypt) Leaving at approximately 9am Return by 3.30pm Spending Money £5 maximum for Gift Shop

Christmas Fair Saturday 1 December 9.30am - 12.30pm

BEDE'S SIXTH FORM NEWS

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The Sixth Form View Jess, Fliss & Anna

Hairspray



Last week the college enjoyed the stunning performance of 'Hairspray', which included various members of our Sixth

Form. By portraying characters from the likes of loveable Tracy Turnblad to the sassy Amber Von Tussle, the show was a huge success amongst audiences. However, the show is tinged with sadness for some members of the cast, as it will be the last show that the Upper Sixth students will participate in before leaving the College.



Various Upper Sixth members of the cast have shared their favourite moments. Harriet, who portrayed the role of the lead, Tracy, stated 'one of the best moments was meeting younger members of the cast, and becoming so close with them and having friends for life, I never thought I'd be close with so many people from the younger years!' In addition, on a broader scale she detailed how drama

has helped her develop, 'drama has given me confidence, it's given me the skills I need to progress further into my chosen career, musical theatre!' The show left audiences astounded with the theatrical talents the College possess, Emily, who gave a magnificent performance as 'Amber Von Tussle' gave insight into what goes into the acting process and what she liked about the character, 'I loved the way in which my character progressed, she went from being so rude at the beginning, to showing a complete transformation and singing 'You Can't Stop the Beat' in the final scene.

Along with the remarkable leading ladies, Upper Sixth pupil James Mee, stole the show playing the iconic role of 'Edna Turnblad'. He gave more highlights from the show, 'I would say the workshop with Layton Williams was really good because he was a participant in the Hairspray tour, so he had a professional view on the show and gave vital advice. I would also say my favourite moment was the last show because everything came together so well and it just felt like one huge family.' When asked what he liked about the role, James stated, 'I liked the role because obviously a lot of influential people have done it and they are all really inspiring to me.' On behalf of the Sixth Form students, I would like to give huge congratulations to all the members of the Hairspray cast who gave a superb performance and I would also like to thank the staff that were involved in the making of the show and gave up their time, which led to the excellent performance.



Commerative Mass

On Tuesday afternoon, the College welcomed the families of Bedians who have recently passed away. The memories of these Bedians were commemorated by adding three new plaques on the Chapel wall.

Teachers and students of the College also attended who wished to remember their family and friends and to pay their respects. During the mass the plaques were blessed by Fr. Dearman and the guests had the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones that they have lost.

The Sixth Form Lourdes group were invited to help with the service and one student stated "It was so nice to offer support to the families and to remember our own loved ones" another added "I think its important that we keep alive the memories of the Bedians who have come before us". This service showed the family-orientated community of St Bedes, welcoming families to remember the memories that were created in our College.

On behalf of the Sixth Form students, I would like to thank the members of staff and Fr. Dearman for making this mass so special and memorable for all that attended.

