



Headteacher's Message



Thank you to all our parents and pupils for their complimentary comments this week as we celebrated our Welcome Mass. This is always one of the highlights of the term and our Upper Third were fantastic in their contribution to the readings and the singing.

I have been pleased to see how our pupils have engaged in our co-curricular provision this term with a vast array of clubs providing an opportunity for all.

On Thursday we were delighted to see many families in the College for Tutor Evening and the atmosphere was extremely positive as we completed the successful roll out of our Chromebooks.

Enjoy your weekend

Mrs S Pike
Headteacher

Theme of the Week



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Followers of Christ

"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me" Mark 8:34

Challenge:

People often say, if there is a God why do bad things happen?
Jesus makes it clear in Mark 8:27-35 that in order to be saved we must surrender our lives to God, take up our cross and follow him, Jesus doesn't promise us an easy life but eternal life with him.



Prayer:

Almighty Father,
help me to move forward
with my life
and start a new journey
following you.
Show me how to take up
my cross and follow you.
Amen.

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Upper Third Welcome Mass

On Tuesday we were joined by our new Upper Third pupils and their parents for a celebratory welcome Mass, as they begin their journey through the College. The Sports Hall was full to capacity for what was a lovely, happy occasion.

The College was delighted to have Father Michael Deas as celebrant for the Upper Third Mass. He spoke warmly about his days at the College in his homily recalling how he himself was in the congregation some years ago! Mr Davies, Mrs Vyce and our Chaplain Mrs Hibbert had worked hard in a short space of time to produce such a fantastic sound for the hymns. The readers were wonderfully audible and amazingly polished, making it an evening to remember. Mrs Spike spoke warmly to the parents and encouraged the new Upper Third pupils to take advantage of the many opportunities that will be available to them in the College.



Co-Curricular Clubs

It has been a busy first week back in the History, Politics and Classics Department. Our co-curricular offerings began with a bang. Last Thursday, the Classics Club had a lively session learning about the Roman army. It was delightfully well attended and as can be seen from the photos, the pupils had a great time being put through their paces (literally as their feet were tied together), as they pretended to be Roman Legionaries.



Last Friday, the Historians' Club made its long awaited return. Mr Power delivered an engaging and insightful talk about The Great Stink of 1858. It was great to see some new faces, as well as some familiar faces, and the entire History Department is delighted to be delivering face to face talks again.



Finally, this Tuesday we introduced our newest venture: Political Animals. It was wonderful to see pupils from across the age groups come to B6 to listen to brief presentations about the latest political developments in the UK, the USA and around the world. This week we discussed whether Prime Minister's Johnson tax raise could prove disastrous for his government, the implications and ethics of the Texas abortion bill and whether Bolsonaro will cling to power in Brazil.



After the turbulence and disruption of the last eighteen months it was wonderful to see all of our pupils in person. It is clear that there is an appetite at St Bede's for academic enrichment and debate and the History, Politics and Classics Department will always strive to provide it.

Mr M Lee Rodriguez



Nothing Ventured

In March 2022, Jamie Carr (MCFC Academy Under 14s Coach) will begin the first of his two astronomical challenges for charity, by completing the Marathon des Sables - The Toughest Footrace on Earth. Only months later, he will be rowing 3000 nautical miles solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

Jamie is fundraising as much as he can so that he can smash his targets for the Cancer Fund for Children and City Thrive - a mental health initiative for young people across Manchester.

As part of his fundraising, Jamie has organised a charity raffle. If you would like to support Jamie in his Nothing Ventured Campaign, please contact Alice Craddock directly alice.craddock@mancity.com - Tickets are £10 each and by purchasing a ticket, you will not only be donating to two fantastic charities - but these fantastic prizes are up for grabs as well - Porsche 911 or Taycan Electric car for a weekend (fully insured) a Phil Foden signed shirt and many more...

To find out more watch this video - <https://linktr.ee/NothingVenturedCampaign>



Hockey News

U13

In the opening minutes Westholme peppered the St Bede's goal but were constantly denied by Aoife G who was making her debut between the posts. As our girls warmed up, the game became more evenly contested and chances were a plenty at both ends. Kitty M scored a couple of crackers but it wasn't enough as Westholme secured the 3-2 win with a last minute deflected shot. Westholme selected Kitty as our POM.



U14/15 combined

A tough opening fixture saw our girls go down valiantly 0-6. Westholme fielded their U15 team in the first half and they proved too strong for a team consisting of mostly U14 girls. The second half proved more competitive when they fielded their U14 team and we created some good chances to get on the score sheet. The girls worked extremely hard but were up against a good team who proved difficult to break down. Westholme voted Elsie H in goal as our POM.



Miss Whitney

Boys Hockey

If you would like to try your hand at boys hockey why not take the opportunity to attend hockey training on Tuesday and Thursday after school and Saturday mornings. This would show myself, the rest of the PE and extra curricular staff that pupils are passionate and dedicated about representing the school. These qualities are what we are looking for in our pupils, and will help pupils get selected for teams in the future.

If pupils have any questions please see Mr Henderson in the PE Department.



The Houses are Stepping up a Gear this year!

Today was the first day when the house ran drop-in sessions for pupils to have more say in the running of their houses and the opportunity to contribute their own ideas and become activists for their houses. The groups all highlighted a need to raise awareness on climate issues and how we can all help. The meetings were really well attended. Mr Lee, Head of Siena house, remarked 'It is great to see so many of our pupils wanting to get involved and they came up with some fantastic ideas' The groups will meet regularly and also help with the organising and running of house events in the near future.



Mr Davies

Karate Club

I am delighted to be able to confirm that we are now in a position to restart our weekly Karate sessions on Monday morning for pupils in all year groups. This will begin on Monday 27 September.

The sessions will take place in the school sports hall under the guidance of Mr Ian Gillis a 5th Dan Blackbelt Karate instructor. Mr Gillis is a former national champion and he has strong links with Team GB Karate/GB Taekwondo.

The pupils will be learning Traditional Shotokan Karate, which is one of the most widely practiced styles of karate in the world. The sessions are inclusive of all abilities and all pupils are welcome to attend, regardless of their karate experience level.

The sessions will be no contact in the first instance. After a four week trial period, students will be required to purchase an annual Karate license at a cost of £25 per year.

There is no charge to students for attending the sessions outside of the licence purchase costs. If you have any further questions regarding the Karate sessions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs McCormick

Co-Curricular

There are a variety of clubs and activities for our pupils to try. Here is a selection of some of the fun pupils have been having this week.

Get involved here: <https://sbcm.co.uk/parent-information/co-curricular/co-curricular-timetables/>



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Sustainability - Holroyd Howe

This week, the vital concept of sustainability was discussed at our Sixth Form assembly in the chapel. A representative from Holroyd Howe spoke about how it is essential to make sure that what we have now is also there for the future. Sustainability is about balance, which includes looking after our planet, our communities and reducing our impact on the environment. We learnt of climate change and its consequences on a local and global scale.

We heard about global challenges, both environmental and social, such as deforestation and urbanisation. World leaders have taken actions such as the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Climate agreement to help reduce global warming and its outcomes. This includes the UK Government, who have established a 25-year plan setting out what they will do to improve the environment. To further raise environmental awareness, days such as World Earth Day and World Oceans Day are celebrated.



Skye Lilly - Upper Sixth

Language Day Monday 27 September

We will be celebrating Language Day in the College and Prep on Monday 27 September.

We are supporting the Change Live Grow Foundation which is working to provide a fair start for impoverished children near Lima, Peru.

We would like all of our pupils to come to school dressed in the colours of the flag of Peru. We would please ask pupils to bring in a donation of £1. This will be used to support the building of a day care centre. This will create a safe environment for the children of Pamplona Alta, so their parents can work in the city.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to an exciting and enjoyable day celebrating with our pupils.

<https://www.projectpamplona.com/>



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STEM Curriculum

The Prep STEM curriculum has started with a roar! The children have loved their topics this term; in Prep One the children have been on the hunt for dinosaurs, tracking their footprints around the school.

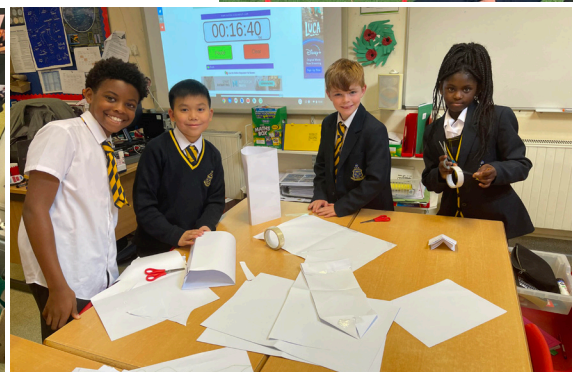
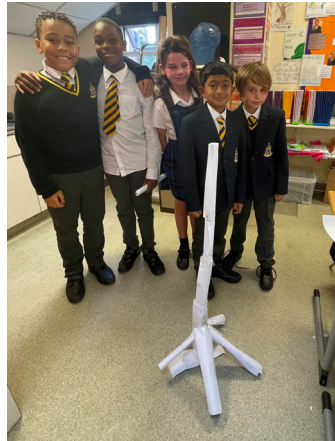
Prep Two have been investigating habitats and discussing whether the items that found were 'Alive', 'Dead' or had 'Never Lived'. Prep 5 have taken on the STEM Paper Tower Challenge, seeing which group could build the tallest tower using only paper, Sellotape, and paper clips. The tower had to be able to stand of its own accord.

Each of the tasks the children have undertaken help them improve on their teamwork and communication skills, it challenges them with higher order thinking and reasoning; 'Why has this never been alive?', 'How big could the creature that created this footprint be?', 'What is needed to ensure the tower stays upright?'

The children really enjoy these challenges and working together to achieve a common goal.

Prep 6 - Hit The Stage

Prep 6 are so happy to be starting rehearsals for their Year 6 production. They are excited to know that this year they will be presenting a live 'On Stage' performance to parents, family and friends as well as the whole of the Prep School. Drama and Musical Theatre are stitched into the fabric of the Prep and we have waited for two years to be able to showcase the wonderful talent we have in the Academic Hall. We are sure the children will put on the greatest show St Bede's has seen in a long time.





Stars of the Week



Housepoint Winners



Class of the Week - Prep 6

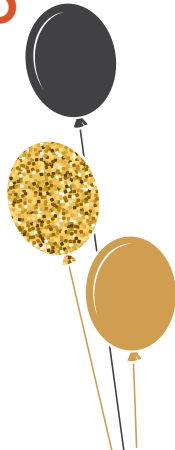
Monday Motivation



PREP 2 **INAYA**

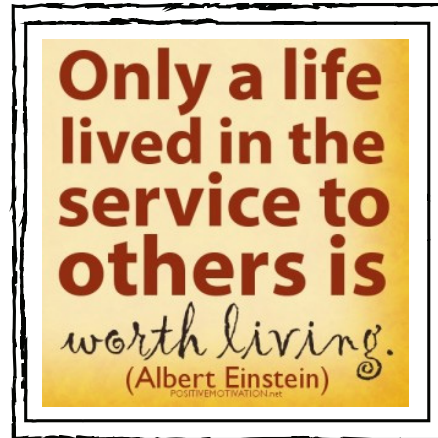
PREP 6C **FRANCISCO**

PREP 6H **TOM**



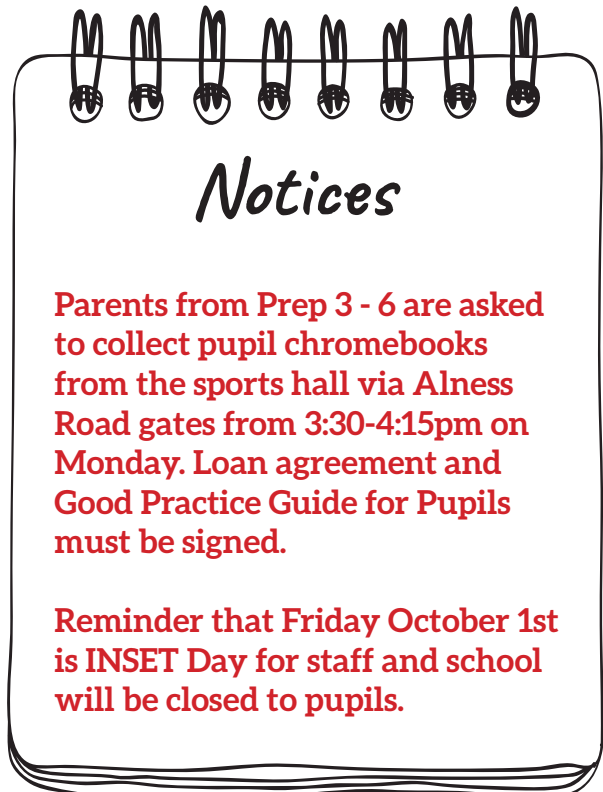
Congratulations

Welcome home Christiana, Dipo was so happy to cuddle his baby sister and welcome her into the family home.



Word of the week

Service



Notices

Parents from Prep 3 - 6 are asked to collect pupil chromebooks from the sports hall via Alness Road gates from 3:30-4:15pm on Monday. Loan agreement and Good Practice Guide for Pupils must be signed.

Reminder that Friday October 1st is INSET Day for staff and school will be closed to pupils.