



ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE

Bede's News

17 December 2021

Headteacher's Message

I hope you enjoy Christmas with your family and friends,
Happy Christmas!
God bless

Mrs S Pike
Headteacher



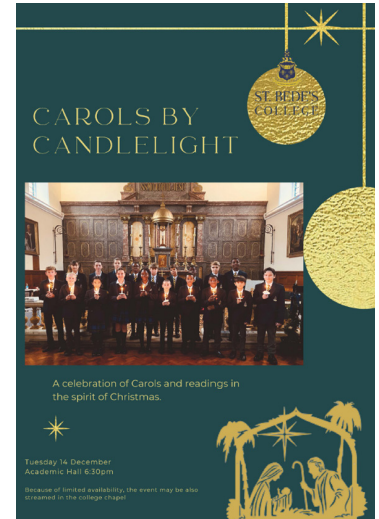
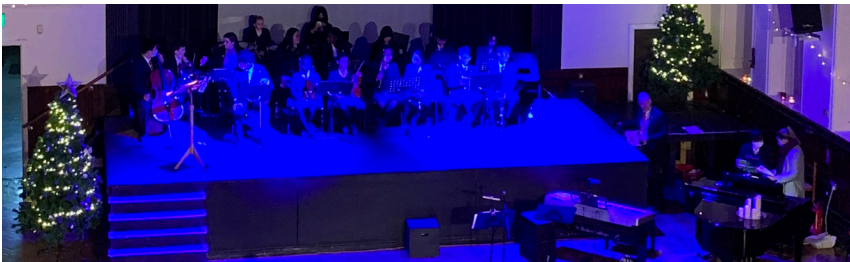
Christmas Celebration Assembly

We have finished off the term with a series of Celebration Assemblies where we have rewarded our hard working students with a selection box and a headteacher certificate of commendation. Well done to all!



Carols by Candlelight

We really got our Christmas celebrations going as the College celebrated with our annual tradition of the Carols by Candlelight Concert. The choir, orchestra and the Upper Third treated the audience to some traditional carols - Once in Royal David's City and Ding Dong Merrily on High along with The Colours of Christmas and solos from Jacinta and Edward. The concert was brought to a wonderful finale by the orchestra playing Trepak from The Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky.



Bosco House Christmas Hampers

Following the success of last year's Hamper appeal, we were encouraged by the huge success of the project and were really touched to see at first hand how a relatively small gesture could mean so much to others. This year's response was amazing. Christmas jumpers were on display and the donations came in thick and fast. It was literally a room full of donations which needed to be sorted, packed, wrapped and sent.

I must admit to being a little worried. Help came again from the fantastic students of our Sixth Form, led by Chloe, Isobelle, Patience and their newly formed teams. They got to work. Mr Rose, Head of Sixth Form said 'I cannot believe the scale of what has been achieved here. I have been blown away by the sheer generosity and teamwork in our community.'

Upper Fourth Music pupils loaded up the school minibus and off I went. Worrying about the scale of the task ahead, but when I arrived, I happened to bump into 3 of the local constabulary and cajoled them into unloading the boot. They were happy to help. Russell from Loaves and Fishes, Salford said 'Thank you so much for these hampers, you have made Christmas very special for us all here. In this time of uncertainty, this has been a ray of light for us.' Thank you everyone, have a happy and peaceful Christmas.



Mr Davies



Student Christmas Fair Success

On Monday 13 December the Upper Fourth Business students held a Christmas Enterprise Fair for the students of the Prep and College.

Approximately 60 students have been working hard this term in lessons developing their business idea for a Christmas stall and developing their understanding of what is involved in running their own business. The event featured 17 stalls including Christmas food and treats stalls, games of skill and chance, and Christmas decorations courtesy of the Art department.

The fair was well supported from students and staff within the College with all funds raised going towards the College PFA.

Congratulations go to all the Upper Fourth involved with the majority of stalls returning a profit from their endeavours. Special mention must go to Herbert (U4) for winning the jar of sweets for his very accurate guess of the number contained inside; and also Mr Fallon who won the very large cuddly elephant called Isla. In all, it was a fantastic event which raised in excess of £200, but more importantly it was a great learning experience for the Business students, one which will be long remembered by all involved.

Mrs Corbett



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The Historians' Club Welcome a Special Guest for Christmas

In keeping with our now annual Christmas tradition, the Historians' Club welcomed a guest speaker to the Maher Library last Friday. Whilst it may look like Spider-Man had come to pay a visit to St Bede's, it was in fact our very own comic book lover, Mr Wright. His talk on the History of the Spider-Verse was incredibly attended by pupils from all year groups and has proved that History can be available for all. There were also some grateful prize winners who left with some original comics and pin badges. A photo of the event was even retweeted by the Historical Association, proving that Mr Wright is now a fully fledged historian. We look forward to welcoming our dedicated Historians' Club members back for more talks in the new year.

The History Department



Medical Forum Careers Event

Over 40 pupils from the U4-U6 attended the Medical Forum Careers event on Monday 13 December. They heard from three guest speakers...

- Dr Jacqui Joyce-O'Keeffe spoke on her experiences of working in emergency medicine after qualifying initially as a dentist. She showed how her work can range from the comic to the tragic as well as taking place inside and outside a hospital
- Trainee GP Dr Sana Arif shared her career journey - highlighting how medicine offers a range of flexible pathways - and indeed offers flexible working.
- Sarah Kennedy talked about her work as a nurse and lecturer in social care and the importance of bringing a good quality of life to those with learning disabilities.

All three speakers highlighted the wide range of potential healthcare careers beyond those that people see - and how they all work together to produce better outcomes for patients. Students who are interested in any healthcare career can research these on the College Unifrog careers platform.

Dr Joyce-O'Keeffe also stayed after the session to help our Sixth Form medicine applicants practise for interviews - part of the assistance the Medical Forum provides to all those looking for work in this area.



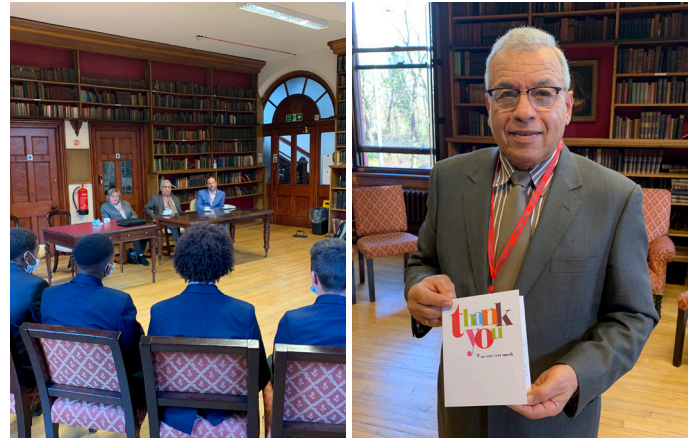
Mr Hepburn

Stan Horn Visits St Bede's College

Stan Horne, Manchester City's first black footballer, visited St Bede's College last week to meet the pupils who had written letters to him as part of the Premier League's Trailblazers Project. Stan, who was accompanied by his son Matthew and partner Ethel, had a tour of the school with Mr Woan before meeting the Upper Fourth Academy squad in the Vaughan Library. Each pupil spoke to Stan and his family to explain their sporting career so far and also discussed their own family heritage, as pupils within the group have family links to Nigeria, Cameroon, Zimbabwe, Portugal, Spain, China and Congo to name a few.

The boys then asked Stan questions to find out what playing football in the late 1960s and early 1970s must have been like as well as sharing their own education and training schedules. Stan was also presented with a Thank You card signed by all of the pupils and has also offered to return to St Bede's in 2022 to meet more students.

Mr Woan



Latin Inspiration

Congratulations to Joshua H in the Lower Fourth who was so inspired by his study of Roman Gladiators in Latin that he decided to create his own Gladiators Helmet. Great work Joshua!



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Sports News - Karate

Congratulations to Naham, Jack, Rosie, Matthew, Patrick and Ella who passed their 9th Kyu orange belt karate grading this week. Karate takes place on a Monday at 8.00am in the Sports Hall. Karate is available to all pupils in the College and Sixth Form and new members are very welcome on the 10 January 2022 when we return.



Football News

St Ambrose 6 - 1 St Bede's 1st X1

The opening 20 minutes saw both sets of defences stand firm with neither keeper called into significant action. An error strewn 15 minutes saw a potent and dynamic Ambrose forward line profit to take a 3 - 0 half time lead. After the break Bede's rallied to create chances but Pat had his effort blocked. The hosts were in buoyant mood and added to the scoreline. Bede's battled on and Luca scored.

Goal - Luca x 1
POTM - Pat B

U13's ESFA SS CUP

Wetherby 1 - 5 St Bede's

Five Star Bede's warm fans up!

In a game played in the bitter cold and

rain the boys gave a performance for school to be proud of. A tight first half with Bede's edging it thanks to a Hamza goal. The lead was further stretched thanks to goals from Joe M and wing wizard Femi. Wetherby continued to work hard and were rewarded with a goal. Man of the moment Hamza scored the goal of the game with a 25 yard strike into the top corner to cap a good team performance and complete his hat trick. Well done to all the squad on reaching the last 16!

Goals - Hamza x 3, Femi x 1 & Joseph x 1
POTM - Hamza

Mr Fogel



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Treasure Island Panto

The whole of the Prep School travelled in convoy to the Middleton Arena to see the pantomime 'Treasure Island', joining Jim Hawkins as he set sail with his friends Captain Smollett & Silly Billy Bones and a long-lost treasure map. Once they reached the island, they met a Magical Mermaid who helped them on their search for treasure, whilst trying to avoid the grasp of the evil Long John Silver who had a few tricks up his sleeve to thwart Jim and claim the treasure for himself. This magical pantomime featured superb songs, dazzling dance routines, stunning scenery, beautiful costumes and amazing special effects. Treasure Island was a thrilling experience for the children, and some teachers couldn't help but join in on the hilarity. Oh Yes they did!



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Prep Languages

It has been a wonderfully busy term in Prep languages.

French and Japanese clubs have been well attended, and as well as playing games and learning lots of new vocabulary, the children have enjoyed trying new food and even attempted some martial arts!

The newly appointed KS2 language ambassadors and their deputies have taken on their roles with great care and attention. They have been in full charge of each class's Spanish Teddy bag, replenishing the goodies, updating the diary books, allocating and chasing up the bag each week. They are incredibly organised and a great help to Mrs Casson.

EYFS and KS1 have really been enjoying their Spanish lessons this term, learning with music, song, games and fun. Mrs Leyden really is inspiring the children and instilling in them a passion for foreign languages.

Peru day back in September was a wonderful celebration of Hispanic culture and language and raised well needed funds for the Pamplona Project in Lima. The Paddington project with Prep 4, 5 and 6 has been a great success, with 2 exchanges of beautifully decorated, handwritten letters to our partner school in Peru. Our children worked so hard to write in Spanish and English and they have really enjoyed getting to know their new friends in South America. This culminated in three really special google meets this week, where the children finally got to see some of their new friends on screen and hear their voices for the first time. Prep 6 learned about Christmas in Peru and entertained their new friends with a lively rendition of Feliz Navidad. Prep 5 were delighted to see Summer time in Peru in December, were inspired to start using Ecosia and also delighted Peru with their singing. Prep 4 also had a wonderful session, where the children excitedly and enthusiastically shared their experiences, sang with gusto and the Peruvian children surprised Dean with an impromptu Happy Birthday song.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Happy Birthday Song:

We look forward to further meaningful communication with our friends in Peru and we are working on links with other countries to continue promoting intercultural understanding and friendship.

Feliz Navidad, Joyeux Noel, kurisumasu omedetō gozaimasu (クリスマスおめでとうございます).

Merry Christmas Everyone!



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Carols by Candlelight

It was such a delight for the Prep to celebrate Carols by Candlelight with parents once again after a year's hiatus. The scene was set in the Academic Hall with the whole of Key Stage Two singing 'A Candle for Peace.' The Christmas Story was retold beautifully in between the afternoon's carols via the medium of poetry. Prep 3 wowed the audience with a spine-tingling 'Starry Night'. Prep 4 followed with the outstanding 'O little town of Bethlehem', before Prep 6's sumptuously soulful 'Silent Night'. The afternoon was rounded off with the gorgeous 'God Bless Us Everyone' sang by all the pupils.

It was such a beautiful occasion that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to all those who were able to attend our Carols by Candlelight ceremony.

We wish all our parents, family and friends and the whole Bedian community a restful and peaceful Christmas and New Year!

Click here for the video link:

<https://vimeo.com/657543024/f906a0b49f>



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Stars of the Week



Housepoint Winners



Headteacher Award

Congratulations Lucy and Sadie on your Headteacher Awards for their amazing help and co-operation in organising the Prep Christmas Fair Activities this week.

Their commitment, dedication and compassion towards our younger pupils was very special and they also helped to raise over £330. They have displayed real Bedian spirit! Well done!

Monday Motivation



Word of the Week

Advent



RECEPTION **ARINZE**

NURSERY **TIA**

NURSERY **FRANCIS**

NURSERY **JUDE**

PREP 2 **WILLIAM**

PREP 3 **ANNALIESE**

PREP 4 **ANNA LEIGH**

