



Bishop Challoner
Catholic Secondary School

Diocese of Portsmouth
St. Michael's Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG22 6SR
Tel: (01256) 462661 Fax: (01256) 810359
email: headteacher@bcs.hants.sch.uk
website: www.bcs.hants.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr J P Wright, BTh

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN (2) 2018

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Friends of the School

Patronal Feast Day and a special surprise!

Challoner was born in Lewes, Sussex, on 29 September 1691. We celebrated his feast day last Friday with Mass and a very special award. Fr Chris celebrated Mass with the lower school and invited guests in the Sports Hall, while Fr Emmanuel was with the upper school in St. Joseph's. The lower school gave Mrs Kate Webb a standing ovation as she was presented with the Bishop's Diocesan medal in honour of her work as a governor and in the parishes of St Joseph's and St Bede's. We wrote to Bishop Philip and he was very impressed with what he read...

'Kate joined the Governing Body of Bishop Challoner as a Foundation Governor in 1999, becoming Vice Chair in 2010 and Chair in 2014. She is now stepping down as Chair of Governors after four years' outstanding service, dedicating herself to serving the school selflessly, particularly during the period of the Academisation process. In addition to the time the role of Chair requires for normal business, Kate has been very generous in giving her time to participating in the liturgical life of the school and accompanying students on trips, especially those run by the Chaplaincy and RE Department; also attending Carol Services, Award Evenings and School Productions. The Governing Body is delighted that she has agreed to continue to remain as a Foundation Governor, so that the School may continue to benefit from her considerable knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm.'

Her life has been an excellent example of service. In her teaching career in primary education, she served as Head at: Manor Field Infant School; Fleet Infant School; Silchester Church of England Primary School; Park View Primary School; and then stood in as Head for a few terms in 2003/04 at St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Basingstoke.

Kate has been an active member of the Catholic community in Basingstoke in both Holy Ghost Parish and now in St Joseph's Parish, being a Reader and an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, taking Communion to the sick. She helps at Parish events like Family Fun Days and volunteers at the Basingstoke Foodbank.'

Kate joined us in the staff room afterwards for our traditional shared lunch and birthday toast to Richard Challoner!

Charities

This Friday 5 October is Cafod Fast Day. Each tutor Group in school has been asked to donate money to Cafod by going without a treat, and donating the money. We would be grateful for any money you or your child could donate at this time, as money is urgently needed to provide relief for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia. Cafod is already out there working in two Diocese near the affected area. Cafod, although a Catholic agency, works with all people regardless of nationality or creed. If you wish to help, your child can request an envelope or moneybox from their tutor or get one from the Library. Thank you for your continued support.

Music

Congratulations to all our students who took Associated Board and Trinity graded music exams at the end of last term. Everyone passed, and we had some great individual achievements - too many to list, but you know who you are! Many students also took Hampshire Stage Certificates in a variety of instruments and voice.

Also a massive well done to Aimee (flute) and Hannah (clarinet) who successfully auditioned for Hampshire Music Service Hub scholarships. These are really hard to get, and recognise outstanding achievement and musical potential at grade 6 and beyond.

Music lunchtime activities are in full swing – please encourage your children to come along to Choir, Woodwind Ensemble (Junior and Advanced) or String Orchestra. Further details available from the Music Department.

PE

The 11A girls' netball team have started their final season extremely well, and since starting in Year 7, the girls have never lost match.

Only four more games until the finals, so we wish them the best of luck.

Science

Science clinic has started after school every Wednesday for Years 10 and 11. For those who are unable to make it, we are also running a fortnightly lunchtime clinic:

w/c 1 October: Monday – Biology, Miss Taylor and Chemistry, Mrs Roberts;
Friday – Physics, Mrs Heaney.

w/c 8 October: Tuesday – Biology, Mr Gomarsall and Physics, Mr Hackston;
Friday – Chemistry, Dr Collins.

The idea is that students bring a specific topic or couple of questions that they need help with. Formal revision of topics will commence in January.

The deadline for ordering Year 9 science revision guides and practical books is Monday 8 October. Any students in Year 10 and 11 that missed out, please speak to your teacher for a letter.

STEM: AWE came into school on Thursday 27 September to deliver a lesson on hydrodynamics and buoyancy to some of our Year 9 students. Later this month, four students will then take this knowledge and apply it to the AWE Engineering Challenge. Watch this space for further developments.

We have started a new project in STEM Club, looking at how to survive a zombie apocalypse. Zombies have poor hearing so we are looking at modifications to shoes so we can sneak past them!

Bishop Challoner Great European Bake-Off

Wednesday 26 September was European Day of Languages, so what better way to celebrate than cake!?



This year was the first ever Bishop Challoner Great European Bake-Off competition. Pupils and staff had to bring their best bake into school on Thursday for judging at lunchtime. There were different categories for sweet or savoury, and traditionally European or European-themed bakes.

We had twenty-four entries, which meant an awful lot of cake had to be tasted in a very short space of time. Luckily, our expert judges were on hand with their invaluable cake-eating expertise. The panel was led by Paul (Mr Ryan-Culver) and Mary (Mrs Wingham) who were joined by Noel (Mr Newman-Farr) and Prue (Mrs Zizzi) – we don't share any channel bias here.

With hardly a moment to assess the assortment, all those years of toil and dedication to cake paid off as ninety-six slices were sampled in a very short twenty-minute period stuffed with suspense and sickly sweetness.



The variety of bakes was incredible and everybody's hard work really showed. There was a suitcase-cake, on its way to France, an Irish four-leaf clover cake as well as traditional bread from Ireland, a pizza from Italy, a traditional custard pastry from Poland, and an Apfelstrudel from Austria to name but a few. The winner of this year's competition was Amber in Year 8 who will soon be presented with a signed copy of Bake-off runner up Martha Collison's latest recipe book.

Congratulations and well done to all who took part in and out of the kitchen. Many people are already thinking of ideas for next year so you better get practising now if you would like to enter!



Stagecoach Bus

If your child catches the number 14 bus (Tadley/Lychpit) they should remain on that bus and not change at Tesco's to meet with their friends, as this is causing an unnecessary overcrowding of the 657 service. The number 14 bus changes into the 3b service at the bus station and will carry on to school, children do not need to get off at the bus station.

Prayers

Please join us in our prayer for the beatification of Bishop Challoner:

+ O God who made your servant Richard Challoner,
 a true and faithful shepherd to his flock,
 graciously honour him
 to be numbered among the Blessed of the Church
 that through his intercession
 we, who have been taught by his word and example,
 may be given the grace to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ
 and strive always to do ordinary things extraordinarily well.
 We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord.
 Amen +