

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

All go at St Bede's to kick-off 2020

We have had so much going on in school over the last couple of weeks. There have been trips, sports, expert visits and much more. This week, the whole school spent time reflecting on Holocaust Memorial Day. We were delighted to hear from a guest speaker who travelled from London to share her family's story with us and talk to our students about 'Standing Together' which is the theme of this year's commemoration. As ever, there have been great lessons, incredible achievements and fascinating events which you will be able to read about in this edition of the blog.

Bede's Bake-Off

Students at St Bede's are competing in a regional baking competition. The school heat was for the Southport Cake Off Competition. Our two winners in school were Hannah Birkett and Ruby O'Brien. The next round is on 7th February at Southport College. They will be representing our school among others from the North West. We wish them all the very best and hopefully they will bring back some of their creations for us to taste!



Above are some of the fantastic entries. Below you can see the winning cakes: Ruby's is the mint one and Hannah's has raspberries for her decoration.



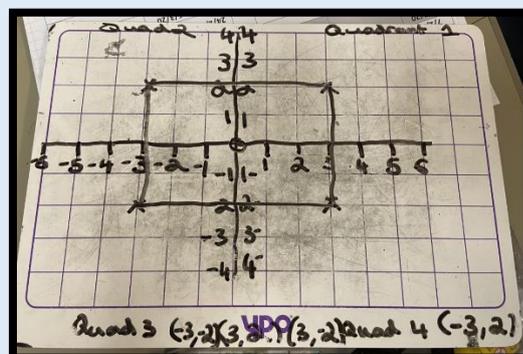
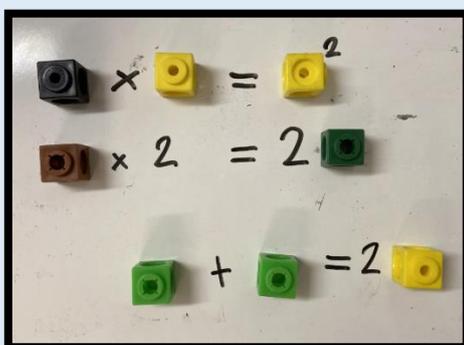
Netball Nations Cup trip

The Year 7-11 netball teams were fortunate enough to go and watch one leg of the inaugural Netball Nations Cup in Birmingham. The competition featured 4 of the top 5 ranked counties in the world including the world champions New Zealand Silver Ferns, the bronze medallists at the World Cup, the England Roses, the Jamaica Sunshine Girls and The South Africa Spar Proteas. We were lucky enough to see the current world champions beat the Sunshine Girls 45-71, followed by a nail-biting match in which the England Roses beat the South Africa Spar Proteas with an extremely close score of 58-53. The cup was held in three venues across England and culminated with the New Zealand Silver Ferns being crowned champions at the Copper Box Area in London. After the tense England victory which secured them an impressive third in the overall competition, a broken down bus and an extremely late night didn't dampen any spirits on the journey home!



Marvellous maths

Miss Caldwell's 9West4 and 7East2 classes showed fantastic resilience during lessons last week. Both classes were looking at new mathematical concepts and produced some excellent work on their whiteboards on particularly tricky topics. Pupils were investigating different strategies to help them with each topic and very quickly were able to come up with a method that best suited them. Below is a sample of some of the fantastic work seen on whiteboards across both classes.



Can you help clean up our community?

Last week I met with Councillor Kate Mitchell. Councillor Mitchell brought to my attention some concerns about litter in our area. We do an awful lot to educate students about litter and we also have curriculum time to discuss the impact of pollution. However, we continue to fight this battle. Councillor Mitchell is leading the way in the area with litter picks which you can get involved with.

In AN email following our meeting Councillor Mitchell explained: 'There is an upcoming 'community litter pick' on Sunday 2nd February, meeting at the Clock Tower in the Town Centre at 11.30 am...it would be great if some of your students, parents and of course teachers could attend! I have litter pickers and some pairs of protective gloves and will provide waste sacks. If anyone attending from your end has any 'litter picking equipment' then it would be most useful if they could bring it along.

We will be focusing on the alleyways and other grot spots around the Town Centre (usually empty private land, that is not the council's responsibility to clean) such as the land/car park behind the former Poundstretcher on Church Street. Litter pickers usually pair up for support, safety and morale purposes with the litter pick due to last for approximately 1.5 hours'.

If you do have time to spare on a Sunday morning, please do support this great effort.



Year 10 ROAR rolls on

26 Year 10 pupils are nearing the completion of the 2019 – 2020 ROAR [Russell Group or Alternative Ready] Programme. This aspirational course taught by tutors from St John Rigby Sixth Form Colleges and St Bede's Staff has given pupils the opportunity to develop their critical thinking, research and essay writing skills. Over 8 weeks pupils have taken part in a variety of activities designed to challenge their views, increase their self-confidence and develop the written and presentation skills required by universities and colleges. The theme they chose and have been exploring is "Is the Justice system fair?"



The Exhibition and Presentation Evening is on Tuesday 11th February at 6.00 pm

Here are some reflections from Year 10 about what they learnt from the ROAR programme.

I have learnt that there are many different discriminations in the justice system and that we must change as individuals before we can start to make a change in society. I have learnt revision techniques and study skills, which will help me in my GCSEs, A levels and Degree level.

Roisin

What have I learnt from the ROAR programme?

During the ROAR programme, I have learnt:

- What the justice system is and how it works
- How and why lawyers defend those who are guilty
- The jury makes the decision, if guilty or not guilty, not the judge
- I have learnt that to speak in front of people, you need to speak slowly.

Nicholas

In the ROAR programme I have learnt how to present ideas. I have learnt how to talk in front of people confidently and not read from my presentation. I have also gained many research skills.

Tom

I have learnt all about the justice system in the ROAR program. I have learnt how sentences are different all around the world and how conditions are different in prisons in different countries. I have learnt how not to plagiarise sources and how to develop my soft skills in a way the school could never teach me. I have learnt how to require reliable sources from different reliable sites and how to use those sources to further prove our point to the people reading our essay.

Matthew



Basketball Champions

Last week our U14 boys' basketball team dunked their way to victory. The boys took part in a district competition and were victorious! Congratulations to all involved.



Table Tennis triumph

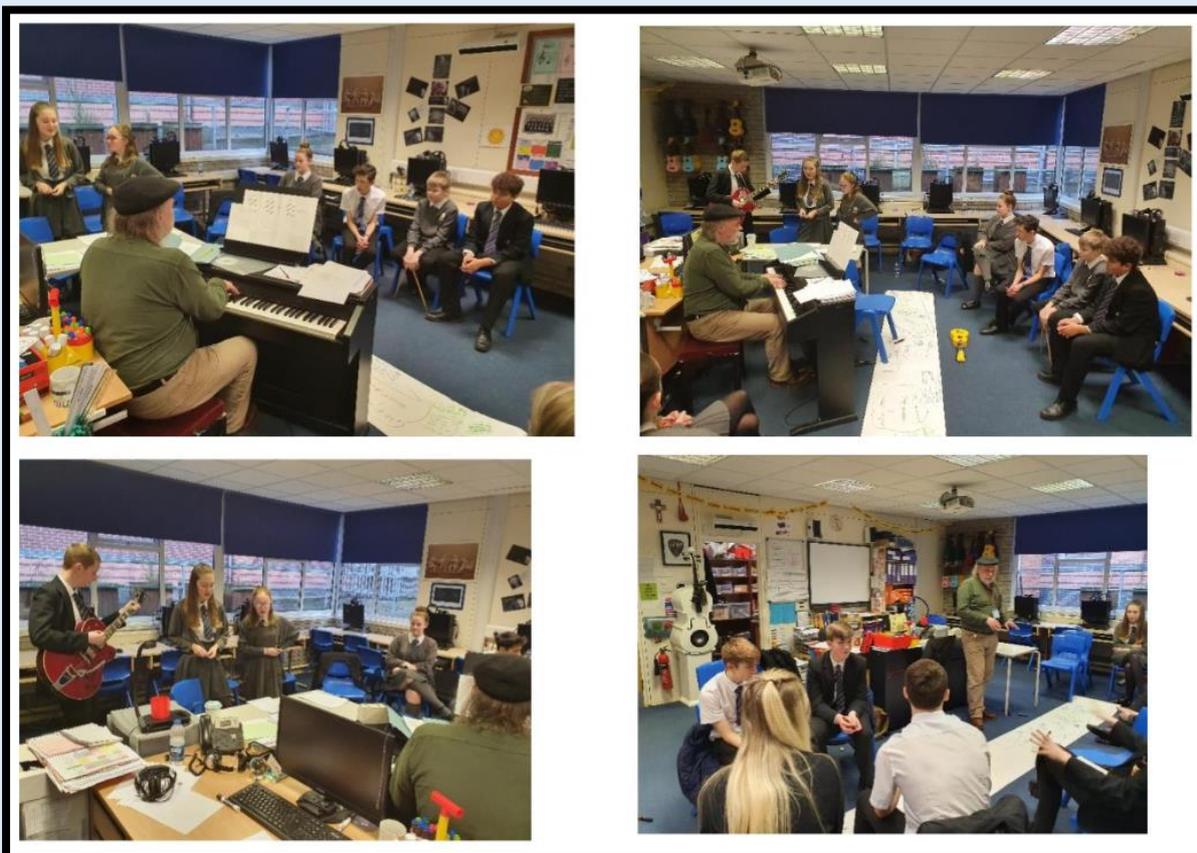
There was a clean sweep in the district table tennis competition for St Bede's students. Our Year 9 boys' Table Tennis team finished as follows: Sam Merriman 1st, Thomas Rossiter 2nd, Alex Williams 3rd. Well done to all involved who represented the school superbly both in terms of their resilience and tenacity.



Magic composed through music

On Friday 24th January, we held a composition workshop with the year 10 GCSE music group.

As a school, we are working with the Global Learning Education Officer at the Liverpool World Centre to compose a song in order to raise awareness of climate change. This song will then be presented at an event where the theme of climate change is used to increase pupil/ public awareness. This is a huge opportunity for our GCSE musicians as there potentially may be involvement from local/ national politicians and it also has many links to Laudato Si. The day was extremely successful and the year 10 pupils gained lots of experience from working with a professional composer.

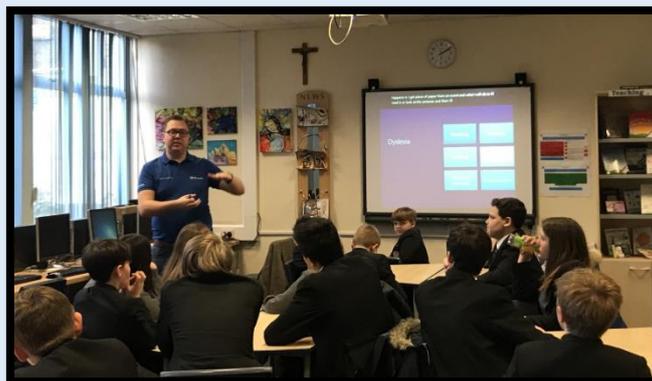


Microsoft workshop for Bede's students

Arran Smith from Microsoft came to St. Bede's to deliver workshops showing us how to use all Microsoft Office software for accessibility, enhancing the user experience for all and particularly for learners with dyslexia, visual impairments or other learning variations.

There were two workshops: one in the afternoon for pupils and one after school for staff. Arran showed us how to use 'Immersive Reader' which is embedded into the software and can be tailored to the individual's preferences. Features include adapting the text's appearance on screen, background tints, colour coding, audio support, translation, dictation mode and more.

Pupils can take away these new skills to use in class, in the LRC and at home. For more information, please see: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/education/products/learning-tools>



Young medics programme begins

St. Bede's Young Medics have started their 10-week long programme to become the next generation of healthcare professionals. Shaving several years off the traditional Medicine degree, West Lancs College School of Medicine have put together a 10 week course to showcase all that goes into the different healthcare professions. Our medics spent their first session looking at what steps make up the diagnosis of a patient, from identifying symptoms to ordering blood tests. The second session was focused on the development of new drugs, including identifying suitable compounds and learning about what is involved in clinical trials. We will be building our skills until the final session which will be a full day medical experience! So far, all of the pupils involved have thoroughly enjoyed the programme and it promises to carry on delivering great insight over the coming term!



Holocaust remembered on Memorial Day

Stand Together – Holocaust Memorial Day 2020

Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th January 2020 marked 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz. This week, pupils and staff commemorated this landmark anniversary with a visit from Protection Approaches, a London based charity which is the UK's only charity committed to ending all identity based violence.

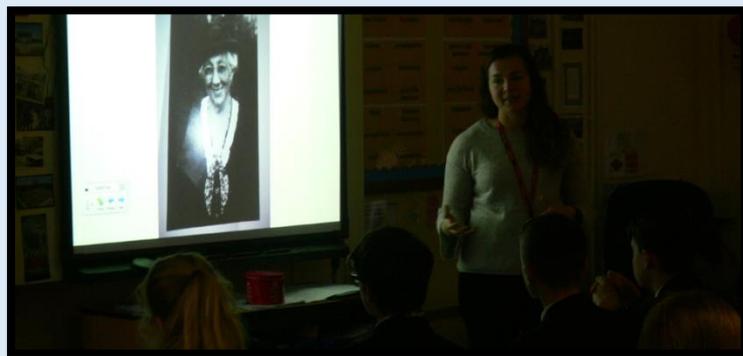
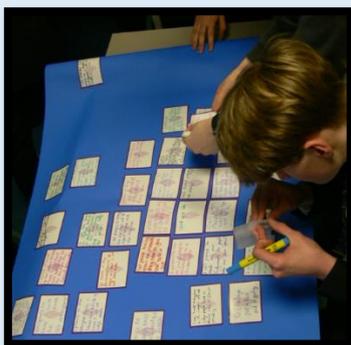
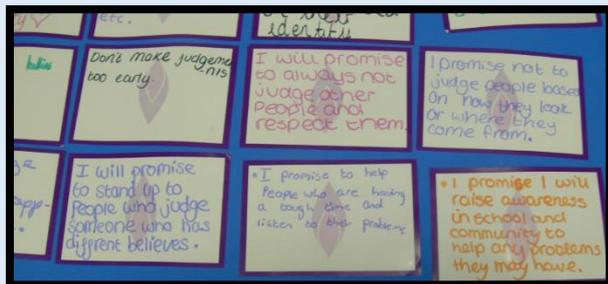
During the day, pupils were involved in year group assemblies which focused on the issues of what genocide is and how prejudice and discrimination can develop.

All Year 9 pupils took part in workshops sessions which explored case studies of both perpetrators and victims of the Nazi Holocaust in order to help identify the factors which help foster stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination.

Pupils were especially inspired by the story of Nicholas Winton who rescued 669 children from Nazi occupied Europe.

Don't be content in your life just to do no wrong, be prepared every day to try and do some good. – Nicholas Winton

Inspired by these words, Year 9 pupils each made a promise of how we as individuals and as a community will now look to **STAND TOGETHER**.



German careers talk

St Bede's holds the title of Smart Choice: German School, which was awarded by the Goethe Institut, a German cultural association, which operates worldwide, promoting the study of the German language abroad and encouraging international cultural exchanges and relations. The Institute was founded and is funded by the German Government and funds many of our MFL initiatives, including primary teaching, competitions and quizzes.

Thanks to their support, on Friday 24th January, we were delighted to welcome a visitor to talk to our Year 9 pupils as they embark on their option choices, and Year 10 and 11 pupils who have already started their GCSE German.



Our guest speaker, Alex Pickering, a UK-Germany Business Development Specialist, has worked with the Goethe Institut for more than 14 years and also works on business development projects with companies and organisations. He is a fluent German speaker with experience of working all over the world. He has over 30 years commercial and international experience and has worked in a range of sectors including financial services, energy, education and retail. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Direct and Digital Marketing and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Linguists.

He delivered a motivational talk about the importance of German and languages in general, and the world of work.



He shared many interesting and thought-provoking facts with our pupils such as the fact that 73% of British trade is with non- English speaking countries, 10 million Europeans speak German as their first language - the most widespread language in Europe, and he gave practical examples of how business deals can be lost by not being able to speak the language. Specifically, in relation to German, Alex explained the current skills gap that there were only 3000 students of German at A Level last year and yet there are over 2,500 German companies and many successful German brands operating in the UK who are desperately looking for German speakers.

We are certain that our pupils found the talk enjoyable and informative as they prepare for future study and thank Alex for visiting us at St Bede's.

Michael wins gold at open tournament

Michael Molloy won gold, last Saturday, at the 2020 selections open tournament.

Like boxing, where they have WBA and WBO (two different fighting federations), in karate it is the same; they have the KUGB and WUKF. This year, Michael has been selected for both world teams. He is competing to be part of the England team. His older brother Ryan, another ex-St Bede's pupil, won silver and has also been selected for the World Championship with Michael. Michael is also taking classes on Saturday mornings at Netherton Sports Centre training adults and children. Mum and Dad are really proud of this as he is now putting his efforts into developing the next generation of karate champions!





The 2nd February is la Chandeleur - Candlemas Day. This is the fortieth day after Jesus was born, when he was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph. Today in France people eat pancakes to celebrate and Year 8 have been finding out about this tradition and designing their own pancake fillings.

La Chandeleur
 Ingrédients pour des crêpes pour la Chandeleur.
 In France, on the 2nd of February is la Chandeleur, for us this is pancake day. The tradition is to hold a coin in your left hand while tossing a pancake in your right. If you catch the pancake the rest of your year will be filled with happiness.

Ingrédients.

- un paquet de farine,
- un litre de lait,
- Six œufs,
- des fraises,
- du chocolat,
- des bananes,
- de la crème chantilly

My Dream Pancake

Il faut acheter: un litre de lait, un paquet de farine, six œufs, une tablette de chocolat, des fraises et de la crème.



A word from our Chaplain

The Feast of the Presentation

Candlemas Day Sunday 2nd February 10.30 Mass

St Anne's Church

Candlemas Day marks the end of the Christmas season in the Church's year. On Sunday 2nd February, there will be a special celebration of this day at the 10.30 Mass at St Anne's Church.

Pupils from St Bede's and St Anne's Primary will be taking part and we would like to warmly invite you to join us at this celebration.

After the Mass, refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Centre. We hope that you can join us and we look forward to a joyful Candlemas celebration.

'The God Who Speaks- The Year of the Word

This year has been designated as The Year of the Word. This initiative focuses on celebrating, living and sharing God's word throughout the Catholic Church in England and Wales until the end of December 2020.

Our pupils recognise that scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other.

In light of this, our pupils are selecting their favourite pieces of Scripture which speaks to them. Each week we would like to share an example. This week's selection comes from Faye Currie in Year 11.

"Your eyes saw me when I was formless: all my days were written in Your book and planned before a single one of them began." Psalms 139:16

"I like this piece of scripture because it shows that even if we are unsure about something, God already has a plan and it confirms, for me, that I am making the right decision. It shows that God is there watching us because our future is God's history as he has already written it in his book. It reminds us that God saw us before we were born and we are just walking the path he has already paved."

Faye Currie

Justice and Peace Day

Hannah Dyke, Niamh Trigwell and Evie Maher from year 8 have been invited, along with pupils from schools across the Liverpool Archdiocese, to attend the Justice and Peace Environment Day for schools which will take place at Hope Academy on Friday 31st January 2020. The day is from 9.30am-2pm and pupils will take part in four workshops throughout the day. There will be guest speakers from NUGENT, CAFOD, OXFAM and Mary's Meals. Our pupils will be donating items to the different charities who are hosting the workshops. We hope the girls have a really enjoyable, informative and productive day!

Friday 31 January - This week pupils are choosing their favourite piece of scripture and explaining why they like it.

"By your endurance you will gain your lives."
Luke 21:19



"This piece of scripture speaks to me as I believe everyone must go through hard times in order for them to grow resilient. Challenge and struggle helps us grow stronger, it equips us for life. What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."
Annaleise Year 10

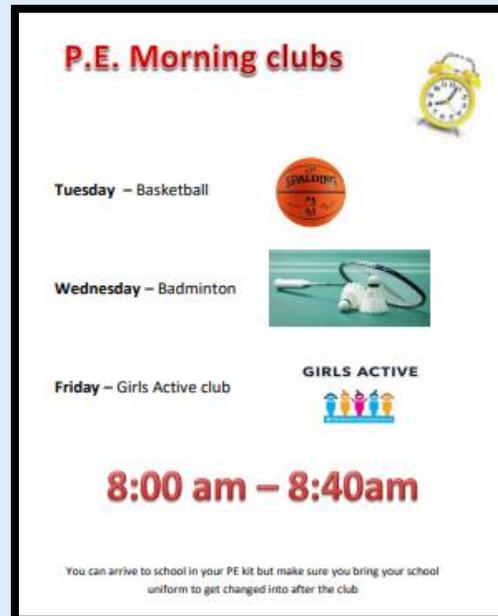
Tranmere trip for football teams

A group of over 50 students who play for the school's football teams visited Tranmere Rover this last Wednesday. They enjoyed some futsal in the club's recreation centre before heading out on a tour. Several of the students met some players as they came out of their pre-match meeting. After the futsal and tour, the boys took their seats in the stand and watched Tranmere play Sunderland. It was a great night enjoyed by all who attended.



What's on offer at St Bede's

Beyond the classroom there is something for everyone at St Bede's. Those students that fully engage with activities in school will always tend to enjoy their time here and come out with a holistic education. Please have a look at the programme of events and activities below and encourage your child to get involved.



Physical Education 2019-2020 Extra-Curricular Term 1

Boys football fixtures and girls netball/football fixtures will also run on a variety of days throughout this term

	Morning clubs 8:00am – 8:40am	Lunchtime Clubs 1:00pm -1:30pm	Lunchtime 3G Astro Turf 1:00pm -1:30pm	After School 3:15 – 4.30pm unless stated
Monday		Year 10 boys 5 a side – Mr Denton Sports hall	Mr Cookson Year 9	Trampoline (all years) Sports hall Carlos 3.15-4:00pm
Tuesday	Basketball club All years		Mr Shepherd Year 10	Netball (all years) Sportshall/Courts Hockey (all years) 3G Astro Mrs Turpin/Mr Oakley
Wednesday	Badminton club All years	Girls Badminton Sports Hall Miss Gray SPORTS LEADERS DROP IN	Mr Doolan Year 8	Girls football (all years) 3G Astro
Thursday		Year 9 boys 5 a side – Mr Morgan Sports hall	Miss Gray Year 7	
Friday	Girls Active (8:00am-8:45am) Sports hall – Miss Gray	Living for Sport Sports Hall Mr Dawson	Mrs Turpin Year 11	

- Lunchtime Clubs - You must wear appropriate footwear (no shoes) and remove ties, blazers and jumpers.
- Afterschool Clubs – You must wear a full PE kit and appropriate footwear (no shoes).
- You **will not be allowed to participate**, if you fail to attend with the incorrect footwear and/or kit.

Extra-Curricular Music

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Year 7 Choir	Music Group	Chamber Choir	Disney Choir Boys group	Senior Choir

Parking message

We have had several complaints about parents parking in areas around the school at the end of the day. Please could you park carefully to ensure pavements and roads are not blocked. We have issues in front of school with parents parking across neighbours' drives and opposite the buses which causes additional congestion. The school is working with Safer Travel in order to find an effective solution.

School Parking

A Guide to Parking Safely at Our Schools

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our schools has become a big problem, putting the safety of children and others at risk. We all want to keep our children safe around schools, so here's some top tips on how you can make a difference.

Did you know?
One in five cars in the morning rush hour is taking children to school

How Can You Help?

- ✓ Keep your speed down
- ✓ Turn your engine off if leaving your vehicle
- ✓ Leave the middle of the road free, with enough room for other road users to easily pass through
- ✓ Make sure your child leaves and enters your vehicle safely onto the pavement
- ✓ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening a car door
- ✓ Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians to get past
- ✓ Take care when reversing

Please Keep Clear...

- ✓ Zig Zags and School Entrances
- ✓ Dropped Kerbs
- ✓ Resident's Driveways
- ✓ Opposite or within 10 meters of a junction- so that children can see cars and cars can see children

Your questions answered...

Can I double park if I remain in my vehicle?
No, vehicles parked in the middle of a road cause obstruction for all road users and may obstruct the line of sight for pedestrians and children crossing the road.

Am I okay to park on zigzag markings if I am only there a few minutes?
No, under no circumstances should you park on zig zag markings at any time, these are there to protect school entrances and leave a clear view of the street for pedestrians.

www.lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire County Council

Don't Forget...
Congestion around schools is one of the main reasons given for dangerous parking and there are other ways you could do the school run.

Have you considered...

- Walking or cycling to school instead? This is a great way to contribute to a child's 60 minutes of activity a day and is easy to incorporate into your daily routine. Try it once a week at first and see how easy it can be.
- Parking nearby or getting off the bus two stops earlier and walking the rest of the way. If you live too far away to walk or need your car for your commute to work you can still walk part of the way. Doing this everyday could add up to an adult's recommended 30 minutes of moderate exercise, 5 times a week.
- Car Sharing is a great way to reduce congestion and save you pennies. Team up with other parents or carers who live nearby, share the cost and halve the hassle.

If you have a parking concern outside of your school report it online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/parking or Call 0800 1952774

For more information on this leaflet please email the Safer Travel Team at safetravelteam@lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire Constabulary
police and communities together

change 4life
Sign up to Change4Life at www.change4life.co.uk
Eat Well. Move More. Live Longer.

Simple, straightforward behaviour policy adopted

Around the school we have a clear and more consistent behaviour policy for both staff and students to follow. The revised approach has come from discussions amongst staff. It is hoped that this new system makes our expectations clearer and allows students to see how they may be rewarded for great work. It also explains clearly the steps that will be taken should the learning or safety of any child be disrupted. Please speak to your child about this or contact school should you have any questions. As you will see, we are asking students to be:

1. Ready
2. Respectful
3. Safe

Important notice for parents

In our continued move to a cashless catering system and due to having no local bank providers, we need to reduce the amount of cash brought into school. With effect from Monday 7th January 2019 pupils wanting to top up their dining account in school through the revaluer will only be able to use notes; £5, £10 & £20. Coins will no longer be accepted. Our Finance team will not be able to change coins for notes. All top ups to pupil accounts can be undertaken via our e-payment method of ParentPay.

You are able to check your child's spend and dinner balance using ParentScope which can be accessed via: www.lcrltd.com/stbedesormskirk.



Find out more about SEND provision in Lancashire

If your child has a special educational need or disability you may be interested in finding out more about what is on offer in Lancashire to support their needs.

As their website explains: 'The Lancashire SEND Partnership was formed following the Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) joint inspection of our special educational needs and disability (SEND) services.

The partnership brings together all the agencies in Lancashire which provide the SEND services for children, young people, their parents and carers. It ensures everybody can work together to deliver the best outcomes for children, young people and their families.

The report by Ofsted and CQC highlighted a number of significant areas of weakness, which is a concern to everyone involved. Since the report was published we have established the SEND Partnership Board produced an action plan, made some significant changes to improve key areas of services and recruited new people to the team.

The Department for Education (DfE) will be holding regular reviews to monitor our progress'. In order to access this information and all their latest news visit:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/shaping-send-together/lancashire-send-partnership/>

MFL News



Year 11 German Speaking & Listening Revision Sessions

Revision Sessions in N1 every Tuesday 3.20 - 4.10.

Sign up on the sheet outside N5. Take a role play and a photo card to prepare prior to your revision appointment.

Year 11 French Revision Sessions Tuesday and Thursday

The revision sessions take place every week in N3 from 3.20 to 4.10 and are usually accompanied by a cup of tea and a delicious cake or biscuit! Come along for a variety of revision topics and a focus on exam technique!



Y11 Lunchtime Speaking Intervention



An excellent opportunity to practise your French and German ready for the speaking exam at Easter 2020. Sign up with your language teacher for speaking practise with Mademoiselle Waterhouse on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. Sheet on N4.

Language Club

Don't forget there are two language clubs per week for drop in sessions, for both Key Stages! Come along!



Calling all linguists

Why not sign up to one of the vocabulary learning websites suggested below ? These can be downloaded as apps to use on portable devices, and are very popular, as learners can set their own recommended learning time per day (say 5 minutes).

Regular practice really will improve your understanding and acquisition of vocabulary, will improve pronunciation, listening and spelling. If you like the challenge of beating your peers, you will enjoy the MEMRISE leader board !



You can also access these websites in school, if you are unable to do so at home, and furthermore, we can assist you! If you are below the age of 13 you will require parental permission to set up an account on either Quizlet or Memrise.



These websites are also excellent for adults wanting to learn a new language, or to brush up on existing language skills !

Here are the links depending on your year group. See a member of the MFL department if you get stuck.

FOR ALL PUPILS:

www.atantot.com (lots of games)

username : bede1 password: 8089

www.language-gym.com (grammar exercises)

Year 10 and 11

French

<https://www.memrise.com/group/2722/>

<https://quizlet.com/join/RgKdt4nsN>

German

<https://www.memrise.com/group/2725/>

<https://quizlet.com/join/SvhBarzGp>

Year 9

French

<https://www.memrise.com/group/2731/>

<https://quizlet.com/join/HGuFNyCrU>



Football fan ? Why not head to the LRC and read all about Bayern München and Borussia Dortmund in the new MFL magazines ?

With Financial Awareness Day around the corner why not read up about the spending habits of French teenagers? Are they vastly different to yours ?



Speak to Mrs Cain in the LRC to borrow the latest MFL magazines.



We are excited to shortly be hosting the Onatti Productions theatre company !

Year 8 will be watching a French play and Years 9,10 & 11(Germanists) will be watching a German play. These plays are written especially for learners of MFL and are always very interactive and funny.

Payments to help fund these productions can be made on Parentpay - thank you to those who have already paid.

Let us know your news!

If you are involved in any exciting activities or you have stories of St Bede's from years gone by please contact school and we can celebrate this in our fortnightly blog. Also if you have a relative or friend who you would like our school community to pray for let us know via admin@sbchs.co.uk.

God bless,

Mr P Denton, Headteacher