

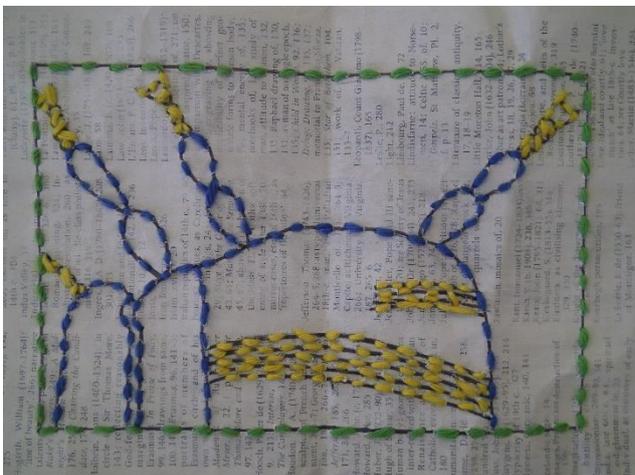
ARTISTIC CREATION AND SPORTING SUCCESS AT ST BEDE'S

Welcome to my first blog as Head of School at St Bede's. I must say that the pupils and staff could not have been more welcoming. I have met with all the pupils during assemblies which asked the pupils 'Would you be a Good Samaritan?'

In other news, there was great excitement from the pupils who sang on the stage at Disneyland Paris over the half term break. A big thank you goes to all the staff who arranged the trip. So much effort goes into planning these trips and the staff give up their holiday time to give the pupils an experience they will never forget. Of course the pupils did the school proud, not just with their singing but with their behaviour during the whole trip. Heather Digwood said 'People were always smiling'. While Theo Williams was overwhelmed by the large audience watching their performance. Following the performance Theo described how '...bright lights flashed in our eyes and the walls shook with all the shouting and clapping'. Ruby Huyton enjoyed the visit to Paris as she 'saw the wonderful sites of the city including Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower and Montmartre'. What an adventure for all involved!

In school there was some fantastic work completed in Y7 art classes recently. Lydia Grant, Henry Houghton and Roisin O'Connor made beautiful ceramic cakes on Tuesday as part of the Year 7 ceramics day. They took a great deal of pride, care and attention in their work. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are extremely proud of what they achieved.

Bobby Bjork has created a highly skilled drawing of an insect. Fantastic shape, proportion and an excellent start to the tone. He is an extremely artistically talented pupil. Olivia Salters created a stitched drawing of an insect and enjoyed it that much she took it home to finish it.



There has also been great work in languages. Year 7 German have been studying the dative case, which is quite tricky. The class had to design their own version of the well-known children's classic "Where is Spot?" The pupils produced some fantastic work and it was very difficult to pick the best one. In the end there were five winners. Here they are with their prizes and a sample of some of their work – complete with lift the flaps!



Our language pupils are also going on an exciting trip to a Russell Group university. Following a second successful trip last year, we are taking a group of Year 10 linguists to a Summer Fair at the University of Liverpool, which has been organised by the School of Histories, Languages and Cultures. This is an exciting opportunity for those pupils who are considering continuing the study of a language post GCSE. In addition, they will get to have a taste of university life, and be able to speak to pupils and lecturers about the courses on offer.

The fair is a 'fete-style' interactive day, designed to allow pupils to explore languages and cultures, as well as elements of Politics, History, Archaeology and Classics through a range of hands-on activities and events.



We have had some great sporting achievements recently. On Saturday 10th June 2017, five of our pupils represented West Lancashire in the Lancashire Schools Athletics Competition at Stanley Park Arena, Blackpool. They were Isabelle Livesley (Junior girls 200m), Ciaran Scroggie (Intermediate boys 100m), Daniel Orritt (Intermediate boys 100m), Eoin O'Connor (Intermediate boys shot) and Tom Hankin (Intermediate boys 1500m). All pupils performed to a high standard and Ciaran Scroggie reached the boys 100m final after winning his first heat.

Also this week our Year 7 and 8 girls entered the annual rounders tournament held at Burscough Priory with fantastic results. Both teams performed with an outstanding level of skill which saw them both reach the final of their respective competitions and both against Ormskirk High. Despite their high standard of fielding the Year 8 girls came second and in an incredibly close final the Year 7 girls came first! Both teams should be extremely proud of themselves for not only their performance and results but also for sportsmanship they showed throughout. Well done girls!



The boys proudly represented St Bede's in the annual West Lancs 7-a-side Football Competition which was held at Ormskirk School on Thursday 15th June. The team performed very well drawing 2-2 with Burscough (goalscorers: Leon Ferra & Ted Koefed) and beating Upholland 3-0 (goalscorers: Arthur Earls, Ted Koefed & Leon Ferra) in the group stage. We narrowly missed out on getting to the final due to Burscough having a slightly better goal difference.

Finally, the Dream Team has been chosen for the coming year.

The group of enthusiastic Year 10's will be looking to raise funds for the Good Shepard charity. They have a fantastic reputation for becoming school leaders in their own right so I very much look forward to working with them.

So much other great work has been going on which I look forward to sharing with you in my next blog which will be in a couple of weeks.

I wish you all a great weekend in the sunshine,

Mr P Denton