

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

What a superb half term we have had?! I can't thank our students, staff, governors and parents for your support over this half term. It really is a team effort and one we can all be proud of. You can see all the pictures along with many more stories on our twitter page [@stbedes1957](#).

How can you help develop our great school?

You will have received a parent mail letter regarding our school levy. Please read it carefully as we need your support now more than ever. It is also available via the website. If you value the education your child receives at St Bede's we would urge you to support us with a small financial contribution.

Sporting successes

Our Y11 girls played their first game of the season last week. Miss Gray likened their style of play to be a cross of Italian organisation, Spanish flare and Uruguayan aggression. Sadly this did not result in a winning start but they certainly will develop over the course of the year.



GCSE Geography hit the high streets

As part of their GCSE Geography course, Year 11 went to Liverpool One on the 23rd and 25th of October to conduct an urban area study. The aim of the day was to investigate how Liverpool One has attempted to be a sustainable area.

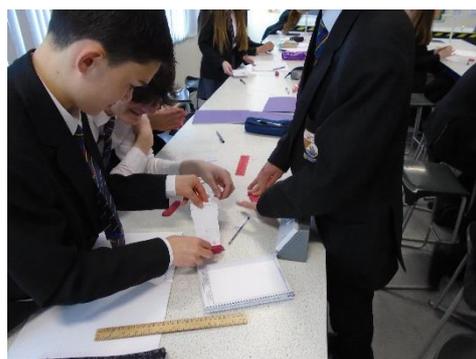


The pupils had a great day; especially when enjoying the restaurants and a bit of shopping at lunch! The pupils were required to question members of the public and complete an Environmental Quality Survey. They also had to carry out a pedestrian count and were surprised when it totaled over 1500 people!

Many thanks to Bayley McNevin for this article.

Science continues to excite our GCSE students

Year 10 Individual Scientists exploring the properties of alloys using plastercine and sand. There also seems to be a funny looking guy demonstrating how metal alloys are made. During the tours we have had around school from prospective parents, every science lesson has brought great interest as our talented science teachers continue to provide excellent lessons for our wonderful students.



Also in science...

Several classes have started the year off extremely well. In particular, all of 7N3 are working exceptionally hard in Science and producing outstanding work. 7N2 and 7D1 have also made a brilliant start in Science both in their practical work



and during class discussion

Two students in Year 8 have made great progress. Firstly, Cameron Madden showed excellent practical skills through chromatography. In addition, Hannah Williams 8D3 achieved an excellent level of achievement. In Year 9, James Abraham and Keenan Gallagher 9N2 built an impressive working steam turbine. Olivia Johnstone achieved an excellent level of achievement.

In Year 10, 10D1 are making outstanding contributions during class discussion, in particular Patrick Walsh, Carl Wainwright, Leah Welsh, Tom Molyneux and Adam Jenkins. Finally in Year 11, 11D1 carried out a heart dissection with surgical precision (sorry no photos!). Particular commendations go to Yasmin Duffy, Oliver Farnworth, Lily-Joy Lancashire, Lee Blythin and Sarah Sprague. We have some budding surgeons in the making!

A new addition to the St Bede's family

It was fantastic to see Mrs Letki in school with her new baby boy, Ollie. Both mother and baby are doing really well. The well wishes from students and staff have been well received and Ollie's visit was certainly very popular amongst all of our school community.



Student ran debate communism!

This week, on the 100th Revolution, we debated answer to the world's something that I and many about. Next week, we will banned in the USA?' Certainly a very pressing subject which is intertwined with history and politics. On the 14th November we will debate mass immigration; on the 21st it will be a discussion around abortion which is relevant because of the upcoming Irish referendum and the 28th the focus will be feminism. We are all teenagers and affected in some ways by social media and pressures which will be discussed on the 5th December. On the 12th it will be a debate focussed on the question, 'Should

club debates

anniversary of the Russian whether communism is the problems. Obviously, this is people feel very strongly discuss 'Should guns be

the USA go to war with North Korea?'. Our final debate before Christmas is 'Have equal LGBTIQ rights been achieved?'

By Joseph Caygill

Girls' football is big at St Bede's



Girls' football has been growing in popularity through the great work of Miss Gray. Every Wednesday after school the numbers have been increasing. Miss Gray encourages all girls who are keen to play to come along. We may have the next Jodie Taylor or Fran Kirby in our midst! Please encourage your daughters to get involved if they would like to develop their football skills.

Geographers hit the beach



This half-term the Geography department have taken the whole of year 9 to Formby beach and nature reserve. The purpose of the trip was to investigate the uses of the area, the damage this causes and how the National Trust is managing the area. Pupils undertook a number of tasks including drawing beach profiles and conducting a damage/management survey. Now that we are back in school the pupils are

busy writing up their results as a project, which will be formally assessed. The pupils all had a wonderful time and got a lot of the experience. As a result they are beginning to produce some excellent work.

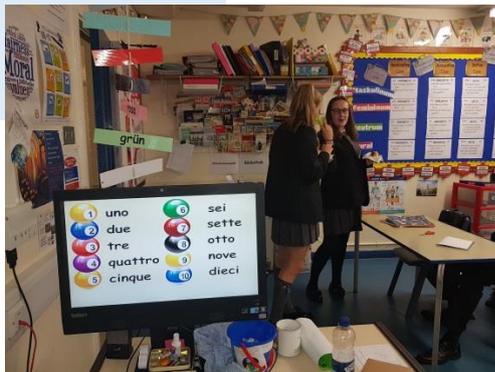
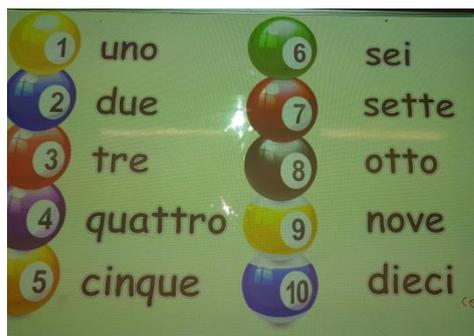


European day of languages celebrated

To celebrate this year's European Day of Languages, the MFL department put on a variety of events! These included a video which was shown to all pupils – where staff and teachers were filmed speaking other languages, a special lunchtime menu with a European flavour, and sample lessons of Latin (Frau Williams) Japanese (Madame Williams), and Italian (Signora Gallagher).

In Latin lessons, pupils learned about the history of European languages and how they have changed into modern day languages. They also looked at how much is actually derived from Latin, and worked out animal names from Latin into English!

In Italian lessons, we sampled Italian panettone and pandoro – these are cakes that are traditionally eaten by Italians for events such as Christmas, we discussed parts of Italy that we knew, had visited, or that we had connections with, and learned numbers for bingo.



Outstanding progress in English lessons

In Mrs Oates English class the following exceeded their set target of scoring 85% and are reading above their Book Levels: Sofia Cavanagh, Max Dures, Rada Flynn Evans, Grace Grant, Jamie Hughes, Daniel Makin, Maxwell North and Jake Parkinson. I am expecting similar from the other students at the end of this week/beginning of half term. They are also really enjoying IDL and many have completed over 15 lessons already. It's a huge effort for them to achieve these scores and they work so hard. Also, Mrs Cain in the LRC is so pleased with their enthusiasm borrowing readers.

Pillars of Islam explored in RE lessons

Each group was assigned a pillar of Islam and was instructed to research and teach the class. The first group was allocated Zakaat and went above and beyond; creating a quiz to check the classes' progress and even made a pillar! Zakaat is the pillar of almsgiving/charity and as part of their presentation they asked the class to note down a charity that they would support and stick this to their homemade pillar. Outstanding work by Rebecca Brown, Heather Digwood, Tess Grant and Ruby Horton.

The following group were allocated Sawm and even created their own meal to break the fast during Ramadan! Again, outstanding work by Maddie Lees, Luke Caygill and Theo Williams.



Upcoming afterschool events and activities

Date	Event	Detail
October 27 th	School closes for half term break	The school will finish at the usual time on Friday and students will return on Monday November 6 th .
November 9 th	Awards Evening	Our Y11 students from last year will return to receive their certificates from the successful completion of their GCSE studies last year
November 16 th	Primary School Sports Athletics	Local primary children are invited to compete and enjoy an evening of sport in our sports hall

PE Extracurricular Timetable

Physical Education 2017-2018 Extra-Curricular Term 1

	Lunchtime Clubs 1:00pm -1:30pm	Lunchtime 3G Astro Turf 1:00pm -1:30pm	After School 3:15pm – Onwards
Monday	Year 11 5 a side (Mr Denton)	Mr Cookson Year 7	Trampolining (All Years) Sports hall Carlos
Tuesday	Living for Sport – Sports Hall Mr Dawson	Mr Shepherd Year 8	Girls Netball (All Years) Courts/Sports Hall Miss McGee
Wednesday	Sports Leaders 'drop in' SPORTS HALL RECEPTION (Miss Gray) Girls Badminton– All Years (Miss Gray) Sports Hall	Mr Doolan Year 11	Girls Football (All Years) 3G Astro Miss Gray. Year 10&11 Boys Basketball - Sports hall Mr Agun Table tennis (All years) Gym Mr Oakley
Thursday		Miss Gray Year 10	Hockey - 3G Astro (All years) Boys and Girls Mrs Turpin Badminton (all years) Sports hall Mr Cox/Miss Woodcraft
Friday	Year 9 & 10 Boys Badminton (Mr Cavgill) Sports Hall PE Detention Sports Hall Classroom (Mr Dawson)	Mrs Turpin Year 9	



- **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.

Music Extracurricular Timetable

Music Extra-Curricular activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7 Choir	Chamber Choir Boys Group	Music Group (Instrumentalists & singers)	Boys Group	Senior Choir



Peripatetic Teachers

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sarah Monteith-Voice & Piano	Sarah Monteith-Voice & Piano	Sarah Monteith – voice & piano	Mark Howard-Percussion	
Sean Geldart - Guitar		Sean Geldart-Guitar	Sarah Monteith – voice & piano Paul Thomas – Woodwind	

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.

Thank you to all parents, students and staff for the continued support of the school.

God bless,

Mr P Denton, Head of School