

# WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

Welcome to another edition of our blog, the penultimate of the school year!

As usual, you can see all the pictures along with many more stories on our Twitter page [@stbedes1957](https://twitter.com/stbedes1957).

## Summer fair a big success!

By Pedro Andrade (Y8)

On a glorious Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June the community of St Bede's gathered together; many of whom had waited in anticipation for what they thought would be a boring old funfair with a bouncy castle and a couple of stalls. However this year Mr Denton's entrepreneurial plans for the fair came into action and far exceeded our expectations. There were penalty shoot outs, our very own disc jockey and an exciting and fun bouncy castle. Thanks to the fire brigade for bringing one of their own engines and for their enthusiasm in showing us many demonstrations. The funfair had been well deserved by all of the pupils at St Bede's from the year 7s to the distraught year 11s who had their leaving mass earlier in the day. The funfair was alive and had endless amusement for everyone. But remember fundraising is what St Bede's is best at and the money raised will go a long way to help improve our school hall. At the end of the day everyone left in a happy, elated mood because it had all gone so well. We look forward to next year!



## Table tennis success for St Bede's!

Yr7 & 8 Boys' teams were crowned West Lancs. table tennis champions last Tuesday! Particular praise should go to Sam Merriman who won the year 7 rank 1 singles' competition and was unbeaten on the night! The boys in both teams were a credit to the school performing brilliantly and assisting the staff in attendance by umpiring many of the matches between other schools. Big thanks also from Mr Shepherd to the boys who stayed behind to help put away the tables.



St Bede's hosted the Year 9 and 10 West Lancashire Schools' table tennis on Tuesday 26th June. It was an extremely enjoyable experience for all involved. St Bede's Year 9 boys finished in second place. Well done to all competitors.



## Literacy Lovers Link the Old with the New at EHU



We were delighted to be invited to Edge Hill University to help them celebrate the opening of their new library, Catalyst. They asked for children from local schools to form a Human Book Chain to pass books from their old library, through the campus and to the new site of Catalyst. Pupils were chosen from our Years 7 and 8 who had been involved in literacy initiatives throughout the year, and who had made great progress and demonstrated passion and commitment to reading. All of those who competed in this year's Big Book Quiz came along, as well as Year 7 pupils who have benefitted from the Reading Buddy Scheme, which takes place once a week during registration.

## Big Book Quizzers and student reporters

*Lily Copeland, Bella Parker and Holly Doran reported on the day's events:*

On Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, some of the Year 7s and 8s who were part of the Big Book Quiz or who went to reading intervention walked to Edge Hill to participate in the Book Chain. The Human Book Chain marked the community celebrating the new library, known as the Catalyst library. We were chosen as the local high school for the event. We walked there after registration and met the student ambassadors who showed us around the campus.

Firstly, we met one of the senior English lecturers and began the session by talking about our favourite books. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* was very popular! Then, we designed our own 'Library of The Future'. There were loads of creative ideas and some very imaginative ones! We compiled our ideas as a team and presented them to everyone afterwards.



After the fantasy library session, we walked to the old library and met all the people dressed up as book characters, such as the Wicked Witch of the West and the Mad Hatter, who taught us how to 'scarf juggle'. There was even a talented woman on stilts dressed as Alice in Wonderland.

Then we were joined by all of the people from St Anne's and some of the local schools from the area. Around 500 books that were important to the college (some we even use in our school) were passed from the old library to the new one. As they passed us, some people were counting and trying to memorise any promising book titles. After the book chain, we ate lunch. Some of us brought our own packed lunch and some of us ate the lovely Edge Hill café food. It was yummy!

After that, we walked to the sports department. We met Debbie the dance teacher and got to know her for the first few minutes. Then we started to warm up by running and jumping around the room. We used dance to write our names and then we got into groups and created the rest of a sentence that started with 'Once Upon A Time'. We had to use dance and drama to create the sentence and the letters. There were even people acting out an elephant! After we'd finished the fabulous dance session, we walked back to school before the bell rang. It was an enjoyable, fun-filled day!



## St Bede's boys play at the Estádio da Luz in Portugal

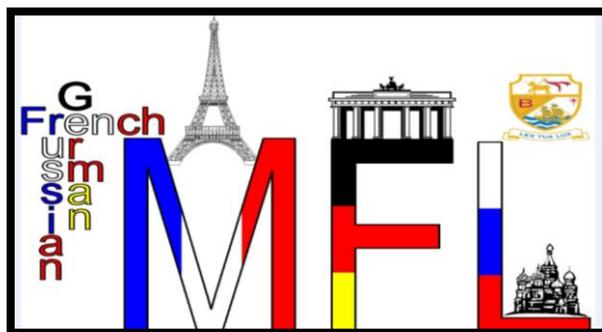
By James Roberts, Year 9

A number of boys from St Bede's Year 9 play every Saturday for Burscough Dynamo FC U14s in the Craven Minor Junior Football League.

The team recently participated in an international tournament played at the famous Estádio da Luz (Stadium of Light) in Lisbon, which is the home of Benfica FC as well as the home venue for the Portuguese national team. The trip presented a once in a lifetime opportunity to play in an iconic stadium with memories that will last a lifetime.

The tournament was held over 2 days between 9th June to 10th June 2018 with other teams from around the UK, Portugal and Europe also participating. The tournament consisted of 7-a-side teams with a group qualifying round held on the first day, followed by a knock-out stage on the final day. Burscough Dynamo entered 2 teams for the tournament with one of their teams winning the Lisbon "Plate" U14 competition.





## The 2018 Tour de France is about to kick off, and with that, our year 7 competition!

On Saturday, the 7th of July 2018, edition 105 of the Tour de France sets out on Île de Noirmoutier, a small island off the Atlantic coast of France. Straight after the start, the peloton travels to the mainland for three weeks of compelling racing. The route is interesting enough, taking in everything that makes cycling such an exciting sport. Cobbles, punchy arrivals, sprints, dust roads, high mountains, an explosive 65 kilometres race through the Pyrenees, a hilly time trial on the penultimate day – and more. On the 29th of July, La Grande Boucle comes to a halt on the Champs-Élysées in Paris.

Before the start, our year 7 pupils will get to pick one of the 22 teams in this year's tour – by lucky dip. After each stage win, the cyclist from the winning team is announced, and pupils will pick up their prizes, and maybe even watch the highlights in N3.

We will keep you posted as soon as those wheels get in motion. Until then, we wish the cyclists and our year 7 team 'bonne chance'!

## Mr Lockyer sets off for marathon bike ride

On Sunday 1st July 2018 Mr Lockyer, our Head of Y8, is riding the 50 mile Liverpool - Chester - Liverpool bike ride to raise money for Queenscourt Hospice. This is a very important charity for our school community as it has been a great support for some of our students.

The Liverpool to Chester bike ride will be a great physical test but one Mr Lockyer is undertaking to raise much needed funds for this charity. If you can spare a donation it would mean a great deal to Mr Lockyer and even more to the students whose family members have been supported by the hospice.

Please donate at: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StBedes4Queenscourt>

You can find more details about the event at: <https://www.liverpoolchesterliverpool.com/>

## Looking for a great day out in Ormskirk?

Churches Together in Ormskirk are holding their Park Praise Family Fun Day in Coronation Park Ormskirk on Saturday 30th June between 11am - 4pm.

This day is completely free for everyone - free BBQ, refreshments, bouncy castles, donkey rides, go-karts, climbing walls, train rides, dog agility shows, puppets, live music + much more.

**PARK PRAISE** **FREE**  
**FAMILY FUN DAY 2018**  
**SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**CORONATION PARK, ORMSKIRK**  
**LIVE MUSIC 11AM - 4PM**  
**BBQ & REFRESHMENTS**  
**DOG AGILITY & BIRDS OF PREY**  
**TRAIN RIDES & GO-KARTS**  
**CLIMBING WALL & CAVE**  
**STALLS & STANDS**  
**BOUNCY CASTLES**  
**DONKEY RIDES**  
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ORMSKIRK & DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER

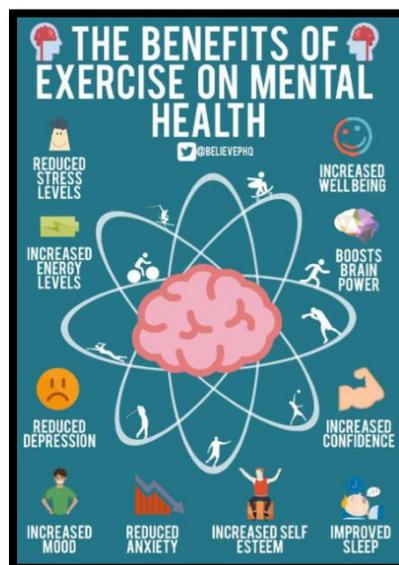
Have you been accessing the fantastic opportunities available at St Bede's?

**Physical Education 2017-2018 Extra-Curricular Term 6**

	<b>Lunchtime Clubs 1:00pm -1:30pm</b>	<b>Lunchtime 3G Astro Turf 1:00pm -1:30pm</b>	<b>After School 3:15 – 4.30pm unless stated</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Year 11 5 a side (Mr Denton)	Mr Cookson Year 7	Trampolining (All Years) <b>Sports hall</b> Carlos 3.15-4pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Living for Sport – Sports Hall Mr Dawson	Mr Shepherd Year 8	Tennis (All years) <b>Ormskirk Tennis Club</b> 3:45pm-4:45pm  Trampolining (All years) <b>Sports hall</b> Mr Dawson
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sports Leaders 'drop in' SPORTS HALL RECEPTION (Miss Gray)  Girls Football – All Years (Miss Gray) Sports Hall	Mr Doolan Year 11	Athletics (All years) <b>FIELD</b> Miss McGee & Miss Gray  Year 7&8 Boys football <b>(3G Astro)</b> Mr Oakley
<b>Thursday</b>		Miss Gray Year 10	Tennis (all years) <b>Sports hall/Gym</b> Mr Byrne (finishes 21 <sup>st</sup> June)
<b>Friday</b>	Year 9 & 10 Boys Badminton (Mr Caygill) 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.

Here's why...



## Hot weather Advice

### Stay safe in the sun

We all love a sunny day, but it's important to protect yourself and those in your care and be mindful of how long you've been outside. Cancer Research UK (CRUK) and Public Health England (PHE) are campaigning to raise awareness of skin cancer due to a high level of exposure to the sun by advising and supporting people in how to reduce their cancer risk.

You can protect your family, friends and those you care for from the dangers of sun exposure in the following ways:

- Too much ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun or sunbeds is the main cause of skin cancer and even in the UK, the sun can be strong enough to cause damage to your skin.
- Sunburn can easily catch you out, especially if you have fair skin, lots of moles/freckles, red/fair hair or light coloured eyes. So it's important we are protected when the sun is strong.

#### **Sun safety tips:**

Spend time in the shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm from March to October.

Make sure that you:

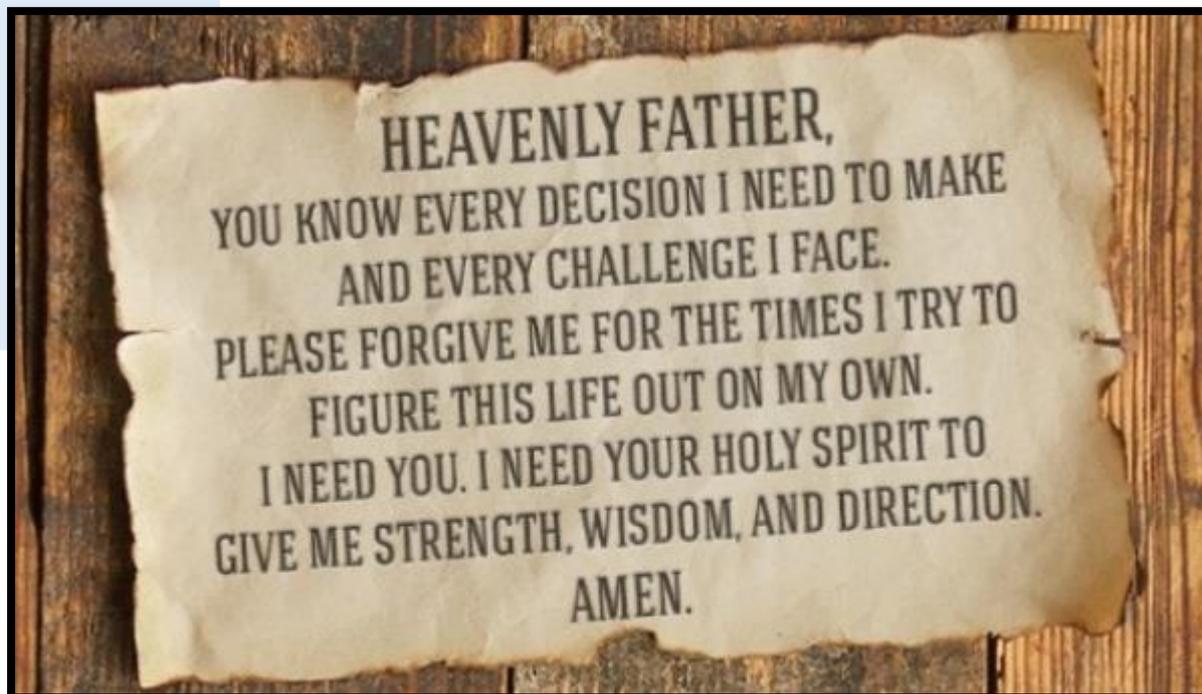
- never burn;
- wear a hat, t-shirt and sunglasses to cover up for protection;
- take extra care with children;
- use umbrellas, trees or canopies or just head indoors;
- use sunscreen with at least SPF15, put plenty on and remember to re-apply.

#### **Try the shadow rule:**

UV rays from the sun are strongest when your shadow is shorter than you, so that's when you're more likely to burn.

Please print and share this and the attached poster to enjoy the sun safely. For further information, please visit NHS Choices at <https://www.nhs.uk/Search/?q=sun+safety>

## Prayer for the week



### Requests for prayer

Father Godric, a great servant of the school and someone who is very special to all of us, is currently recovering from poor health. Please keep him in your prayers as we all pray for his recovery.

We would also be grateful if you could keep Kathryn Owe in your prayers. Kathryn is a school governor but is currently seriously ill. Once again, please keep her and her husband Ronny in your prayers at this very difficult time.

### 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](mailto:admin@sbchs.co.uk).

God bless,

Mr P Denton,

Head of School