

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

Working towards World Class

Despite the current situation, we have been working hard to keep our students happy and learning. Students who have been self-isolating now have access to many 'live' lessons that are streamed directly from our classrooms to students' homes. We also have homework being set on Class Charts and a website page which offers work for students. You can access the details of this in the student section of the website. Click on 'Home Learning' on the students' drop down menu and you'll see where the work is. Have a good read of this blog to see stories on our great visitors who are helping us work towards our goal of being 'World Class'. As always, keep up to date with our latest news via the school Twitter page (@stbedes1957).

Teaching staff work with TV Headteacher

You may have heard your children talking about celebrity visitors to St Bede's. Drew Povey, Headteacher from the Educating Manchester series on Channel 4, has been working with our middle leaders and aspiring leaders. He has moved on from his role at Harrop Fold to work with leading CEOs and businesses around the world. As Mr Povey is a friend of Mr Denton's, he has offered to help us on our journey by coaching leaders in a variety of ways. We are delighted that he is working with us in this consultancy capacity.



Our students have also been visited by Michelle Butterly. Michelle is best known to our students for playing Trudy in the ITV series, Benidorm. We hope that Michelle will be able to support our GCSE students to prepare for their live performances over the coming weeks. In addition, Michelle will work with Y9s to promote Drama as a GCSE option. The subject gives students so many skills that support being able to present oneself, act and be creative alongside academic subjects. We look forward to working with both Drew and Michelle over the coming months.



News of a biblical nature in Year 7

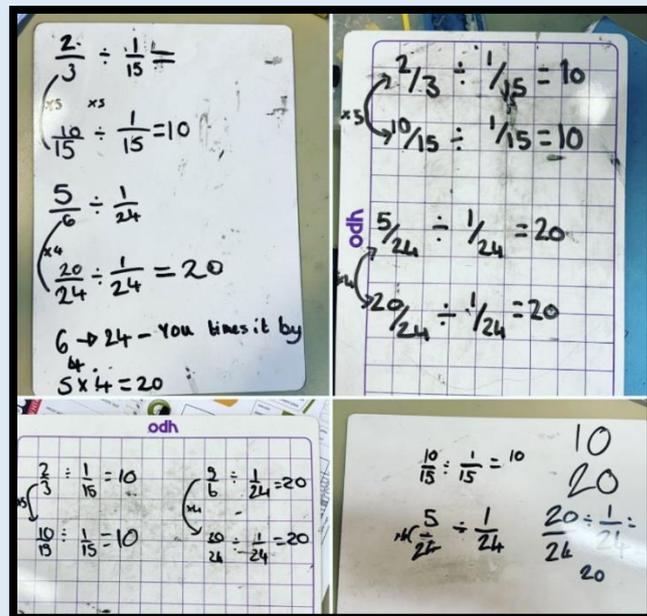
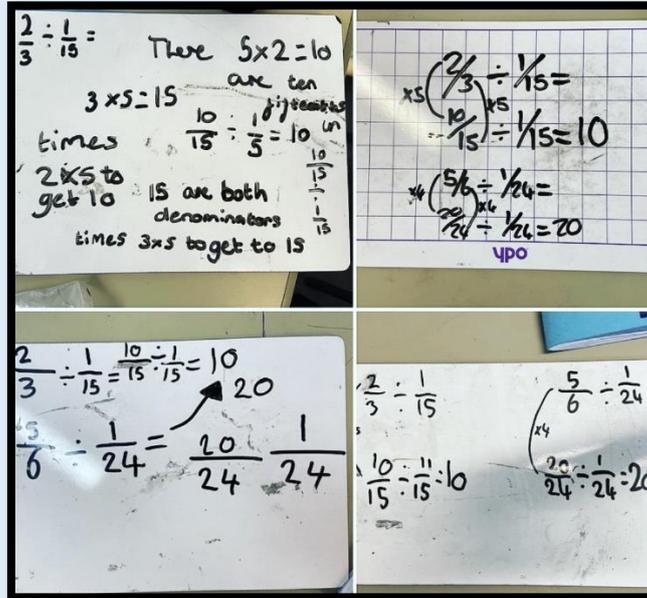
Some Year 7 students have been writing and performing news stories. As this is RE, the news stories have displayed the learning of the students. This term, among other topics, the students have learnt about Jesus' parable and the miracles he performed. They did a wonderful job and showed off their impressive learning. There were also some very impressive props!





Marvellous Maths

Miss Caldwell's 8East2 class have been producing some fantastic work of late, most recently on fractions. They have worked extremely hard over the last few weeks and have shown great resilience when faced with tricky maths problems. Miss Caldwell has been incredibly impressed with their hard work and the fantastic atmosphere in the classroom during lesson – keep up the hard work!



MFL News



New Youthbridge Competition

Calling all students of German ... Want to win up to £100? Then read on...

Youthbridge (part of the British-German Association) have just announced their latest competition.

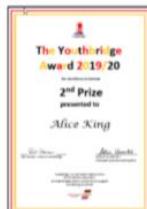
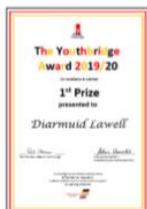
You need to write a project in German on a topic concerning Germany. It could be about why you love learning German, or any cultural aspect of Germany which you find interesting e.g. an artist, German music, history, sport, or travel.

The project could be an essay, or something quite different: talk-to-camera, filmed interviews, voiceovers, a Powerpoint presentation, poetry...it's up to you how you present your work.

Cash prizes to be won in each school and an overall national prize of £100 for the UK winner!



Last year's winners of the Youthbridge German competition were Diarmuid who won £50, Alice £30 and Yantar £20. All of the winners also received a copy of the DK Eyewitness guidebook to Germany. Freya received a Special Mention for her entry in this national competition. Congratulations and well done to all those who entered this competition during lockdown 1!



GRITTY IN MFL



This half term, I am going to develop my:

- G - Growth Mindset
- R - Resilience
- I - Independence
- T - Tenacity
- T - Transformational
- Y - Your world



Here in MFL we are focusing this half term on developing our Resilience. Here are some poems on this theme written in German by year 8. They are fast poems, which mean they have to include 1 noun, 2 adjectives, 3 adverbs and 4 verbs.

Listen to French or German radio to practise your listening skills!



This one is great for listening to French conversation, culture and news. Put it on while you are tidying your room!

A favourite of Frau Williams and year 11 is Antenne Bayern. There is lots of talking, groovy music and news!



MFL Language Ambassadors

Over the next couple of weeks the MFL department will be launching a programme of Language Ambassadors! Do you have a love of languages? Do you want to help promote a love of language learning around the school? Or would you be interested in helping set up a German or French film club? Then you can apply for a position as a Language Ambassador!

So far we have received loads of applications from each year group for the position of Language Ambassador! So exciting!! – please make sure you get your application in by Friday 20th November! Ambassadors will be appointed w/c 23rd November and exciting new plans for the MFL department will be launched! 😊 😊 😊



Language Club

You can drop in any day if you need help, or just want to play a few games...



Calling ALL linguists

Continue to sign up to/keep practising one of the vocabulary and grammar 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). Every half term, new topics will be added in to these classes.



Regular practice really will improve your understanding and acquisition of vocabulary, will improve pronunciation, listening and spelling!

Year 7 French Quizlet www.quizlet.com/join/pc98rBkCm

Year 8 German Quizlet www.quizlet.com/join/C54twK625

Year 9 French Quizlet www.quizlet.com/join/HGuFNyCrU

If you are unable to log on, email us so we can assist you. If you are below the age of 13 you will require parental permission to set up an account on Quizlet.

This website is also excellent for adults wanting to learn a new language, or to brush up on existing language skills!



FOR GCSE PUPILS

ONLY, Seneca Learning offers very in

depth home learning /revision which is closely linked to the two GCSE text books we use for French and German, and pupils can compete with peers online!

See below for your class codes. There are links to MEMRISE, too.

Year 10 and 11

French

www.memrise.com/group/425815/

www.senecalearning.com Year 10 French Class Code: t0sngxxhzo

www.senecalearning.com Year 11 French Class Code: 1uyx6e0t91

German

www.memrise.com/group/425816/

www.senecalearning.com Year 10/11 German Class Code: 70edc9k0qr

FOR ALL PUPILS:

www.atantot.com (lots of games)

username: bede1 password: 9938

www.language-gym.com (grammar exercises)

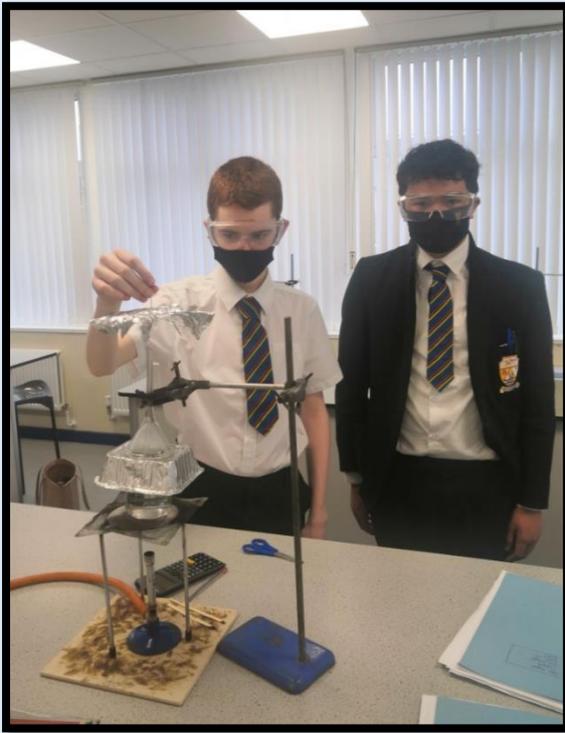
And finally.....

Don't forget to



Scientists work on a brighter future

Year 10 have been learning about non-renewable and renewable methods of generating electricity- very apt considering the pledge announced today on climate change. Mrs Brookes was delighted with the work and innovation. Well done everyone!



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