

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

## Easter is nearly upon us

It has been a unique term at St Bede's but one that has allowed us to celebrate our amazing students and staff. As I said in my letter, we have carried out over 3000 tests and supported students with hundreds of online lessons. Now the students are back in, we are delighted with their mature approach to their work and in adhering to our risk assessment. I would also like to thank parents for the immediate support for the request regarding school uniform. The success of St Bede's continues to be based on a real team effort which we are all very grateful for. Please enjoy this week's blog which celebrates the exciting things we have been doing.

## Testing ends in school

Since January we have tested over 3000 students and teachers in school. The process has been quick, efficient and safe because of the incredible support we have had from students and staff. Our programme has been led and coordinated by Mrs Johnson, Student Services Manager. It has been supported by Mrs Cheston in the testing centre, while Mr Emmett and Mr Blundell have set the area up to ensure safe distancing and procedures.

Every day, we have received wonderful support from the School Pastors. You may see them at the school gates at the end of every day. You may also see them late at night in Ormskirk when they transform into Street Pastors, helping the people of Ormskirk get home safely from bars and clubs. They also support the homeless. In addition, Mrs Jones, a parent of a St Bede's student has also offered her support on multiple occasions. Both the School Pastors and Mrs Jones have embodied our values of love, faith and hope. We are truly grateful for their service to our community. We thanked them with a big Bede's breakfast!



Behind the scenes our admin team has chased up consent forms from parents. In the testing hall, we have managed to test an entire year group in around seven minutes each day. Students have been socially distanced so that if we did have any positives, those around them would not need to isolate. Therefore, students and staff have known that all testing was completed, in line with government guidance, prior to the students entering the classrooms.

Thank you so much to everyone involved, especially students and parents who have been so supportive during this unique challenge to our school operations.

## Marvellous music



**Music**

Music is essential for well-being, both physically and mentally.

**14 Health Benefits of Singing**

1. Reduces stress
2. Improves mood
3. Lowers blood pressure
4. Improves breathing
5. Reduces perceived pain
6. Boosts immune system
7. Improves sense of rhythm
8. Promotes learning in children
9. Forgets disturbing memories
10. Promotes communal bonding
11. Provides comfort
12. Motivates
13. Engages people
14. Promotes well-being

**Back to normality.....(well if you can say that!)**

**Boomwhacker Lessons**

Pupils have been making music during their lessons



**Musical Successes**



A huge well done to Peter Guidi for passing his grade 8 Jazz saxophone exam. This is a HUGE feat as it is the top grade available. Well Done Peter! Congratulations!!!!!!



A huge well done to Hannah for passing her grade 3 clarinet. A fantastic achievement (especially during lockdown). Well done Hannah.



**AND OUR WONDERFUL PERI TEACHERS** \_\_\_\_\_

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 noun 1. a person who travels from place to place, especially a teacher who works in more than one school or college.



Sarah Monteith



Sarah's Music Room



Shaun Geldart



Paul Thomas

Our fantastic peri music teachers are back to teaching in school.

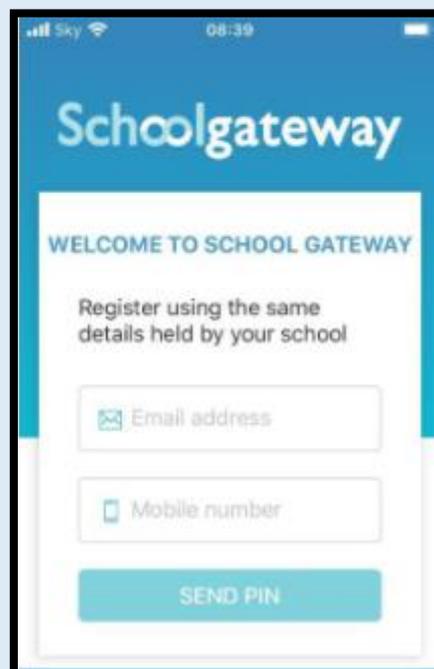
If you have been learning the guitar or doing extra singing during lockdown and you think you might like to start lessons, just email Mrs McMurray (a.mcmurray@sbchs.co.uk) or Sarah (s.monteith@sbchs.co.uk) and let them know and they will add you to the timetable.

So, from Mrs McMurray, Sarah, Mark, Shaun and Paul- thank you for all your hard work and continued support.



## New parent communication system on the way

We are soon to be using a new and exciting way of communicating with parents using an app called "School Gateway". Once downloaded it will allow parents to check information held and notify us of changes, make payments and many other things. Look out for further information and details coming out very soon!



## Easter Garden

Chaplaincy and pupils have worked with St Anne's liturgy group to develop an Easter garden in the grounds of St Anne's Church. As many people are unable to go into Church we thought it might be a lovely idea to bring the church outside! Artwork depicting the Stations of the Cross with prayerful reflections are displayed outside the church. You will also notice our Easter Cross cleverly created by Joan Bill from our school Christmas tree. It is draped in prayer cards upon which our pupils have made Lent pledges. These pledges are also displayed around the garden. As we can't light candles inside, people are invited to tie a prayer ribbon on our prayer trellis next to a beautiful statue of our Blessed Mother, Mary. Please take the time to enjoy the stillness of the garden, it's a beautiful spot to enjoy quiet prayer and reflection. A huge thanks to all of the pupils who helped create such a lovely space.

## Welfare assistance

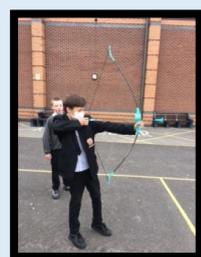
The terrible situation that we have had to endure over the past months means redundancy and financial hardships due to the pandemic have impacted many, many people. Whilst kindness has always been important, the situation we find ourselves in means the kindness of individuals and businesses has taken on an even greater urgency.

This is why we are so grateful that Morrison's and Booth's supermarkets are continuing to support our school as we assist those in need. These are the most challenging of times and we can help. We continue to support our local foodbanks. Thanks to the key worker year 7 pupils for their help in collections and distributions.

If your circumstances have changed and you require any welfare assistance, or indeed help of any kind, please contact us. You can email me, your child's head of year or any member of the senior leadership team.

## Key worker pupil picnic

Over the past months, the children of key workers have been attending school. Their attitude to online learning and their general conduct, during difficult times, has been exemplary. Staff who have supervised these pupils have been so impressed by the way they have approached all aspects of school life during the lockdown. Hard work and good humour was the order of every day. It really was a genuine pleasure working with each and every pupil. On the last day of lockdown, we organised a picnic and outdoor activity afternoon to say a big thank you to the pupils. The highlight of the afternoon was a demonstration of archery from our very own Kevin Costner- AKA, Mr Holt. See below for an action shot.



GRITTY NEWSLETTER. 15/03/2021

## YOUR WORLD

**GRITTY SKILL FOCUS: "Understand the world around you."**

- What are you learning about this week in your subjects that relates to your world?
- What could you do this week to help you explore more about what is happening in the world around you?

Miss Ferries' reading recommendations:

If you are in Year 7, 8 or 9 you might like...



If you are in Year 10 or 11 you might like...



We have many talented artists at t Bede's. Here is our new GRITTY logo designed by:  
Phoebe Shone, Hollie Niblock, Tayla Evans, Rose Jackson, Amber Wells and Maddie Irlam.



GRITTY NEWSLETTER. 01/03/2021

## INDEPENDENCE

**GRITTY SKILL FOCUS: "Be the best version of you."**  
There is only one you. Be the best version you can. Here is what some of you said:

*"I called one of my grandparents each day to check they were ok. I wrote poems and became better at watercolour painting."*

*"I have had loads of energy and been driving myself to do loads of exercise like go on long walks or do a workout. I've been learning how to take care mentally."*

*"I've tried to help out more with more chores around the house."*

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If you are in Year 10 or 11 you might like...



GRITTY stars nominated by staff:

Jude Murphy      Iris Fearon  
Freya Brennan      Arthur Yates  
Sean O'Neil

See your name on here soon!

GRITTY NEWSLETTER. 08/02/2021

## RESILIENCE

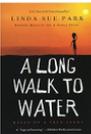
**GRITTY SKILL FOCUS: "Recover from set backs."**  
How was your learning last week? Did you miss any lessons? Did you have IT issues? Did you have any times when you just couldn't be bothered?

**This week is a fresh start!**

- Check your school emails and Class Charts each morning to check what work has been set.
- Email/message your teachers on Class Charts if you have missed anything. **IT IS NEVER TOO LATE.**
- Try your best. You are **amazing** and can do this!

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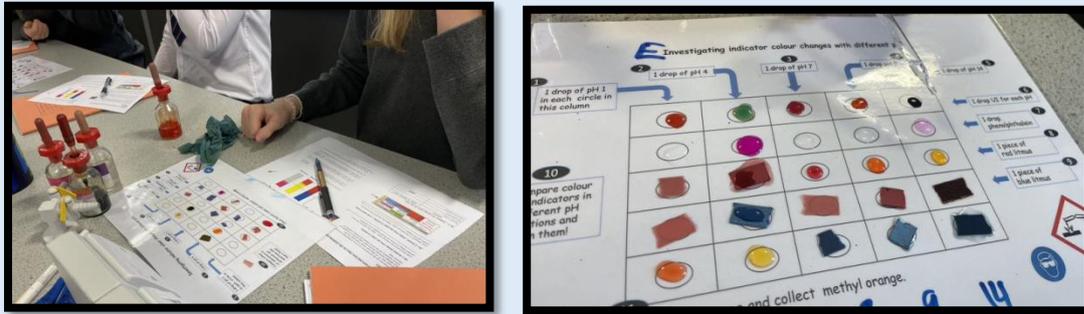
Billy Nelson      Amy Martin      Isobel Cummins  
Sam Merriman      Ruby O'Brien

See your name on here soon!

This term we have launched our GRITTY newsletter. Every fortnight a new letter celebrates student success in GRITTY skills and it includes book suggestions

## Super Science

10D2 have put the theory they learnt during online learning into practice. They investigated the effects of solutions with varying pH on different important indicators.



We used the "Puddle Chemistry" where you produce a micro puddle- a great end to the first week back.

Year 8 enjoyed their return to Science with some practical work measuring the speed of cars using ramps, stopwatches and matchbox cars. They also investigated how to run a fair experiment and the importance of accuracy.

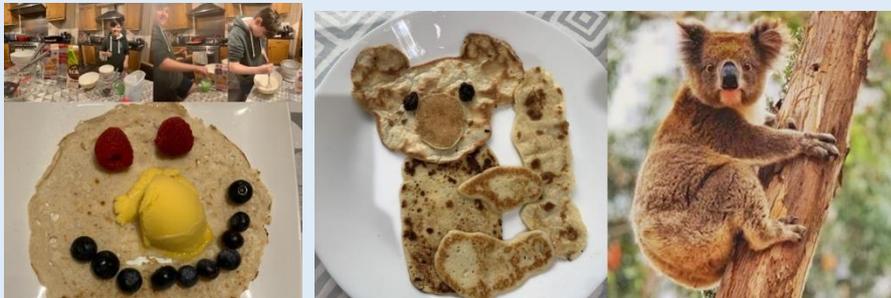


## Food Technology during home schooling

### Half term cooking fun and Pancake Day

Pupils used their holiday and break from school to continue with their baking skills and to cook a variety of pancakes.

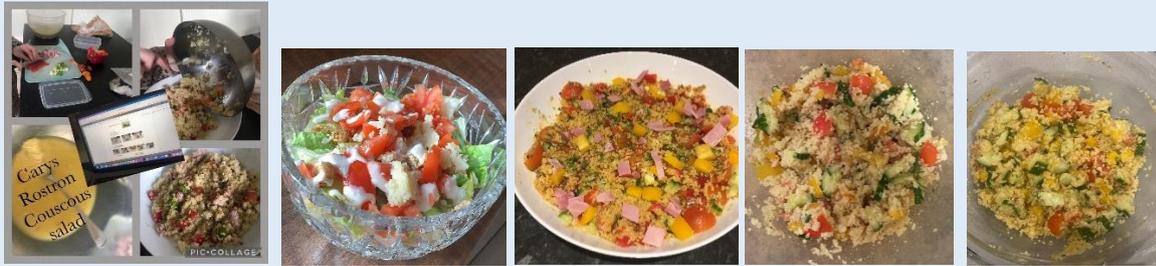
## HEADTEACHER'S BLOG



Before we finished for half term, pupils were set cooking activities for their homework. Some have been carried out during the half term break. Here is what we have made in KS3.

**Year 7** have been developing their knife skills by making their cous cous salad.





Returning from half term, pupils have also designed and made a ratatouille dish.



They have also started to look at stir fry...





Year 8 have been looking at rice and pasta recently. Here are their pasta dishes.



1.
  - a) Rice has been eaten for centuries in China and India.
  - b) 2 nutrients found in rice are carbohydrate and protein.
  - c) Rice is a healthy food because it does not contain any fat
  - d) Rice needs high temperatures and high rainfall in order to grow well.
  - e) 90% of the world's rice is eaten in Asia.
  - f) The UK imports rice from USA, Italy, China, and Australia.
  - g) Rice is a useful food because it is:
    - Economical
    - Easy to prepare
    - Easy and quick to cook
    - Has a long shelf-life
    - Can be eaten with many different things.

Here are their rice dishes.





Here is a development of a pizza too.



Year 9 have been looking at how we can reduce our fat, salt and sugar intake. They have designed and made pasta bake, some of which are lasagne.





They have also made a soup, stew or casserole.



They have started to look at how to make different versions of curries.



## GCSE

*Here are some examples of dishes they have made at home*



## KS4 - GCSE Year 11

Pupils are now at the stage of presenting their final dishes for their chosen briefs, international street food, to increase iron in the diet or to cover nutritional needs for the elderly. Pupils have produced dish 1 of their assessment and all pupils worked really hard, demonstrating a variety of high skills in places such as making bread products and a variety of pasta. Well done to all!



## MFL News



Welcome back to all our pupils!



## DUOLINGO CHALLENGE!



It hasn't taken long for the first five pupils to come forward with evidence of their thirty day streaks on duolingo!

What determination they showed from the very day we set the challenge!

Ellie Mae Gatterell - French + 5  
 Amber Wells - Greek  
 Niamh Murphy - French +5  
 Suzy Owens - Spanish  
 Hannah Dykes - French + 5

They each win a certificate, 15 class charts for being GRITTY - showing Resilience and Tenacity in learning, and for widening the horizons of Your World - and a £10 Amazon voucher.

They could choose to learn any language but if they got the streak in French or German, they win an extra 5 Class Charts!

Some very close runners up, who also get class charts. Are:  
 Hollie Niblock - Italian  
 Rose Jackson - German  
 Megan Hughes - French  
 Niamh Trigwell - French  
 Roisin Dowell - French  
 Ruby Benson - German

## BRITISH-GERMAN ASSOCIATION YOUTHBRIDGE DEAKIN AWARDS 2020-2021 FOR EXCELLENCE IN GERMAN

Don't forget to pester your language teachers for more info about this! There is still time to enter!

**We've been working as hard as ever in MFL.**

### Year 9 French

Year 9 have been learning how to organise holidays by making travel arrangements and booking hotels. Look at these amazing adverts for French hotels!



Notre hotel de luxe avec dix chambres et un grand lit, le wi-fi, salle de bains et un seche-cheveux. Nos chambres sont bien equipees avec un balcon privree et un vue sur la mer.

Le petit dejeuner est inclus et pour vos enfants et famille nous avons une aire jeux.

A l'hotel Hilton nous avons une sall de gym, et un tennis avec une piscine - ca serait une experience inoubliable!

Vous ne le regretterez pas!!

Nous proposons une large gamme de activités.  
Ca serait une expérience inoubliable!  
Bienvenue ici - à l'hôtel Continental.  
Situé dans les Alpes.  
On a plus de 50 chambres.



Bonjour,

Comme ça va? Ce hotel est fantastique. Ce hotel appelle GRANDE CHAMBRE. Venez ici un des meilleurs hotels de France! Ce hotel a trente chambre. Ça sera une expérience inoubliable!

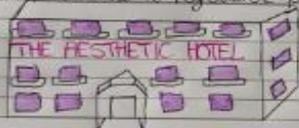
Il y a piscine ce serait fantastique. Bienvenue ici - à l'hôtel Grande Chambre. Vous ne le regretterez pas!

## THE AESTHETIC HOTEL

This hotel is going to be located by a beach. This is because of the weather and the view from the rooms. If you would like to come and stay here you can visit our website and book now.

- There is lots of rooms and they are suitable for everyone. Your stay will include breakfast, a spa night, activities and many more.

The hotel will be overlooking the beach and some of the rooms have balconies so you can watch the view. Venez ici - un des meilleurs hôtels de la France! Ce serait une expérience inoubliable! Vous ne le regretterez pas!



## Hôtel Cramoisi

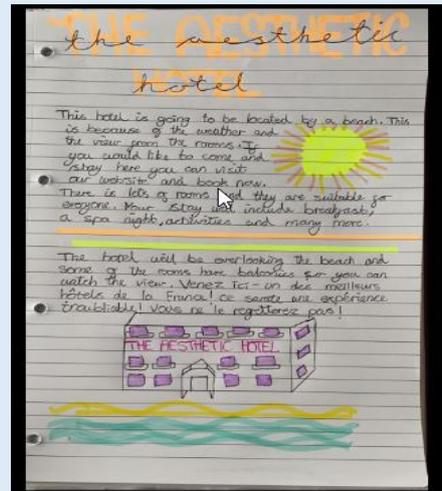


### Hôtel 4 étoiles

Cet hôtel luxueux a un ou deux lits dans une chambre. Le temps est beau, alors plongez dans la piscine, si vous aimez les jeux. L'hôtel dispose de sa propre aire de jeux, ça sera une expérience inoubliable!

Les chambres comprennent un sèche-cheveux, le Wi-Fi, une télé à écran plat et une salle de bain. Quand j'ai visité, il y avait de la bonne nourriture et des gens! Je vous promets que vous ne regretterez pas des vacances à l'hôtel Cramoisi.

Le petit déjeuner est inclus.



Year 9 started to get really creative during their time at home and created these lovely Valentine's Cards !



Year 10 French

Year 10 have been learning about festivals in French-speaking countries and have also written about their own favourite celebration.

L'année dernière mon anniversaire était super. J'avais trieze ans. Moi et mes amis a mangé un gâteau c'était délicieux. J'ai invité mes cousins et on est allé au cinéma et on a regardé le amazing spiderman et c'était incroyable. On a mange de la pizza. C'était très bon. Pour fêter mon prochain anniversaire je vais aller au bowling avec mes amis. Après avoir réfléchi je dirais que mon dernier anniversaire était incroyable.

Je suis née en Ormskirk. Il y a une mois, j'ai fêté mon quinzième anniversaire, et c'était fabuleux. J'ai reçu beaucoup des cadeaux. Mon cadeau préférée était nouveaux vêtements et ma jupe noire. J'ai invité mes amis et famille à une fête dans chez moi.



Year 10 have started to learn about exchange trips to a German speaking country. Listening to the types of questions you might hear is fantastic practise and knowing what to say if you don't understand can be very helpful!

It was so lovely to be able to welcome all our pupils back to class last week. Year 7 have made an 'excellente' start learning all about their daily routine in French !

Hör zu und lies. Was passt zusammen? (1-5)  
Beispiel: 1 c

a What is ... in German?    b What does ... mean?    c Pardon? I don't understand your question.  
d Can you speak more slowly, please?    e Can you repeat that, please?

Je me brosse les cheveux

Year 8 have been practising how to say what clothes they wear in German and also to say what their style is !

a  Sportschuhe	b  Sandalen	c  ein Kleid	d  eine Jeanshose	e  eine Hose	f  ein T-Shirt
g  ein Mantel	h  Stiefel	i  ein Hemd	j  ein Rock	k  ein Kapuzenpulli	l  ein Anzug

## Russian Club

The Russian students were back with a vengeance last Friday and have started to prepare presentations about themselves.....watch this space!

Привет!  
Меня зовут Барт Симсон. Я живу в Спрингфилде, в США.

В моей семье пять человек.



### Language Club

Feel free to come and chill with us in N3, N4 or N5 for homework advice, or to play some language games. We are here every lunchtime. You may even get to meet our Language Ambassadors!

### Calling ALL linguists

#### **NEW! Seneca Year 9**

**Please join this app if you haven't already! This provides you with the perfect opportunity to revise vocabulary and grammar on EVERYTHING you have ever learned so far in French. It is particularly useful for those who are taking French next year!**

[www.app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/join-class/4cpa8zxmll](http://www.app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/join-class/4cpa8zxmll)

### ALL CLASSES:

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 are added into these classes.

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

**Year 7 French** Quizlet [www.quizlet.com/join/pc98rBkCm](http://www.quizlet.com/join/pc98rBkCm)

**Year 8 German** Quizlet [www.quizlet.com/join/C54twK625](http://www.quizlet.com/join/C54twK625)

**Year 9 French** Quizlet [www.quizlet.com/join/HGuFNyCrU](http://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

Seneca Learning offers very in depth home learning /revision which is closely linked to the two GCSE textbooks 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/](http://www.memrise.com/group/425815/)
- [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com) Year 10 French Class Code: t0sngxxhzo
- [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com) Year 11 French Class Code: 1uyx6e0t91

#### German

- [www.memrise.com/group/425816/](http://www.memrise.com/group/425816/)
- [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com) Year 10/11 German Class Code: 70edc9k0qr
- FOR ALL PUPILS:
- [www.atantot.com](http://www.atantot.com) (lots of games)
- username: bede1 password: 1953
- [www.language-gym.com](http://www.language-gym.com) (grammar exercises)



[@stbedesormskirkmfl](https://www.instagram.com/stbedesormskirkmfl)

We've been having record numbers of pupils and parents following and liking our posts on INSTAGRAM! Thank you to everyone for your support.

## 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, Headteacher