



Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 8th March 2019

Intermediate Mathematics Challenge

On Thursday 7th February, eight girls in Year 6 took part in the annual Intermediate Mathematics Challenge for 2019. This is a particularly challenging competition, in that it is aimed primarily at pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11.

We have been learning in school about 'getting off the escalator'. What that means is that if we are stuck on a problem and cannot see how to solve it then we move on and try a different strategy - just like getting off an escalator to go somewhere else without waiting for someone to help us!

When faced with a diverse range of problems ranging over the entire mathematics curriculum, our girls could have given up – but no, they got off their escalators and solved many of these problems with smiles on their faces.

We were delighted to have two girls gain awards this year: Stephanie was awarded a Bronze certificate, placing her in the top 40% nationally of children aged 14 to 16; and Amy gained a Silver certificate, which placed her in the top 20% of children aged 14-16 nationally. These mathematical are outstanding.

Congratulations go to all the girls who took part and were willing to have a go!

Fr Rudolf – Mathematics Co-ordinator

Japanese Festival Workshop for the Reception Classes

On Wednesday, Reception had such a memorable afternoon! Sana's mum, Mariko, organised a workshop for us to celebrate a very special festival 'Hinamatsuri – the 'Doll Festival'.

The Hinamatsuri Festival is observed on 3rd March to celebrate female children, and to pray for their continued health and happiness.

We were so lucky to be taught all about Japanese culture before being taught how to make origami princes and princesses.

We can't say 'arigato' enough to all of the lovely parent volunteers!

Reception Team



Year 5 trip to see the London Symphony Orchestra

On Monday, Year 5 travelled down to the Barbican to attend an interactive concert performed by the London Symphony Orchestra on the theme of Folk Song and Fantasy.

There were many opportunities for our pupils to get involved through singing, creating vocal sounds for different soundscapes and animals, and of course listening to a range of classical orchestral repertoire live!

We were treated to performances of popular works such as Grieg's *In the Hall of the Mountain King*, alongside some more contemporary pieces including one by Sally Beamish (*Flight of the Eagle*), which told the story of an eagle's journey flying over Scotland through musical motifs. The participatory song which we had learned in class was enjoyed by everyone, with huge thanks to the presenters of the concert who narrated the stories in such an energised way using movement and drama, as they interplayed with the orchestra.

Hearing the LSO perform live is always a treat and I know our pupils will want to extend their thanks to the orchestra for such a fantastic concert!

Mr Rhodes – Director of Music



Year 3 visit the Roald Dahl Museum

On Tuesday 5th March, Year 3 had the most 'scrumdiddlyumptious' time when we went on the train to visit the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre in Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

We are learning all about Roald Dahl this term and it was wonderful to leave London behind and visit the beautiful village where he lived. We found out so much about his life in the galleries of the museum and were able to peek inside his original writing hut where he wrote most of his stories.

We discovered how Roald Dahl edited his work from examples in the museum's vast archive collection. It had great fun as we 'gobblefunked' around with words like those in the *BFG* and completed the many different editing activities.

Finally, we used all that we had learnt to edit some of Roald Dahl's own work. It was a really inspiring visit for us all.

Ms Sephton – Year 3 Class Teacher



First Reconciliation Food Collection

Next Friday 15th March, is the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the girls in Year 3 who are taking their First Communion this year.

In order to help spread the message about setting a good example through kindness, we are organising a food collection from the whole school for the Food Bank which Fr Terry runs in Kilburn.



Any donations of non-perishable food will be very gratefully received and will help families in need in our local area. Please leave any donations on the ground floor corridor outside the Bursars' Office.

Thank you in advance for your help and kindness; we will be collecting the items from Monday 11th March onwards.

Mr Hirst – Deputy Head

Ash Wednesday Mass

Ash Wednesday begins Lent, a time when we stop and review how we are doing in our walk with God.

Lent helps us to identify areas in which we can grow and sinful areas that we need to avoid. Fr Rudolf helped us think about repenting and forgiveness during the Mass. He placed blessed ashes on our foreheads as an outward expression of our need to begin again.



Mr Hirst – Deputy Head

Year 6 Buddies

On Tuesday 5th March, the Reception children were delighted to be introduced to their brand new buddies from Year 6.

Each child came to the front of the hall to meet their buddy before sitting down with them to listen to the story 'Snowflake in My Pocket' by Rachel Bright; a tale of love, friendship and a reminder that the most precious things in life are transitory moments to be treasured.

The Year 6 children will work as mentors for the Reception children whilst furthering their own confidence and sense of responsibility.



We can't wait for Year 6 to visit us every Friday to read, explore and create with us!

Mr Burke – Early Years Co-ordinator

Year 6 visit to the Museum of Brands

On Monday 4th March, Year 6 paid a visit to the Museum of Brands in Lancaster Road.

They are undertaking a term long design project where they are designing, making, advertising and evaluating a health bar, using their own ideas.

We attended a workshop where we learnt about such ideas as 'unique selling points' and 'targeting audiences'. This gave us plenty of ideas for our design work and was much enjoyed, since we tried these ideas out on designing our very own chocolate bars.



'It was really good, because we got to experience new products that we had not seen before' – Stephanie

'It was really inspirational and fascinating, because it shows just how much wrappers have evolved' – Sophie

'It was helpful because it inspired us to make our health bars more beautifully and creatively!' – Marleni, Miriam, Neha

Fr Rudolf – Year 6 Class Teacher



Year 1 visit the Camden Learning Centre

On Wednesday, Year 1 went on a trip to the Camden Learning Centre where we learned how to program Beebots. We were able to program them to move around different mats in the classroom and digitally on the computer screen.

In the afternoon we completed activities on the touch screen computers and were able to animate our own stories. We had a fantastic, fun filled day!

Miss Brennan – Year 1 Class Teacher



Please follow us!

One of the ways in which we hope to keep you informed about, and involved in, your child's experience at Saint Christina's School is our online presence, so don't forget to follow us on social media. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (links below), and we now also have a (brand new) Saint Christina's School LinkedIn group where we hope to reach out to past pupils and staff, as well as current parents.

It is so lovely to have the opportunity to document the spontaneous activities that happen here at the school, and the beauty of social media is that we are able to share it with you almost instantaneously. We will regularly be posting photos and videos of day to day life at the school, so be sure to have a look!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/saintchristinas/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/saint.christinas.school/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8752893/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/saintchristinas>

Miss Chloe – Marketing and Communications



Pupil of the week

Well done to:

Name	Class	Reason
Sana	Reception AN	For being kind and considerate to her friends.
Edda	Reception DB	For bringing joy and smiles into school every day.
Allegra	Year 1	For her incredible perseverance when completing her spelling homework.
Audrey	Year 2	For always having a positive approach to learning even when it is tricky.
Cecily	Year 3	For excellent answers in comprehension and answering in detail.
Arianna	Year 4	For brilliant work on time, especially converting between 12 and 24 hour time.
Claudia	Year 5	For a huge improvement in her handwriting and in the presentation of her work.
Tansy	Year 6	For explaining things so well in Mathematics to those who were having problems.

Dates for your diary

Please note that dates/timings are subject to change and additions

Date	Event
Saturday 9 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Netball Tournament (away games)
Tuesday 12 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning for Prospective Parents – 9.15am-11.30am
Wednesday 13 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Museum Trip Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics Display – 1.45pm-3.00pm in Main Hall
Thursday 14 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 & 6 Gymnastics Display – 9.15am-10.30am in Main Hall Year 5 Netball Tournament (away games)
Friday 15 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Workshops – Reception to Year 6 Year 3 First Confessions
Monday 18 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Music Trip
Wednesday 20 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Solo Music Concert – Instrumental & Voice – 9.00am in the Main Hall Year 4 & 5 Netball Tournament (away games)
Thursday 21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Museum Trip Year 4 Netball Fixture (away game) Parents’ Link Quiz Night
Friday 22 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass led by Year 5 – 2.15pm Junior & Senior Choirs singing with Horizon Voices
Monday 25 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
Wednesday 27 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Ensembles Concert – 9.00am in the Main Hall Senior Choir performing a concert in St John's Hospice Chapel 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Free entry with a retiring collection in aid of St John's Hospice
Thursday 28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 attending London Youth Games Year 5 attending Inter School Cross Country
Friday 29 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Scholarship Coffee Morning for Year 5 Parents – 9.00-10.00am in the Arts Hall Mother’s Day Mass led by Year 1 – 2.15pm
Monday 1 st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO CLUBS THIS WEEK with the exception of Ballet Principal from Portland Place School visiting
Tuesday 2 nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Easter Play for Year 6 families – 6.00pm

Wednesday 3 rd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Evening – 4.00-8.00pm
Thursday 4 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHOOL ENDS AT 12.00 NOON FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY
Wednesday 24 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAFF INSET
Thursday 25 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHILDREN RETURN

Folk Songs & Spirituals
Friday 22 March 2019, 7-8pm
St Mark's Hamilton Terrace
Maida Vale, NW8 9UT

Join Horizon Voices for an
 interactive performance on the
 theme of folk songs and spirituals!

Including traditional favourites,
 new arrangements and improvisations,
 all performed by school and community choirs
 alongside our professional vocal ensemble!

To book tickets, please visit
www.horizonvoices.com

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