



# St Bede's Catholic High School Autumn Term Newsletter 2022

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## A note from our Headteacher

There has been a very positive and purposeful start to the year. We have welcomed our new Year 7 students and they are currently engaging in our induction programme. The Year 7 Welcome Mass, at which parents attended, was an experience that pupils and many staff will never forget. Engagement from our new family of parents has been superb, all are supportive of our high standards and drive to be the best school we can be. They are also challenging us, which is a great characteristic, as it will allow us to constantly improve what we do as a school and community. After half term we are completing a "big ask" survey of our new Year 7 pupils and parents to establish how their first term at St Bede's unfolded and to see what more we can do to support them. I would encourage all to respond. We will repeat this with other year groups later in the year.



**Our  
Senior  
Students**

I was delighted to appoint Niamh Trigwell and Peter Guidi as our Head Students for 2022-2023. The pupils went through a gruelling interview process. All who took part did themselves, parents and our community proud. The students are very challenging in their expectations of us as a school and we are already working closely together to bring about changes that will support them. Our Senior Student team is also made up of our Deputy Head Students; Charlotte Whisker-Evans, Sophie Orledge, Joshua Gaskill and Joseph Allen.



# A note from our Headteacher

## Year 8 Reading Lesson



We have already held two evenings with Year 11 pupils and parents. One evening focussed on how parents and pupils can work together at home to ensure the best outcomes for pupils are realised and the other evening was our Year 11 parents' evening. This evening was very well attended with over 87% of parents in attendance. Year 11 have also been treated to a common room for their lunch and breaktime. This has proven very popular and is a calm oasis of both mature chat and work. This is being supervised by our students and they have been grateful of the opportunity to be treated as young adults.

We have started the year clearly setting out our high expectations in relation to uniform, appearance, attitude to learning, attendance and punctuality. This has seen clear changes to pupil attitude and behaviour. The support from parents and carers has been exceptional, with a clear recognition as to our intentions. This has now led to the overall majority of lessons starting on time and in a structured way. We are also seeing a more effective form time approach with pupils on time and instantly engaged in acts such as worship and reading.

Our extra-curricular programme is up and running with choir rehearsals now in full swing, along with lunchtime Art Club, Peace and Justice group, Faith In Action, Games Club and homework club. We also have our environment ambassadors continuing to work on our sensory garden at the rear of school. After school support clubs have started and we have already had many pupils competing in a range of events locally and regionally from football matches and netball matches to cross country running.

We are in the process of creating a parent focus group to help further inform our development planning and to establish a means of presenting new ideas and information to them prior to it becoming school policy and routine. I will be contacting all parents to engage them in this next half term.

I wish all our families an enjoyable and restful half term.



## Sporting achievements



### Sporting success for our Triathlete Caitlin

Caitlin Corrigan in Year 7 took part in the national championships for British Triathlon at the end of the summer. She was selected to race as part of the Northwest Triathlon junior team. The event took place in Sunderland over a weekend which consisted of individual and relay races. She has also been taking part in the North West junior triathlon series- she has competed in a huge number of events this year as part of this. Well done Caitlin, we wish you many more sporting successes

### Mr Lloyd represent Wales!

Our incredible Mr Lloyd is currently representing his National side, Wales, in the Rugby League World Cup. Here he is scoring the opening try in Wednesday's match against Cook Islands



### Joseph shows his GRITTY skill of resilience in rugby success

On Sunday 25th September Joseph and his U14's Shevington Sharks team mates took part in their first ever North West Counties Rugby League Cup Final against top division side Woolston. They fought back from 12-0 down to take the win 12-16. Joseph put in a stoic performance and claimed his winners medal with pride. Their fantastic season has seen the Sharks gain promotion to Division One next season.



## Sporting achievements



Success in Boccia and Curling for our KS3 pupils  
Join us in congratulating them as they achieved 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place







## Chaplaincy News

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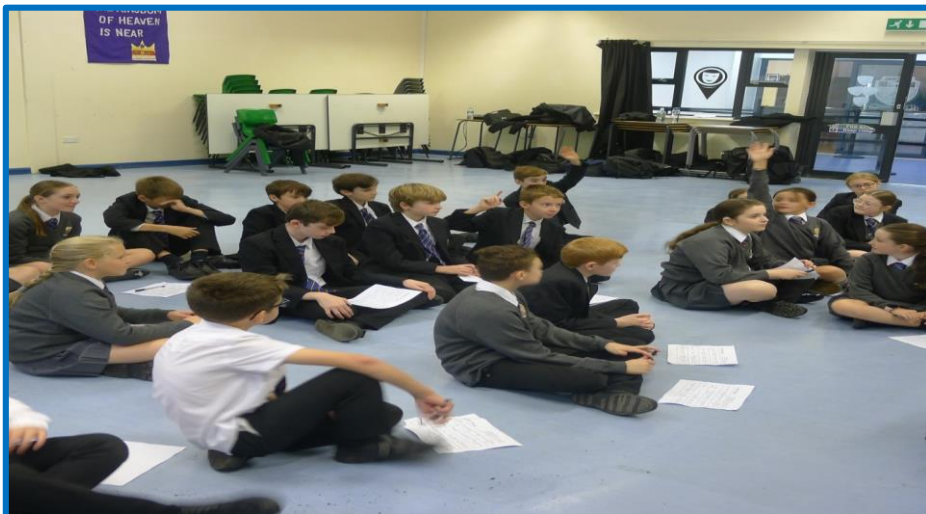
### Year 7 Welcome

Year 7s took part in their Welcome day at the start of September. It proved to be both enjoyable and very productive. The day started with an assembly where pupils reflected on our school Mission Statement, "I am the Vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in them, bears fruit in plenty." As a school community we recognise that it is only by remaining connected to God, and being Christ centred in all that we do, that can we truly flourish as individuals and as a community.

Exploring the idea of belonging to God's family and our community at St Bede's, each form class gathered to create a symbol which represented their unity as a class and the Saint their form class is named after. Following this, pupils took part in a variety of workshops. The meditation workshop highlighted the need for everyone to enjoy some reflective stillness in our lives where we can be thankful and consider how we see ourselves, how we relate to God and others around us. Getting to know each other was an essential part of the day, so pupils took part in some fun team building activities and drama workshops which allowed them to deepen friendships already made and begin talking to other pupils they had not yet met. By the end of the sessions new friendships had been forged and the list of names to remember had become a lot longer.

A beautiful Mass was said by Father Godric in the afternoon and it was so wonderful to see so many parents, relatives and carers there. A big thankyou to all of the year 7 readers who read so beautifully and to our wonderful school choir and musicians who captivated the whole hall.

The day really was a lovely start to our pupils' time at St Bede's Catholic High School encapsulating our mission statement perfectly: Keep God at the centre of all that we do and we will flourish, both individually and as a school family.





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Year 7 Welcome





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### Million Minutes Peace and Justice group.

#### St Bede's Million Minutes Peace and Justice group continue to accept the invitation to bear fruit and make a difference.

Dear young people,

Please, do not be bystanders in life. Get involved! Jesus was not a bystander. He got involved. Don't stand aloof, but immerse yourselves in the reality of life, as Jesus did.

Above all, in one way or another, fight for the common good, serve the poor, be protagonists of the revolution of charity and service, capable of resisting consumerism and superficial individualism." *Bear fruit.*

*Pope Francis Christus Vivit*

The ongoing climate crisis, international conflict, issues of inequality and the cost of living crisis, have exposed deep rooted and systematic inequalities in our society. The young people of St Bede's recognise the necessity for healing and transformation, they see the need to build a fairer, more equal and sustainable world, so that we may look ahead with hope.

Pope Francis calls us to 'prepare the future', not passively 'prepare for the future.' Our young people, know that if we work together, we can flourish individually and in our communities.

This vision is at the heart of our St Bede's Million Minutes Peace and Justice group

As a group of Year 8, 9 and 10 pupils they plan, coordinate, and deliver a number of activities which involve social action and which are linked to the principles of Catholic social teaching. It is their hope, that through these activities we can help to bring about positive outcomes in our local and global community.

Recognising that there is an abundance of inspiring and effective social action and programmes already happening in our local community one of the first activities they planned was a community mapping event. Speaking with a variety of groups and individuals from the community allowed the pupils to formulate a clear vision of some of the issues which impact negatively on our local and wider area, the support that is already in place and how we could effectively support these programmes through our school's social outreach. The mapping event also enabled the pupils to plan social outreach activities in a cohesive and collaborative way.

The pupils give up their own time to meet each week. Projects last term included an environmental prayer vigil, a Peace and Justice garden and events to raise money for vulnerable families in our community. They raised over £3000. In the last week of term they participated in fundraising for Ukraine, raising over £2000.

This term they are working hard to organise a prayer vigil and fundraise in order to support the work of Aid To The Church In Need, a charity which raises awareness of Christian persecution around the world.

These pupils are inspiring; they are the very embodiment of our mission statement. Through their faith and their actions they are flourishing as individuals bearing fruit, making a difference and in doing so helping to build God's Kingdom whilst also building God's Kingdom earth.





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## #RedWednesday Event 23rd November 2022 – Stand up for Faith and Freedom.

As young Christians we at St Bede's Catholic High School, stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their peacefully held beliefs. In partnership with Aid to the Church in Need and Christian Solidarity Worldwide, we are organising events in school on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November in order to raise awareness and shine a light on Christian persecution and also the injustices perpetrated against other faith groups.

The day's events will culminate in a **Prayer Service at Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church, Parbold at 7.15 pm.** We wish to invite you to pray with us at this service, for peace, for the protection of persecuted Christians and the conversion of the hearts of those who persecute. In the words of Father Werenfried, the founder of Aid To The Church in Need, we wish to "Storm heaven with our prayers." As a symbol of our solidarity for #RedWednesday, Our Lady's Church, St Anne's Church and St Bede's school will be illuminated in red light and you may wish to wear an item of clothing which is red.

**This is an ecumenical event and we look forward to coming together as one family. Our prayers and action can give persecuted Christians and others who suffer, a voice. Please join us Our Lady's Church, Parbold on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, at 7.15pm,**

Many thanks

St Bede's Catholic High School Peace and Justice group and St Bede's Faith In Action group





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### **St Bede's Breakfast Liturgy Group.**

Despite the assumption which some people make, that young people are less interested in faith, a new poll suggests that young people pray more than older generations. The Savanta ComRes survey of 2073 young adults and adults found that young people are more likely to have prayed, attended church and looked at scripture than older generations. Using our faith to help us navigate our way through life and respond to current affairs issues is an incredibly powerful practice for young people and is something which has been embraced by our St Bede's Breakfast Liturgy Group.

This group of year 9, 10 and 11 pupils meet every Tuesday from 8.30am-9.15. Over breakfast, they discuss news events, both national and international and consider how they as young Catholics, might use the Gospels and scripture to help them respond to the news event and then act accordingly. Following their discussion, in addition to daily prayer, a fortnightly collective worship power point is shared with all form classes. Their hope is that it may help young people make sense of and respond to current affairs in a Gospel rooted way.





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### Lunch with Father Daley- Year 9

As part of their faith formation, pupils belonging to Our Lady's, Parbold and St John's Church, Burscough have been enjoying lunchtime meetings in chaplaincy with Father Daley. It is an opportunity to build on existing relationships forged during primary school and an invaluable opportunity to explore and discuss matters of faith and the significance of the Sacrament of Confirmation in a relaxed and convivial environment. We appreciate how busy Father Daley is and so would like to extend our sincere thanks to him for visiting St Bede's each week and accompanying the young people in their faith journey.

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### Sacrament of Confirmation – Year 9

We have received a final date for the Sacrament of Confirmation for pupils who belong to St Anne's Parish. Year 9 pupils who have already registered for Confirmation will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm at St Anne's Church, Ormskirk. All Year 9 St Bede's pupils will receive Confirmation formation during their RE classes in school. In addition to these classes, pupils belonging to St John's Parish, Burscough and Our Lady's, Parbold are also invited to attend additional catechesis, the timetable for which is below. Father Daley will inform candidates of the date of their Confirmation. Pupils who attend St Gregory's or Our Lady's Parish, Lydiate have already received information regarding their catechesis and have started their formation. The date of their Confirmation will be shared with them by their Parish Priest.

| Time and Date                                  | Event  | Place                                 |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| 5:00pm<br>Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September    | Meeting with candidates  | St John the Evangelist<br>Parish Hall |
| 5:00pm<br>Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September   | Meeting with candidates  | Our Lady and All Saints<br>Priory     |
| 5:00pm<br>Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September | Meeting with candidates  | St John the Evangelist<br>Parish Hall |
| 5:00pm<br>Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October     | Meeting with candidates  | Our Lady and All Saints<br>Priory     |
| 5:00pm<br>Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October      | Meeting with candidates  | St John the Evangelist<br>Parish Hall |
| 5:00pm<br>Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October     | Meeting with candidates  | Our Lady and All Saints<br>Priory     |
| <b>No Meeting this week - Half Term</b>        |  |                                       |
| 5:00pm<br>Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November    | Meeting with candidates<br>Information and document<br>submission as below | St John the Evangelist<br>Parish Hall |
| 5:00pm<br>Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November      | Meeting with candidates  | Our Lady and All Saints<br>Priory     |
| 5:00pm<br>Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November    | Meeting with candidates  | St John the Evangelist<br>Parish Hall |
| 7:30pm<br>Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> November   | Practice<br>St John's candidates   | St John the Evangelist Church         |
| 7:30pm<br>Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November     | Practice<br>Our Lady's candidates  | Our Lady and All Saints Church        |
| 6:30pm<br>Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November   | Confirmation<br>St John's candidates                                       | St John the Evangelist Church         |
| 10:30am<br>Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November    | Confirmation<br>Our Lady's Candidates                                      | Our Lady and All Saints Church        |



## LSGLA Laudato Si – Student Leadership

### The Laudato Si Student Leadership Challenge 2022

Congratulations to Ethan Kumarajeewa, Amber Wells, Elliott Sharrock, Zac Kelly and Kieran Duffy for completing the Laudato Si Student Leadership challenge Programme 2022.

At the presentation event, each of the Yr 11 students presented on their understanding of leadership and styles of leadership. They also explained their leadership of a project that focused on one of the UN sustainable Development Goals and how they would lead others in making these goals a reality. The Laudato Si Student Leadership challenge is an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of leadership and help in the formation of leadership skills, attitudes and dispositions, with a focus on the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



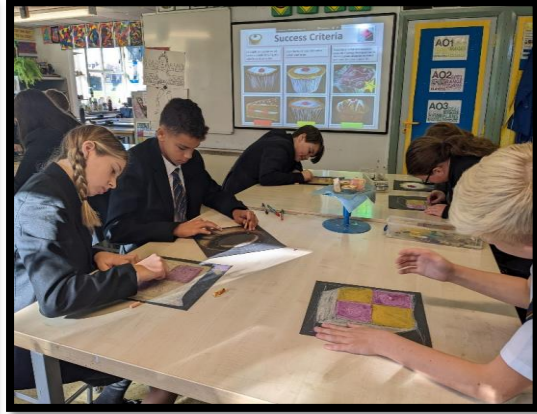






Year 8 have been drawing cakes from observation. They have used oil pastels to mix and blend their colours to create a tonal range, shading to the shape and also taking inspiration from the artist Wayne Thiebaud.

Here are a few pictures of the pupils in action.



Inspirational  
work from  
our Art  
classes







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Year 9 have been learning about one- and two-point perspective. They have created drawings of rooms and street views. We were particularly impressed with their homework this year. I love the use of colour and the attention to detail.

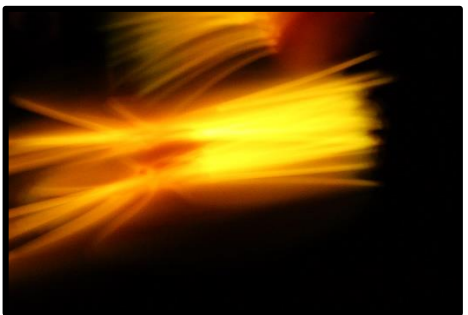
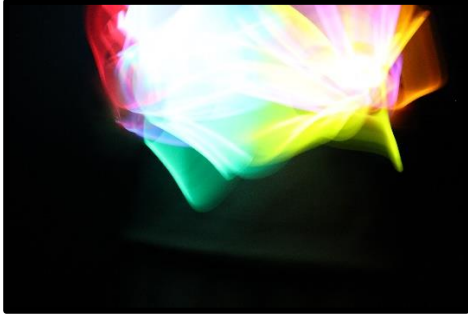
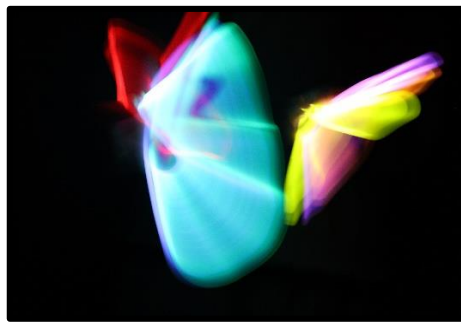


It was great pleasure to meet so many prospective pupils at our Open Evening. We had a fabulous evening in our Obliterated room. You can check out the time lapse video [here](#).

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### Year 10 GCSE Photography

We've been experimenting with shutter speed and glow sticks, some wonderful pieces of work here.



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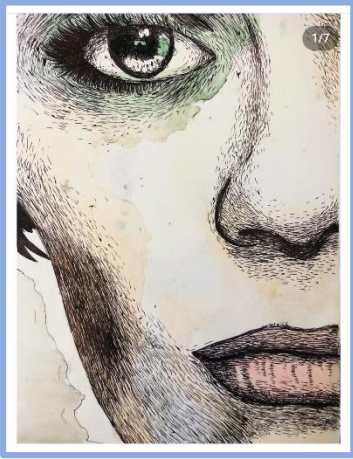
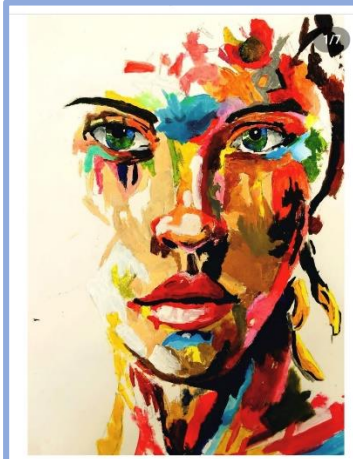


### Artist workshop – Ian Murphy

We are really excited to welcome celebrated artist, [Ian Murphy](#), into School for a one-day workshop on Wednesday 23rd November. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 9 pupils to work alongside a contemporary artist, explore his techniques and approach, and view his work. The workshop will provide pupils with a good opportunity to boost their portfolio and to develop skills and techniques that will be used at GCSE. Please see your parent mail for more information.



**Year 11** have been working on their independent project. It is great to see their own personality coming out in their work.








## More from Art

### KS3 Art & Photography Clubs

# KS3 PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



**MRS MITCHELL N8**

Six week Photography club  
Thursday lunchtime 12.45-1.30  
Bring a pack lunch  
Attend all sessions for classchart points

Sign up sheet on Mrs Mitchell's door  
10 places available  
First come first served



## Art club

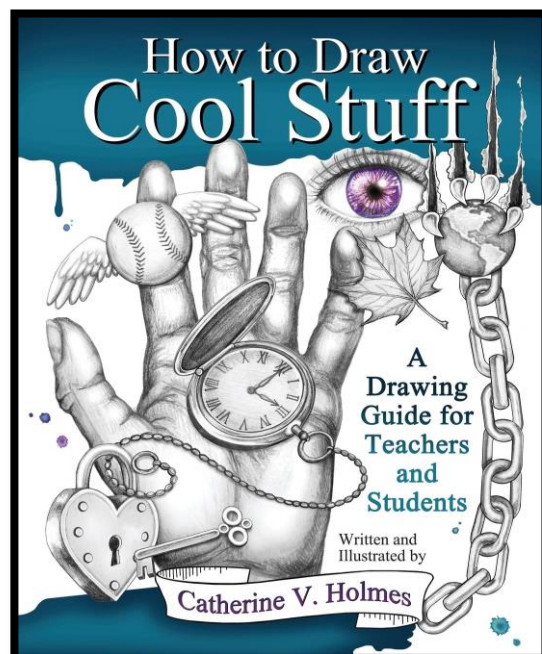
Thursday lunchtime 12.40 - 13.30  
N9  
Miss Byrom  
Bring a pack lunch  
Sign up sheet on the door  
Six week rotation  
First come first served  
10 places available each half term

### KS4 Art & Photography Club

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afterschool.  
Tuesday & Friday Lunch.

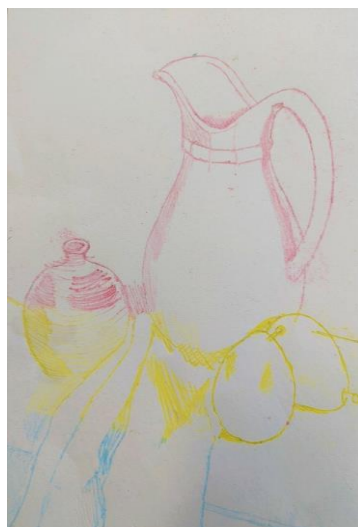
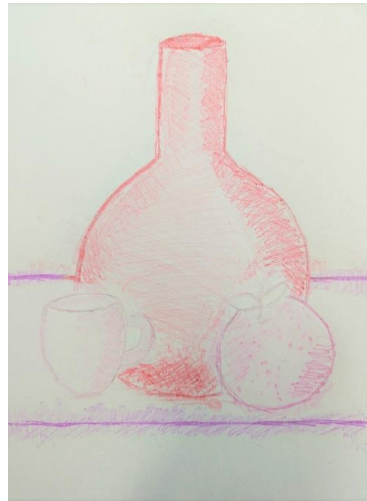
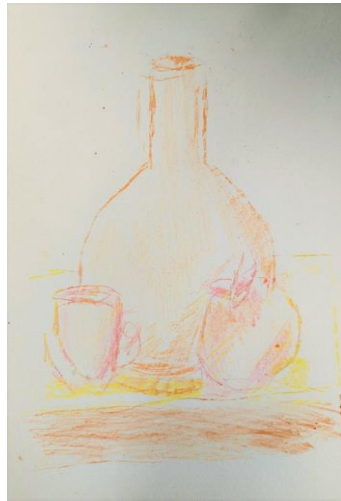
### Read like an artist

This is a fantastic book for step-by-step illustrations that make it easy for anyone to draw. Please come up to the art room to have a look or have a go at doing some cool drawings.





Lunchtime art club meet on a Wednesday. The last couple of weeks they have each created their own oil pastel monoprint of a still life. Here are a few of the completed art works, as well as photos of them attending.



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## National Poetry Day 2022: The Environment

### Poetry Across the Curriculum

National Poetry Day's 2022 theme was the environment, so KS3 classes read a poem called 'Night Music' and wrote a short poem, acrostic or haiku making use of onomatopoeia based on nature sounds at night. They were written on to green cardboard leaves and have been hung on a tree on display in the library.




Leading the way with literacy development

Miss Ferries





Flynn and Harris Sinclair visited Durham Cathedral in the summer holidays, which is the resting place of St Bede. They sent us these incredible pictures of their visit that relate to St Bede who is a special part of our ethos and life here at St Bede's.



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## All about Bede

Bede, also known as Saint Bede or the Venerable Bede, was an English monk from Northumbria, who is famous for being one of the greatest scholars of the early Medieval period.

Bede was born in northern Northumbria in around 672/3. When he was seven years old, he was sent to study at Wearmouth monastery and then later joined Abbot Ceolfrith at Jarrow monastery. Both Bede and Ceolfrith managed to survive a deadly plague that struck the monastery in 686. It's believed that they may have been the only two survivors.

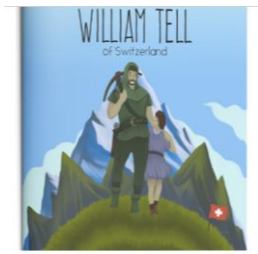
Bede spent most of his life in the monastery but he did make some important journeys, visiting the archbishop of York and King Ceolwulf of Northumbria. In 692, Bede was made a Deacon at the age of 19 and by the age of 30, he was made a Priest.

Bede died on the Feast of the Ascension in May 735, around the age of 62. He was buried in Jarrow but his remains were moved to Durham in 1022 by a monk named Alfred. Bede is now buried in the Galilee Chapel at Durham Cathedral.



St Bede, Pray for us.

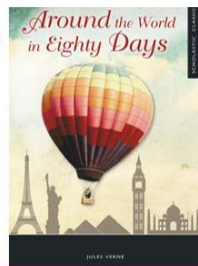
# News from MFL



**Languages at the heart of learning**

William Tell is a famous Swiss legend about a man fighting for the independence of Switzerland. The most famous part of the story is when William Tell has to use his crossbow to shoot an apple balanced on his son's head.

Every year in Entfernen, Switzerland there are open air performances of the play based on the legend.



**Languages at the heart of learning**

Jules Verne wrote this novel in the 1870s. It is the story of a man who bets his friends the equivalent of £2,000,000 that he can travel around the world in 80 days. (Remember: there were no planes and the railway was a fairly new invention!) The book follows his adventures in various countries.

Will he win the bet? Or will he be left penniless?

Borrow this adventure story from the LRC!



MFL book of the month has featured Around the World in 80 Days and William Tell this half term. In addition to this Year 8 have been learning about some German-speaking authors and books and Josh and Luke from 8w3 have been inspired to borrow Heidi and Emil and the Detectives from the LRC. Great reading, boys!

Cross Curricular Reading Links: Year 8 are reading the Secret Diary of Adrian Mole in form time and Frau Williams has a copy of this in German! We are going to create some parallel reading texts so that our pupils can push their language learning with a text they already know 😊

As part of our role as a lead school for the Goethe Institute German Network, Madame Williams has been visiting St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Scarisbrick to teach German. Years 3-6 have been learning how to describe themselves and talk about what sports they play.



**Wie siehst du aus?**

Ich habe... I have...      Ich bin... I am...

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Write 3 facts about yourself:

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- .....



**Sentence Stealer**

Ich spiele oft Gitarre.  
 Ich mache nichts.  
 Ich tanze manchmal.  
 Ich lese immer.  
 Ich höre Musik oft.  
 Ich spiele Tennis nicht.  
 Ich sehe manchmal Filme.  
 Ich bin musikalisch.  
 Ich bin neugierig.

Was machst du?





## News from MFL



European Day of Languages is celebrated across Europe at the end of September. We celebrated here at St. Bede's with a European menu at lunch time. Merci and danke schön to all the kitchen staff for such a delicious range of dishes!

### European Day of Languages Menu

#### Deutschland

Frikadelle mit Pretzel serviert mit Pommes und Salat



#### Frankreich

Wursteintopf mit Kartoffelpüree



#### Ukraine

Kiewski Kotelett



#### Italien

Klops mit Nudeln und Käse serviert mit Knoblauchbrot



Competition Time!! Year 7 have been learning about Switzerland – its geography, languages, culture and the désalpe festival. Year 7 now have the chance to win some delicious Swiss prizes!! You have to design a cowbell or a headdress for a cow and label the colour scheme in French – a perfect activity for any wet days in half term! Please see your teacher for the competition sheet – the deadline is 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### Let's get creative!

- Design one of the following:
- An alpine headdress for a cow
- A cowbell for the désalpe festival



- For each design you must label the colour scheme in French!



## Year 7 RE Prayer Competition

The Religious Education team were delighted to receive so many entries for the Religious Education prayer competition with 47 students entering beautiful prayers that encompassed our mission statement and core values.

A huge well done to the following students:

First Place – Joseph Naylor

Second Place – Bea Woolley

Third Place – Lucy

Runner up – Lily Long

Runner up – Isla Irwing

Runner up - Joseph Duffy

The winning prayer will now be said at the start of every RE lesson across years 7 –11 for the rest of this school year. It is wonderful to see our Year 7 students making such a valuable contribution to the prayer life of the school at the start of their St Bede's Journey!

## Catholic Life



*We begin with the sign of the cross...*

Loving Father,

With my heart full of love, hope and faith,

let me recognise your plan for me.

Here, now and always,

in all I think, say and do.

**Amen**



*Written by Joseph Naylor, Year 7*







### **Learning about the Local Parish**

As a way to support Year 7 during their first term in secondary school, the Religious Education curriculum begins with 'Community'. At the centre of learning is the question: Where do I belong? Father Godric has been visiting Year 7 Religious Education lessons to participate in a Q&A session. Students prepared insightful questions and Fr Godric kept students engaged with stories about his life as a priest. It was wonderful to involve our Parish Priest in the delivery of the Religious Education curriculum. Thank you, Father Godric!

### **Uniform and resource group**

A huge thankyou to Ailsa Merrity, Karen Lawrenson and Ailsa Merrity who set up the pre loved uniform and resource group. 'Thank you all to those that have joined and used the St Bede's Recycled Uniform group, if you haven't yet and would like to join, use this link below. Any items are shared in the group have no charge, so not only are uniforms kept from landfill, it helps budgets go further...so far 45 items have been shared, saving £660 if bought new, so let's keep this going. The group is the place to share any good condition uniforms, coats, revision books, etc that you no longer need that can be reused by another family and to look for any items you need. If the item you are looking for is not available, you are able to make a request to group members. Thanks again.

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