A Message From Dr Robson

Dear Parents and Guardians

Last night, we hosted our annual Open Evening and the College was alive with activity. All the staff and pupils worked tremendously hard in preparing for the event. The atmosphere in the College was truly electric as all the departments were showcased. As always, our fantastic pupils shone like the glorious weather that blessed the afternoon. The whole college community excelled themselves in welcoming parents and prospective pupils who came to visit our superb school.

I wish you all a happy and relaxing weekend.

Dates for your diary:

• Thursday 13 October – U5 Parents’ Evening
• Monday 17 October – Parent Forum
• Tuesday 18 October – End of half term at 3.50pm

Dr Robson
Headmaster

Marian Procession

St Bede’s Pupils from the Prep, College and Sixth Form joined the hundreds of school children together to pray the Rosary and sing songs. The crowd of over a thousand Catholics, took to the streets of Manchester to witness to their faith and honour Our Lady in the month of the Holy Rosary.

The statue of Our Lady of Reconciliation and its platform, which weighs in excess of 440 pounds, were carried along Wilmslow Road, and circled Platt Fields Park before finally processing in for a service led by Bishop John Arnold.

Our very own Head Girl Charlotte Killingley was chosen to be the soloist at the service and sang a moving version of Ave Maria. BBC radio Manchester covered the event and after an interview Charlotte sang live on air from St Edwards Church. We look forward to next year’s procession with great anticipation.
Bede's Maintains Community Links with Sports Festival

On Friday 30 September primary schools from around the local area converged on Brantingham Road to participate in the annual St. Bede’s Prep Netball and Football Competition.

At stake were the individual trophies for the netball and football competitions and the much sought after Challenge Cup for the overall winners.

The weather stayed fine for the over 200 very excited competitors who couldn't wait for the start of the event. There were some nervous glances from the football and netball referees, drawn from the ranks of the GCSE and A level PE students - for many this was their debut fixture.

Over on the artificial surface, the netball tournament was quickly in full swing. Many parents were surprised to see that boys were equally at home on the courts as girls. Miss Lewis explained that netball is a sport for both boys and girls and the skills of the two St. Bede’s Prep boys were a testament to this. Despite some great play by the St. Bede’s Prep team Branwood were triumphant.

Back on the grass pitches in front of the pavilion, the football matches were evenly contested, with some great team moves, super saves and cool, composed finishing. Unfortunately our heroic prep team lost in the quarter finals on sudden death penalties. For the second year in succession Altrincham Prep were crowned deservedly football champions.

Dr Robson presented the trophies to the victorious football and netball teams. However, he kept the competitors in suspense – who had won the cherished Challenge Cup? ... It turned out to be Hale Prep! Congratulations once again to them and to all our competitors for exhibiting fair play and sportsmanship.

We are already planning next year's event which will be held on Friday 29th September 2017.

Dedication Mass

Today we welcomed Canon MacBride, Episcopal Vicar for Education within Salford Diocese and Parish Priest of St. Peter and St. Paul’s, Pendleton.

All deceased members of College staff are remembered in the Chapel through a dedicated memorial plaque. Today's service of dedication was led by Canon MacBride, Staff were joined by family members of those who have died.

Eternal Rest

**Terry Barnes**
Teacher of MFL and Deputy Headmaster

**Roy Burnage**
Caretaker

**Liam Byrne**
Former Pupil

**Rt. Rev. Monsignor Terence Dodgeon**
Former Student, Teacher, Governor and College Rector

**Frances Johnson**
School Matron

**Catherine Lee (and her baby of 37 weeks)**
Former Pupil

**Ray Parkinson**
Teacher of Mathematics and Deputy Headmaster

**Kevin Sanderson**
Science Technician
The Bedian Association

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

The Bedian Association Spooky Disco takes place on Friday 14 October from 6.30 – 8.00pm in the Academic Hall for our Prep pupils, friends and families.

Tickets for the event priced at £5 per child can be purchased via Agora.

2016 Dates for your calendar:

OCTOBER
• Friday 14 October
  “Spooky Disco” Prep only
  Academic Hall 6.30pm – 8.30pm

NOVEMBER
• Tuesday 1 November
  Bedian Association Meeting
  Vaughan Library 4.30pm
• Friday 11 November
  Coffee Afternoon
  Parents’ Café  2.30pm – 3.30pm

DECEMBER
• Saturday 3 December
  Christmas Fayre
  College 9.30am – 12.30pm
• Thursday 15 December
  U3 Christmas Disco
  Academic Hall 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Please email bedian@stbedescollege.co.uk if you are able to offer assistance.

Best Wishes,

Fiona and Tony

Duke Of Edinburgh

Just a reminder that this Sunday is the first Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Event. Students will be undertaking a walk at Beeston Castle, familiarising themselves with map reading and navigational skills.

All students should meet at the College at 8:30am on the playground and should be back between 2:30pm – 3pm.
Futsal - The Games Commence

The first game of the Lower Fourth Futsal tournament was played between Siena and Bosco. They played with enthusiasm and sportsmanship in a pulsating game that finished in a honourable 1-1 draw.

Every Friday lunchtime will see pupils representing their Houses alongside eager supporters.

Macmillan Cake Sale - Let them Eat Cake

The Bosco International Bake Off and Cake Sale in aid of Macmillan Nurses took place on Friday 30th September. A hugely impressive array of cakes were baked, judged, sold, and enjoyed. The weather was kind so we were able to sell the cakes on the Headmaster’s lawn at break and lunchtime.

Prizes for the best cakes go to Tom Dench with his St Bede’s 140 year birthday cake, Maria Onslow-Leavy for most indulgent cake, Maya Gordon-Campbell for best small cake, Renee Lee for best themed cake, and Roselle Sigsbert for her McMillan Nurses cake. The star baker was Ana Voronkov.

The sale raised a grand total of £250! Well done and thanks to all those who took part by baking, buying and enjoying cakes.
Tag Rugby

On Monday 3 October our U8 boys travelled to MGS to take part in their first ever Tag Rugby festival. We had lots of fun meeting other schools and learning to pass the ball backwards whilst moving forward to score tries. For more images click below.

www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/under-8-tag-rugby-festival/

Spanish Day

Wednesday 12 October will be filled with all things Spanish in the Prep - lessons, songs, music, dance, food! Pupils are invited to come to school that day in clothing in the colours of the Spanish flag, traditional Spanish dress or Spanish football shirts.

We would love to see as many pupils as possible embrace the Spanish theme of the day, otherwise – school uniform to be worn please, as it is not just non-uniform day.

'We're Going On A Bear Hunt'

Prep 2 have been looking at the different volumes and timbres made by a range of percussion instruments. Each child chose an instrument to represent a rhythmic sound from 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', and performed as a member of a group to really bring the story to life through music. The children were so pleased with their work that they asked their teacher to record it! We hope you enjoy our musical retelling of this well-known children's story as much as we did composing and performing it.

Starring... Nahum, Katie, Marco and Patrick (as the swishy-swashy grass)
Alina, Tunde and Sebastian (as the deep cold river)
Molly, Izzy, Aitana and Harry G (as the thicky oozy mud)
Samuel, Olivia and Gaoxing (as the big dark forest)
Jeremy, Haary's and Chidera (as the swirling whirling snowstorm)
Oscar, Amélie, Keander and Carey (as the tiptoeing through the cave)

To see the video click here: www.sbcm.co.uk/sbctvs/prep-2-going-on-a-bear-hunt/
Counting Our Blessings

On Tuesday 4 October, Prep 6C delivered the first class assembly of the year. The theme was a reminder that we should all count our blessings and be grateful to God, even though life is sometimes difficult. The children combined their reading, acting and singing talents to demonstrate the stresses of modern day 'First World Problems'. They cleverly contrasted this with the serious issues facing millions of people across the world, including the victims of war, famine and poverty. The children prepared for their performance with enthusiasm and diligence and they were delighted to share their powerful message with all of the children and so many parents and grandparents, who kindly supported us in the Chapel.

For more images click here: www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/prep-6c-assembly/

World’s Biggest Coffee Morning

Last Friday, St Bede’s Preparatory held another successful Macmillan Coffee afternoon in the school library. Children were asked to bake cakes for our annual ‘Bede’s Bake Off’ and the Student Council chose the lucky winners. There was an impressive selection of delicious treats on offer, some of which they had to taste to make sure if it was as good as it looked! Together we raised an amazing total of £288.84 for a charity which is so close to many of our hearts. A big thank you to everyone who came and helped to make the event a success!

For more images click here: www.sbcm.co.uk/gallery/prep-macmillan-afternoon-tea/