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REFLECTION — 17 March - Feast of St Patrick, Patron of Ireland

Whilst he was young, Patrick was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave to tend and herd sheep. At this time, Ireland was a land of Druids and Pagans but Patrick turned to God. He remained a slave until he was 20, when he had a dream from God in which he was told to leave by going to the coast. After becoming ordained, Patrick travelled to Ireland to spread the Gospel, converting many people and building churches. He used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity, worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God before he died in 461.

Reflection: "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith...and in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same."

Prayer: Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Amen.



YEAR 9 and 11 BASKETBALL TEAMS IN BRISTOL FINALS

Congratulations to our Year 9 Basketball team who on Monday played Bristol Met in the **Bristol League Final**. A fierce competition against last years champions saw **Jason Soodeen** score 40 points! The eventual score was 59-51. Well done to **Jason Soodeen, James Craddock, Sam Parsons, Louie Fransisco, Alex Olds, Aedan Bailey, James Milton Newland** and **Louis De Pedro**.



The senior basketball team also travelled to Bristol Met to play in the **final of the Bristol League** on Monday. The team has really developed this season and although they were apprehensive about playing the basketball academy, they relished the opportunity.

Well done to **Jaylan Findley** who was in his element and found some great shooting form! The final score was 64-53 to Met. Congratulations to **Cody O'Callaghan, Tommy Dougall, Eniola Olorode-Owoeye, Louis Riggs, Renji Babu, Jaylan Findley, Dominic Rahill** and **Finley Norton** as they all showed a fantastic approach and spirit towards the game.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th March

Week of Year 10 &
11 Exams in English,
Maths and Science

21st March

MFL Speaking
Competition

22nd March

Year 11 & Year 13
College
Photographs

Year 9

Parents' Evening
4.30pm—7.30pm

23rd March

END OF TERM 4

24th March

Duke of Edinburgh
Silver Training day

25th March

Year 11 History trip
to Berlin depart

28th March

Year 11 History trip
to Berlin return

30th March

GOOD FRIDAY

9th April

START OF TERM 5
Week B

13th April

Duke of Edinburgh
Bronze Award
Group 1 depart

14th April

Duke of Edinburgh
Bronze Award
Group 1 return

Sharp Shotz Competition Update

Our Sharp Shotz competition winning team have continued their exciting journey having recently attended two workshops at IDEAL, a Bristol community action group. **Melisha D'Costa, Erin Buccat, Sophia San Pedro** and **Kristine Matute** have worked with students from UWE to develop ideas for their positive body image campaign. From next week their attention will turn to film and animation production as well as thinking about how they will deliver their campaign message in school and the wider Bristol community. Well done girls, we can't wait to see the finished film!



INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to year 7 pupil **Luke Hooper**, who competed in an international tennis tournament last week in Auray, France.

In the largest under 12 tennis competition in the world, Luke got through to the quarter finals losing to the eventual winner of the competition from the USA. Well done Luke, a wonderful achievement.



SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

Over the next week we will be moving to a new provider for the parent texting/emailing service. You should not notice any difference in the service. If you are not receiving electronic communications from the College and would like to do so can you please contact Reception.

VOLLEYBALL CHARITY MATCH

On Tuesday, Year 11 challenged a staff team to a volleyball competition to raise money for our College charities. 3 competitive teams were assembled on both sides for a world class display of something that resembled the game of volleyball! As the sports hall filled with spectators, the tension rose and the games were underway. Nine games were played in total and the staff came out on top, winning 5-4. A big thank you to all of the players and the spectators for making a great atmosphere. The event raised just over £100.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Many thanks to our Key Stage 3 tutor groups who decorated their tutor room door in celebration of World Book Day. Congratulations to:
Year 8—Miss Simpson
For originality (and their imaginative use of music playing from their door!)
Year 8—Mr Dunn
For most creative door
Year 7—Mrs McCauley for most visually stimulating door.



Congratulations also to year 7 pupil **Oluwademilade Oluwole** who won the Guess Who's Coming to Dinner World Book Day Quiz.

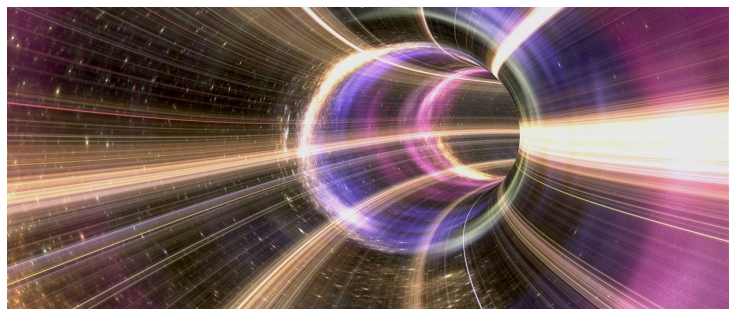
MATHS FEAST COMPETITION

On the 28th February, eight year 10 pupils took part in the prestigious Maths Feast competition an enjoyable and challenging team competition testing mathematical, team-working and communication skills. It was a fun day at Mangotsfield Secondary School involving five rounds using different maths skills. All of the pupils finished with impressive scores, coming 7th out of 21 and one team won a teamwork award. Congratulations to all involved.



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

British Science Week officially landed at St Bede's this week with this year's theme centered around 'Exploration and Discovery!' British Science Week is an annual celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that features a range of fascinating, entertaining and engaging events across the UK's schools.



Assemblies were delivered to each of the houses informing pupils of what has been happening this year in science and the exciting things yet to come in 2018. Lunch time activities included: 'The Flaming Bridge of Death' and 'Eggcelent Space Landers.'

All pupils relished the chance to see science coming alive and enjoyed learning in a non classroom context.

EASTER REVISION

We are offering numerous revision sessions for Year 11 and Year 13 pupils over the Easter Holidays. These will be updated in the next week and all sessions will be included in the next newsletter on the last day of term 4.

Date	Year Group	Subject	Staff	Time
Monday, 26th March	11	Religious Formation	Mr McCarthy/ Mr Sutton	10.00am—2.00pm
Tuesday, 27th March	11 and 13	Art	Mrs Cannon	10.00am—2.00pm
	11	Textiles	Mrs McCauley	10.00am—2.00pm
	11	Design Technology	Ms Scadding	9.00am—3.00pm
Wednesday, 28th March	11	Religious Formation	Mr McCarthy/ Mr Toffolo	10.00am—2.00pm
	11	French (Speaking)	Mrs Owen/ Ms Sanders	10.00am—2.00pm
	13	Maths	Mrs Colebourne	9.00am—1.00pm
Thursday, 29th March	11	English Literature	Mr McNamara	10.00am—2.00pm
	11	Spanish (Speaking)	Mrs Owen	10.00am—2.00pm
Tuesday, 3rd April	11	French (Speaking)	Ms Sanders	10.00am—2.00pm
Wednesday, 4th April	11	Maths	Mr O'Gallagher	10.00am—2.00pm
Thursday, 5th April	11	Food	Mrs Walker	10.00am—2.00pm
Friday, 6th April	13	Psychology	Ms Hector	8.30am—12.30pm

ESU SW Final

Three of our Year 11 pupils represented St Bede's in the prestigious English Speaking Union South West Final on Sunday 11th March. Giving up their Mothers' Day celebrations **Daniel McTiernan, Gabrielle Forster and Layla Dockerty** were in competition with Colston's as well as schools from Bath, Torquay, Somerset and Salisbury. All three were, once again, magnificent and were placed amongst the very top speakers in the region. Of the 60+ schools that took part from the South West we are so proud to see that our team was judged to be in the top 4.

BBC SCHOOL REPORT

Hold the front page! St Bede's was, once again, involved with BBC School Report this year. Pupils were encouraged to make their own news on Thursday of this week and the results can be found on our website at <http://www.stbedescscc.org/page/?title=School+Report&pid=103>

Every year the BBC throw open their news rooms to young journalists and give them the opportunity to have their voices heard. We are enthusiastic supporters of the day and this year had more budding writers than ever before. The stories that made it through the rigorous editing process included an investigation in to homelessness, concerns over mental health and several opinion pieces on animal cruelty.

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Nearly 300 primary children and their families gathered at the college yesterday for the annual Catholic Schools Primary Music Festival.

Pupils from Corpus Christi, Our Lady of the Rosary, St Bernard's, St Bonaventure's, St Francis, St Mary's, St Joseph's, St Nicholas of Tolentine and SS Peter and Paul Catholic primary schools participated.

Once again, David Ogden put together a great programme and the children performed a wonderful selection of traditional and contemporary songs in unison.

The theme of the evening was "Let all Creation Sing." What a truly uplifting celebration during this time of Lent.

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

'Sexting' - Advice and guidance for parents and carers

What is it?:

"Sexting" describes the sending of self-generated images which are inappropriate or indecent. A young person may choose to do this as a means of attracting attention from or impressing another person, or they may be pressurised or tricked into it.



What are the consequences?:

The consequences can be very serious if a 'sexting' image is found on a phone, sent to another user or posted on to social media. To be clear, it is a crime to take an indecent photo of a person under 18 years of age or to download or open such an image that has been sent via any device. Likewise, it is a criminal offence to distribute or show such an image or to possess an image of this kind. To clarify, a minor who sends an indecent image, including one of him or herself, is also breaking the law.

To safeguard the children at St. Bede's Catholic College, we will continue to;

- Discuss the dangers of 'sexting' with all pupils and to stress that caring and supportive relationships do not involve sending of indecent images
- Ensure that our e-community is as safe as possible with inappropriate sites blocked
- Ensure that pupils know they can talk to any member of staff in school if they have any concerns about any issues connected with sexting

As parents and carers, please continue to;

- Talk to your child about the social media they use and ensure they have the highest privacy settings. A useful set of 'How-to' guides can be found here: <http://www.vodafone.com/content/parents/howto-guides.html>
- Make use of on-line advice and guidance (or in paper format on request from the college reception) e.g NSPCC 'Sexting' – Advice for Parents: <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting/>