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PRIZE GIVING 2017

We welcomed Mr Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol as our special guest at the 21st Annual Prize Giving ceremony last week. Mayor Rees gave an inspirational speech expressing to our young people how important it is to surround yourself with good people, never to fear failure as we learn from failing and to be a good person.

Ms Hughes said *"You could all be destined for greatness, if that is what will make you happy"*. She continued: *"Many who had sat in your seats in years gone by are now doing great jobs, with huge power and influence, hopefully making wise decisions and exercising sound judgement, because that is what we taught them. I know many of you will also hold powerful jobs and shape our future. We are in the business of planting trees we will never see to fruition."*

Prizes were presented to almost 250 pupils who were awarded for high achievement, excellent attitude and public spirit within the community. Although the names of many of the prize winners were known before the evening, there were surprise awards announced at the ceremony itself: Congratulations to **Daniel Long** and **Samuel Brady** (Science Award), **Ben Stevens** and **Lara Mae Asuncion** (Sports Award), **Jansen Roy** (Year 11 Award), **Thomas Nguyen** (Year 13 Award), **Matthew Morgan** (Sixth Form Areté Award), **Sean Moss** (St. John Paul II Prize), **Rhian Hughes**, **John Estopen**, **Peter Savery** and **Stephanie Palmer** (Vice Principals' Awards) and **Ann Rose Biju**, **Dominic Britton**, **Sophie Stretch** and **Thomas Holbrook** (Principal's Awards).

A huge number of children received nominations from staff and a scrupulous effort to be fair, resulted in the final list. We hope that pupils deserving of an award, but who did not receive one this year, will be recognised at Prize Giving celebrations in future years. Ms Hughes, this week, will award a small gift to pupils who achieved three or more nominations but did not receive a prize this year, a letter home will be sent to their parents to share with them this good news. A copy of the Prize Giving programme is on our website.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th May 2017
Week of Year 9
Exams

15th May 2017
A Level and GCSE
Exams start

19th May 2017
Pasteur House
Quiz Night

22nd May 2017
Year 10 End of Term
Exams

26th May 2017
END OF TERM 5

5th June 2017
START OF TERM 6
WEEK A

CHARITY SWIM

Congratulations to year 9 pupil **Andreas Lomvardos** who participated in a swimathon on Saturday 29th April.

Andreas, who trains three times per week at Bristol North Swimming Club, swam **300 lengths of the pool** for nearly three hours raising a total of **£1,278.00** for Alzheimer's Society.

Well done Andreas!

REFLECTION— Blessed Mother Mary

The month of May is a special time for us to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. Mary was an instrument of the incarnation, without her, it would not have been possible for Jesus to bring salvation to the world. She was also the first to hear the Good News and the first to follow Christ, devoting her entire life to him. By carrying out Christ's mission, we are following in Mary's footsteps.

It is common for churches to have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. It is also a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue.

Prayer: Hail Mary, full of grace.

The Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.



ENGLAND SUCCESS FOR TABLE TENNIS CHAMPION LOUIS PRICE

Congratulations to year 8 pupil **Louis Price** who came home with a Gold and Silver after last weekend's **Zagreb Youth Open in the Under 13 Team event** as well as in the Singles competition.

Louis, along with his England teammate, Jamie Liu battled hard to **earn the winner's trophy for England** by beating teams from Bosnia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, India as well as top seeds Croatia to bring home the Gold in an action packed Zagreb stadium.

The Under 13 Singles tournament started well for Louis by winning his group with three 3-0 wins. Into the knockout rounds, he saw off players from Slovenia, and Croatia to reach the last 8 where he played the top seed Roko Meter from Croatia. He won his quarter final match 3-0 with ease before beating India's Aadil Anand 3-2 in a tight affair. Having won 15 out of 15 matches over the weekend, Louis played his England teammate Jamie Liu in the Under 13 Final. In a tense and action packed match, it was Jamie Liu that finished winning the gold by the tightest of margins, a 12-10 victory in the 5th and final set.

Dan Ives, Louis' coach describes his latest success - "Louis has shown great composure to win matches against top European players and can only serve as a confidence booster with the English Under 15 Nationals approaching this month as well as more travel to tournaments in France, Lithuania and the Czech Republic in May and June."



BERLIN TRIP 2017

Forty Year 11 GCSE History pupils set off on a four day visit to Berlin during the Easter holidays. The foci of the visit was Nazi Germany, the Holocaust and the Cold War.

The first evening in Berlin was spent visiting the Dome of the old Reichstag building. Pupils had a busy schedule the following day as they toured The Story of Berlin Museum and the municipal bunker built for Berliners during the Cold War. This was followed by a walking tour of Berlin, where we saw the Brandenburg Gate, Topography of Terror, Checkpoint Charlie and the Jewish Memorial and Museum.

The most poignant parts of the trip were a visit to the concentration camp at Sachsenhausen and an informative guided tour of the Wansee Villa, where the Final Solution for the extermination of the Jews in Europe was agreed. On a much lighter note, we explored the 1936 Olympic Stadium, where Jesse Owens won four gold medals.

The trip was extremely thought provoking but there was time for lighter moments, and a little retail therapy. Curry Wurst is now a firm favourite amongst some Year 11 pupils and many have developed a taste for the finest quality chocolate from the beautiful Fassbender-Rausch chocolatiers!

ATTENTION TO ALL YEAR 10 PUPILS WHO HAVE PAID DEPOSITS FOR NEXT YEAR'S BERLIN TRIP.

Next year's trip to Berlin is now booked. All those going on the trip should have been given a letter. If you have not received a letter please see Mrs Lewis.

LIBRARY NEWS

One of the legacies from our Patron of Reading are a list of 'Rights of a St Bede's Reader'. During her visits to St Bede's, **Chelsey Flood** discussed reading rights with the pupils and flipchart notes were amassed. From these, a list was drawn up. Year 10 pupil **Isabelle Faria**, a talented artist and Duke of Edinburgh library volunteer, created this wonderful painting. This is now displayed in pride of place in the library and around College for all to see and we wanted to share it with you.



We said a **fond farewell** to **Mrs Pickup** last week as she leaves St. Bede's to embark on a new challenge. Our warm wishes to **Mrs Fish**, who joined us this week as our new Librarian. We would be delighted to hear of any suggestions on who we might consider to invite to be our second Patron of Reading, please do contact Mrs Fish.

SWIMMING COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to year 7 pupil **Sean Simmons** who received **three gold medals** at the **Gloucestershire County Swimming Championships** recently. Sean, who has been swimming for nearly 7 years for Bristol Henleaze, won the 50m and 100m backstroke and the freestyle relay.



Sean has been selected to swim for Gloucestershire and will participate in the South West Regionals later this month. We wish you the very best of luck.

DIOCESE RESIDENTIAL CAMP

The Diocese is holding two Living Your Faith Residential Weeks in August. Week One 7 - 11 August (Age 7 - 11) and Week Two 14th - 18th August (Age 12 - 16).

The weeks are intended to encourage children and young people to engage in their faith through fun, games and spiritual input. They take place in the beautiful surroundings of the Marist Convent in Nympsfield. For more details contact Stephen Spurrell at livingyourfaith@hotmail.co.uk

ICELAND ADVENTURE

During the Easter holidays, 29 Areté students ventured to Iceland for a once in a lifetime expedition of an amazing place.

The Geography students benefited from seeing many of the features we have learnt about in class, which will certainly help them going into their A Level examinations.

We were amazed by the thaw of the winter snow and ice; this allowed us to see many waterfalls in their full glory, and the size of that geyser, what a sight!



The glacier walk was an interesting experience, particularly having seen the amount of glacial retreat since we were there in 2015. Everyone went home with memories that they will keep forever and hopefully it has sparked a love for exploring the world. I look forward to taking another group of students to this amazing place next year. Information will be coming to Year 11's soon on how they can secure their place on next years trip. The full trip blog can be found on our website: www.stbedesc.org
Mr Osborne



BRISTOL AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE SCHOOL FOOTBALL FINALS



Congratulations to our Year 7 Football team who produced a hard fought victory against Winterbourne Academy in the Bristol and South Gloucestershire school finals, a cup that started with over 38 schools at the beginning of the season.

A hard pitch meant St Bede's couldn't play their normal flowing football but they changed their game plan accordingly using the speed of their wingers to great effect. With all the play and St Bede's goalkeeper untroubled for most the match, Winterbourne scored a surprising goal with 3 minutes to play. Our year 7's replied straight away to take the tie into extra time.

Having scored almost immediately in extra time, we were able to see out the rest of the tie comfortably. The Year 7 boys now move onto the county finals next Wednesday. Good Luck!

WEST OF ENGLAND YOUNG ENTERPRISE FINAL

Congratulations to our **Young Enterprise** team *Ignite* who were placed as **runners up in the West of England Area Final** this week at Kings Weston House.

The team performed well. They were judged on their 10 page company report, trade stand and a 4 minute presentation. Particular praise to **Shanaz Sharonsenthil, Sneha Thomas, Callum O'Leary, Josh Owen and Przemyslaw Jaroslowski** for presenting on the night.

Ignite made up solely of Year 10, did an excellent job to come 2nd in the competition against 8 other teams, each of which included 6th form students. An amazing achievement for our students.

MAY HALF TERM SPORTS CAMPS

The St Bede's Community sport team will be running a 4 day sports camp for 7-14 year olds during the May half term. The multi-sports camp will run from Tuesday 30th May to Friday 2nd June from 9am-3pm at a cost of £12 per day or £40 for all four days. The camp will include sports such as basketball, football, dodgeball, netball, cricket, tennis and more. For more information and to book a place on the camp please contact Rob Allan, Sports Development Officer, on 07825 767582 or email r.allan@stbcc.org.

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Top Tips – Parental Advice on Social Media used by children

Talk to them about who they've shared the information with and assess the risk it poses to your child. You can also ask your child to remove the information from their account and help them understand how to share safely.

Make your child aware of the potential risks of sharing personal content online such as online cyberbullying.

Help your child understand how to remove information that could pose a risk to them.

Check that your child has set their social network account to 'private' so their shared information can only be seen by people they know.

Make sure your child understands that people may hide behind fake profiles for dishonest reasons and the person they've been chatting to could easily be someone with bad intentions.

Remind your child that they should never give out personal information to someone they don't know online. Make sure they understand what personal information is. According to our research on average 6 out of 10 of children's online friends are not 'real' friends offline.

Be clear with your child that they should never meet someone face to face without your consent. Show them how to block and report anything offensive. Your child should know they can come and talk to you if someone or something is making them feel uncomfortable online.

Source : Internetmatters.org

We have been spending time recently talking to children about the dangers of posting negative comments online to other young people, and particularly posting to "groups".