



Message from the Headteacher

"Jesus made himself nothing, taking on the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness"

Philippians 2:7

Yesterday the school came together to mark Armistice Day, and share a moment of reflection and remembrance. As pupils, students and staff paused, they listened to a recording of **Talitha** (Year 10) playing the Last Post. I would like to thank staff, pupils and students for their support of the Royal British Legion's fundraising efforts through the Poppy Appeal.

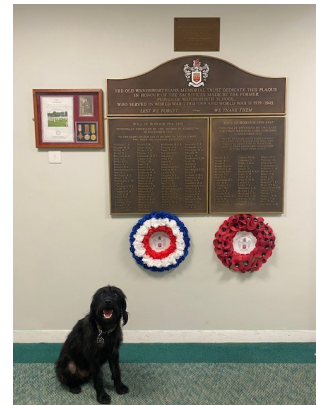
This week, our newsletter features pupils learning, enjoying and achieving in Science, Languages and Art. As more organisations open up, we are able to move ahead with careers events, as seen with the recent Sixth Form visit to a local winery. Watch this space for more careers and futures events over the coming months, and do encourage your children to get involved.

Finally, we are again reminding pupils and students they ought to make their way home directly at the end of the day, unless they are requested to see a teacher, or attend an extra-curricular club. Thank you for your support in reminding them of this expectation.

Enjoy reading this week's newsletter and have a great week ahead.

God bless,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher



Chaplain's Corner

"Christ Jesus: who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God as something to be grasped, but made himself nothing..."

Philippians 2:6-7

Dear Parents,

Warm greetings to you. I hope you are keeping warm and well as the temperature starts to drop.

Here at school, in our collective worship with students, we are continuing a series I have entitled 'Jesus, our Great Example.' Last week, we looked at the theme of 'Role Models' and this week we are picking up the theme of 'Power'.

Our theme verse, continues from where we left off last week and says: *"Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped but made himself nothing..."*

Paul highlights the stark contrast between how Jesus could have behaved, and how He actually lived. He could have come to Earth to demand every person grovel in front of Him. Rather than treating others as His servants, and abusing power, He became a servant to the people He had created. He let go of his power and 'made himself nothing.'

What an example for us today! Please pray that pupils and students are moved to reflect on their use of power in light of Jesus' example. Perhaps many of them may not think they have power - but they certainly have influence. How great would it be if they could influence and spur on one another in the right ways!

Blessings to you for the week ahead.

Alex Shoderu
Chaplain

Parent Prayer Meeting

I just wanted to take this opportunity to re-introduce our Parent's Prayer meetings, especially for our new parents. We aim to meet a couple of times a term over Zoom. I usually gather prayer requests from our Headteacher and other members of staff and bring that to the meeting for prayer. Please see details below for the next one. If you'd like to be added to the Parent Prayer mailing list, please email svandermeer@saintcecilias.london.

Monday 15th November: Parent Prayer On-line Zoom Meeting 1pm—1:45

Meeting ID: 384 874 8823 **Password:** Romans832

Alex Shoderu
Chaplain

Blackbook Winery Careers Visit

On Thursday, 15 pupils from Years 11 and 12 visited a small local business to explore the many career opportunities in the field of wine. They heard from a variety of experts from the wine industry, ranging from sommeliers to marketing professionals. The visit took place at the Blackbook Winery, Battersea, and pupils had the chance to learn about careers within the industry, surrounded by fermenting grapes and oak aged barrels. The team at Blackbook are very keen to develop the relationship with Saint Cecilia's and promote careers within the wine industry.

Lucy Bush
Deputy Headteacher

Guildhall School of Music and Drama visit

Our series of music experience days and masterclasses at top conservatoires and universities continues. Here is Charlotte's report from her visit to Guildhall School of Music and Drama with 2 other pupils.

Charlotte, Year 12 writes:

"Last week I had the opportunity to visit the Guildhall for workshops and masterclasses. Guildhall is one of the premier music conservatoires in the UK, located in the Barbican Centre in London. The day was run by tutors and lecturers from Guildhall, to give students a taste of what it would be like to go to the conservatoire after A Levels.

I got to take part in lots of great workshops, including playing alongside the Guildhall Symphony Orchestra, rehearsing and performing 'La forza del destino'. I was given the opportunity to attend masterclasses with Guildhall staff, including a flute workshop working on technique and performing considerations, and a performing workshop. Each session focused on different aspects of not only learning music but showing your personality and interpretation when performing. The staff and students were really supportive and the environment was relaxed. Overall it was a really good opportunity. The day has inspired me to explore other conservatoires and music courses for after A Level."

James Robinson
Assistant Headteacher

Read for Good Readathon 2021

The Library would like to thank all those pupils who participated in this year's Readathon to raise money for books for children in hospital. We are pleased to have raised about £220 so far. If anyone still has sponsorship money to hand in, please ask your children to bring it to me in the Library or you can pay it in online at readforgood.org.

Rachel Goodhart
Library Assistant



GCSE Textiles



This is a piece by **Rebecca** in Year 11 last year. As part of her GCSE Textiles course she looked at Still Life and what it meant to her during lockdown. She created this piece using paint and embroidery.

Vicky England
Teacher of Art and Design

Creative Spanish

Following the creative success in the French department, Year 11 students in Spanish dressed up and created different outfits for a school uniform. They enjoyed using different accessories while using uniform descriptions, opinions and sophisticated structures.



Sara Navarro
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

Year 7 get busy with Bunsen burners

7H were excited to use Bunsen burners in Science this week. For several, this was their first time using them and all worked safely to boil their 'magic potions' (water with food colouring!)

Becky Butlin
Teacher of Science



Culture in the French Department

Last week our French linguists got the opportunity to do some cultural starters on La Toussaint (All Saints' Day) and Diwali, two religious celebrations widely commemorated in the French-speaking world.



La Toussaint in Guadeloupe

Pupils learnt that La Toussaint is a catholic holiday where people celebrate their lost loved ones by going to the cemetery and lighting candles and putting flowers on the grave yards. It's also a time of reflection spent with the whole family. Pupils were particularly intrigued by the fact that French pupils get a 2-week holiday for La Toussaint whereas here, their half-term is only 1 week. They learnt that this originated from when French children helped their parents with the potato harvest; the 2-week holiday remained even though children are no longer helping with harvests! Some French-speaking places around the world where la Toussaint is celebrated are Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guyana and Reunion. Pupils also learnt some interesting French vocabulary on the theme and everybody's new favourite French word is "les bougies" which means "the candles."

Diwali, the Festival of Lights is also celebrated in France and in the French-speaking world: Mauritius, Reunion, Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guyana, etc. Here are some commentaries from pupils after their lesson on Diwali:

Grace: "The whole community gathers together and celebrates the festival of light and the creation of the universe. Time to get rid of bad energy and ego. It looks bright and very beautiful, I would be honoured to celebrate it with someone, as it looks very fun and exciting."

Kano: "Diwali is a very nice celebration because there is delicious food, good vibes and a lot of people come together. It's about the creation of the universe."

Barnaby: "Diwali seems like a fun, spiritual festival. They celebrate the creation of the world and it's a time to forget about your ego. I would like to go to India during this time to see first hand how people celebrate and to taste their special foods."

Jayden: "Diwali is about celebration. It's also known as the festival of light, a time to join together with family and pray to the Hindu Gods. It is a very important festival which lasts for 5 days in India. I do like the idea and concept."



Diwali celebration on the island of Mauritius

Lydia Julan

Assistant Curriculum Team Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

Surrey Storm Trials

On Thursday 4th November, we took Year 11 and 12 students who want to be part of the senior netball squads next season for an official netball trial. We travelled with 34 girls to Surrey Sports Park (home of Surrey Storm netball) where we were greeted by Surrey Storm Head coach Mikki Austin, as well as a Surrey Storm Community Coach Clem and Super-league player and captain of Uganda netball team Peace Proscovia. Peace took the girls through a vigorous warm up and skills section, before moving onto match play. The selectors sat and analysed all the girls as they played in the sports hall where the Surrey Storm team themselves train and play. Alex Bishop, Imogen Hamel and I were impressed with how seriously the girls took the trials, how competitive they were and how much potential these squads have. We are excited to be selecting the two senior squads who, with the partnership with Surrey Storm netball Superleague team, will receive training three times a week by a Surrey Storm player, gain tickets to Surrey Storm and branded kit. Well done to all who trialled.



Harriet Field
Teacher of PE



Senior Netball Fixtures

Saint Cecilia's Senior A and B netball teams travelled to Reigate to play against independent school, Dunottar. The A team won a tightly contested game 11-9, with elements of good, although at times erratic, play. Player of the match was **Destinie** for her sharp shooting and Coach's Player of the Match was **Olivia** for her vital interceptions in defence and much needed drives through court. The B squad (Year 11A team) should be proud of their convincing win of 15-3. It is clear the training for this squad has been paying off. Well done to Coach's Player of the Match **Bonnie** for her movement as Goal Shooter and **Emma** for her feeds into the circle. We are excited to see what this team can do with the rest of the season with Superleague player Ellie Kelks coaching the girls each week. Well done to all. We look forward to training next week!

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Year 9 Netball

On Monday we took the Year 9A and 9B netball girls for their first game against Emmanuel School.

With an injury and call ups from a couple of Year 8s, we took on the strong Emmanuel side. Despite tight losses of 12-9 and 18-16, the girls played some great netball against strong teams. Well done to Player of the Match **Chloe** for her movement at Wing Attack, and to **Eva** for some lovely feeds into the circle. I would particularly like to congratulate **Alexia** and **Talia** for playing in a Year 9 fixture despite being in Year 8! We know they enjoyed the match teas and we look forward to having a fully fit squad for our rematch at the end of the season!

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE



Football Action



A massive congratulations to the Year 9 football teams for their success at the Southfields 6-a-side tournament on Thursday night. The A team had a very solid run and made it to the semi-finals, but came up against some very tough opposition. The B team had to endure a penalty shootout in their semi-final, and came through to play in the final. After hitting the bar about three times during the match, the result had to be decided on penalties again, where nerves of steel from both the goalkeeper and the strikers ensured they lifted the medals. Well done to all! Pictured: **Nathan, Teddy, Reuben, Jack, Nicholas and Callum**.

Kaan Cengiz
Teacher of Religious Studies

Thank you to The Friends

We are delighted to have installed our new greenhouse that the Friends of Saint Cecilia's kindly funded. Along with seed trays, seeds, watering can, potting compost and pots, it is sitting at the back of the Sports Hall. Hopefully we will have a colourful crop of vegetables and some lovely plants that we can plant around the site next Spring/Summer.

We are happy to take any more donations for this project if any parents have anything that may help in this project. Next spring we will be hopefully getting pupils involved and learning how to get green fingers!

Andy Barrett
Premises Manager



The Friends Meet and Greet

The Friends will be hosting a meet and greet on Friday 26th November 2021 at St. Michael's Church SW18 5TT from 9:15 - 11:30 am.

Parents/Carers are invited to come along to meet the new Officers and Trustees of the Friends.

Chavionne Richardson-Walker
Secretary, The Friends

The Friends Christmas Trees 2021

We would like to encourage you to order top quality Christmas trees for fantastic prices from the Friends of Saint Cecilia's and help raise money for the school!

The Christmas trees are extremely popular so if you would like to place an order, please complete [this form](#) by Friday 26th November. Prices start from £23 for a 3-4 foot tree.

Tree collection will be on Saturday 11th December approximately 9-11am (TBC on 10th Dec) from outside 64 Sutherland Grove, Southfields.

Any queries, please email angelamhead@gmail.com

Valente Panattoni
Chair, The Friends



Christmas Card Competition 2021

Our annual Christmas card design competition launches today! This is the fantastic opportunity for your child to design the official card Renata Joseph will send out across the borough to churches, schools, and organisations that have supported or collaborated with our school over the years.

To raise funds for the Home Café charity, we will have packs of five for sale for £2.50 per pack. These cards will be blank inside so you can use them as Christmas or Thank you cards. Payment will be taken via ParentPay and packs will be distributed the week beginning Monday 6th December.

The 2021 Christmas Card Competition is open to all year groups. We are asking all pupils and students to design a card, using any medium, on the scripture theme of Jesus—The Servant King (Philippians 2:5-7). Holly Dorman, Admin and Finance, Alex Shoderu, Chaplain and our CTL for Art and Design, Stella Allan, will choose the winner. The final card will be professionally printed with the artist's name credited on the back.

Attached to this newsletter is the entry form. Alternatively, entry forms will be available from the Library and Reception. Pupils and students should print this and either design straight onto the form or attach their final art piece firmly using glue or double-sided tape (no staples). It should fill the whole space. Artwork must be original. Entries with artwork attached should be handed into Reception or, if digital art, can be emailed to hdorman@saintcecilias.london. Remind your child to tell us their name and mentor group if emailing their entry.

Pupils and students only have until **Wednesday 24th November** to complete their entries. The final winner will be announced in the weekly newsletter on Friday 26th. Good luck!

Kelly Turner
Marketing Manager

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 15th November:** Parent Prayer On-line Zoom Meeting 1pm—1:45
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- **Thursday 18th November:** Year 9 Parent Partnership Event 7-8pm
- **Monday 15th - Friday 19th November:** Anti-bullying week
- **Tuesday 23rd November:** Autumn collective worship in the community