



# Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week you will have all received a letter from **Miss Hearn**, Deputy Headteacher sharing with you the wonderful news of our fundraising exploits for Unicef last Friday. Thanks to the generosity and ingenuity of the boys and the drive and determination of **Miss Hearn** and **Miss Steadman** and all the staff we raised £1,558.52. The form raising the most were 7P - a big well done to **Claire Masterson-Lemin** in the English Department for galvanising her form to raise an impressive £396.04. Fantastic! The overall house winner was Red.

At the weekend our charity team undertook a bag pack for Our Place Community Hub. Well done to the team.

On Monday **Mr Robson** and **Mr Greenwood** (DofE Co-ordinator) were at Buckingham Palace at a garden party to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of the amazing Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. We even met one of our Duke of Edinburgh Gold winners from yesteryear **Jon Cotgreave** (OV 02-09). It was a lovely celebration of a very good scheme for young people.

Our top merit winners to be invited to next week's hot chocolate and cookies with the Head are **Joseph McClafferty 7R, Matthew Williams 7R, Dexter Conner 7R, King-Jerry Adu 7R, Nilay Patel 7R, Samuel Kakosa 7R, Marcus Phillips 7R, Alex Dixon 7R, Will Meehan 7R, Amin Khan 7R**. Well done boys.

Well done also to the boys from Year 9 and 10 who are this week's successful recipients of the top ten merit award. Here they are pictured to the right.



I also met this morning with our U13 Chess Team, who for the first time since the league began, 15 years ago, has been crowned League Champions. Well done to **Mr Morgan** from the Maths Department, our Chess guru, and all the team: I-r **Joshua Eager, Mithun Padmanabhan, Adeyemi Adeboyejo, Chirag Guha, Hugo Martin, Vraaj Shah, Nayan Van Alderwegen, Hei-To Ho, Moonis Haider**. (and also not pictured **Matthew Lakin, Ben Dodwell** and **Umair Choudhry**.)

There are a couple of opportunities I would like to make you aware of. Sutton and Mere Green Library are looking for young volunteers aged 15-18 years old who love books and reading. Are you friendly and enjoy talking to people? Are you enthusiastic about reading? This is a volunteer role for you. Please contact the relevant library for more details.

Some of you may be interested in a Peace and Friendship Walk and Gathering on Monday 30 May meeting at 11:00am from Town Gate Sutton Park (Part Road, off Clifton Road B73 6BU) followed by a gathering at the Old Court House.



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Looking further ahead please find attached information regarding a Lads and Dads Singing Workshop here at BVGS on Saturday 9 July from 10:00am - 3:00pm with a charge of £10 for every 'Lad and Dad' pairing. This singing workshop will be led by our singing teacher **Mr Jeffries** and is suitable for all ages and should be a lot of fun. I intend to attend with my son, and I do hope that you will consider giving this a go. Mr Jeffries firmly believes that everyone has the ability to sing and that it is a fundamentally good thing to do. Can I please encourage you all to consider this new event a try? Please see the attached poster for details of how to register.

This week BVGS attended yet another Year 5 evening to spread the word about our school. We have a test familiarisation afternoon next Wednesday, a test familiarisation morning on Saturday 11 June and a STEM Outreach Day on Monday 13 June. If your son's primary school have yet to publicise any of these events, please ask them to do so as we have emailed all our primary schools across the city. To book a place on any of these opportunities, please email [s.weblin@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk](mailto:s.weblin@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk).

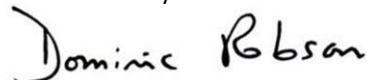
A huge thank you to all parents who attended today's Year 9 Review Day with **Mr Alex Davis**. We want all boys to fulfil their potential and we are very keen to make sure that everyone is preparing properly for those important exams coming up after May half-term.

Elsewhere, in the world of sport this week we have had the Year 8 house tennis competition. Well done Blue and especially **George Parkes**, player of the tournament. It is also good to hear about the achievements of our students. **James Ward 9W** represented Sutton Coldfield Athletics Club at the Midlands Country Championships on Saturday and he is now Warwickshire U15 Hammer Champion and he came second in the Discus. He's quite popular at the club at the moment as they have a benefactor who makes a gift to the club each time one of their athletes gets a PB whilst representing the club and this year James gained them money for 200m, 300m, Shot, Discus and Hammer. Well done James. For all information on Vesey sport this week please visit [www.bvgssport.co.uk](http://www.bvgssport.co.uk).

Thank you to all those of you who are supporting our inaugural Golf Day Fundraiser on Wednesday 8 June. For more details please contact **Brian Davies**, Deputy Director of Sport on [b.davies@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk](mailto:b.davies@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk). Similarly a big thank you to all who are supporting the Ball on 1 July. There are still some tickets left. Please come along, have fun and support raising money for our school (in particular ICT for the new STEM Block). Contact Helen Green [MIHLGreen@aol.com](mailto:MIHLGreen@aol.com) for tickets.

Wishing everyone a productive weekend in preparing for the forthcoming examinations.

Yours sincerely



**Dominic Robson**  
Headteacher



**John Craggs DL BSc PhD HonDUniv FCMA**  
Chairman of Governors

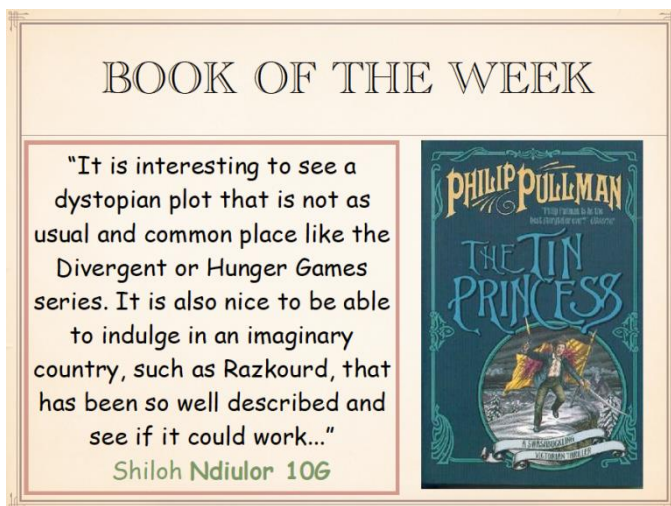
#### **Quote of the Week**

'A stumble may prevent a fall'  
**English Proverb**

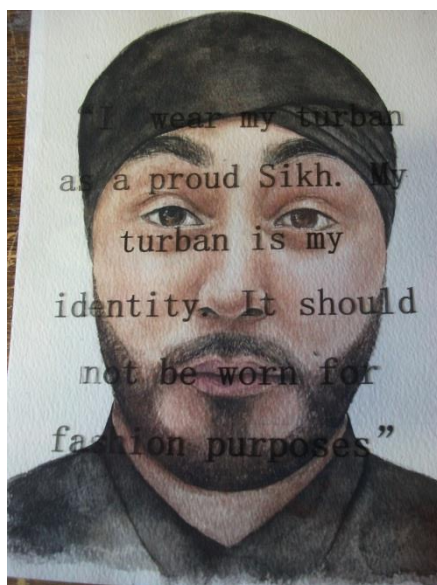
#### **Word of the Week**

'eloquent' adj. having or exercising the power of fluent and appropriate speech

## Book of the Week



## Art Star of the Week



**Kirun Sehra U6CW.** Kirun has developed her exam project, on the theme of appropriation and appreciation, within Indian culture. Here is an exceptional and thought provoking portrait

## Dates for your diary:

Monday 23 May	HR Committee meeting
Wednesday 25 May	Outreach afternoon
Thursday 26 May	Students and teaching staff break up for half-term
Friday 27 May	Other staff break up for half term
Monday 6 June	Term re-commences
w/c Monday 6 June	Exam Week
Monday 6 June	Learning and Teaching Committee meeting
Saturday 11 June	Outreach morning
Monday 13 June	STEM Outreach Day
Monday 13 June	Finance and Estates Committee meeting
Tuesday 14 June	Junior Maths Kangaroo and Olympiad
Thursday 16 June	SDP Parents' Forum

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w/c Monday 20 June	Busking Week
Tuesday 21 June	Debate on EU
Thursday 23 June	EU Mock Referendum Vote
Thursday 23 June	Higher Education Evening
Sunday 26 June	German Exchange
Monday 27 June	DofE Expedition
Monday 27 June	Year 7 Performance Evening 19:00
Tuesday 28 June	Year 7 Performance Evening 19:00
Wednesday 29 June	Leavers' Ball
Thursday 30 June	Year 7 Induction Day
Friday 1 July	Spelling Bee MFL National Finals, Cambridge
Friday 1 July	Vesey Ball at Aston Wood Golf Club (see flyer)
Monday 4 July	Poppies Concert in Lichfield Cathedral
Monday 4 July	Governing Body Full Board Meeting
Tuesday 5 July	Primary School Debating Competition at BVGS
Tuesday 5 July	Open Evening for prospective Y7 16:00 - 19:00
Thursday 7 July	House Music Festival
Thursday 7 July	Art Exhibition
Friday 8 July	L6 Induction Day
Saturday 9 July	Lads and Dads Singing Workshop
w/c Monday 11 July	Y10 Work Experience Week
Friday 15 July	World Challenge Expedition
Saturday 16 July	Class of 1991 Reunion
w/c Monday 18 July	Activity Week
Monday 18 July	Presentation Evening Y7-10
Friday 22 July	Break up for summer

# LADS — AND — DADS



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EVERY CHAP CAN SING – INCLUDING YOU

Singing workshop for boys and men

Find your voice ★ Bring your lad or dad ★ Give singing a go ★ Eat, sing, perform!

SATURDAY 9 JULY 2016  
10am - 3pm (breakfast 9.30am)

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£10 per 'Lad and Dad' Register: [ladsanddadssing@gmail.com](mailto:ladsanddadssing@gmail.com) £3 for every extra 'Lad'