



Christ Church Cathedral School

Friday 11th February 2022

Dear Parents,

Our School, 3 Brewer Street, was built in 1892 to house the pupils and staff who had previously occupied various buildings in College. For most of its life, our School was housed under the Great Hall at Christ Church in what is now the Law Library. You can still see the names of some of the boys carved on the stone limestone window frame. Their playground was a sloping, cobbled yard which must have taken its toll on many a young knee-cap. Today, on the top two floors of No 3, you will find our boarding house run by the incomparable Mr Robson and his outstanding staff, Ms Biddell, Mr Baillie, Mr Farmer, Matron Marcia and Matron Debbie. Together they provide a nurturing and positive environment in which the Cathedral Choristers flourish, thereby enabling them to produce the wonderful music which they do, day in, day out. If they were not so happy, they would not be able to sing in the way that they do or work together so effectively.

As you will have seen, we are now offering flexi-boarding for day pupils in the Prep School. This service will be, as the name suggests, flexible, allowing boys to stay for a night, for a specified day every week or for the working week. This may be to help with a short holiday or a quick trip, or it may be to obtain some experience of boarding before reaching senior school. This week I have met the Headmasters of two major senior schools, both of whom were saying that their boarding routines were becoming more flexible. This may encourage some of you who might not have considered senior boarding schools to do so, and I would commend to you, therefore, the opportunity to try out some boarding under Mr Robson's care.

There will, however, be no change in the boarding arrangements for the Cathedral Choristers, whose seven-day a week commitments, including early morning rehearsals and evening services, mean full boarding is a necessary if they are to achieve what they so impressively do. These Choristers are at the heart of the School and we are so fortunate to have them. Increasingly, we are recruiting internal candidates to be Cathedral Choristers. In some cases Ms Biddell has known them since Reception. This is a great joy to us, as much as anything because when they start the chorister routine in Form 4, they are already well underway thanks to the brilliant preparation that they have received from Ms Biddell and the fabulous group of peripatetic music teachers at the School. It is not surprising that the choir is presently so admired. Do contact Mrs Kemp if you would like to talk further about your son becoming a Chorister in one of the world's leading choirs.

I have mentioned our sport in the past two newsletters but I want to do so again because, on Wednesday, we took on the Manor School in Abingdon. We played three matches against them and won them all, a tremendous achievement on the part of the School. Of course winning isn't everything... but it is always good to experience the sweet taste of victory! Publius Syrrus, the Roman writer said: "Where there is unity, there is always victory!" The way in which the teams have played so well together has indeed made such a difference. Well done Coaches, well done boys!

I am looking nervously down at my stomach... I seem to have eaten so much in the past couple of weeks. The problem is that there has been an intensive bout of cooking going on at the School recently. As you may have seen from the advertisements, we have been running a Jubilee Pudding Competition and so many cakes, biscuits and confections have been brought in by the boys, hoping to see if their recipes will be the ones chosen. Such a competition requires judges and hence the requirement to consume large amounts of delicious offerings. I look forward to hearing (and tasting) who will be the ultimate victor. Meanwhile earlier this week, Reception went with Miss Farmer to the kitchen where they were inspired by their experience of reading "The Snail and the Whale" to make delicious snail chocolate biscuits – I suspect there was not enough room in the kitchen to make whale biscuits! Meanwhile, today, Mme Loyer made, with her French set, Gateau au Yaourt, which translates unromantically as Yoghurt cake - though in either language they taste good. This afternoon lovely tan brown cakes were collected by the proud chefs. "Will it be tasty?" I asked one of them. "Of course, Sir. It will be delicious because it is Mme Loyer's recipe and she's a professional French cook!" Magnifique!

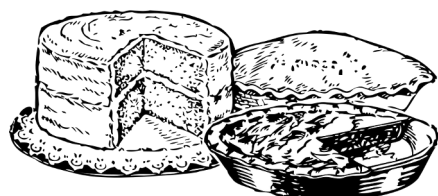
Mr Murray
Headmaster

Hilary 2022

Monday 14th - Sunday 20th February

MONDAY 14	
3.30 - 4.30	After School Chess Club (Forms 3 & 4)
4.00 - 5.00	After School Teddy Soccer Club (Reception, Forms 1 & 2) (WWH)
4.10 - 5.00	After School Ancient Greek Club (Forms 7 & 8)
TUESDAY 15	
	Theme Day
4.00 - 5.00	After School Teddy Tennis Club (Reception, Forms 1 & 2) (WWH)
WEDNESDAY 16	
3.30 - 4.30	After School Chess Club (Form 2)
THURSDAY 17	
FRIDAY 18	
8.30	Cathedral Assembly, speaker The Very Reverend Jeremy Auld, Rector of Woodstock and Bladon
10.45 - 11.45	House General Knowledge Quiz
1.35	Poetry Recitation, adjudicator Dr Ralph Townsend, formerly Headmaster of Winchester
4.10	Half Term begins (return 28.02.22)
7.15	CC: Half Term begins after Evensong. Boys not required for services from Saturday 19th to Monday 28th February incl., but will be required for concert in The Sheldonian on Sunday 27th February
SATURDAY 19	
SUNDAY 20	

The Pudding Competition



Please could children in
Nursery and Pre-Prep bring their puddings
on Monday, in a named container.

Thank you. ADM



Flexi-Boarding



We are now able to offer flexi-boarding for £55.00 per night.

If any of our parents would like to use this facility, please contact Mrs Kemp:

registrar@cccs.org.uk

ORGAN INSPIRATION DAY

RADLEY COLLEGE CHAPEL, OX14 2HR



Sat, 5th March
10.30-5pm

Aged 9-14?

Having piano lessons?

Curious about the organ?

Wondering how one
instrument can be
that big and that loud?

Leading Cambridge organist
Anna Lapwood will explain and
demonstrate on Radley's brand
new Nicholson & Co organ.

Lunch is included for the
children taking part. During
the afternoon you will have a
chance to play an organ
yourself, helped by organ
teachers from Radley and
Oxford.

The day will end with a recital by
Anna at 4.15pm - family and
friends welcome at the recital
too!

Come along for a
FREE taster day and
find out more.



Register at

<https://forms.office.com/r/TskXyAZaGA>

or scan the QR code



Music News

Our CCCS oboe teacher, Jessica Mogridge, performed this week with the Philharmonia Orchestra in a concert broadcast on Radio 3 from the Royal Festival Hall.

Parents may be interested to know that the concert features William Walton's Violin Concerto, one of the most popular works written by our celebrated Old Boy.

You can listen to the concert at the following link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00147xb>. SB



BBC Radio 3 - Radio 3 in Concert, John Wilson conducts the PhilharmoniaLive at the Royal Festival Hall, John Wilson conducts the Philharmonia in an all-English programme including Elgar's First Symphony and Walton's Violin Concerto with James Ehnes.

www.bbc.co.uk.



Charity Plea



Following the lifting of lockdown, children are able to play sport again. However, many children are being turned away from clubs as they do not possess even the essentials, such as football boots or shin pads.

We are working with one of our School charities, AIPFF <https://www.accesssport.org.uk/pages/category/angus-irvine-playing-fields-fund> to collect second hand sports kit that is no longer needed, so that under-privileged children can have the same chances to enjoy and play sports. Please hand in any equipment (preferably clean) to the School Office and we will distribute. Trainers, football boots, swimming kit and towels are especially needed. Thank you. LC



Theme Day 2022

Australia

and

New Zealand



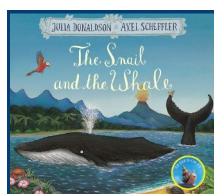
On Tuesday 15th February, we will be holding our annual Theme Day, postponed from October due to the number of Covid cases in school at that time.

Boys will be enjoying a carousel of sessions related to Australia and New Zealand, as a tribute to our gap students, past and present. The sessions will include history, physical geography, wildlife, literature and sports.

There will also be a special presentation by our current Australian gappers, Miss Love and Miss Halmarick. All boys in Forms 3 - 8 should come to school wearing their full Games kit, bringing their football boots with them.

See next week's Newsletter for photos of the day! FF

Reception News



The boys have enjoyed working on Julia Donaldson's book 'The Snail and the Whale' and on Wednesday they wrote letters to the whale, imagining they were snails, thanking the whale for giving them a lift around the world and describing their favourite part of the journey. They worked hard on being independent, spelling their own words and thinking of sentences. You can see some of their work below. In cooking we made chocolate pastry snails. Flour and butter have never looked, nor tasted, so good!

Rolling and twisting skills were used to make clay snails on Friday - making sure to add eye stalks and tentacles. The boys' concentration skills were called upon when they took on the challenge to use a ruler to carefully measure, and make snail trails. I think you will agree, fantastic work from Reception boys! RF

Snail writes a thank-you letter to whale.
The snail writes to say thank-you to the whale.
What does she say?

Dear Whale,

Thank you for saving me from the sharks.

the snail's journey was strange

I liked when the shark ate the rock

Lots of love,
Snail xxx

Snail writes a thank-you letter to whale.
The snail writes to say thank-you to the whale.
What does she say?

Dear Whale,

Thank you for letting me on a trip

I liked the icebergs

can we see dolphins next

Lots of love,
Snail xxx

Snail writes a thank-you letter to whale.
The snail writes to say thank-you to the whale.
What does she say?

Dear Whale,

Thank you for taking me around the world.

I loved the sharks and whales the sharks are a rock.

I loved to go to the fish's house.

Lots of love,
Snail xxx

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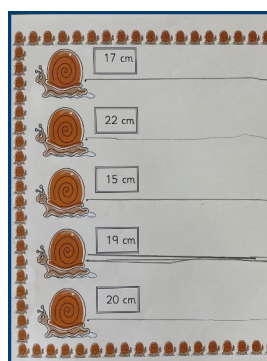
Dear Whale,

Thank you for riding in the sea as a whale

I liked the icebergs

can we see sharks next

Lots of love,
Snail xxx



The Pudding Competition

Please follow the link below for individual entry information:

[The Platinum Pudding Competition | A Recipe Fit for The Queen - Fortnum & Mason \(fortnumandmason.com\)](http://fortnumandmason.com)

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next term, we are launching a CCCS Pudding Competition alongside the National Platinum Pudding Competition being run by Fortnum and Mason.

The boys in each of the three houses, plus Pre-Prep, are invited to produce a favourite pudding and bring it into school. The puddings will be judged by staff and Mr Kilby. A winner will be chosen from each house and one from Pre-Prep; the winning puddings will be made after Easter, on the day we have our celebration. ADM

In order that all boys are able to take part, we will be holding the judging on the following Mondays. So, please can the puddings (nut free) be brought into school on:

Carroll, Monday 31st January - Sayers, Monday 7th February

Pre-Prep, Monday 14th February - Wolsey, Monday 28th February

CCCS Book Club

Here is a list of books generously put together by Michael Crooks to get us started, If you're interested in participating in this casual meet, please drop us an email: pa@cccs.org.uk stating which book is your preferred choice, and if we have a majority that will be our first book. We will set a meet up date for the last week of March to discuss the book, and failing that, anything we like. KC

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-stasi-poetry-circle/philip-oltermann/9780571331192>

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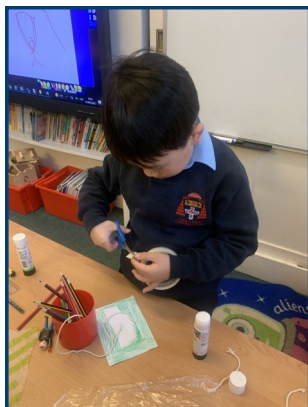
<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-anomaly/herve-le-tellier/9780241540480>

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-week-at-worlds-end/emma-carroll/9780571372485>

Form 2 News

In Form 2 the boys have been busy making and testing parachutes.

We experimented with different materials: paper and plastic, predicting the outcome and then the boys tested their parachutes to see which of the materials would be more practical to use. EF





More Reception News...

Reception have been learning about freezing and melting.

The bugs had been frozen in ice! Luckily, Reception managed to free them. They tried smashing the ice, using cold water and using warm water. The warm water helped to free the bugs the fastest! SG



Form 3 News

Form 3 have been having fun in our practical Maths lessons! We have played matching Maths card games, created a giant Carroll diagram to sort 2D shapes, created 3D shaped models, measured giant angles, created a cake clock, measured our own mocktails and played Ayo (a game from Nigeria that requires a lot of mathematical skill!)

We are looking forward to our next practical Maths challenge! SG



CCCS School Barber



**Men's Haircuts - £17.50, Children Under 16 - £13.50, Over 60s - £13.50,
Students - £15.00, Clipper Cut - £10.00, Beard Trim - £5.00.**

Call Andrea on **07748 105192** to book an appointment.



Football News

On Monday we started the week with a visit from d'Overbroeck's 1st XI team, Unfortunately, our first half performance lacked the passion, desire and spirit that we have come to expect from Christ Church teams and we slipped into a 2-0 deficit by half time.

The half time team talk was a chance to remind ourselves of the standards that we have set and the boys knew that they had far more in them by way of effort and performance.

In the second half we were more our usual selves. Hugh battled hard and led the fightback with all players evidently stepping up their game. Maurits hit a screamer, from five yards inside the opposition half, that flew into the top right corner.

While we pushed for an equaliser, that meant we could have won on two or three occasions, the returning Arthur rounded our keeper, Florian, to finish off a swift counter attack and restore d'Overbroeck's two-goal lead. The visitors scored a wonder goal of their own in the final stages of the game to take a flattering 4-1 victory.

On Tuesday afternoon we took all of Forms 3 & 4 to Chandlings to play football. The Chandlings U9 team was very strong with a few individuals dominating the game. They were very organised and we could see they had played a good standard of football outside of school. We tried to play our own game but had limited opportunities on the ball and struggled to contain the Chandlings attacks. In the end we did manage to grab three goals of our own, on our way to a 10-3 defeat.

Our U8 team played some really good football and stuck to the structures we are learning during Games lessons. With some fantastic passing and some tenacious tackling we managed a well fought 2-0 victory.



The mixed team, didn't start very well and took some time to get going. Added to this, we played uphill and into the wind in the first half, which meant we turned at 3-0 down. The second half saw a more determined effort, creating numerous chances. In the second half we defended much better and managed to keep Chandlings away from our goal. Adam had a good half as a goal keeper and Kael and William worked really hard both on attack and in defence. The final score was 3-0 to Chandlings.



On Wednesday we played a block of fixtures against The Manor Prep School. Again, we had two A teams and a mixed team. Our Form 5 team continue on their good run of form, and with some good wide passing managed to exploit the spaces out in the wide areas. This led to numerous opportunities and goals being created.

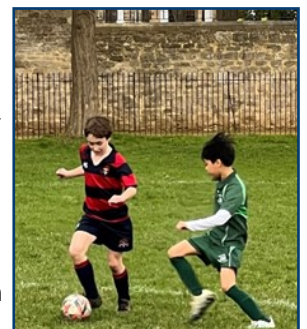


This was another fine victory from a year group with lots of ability. Well done on the 5-1 victory.



Our U11A team were involved in an incredibly entertaining match against a strong Manor side. Our opponents started strongly, passing fluently and wide, to take early control of the match, with their playmaker brilliantly finding the roof of the net after five minutes. To the boys' credit, they kept going and equalised through a quick corner via a well drilled shot from Edward. We kept going in the second half and, after

good accurate passing from Max and Edward, we scored with a low finish into the bottom left corner from Will Smyth. We held on thereafter for a 2-1 win. Great game boys, keep this up.



The mixed team rounded off a good 3-1 victory and were complimented on their persistence and determination throughout. Special mention must go to William K, who never stopped running throughout. PD

Form I News



This week we have been looking at the history of planes. We have been learning about the Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart. On Friday afternoon, we had a special guest who came discuss life as a pilot.

A big thank you to Captain Chris. EH



Meet and Greet

Derin Adeboga, Mother of Splendour (Form 5)

What did you want to be when you grew up and what are you doing now? As the last born of five children, I wanted to be a doctor (or shall I say my entire family wanted me to be a doctor, seeing I already had two lawyer and two banker siblings). Now, I have a doctorate in Genetics but, as an Entrepreneur, I run the Top Achievers' Programme; an organization that mentors secondary school students to progress to Higher Education.

If you could travel anywhere in the world tomorrow, where would you go and why? It would have to be Israel, to walk some of the footsteps of Jesus and see live, some of the places I have read about in the Bible.

Who is your idol, and why? To name one, this would be my dad. Growing up in Nigeria in the 70's, male children were much more 'valued' than the girls BUT not in my family. With four daughters and one son (the middle child), my dad taught us to be excellent and instilled in us copious self-esteem and confidence. We were sent to the best schools and given the mantra to always see possibilities.

Favourite city or town and in which season? Lagos, Nigeria in all seasons! A culture-rich bustling city full of happy and exuberant people.

One thing you would change in the world if you could? Fair Access to education as a means of enhancing social mobility in action (not the Rhetoric).

What is your favourite book? The Bible; though centred around the Christian faith, the versatile nature of this book is most fascinating – from politics, to economics, to character building... the applications are endless.

Is there a family trait/habit that you have? My maternal great grandfather was the first Anglican priest in my home town and his wife Alice was the choir mistress. The gift of singing has been passed down generations from my mother, to all my sisters, nieces, nephews and also my sons. Indeed the reason we joined the CCCS family last year was for one of my sons (Splendour) to become a Chorister here.

If you could start something new (hobby/interest or sport) and were not limited with time/age/money, what would it be? To speak multiple languages: French, Arabic, Mandarin being my top three on the list. I believe this is one way to break national, cultural and racial boundaries that limit cohesion and effective human interaction.

Any advice on how to relax at the weekend? A relaxing weekend would be to have a variety of Nigerian delicacies, and some time watching the telly (which is a treat for me) – at the moment the BBC series 'Death in Paradise'; the setting is reminiscent of the beautiful beaches and plenteous sunshine of Lagos.

Well, how lucky you must be! Without a doubt singing is a gift that is not readily passed down, so I am quite envious, and keen to know if it is nature or nurture - or both? Singing can be one of those talents that takes you elsewhere and leaves a significant physical impression, like an arm full of goose bumps!

It's fascinating about your highly skilled knowledge in genetics - so many questions, so little time. I am keen to know if being a top achiever has anything to do with your genetic make up, or if it is a skill you can learn, or just acquire? Your dad sounds awesome, and clearly his forethought paid off; educating women should have been, and should always be, a good idea! I wonder if when you are reunited with your family it is a huge Sprechgesang (I did google this) when passing the salt is the best thing you've heard all day? I can picture it and instantly wish I was a part of that dinner table. Thank you Derin, I will picture you devouring a plate of Àkàrà.

Have a great weekend,
Kathryn