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Celebrating Women and Diversity in Science



This year, the Science Department have been celebrating the vast contributions made to the scientific community by people from all walks of life. British Science Week kicked off our celebrations with students 'smashing stereotypes' in competitions recognising scientific diversity throughout history. Some made some fantastic posters based on an 'unsung hero' that they found inspiring, and others undertook a research task finding out the contributions of both well-known and lesser-known scientists. The poster competition was judged by Sister Lynne Baron fcj, Deputy Head Mrs H Taylor and one of our own 'future scientists', Meadow, in Y13. As the entries were so strong,

we enlisted the help of Associate Professor Marianne Aznar from the Physics Department of the University of Manchester to award first prize. Prof. Aznar was full of praise for our young ladies, as were our other judges, with all commenting on the high calibre and creativity the girls had shown. Our winners for Year 7/8 were Katie B, Romeesa A and Sarah F and in Year 9 our winners were Jhowlyn G, Allegra S & Shenice D (joint entry) and Benie Z. We even had some interactive posters including a medicine bottle, laptop, moving rocket and soil-buried fossils! The posters were on display for a Rewards Breakfast where all entrants

enjoyed a croissant in the bistro and a chance to show off their hard work.

We then rounded up our year celebrating International Women in Engineering Day, inviting Year 9s to discover more about the contributions of Women in Engineering, first through a quiz and then through trying their hand at an engineering speed design challenge. The girls enjoyed picking what type of engineer they would choose to be (and finding out which earned the most!) and also took up the opportunity to apply for our Science Ambassador Programme and 'Ask an Engineer' competition that will continue into next year. Well done to all our Superstar Scientists!

Catholic Secondary School's Choir competition

We were delighted to welcome Y7 pupils to the Bellerive family at the annual Y7 Welcome Mass. Pupils were joined by their parents and other family members as they marked the beginning of what will hopefully be a successful and happy time with us.

Pupil made a series of promises as part of the celebration in order to continue in the example set by our foundress, Venerable Marie Madeleine fcJ. Thanks to to all who helped organise the Mass and to Fr James Preston, a long-time friend of the school, who was the celebrant.



Summer Art & Design Technology Exhibition

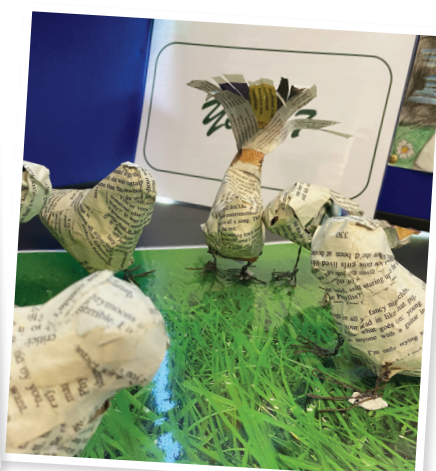
It was an absolute delight to celebrate the creative talent of all our key stages including GCSE and A Level work during the Summer Art & Design, Design Technology Exhibition.

Visitors, families, and friends said how amazing the variety of work on show was. There were; wire figures, 'jewelled encrusted' lemons, eco-awareness Graphic



Design ideas, and a plethora of drawings, paintings, and mixed media artwork. Our guest booked is filled with beautiful comment: "Very well done to everyone involved! So much talent and lovely work"

"Absolutely incredible pieces of art! Really inspiring and moving pieces, the girls should be very proud... it's made me want to paint! Well done girls!"



International Slavery Museum

In June the History Department took 30 year 8 pupils to the International Slavery Museum where they participated in a workshop called Understanding Transatlantic Slavery. This linked with the Slavery topic being studied this half term. The pupils learnt about some of the fundamental aspects of transatlantic slavery and its impact on the lives of those involved. It also looked at how attitudes at that time continue to shape the world around us. The pupils participation really impressed us and they made

insightful observations while discussing the objects and artifacts from the period. They were then able to navigate the museum itself to expand their knowledge. They answered their question sheets enthusiastically and made the most of their time.

The pupils were an absolute credit to Bellerive. Their behaviour was impeccable from start to finish and they have learnt so much from the experience. Well done all!



Dot Art Winner

Huge congratulations to Natalie who was voted as Bellerive's first place Dot art entry. Despite very fierce competition from many other schools across our region, she was awarded overall second place in the Secondary school category. I am sure you agree, her depiction of Calderstones Park is stunning. Please visit the Dot art exhibition in the Walker Art Gallery from 6th June - 7th July inclusive. We are very proud of you - well done Natalie!



International Women's Day

Throughout the week, Year 10 have focused on International Women's Day in a bid to raise the profile of this most important day. We have used registration, our PSHE lesson and a wonderful Form assembly from Miss Power & 10M to focus on IWD.

Pupils have completed a range of activities, including reminding ourselves of the strong women our Form Groups are named after and, of course, our founder Marie Madeleine.

The week's events finished this morning with all Year 10 pupils writing a message to our female staff to thank them for all they do in Bellerive and adding this to our fabulous display by Mrs Harding. They will be distributed to staff next week by the Year 10 Senior Team.

Year 10 pupils also received a heart-shaped lollipop and an affirmation card to remind them of how wonderful our Year 10 girls are!



National Selection

Congratulations and good luck to Nikola (Y8) who has been chosen to represent England in the Taekwondo World Championships in Croatia in September. A wonderful achievement and we look forward to hearing how she gets on!



Bellerive students regional runners-up

Congratulations to the Bellerive Debate Mate team who were runners-up in the regional final this week, narrowly losing to the Cardinal Heenan team. The girls were wonderful ambassadors for Bellerive and many thanks to Mrs Walker who has worked with the team in recent weeks and months.



Good Shepherd Mass

We were delighted to take part on the Good Shepherd Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral in June. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Tom Williams and is an annual fixture on the life of the archdiocese. Our choir sang wonderfully and it was great to see them show their talent and passion for the subject.



Empathy Day

Students have enjoyed celebrating #EmpathyDay in our school library recently by sharing their empathy-boosting book recommendations, taking part in 'empathy exchanges', designing empathy maps and empathy superpower glasses, and coming up with their own empathy resolutions



Sports Leaders

Our Sports Leaders have had a busy month working with the LSSP towards gaining leadership qualifications in multi sports and first aid training. We look forward to having them on board in September assisting in our extracurricular activities and events.

Gymnastics Success

Congratulations to Ava J (Y10) who recently placed 3rd at the English Silver Championships (Level 5). This was Ava's first ever National competition which is an amazing achievement.



City Athletics Championships

Well done to all students who took part in the City Athletics Championships with several medal winners throughout the day. All students represented the school in a fantastic way. A special mention to our City Champions- Jess (Y7), Charlotte (Y7), Rebecca (Y9) and the Y9 relay team.

Good luck to Rebecca (Y9) who has been selected for the Merseyside team for the English Schools Track and Field Championships for the 800m.



Bellerive Democracy

In our school we want to instill good democratic principles into our pupils so as it was the UK General Election on 4th July, we decided to hold our own Bellerive Election based on the main political parties. Form teachers talked through the election process and party policies during election week and the pupils were able to vote for their preferred party on election day. We hope the experience was enjoyable and interesting for all and got pupils thinking about the big issues of the day and the world around them.

Our Year 12 Politics pupil, Lexi B, helped out with the count.

The results were as follows:
The Green Party - 43%
The Labour Party - 40%
The Liberal Democrats - 7%
The Reform Party- 7%
The Conservative Party - 2%
Spoiled Papers - 1%



Another one bites the dust

Our students have excelled themselves again with this year's school production of 'We Will Rock You'. Over 3 nights, they played to a packed Marie Madeleine Hall and left the audience with

great memories of a wonderful show. Thank you to all who supported, participated in and organised this showcase of creative talent.

