Head of School’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers

It was a pleasure to meet this week with Chris Wilson, one of the Founders of the Brilliant Club. He visited me and Mr Harper because he wanted to gain our feedback on how the Brilliant Club had benefited our pupils. He also specially chose to visit Saint John Wall Catholic School because he had been so impressed with the success of the Brilliant Club here. The Brilliant Club gives selected pupils an opportunity to actively participate on a supra-curriculam University style programme delivered by a PhD Tutor during five in-house tutorials. You will have seen how our pupils progressed last year and how they graduated at Nottingham University in previous editions of this newsletter.

Chris said, "It has been fantastic to come to a school where the project has been so very successful, so quickly. I’m looking forward to the opportunity for one of our highly trained academics to come and work alongside the pupils, making it a normal experience within the school. Believing ultimately it will have a significant impact on pupils getting into a highly selective university." We intend to continue to work with the Brilliant Club again this year. Many thanks to Mr Harper for co-ordinating and leading on this project which has been so successful.

It was also great to have a chance to meet Sid (a Guide Dog) and his owner Dee Dewhurst who came in to school on Monday for Gandhi House Assembly. Dee talked to Gandhi House members about how Sid has transformed her life and how they can get involved in raising funds to sponsor a Guide Dog puppy. Sid stayed in school during lunchtime so that pupils could meet him and stroke him. For several pupils it was the first time they had been close to or touched a dog. Thank you to Mrs Wieremiewicz for organising this event. I am sure it inspired Gandhi House to raise even more money for a great cause.

Pupils have also had the opportunity over the last two weeks to get involved with Debatemate. This is a debating program which teaches pupils the skills of formal and informal debating. The pupils are tutored by University trained mentors. During the course of the year the pupils will be able to take part in debating competitions within school and with other schools at a regional and possibly national level. Thank you to Miss Allen and Mr Woolery for enabling this to take place.

Year 7 and 8 assessments have taken place this week. Well done to all pupils on their good conduct when experiencing examinations in the Gym for the first time. Year 7 and 8 assessment results will be issued to parents nearer the end of term.

Finally, we have taken time this week to reflect on major events taking place in the world like the USA Presidential Elections. In particular, we have remembered all those who fought and lost their lives in World Wars 1 and 2 and those who have died in more recent conflicts across the world. Mr John and Miss Guest and Year 11 pupils led assemblies which invited pupils to think about the sacrifice and futility of war and the symbolism of the poppy. School also fell silent today at 11.00 am to commemorate this important event.

Have a warm weekend

Miss Marston
(Head of School)
Year 11 Raising Achievement
"Together, we can...."

After school Year 11 revision
3.15pm to 4.15pm

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‘Dates for Your Diary’

- **Year 11 Mock Examinations**
  Monday 28 November – Friday 9 December 2016
- **Year 11 Parents Evening**
  Wednesday 14 December 2016
  4.00pm to 6.00pm
- **Senior Citizens Christmas Party**
  Thursday 24 November 2016
  1.30pm to 3.30pm – By invitation only.
- **Christmas Holidays**
  School closes at 12.30pm on Friday 16 December 2016. School reopens to pupils on Wednesday 4 January 2017.
Here are some pictures of pupils embodying the Jesuit Values in their lessons this week.

This has been a very busy week! We are now in the second week of having the Chapel open at break time as well as lunch time and this is going very well. At break time the chapel is open for quiet time where pupils can read a book, do homework or just sit quiet and reflect upon their day so far. At lunch time there are a variety of activities which are related to the assembly and reflection theme.

This week we have had Luther King House Mass where Year 7, 9 and 10 members of King house were able to come together and celebrate Mass. There were numerous pupils from all year groups taking part in the Mass which showcased the importance of House Mass wonderfully. All pupils were exceptionally well behaved.

Year of Mercy Reflection from Pope Francis

‘Forgiveness is the essence of the love which can understand mistakes and mend them.’

House and Remembrance Assemblies

This week has been exceptionally busy with a variety of assemblies and Masses. On Monday, there was a Ghandi House Assembly where representatives from Guide Dogs for the blind came in and spoke about the importance of the work they carry out. The representatives were not only human: pupils were able to meet Sid the Dog! Having the charity in allowed pupils in Ghandi to see how the money they raise is being spent and how it allows people to remain faith-filled and hopeful. On Friday there was Mandela House Assembly which focused on the way the Concern Universal allows many people to remain faith-filled and hopeful. Thank you to all House Leaders to helped to organise such wonderful events.

On Wednesday and Friday, pupils came together to learn and reflect about upcoming remembrance Sunday. Mr John led an excellent assembly which allowed pupils to understand why we remember those who have lost their lives in battle. This has been supported by members of 11LGU collecting money for charity and distributing poppies around school. Thank You Mr John for leading such a thoughtful assembly.

Sacrament Preparation

If you would like your child to undertake a Sacrament such as Baptism, Holy Communion or Confirmation, please contact the school.

The Chapel at lunchtime

This week in the chapel we have been looking at Remembrance Day and the importance of Remembrance Day. We have also been thinking about who we would like to remember and how important it is to keep these people’s memories alive. During lunch time, we have discussed if we would like to be remembered and if we do, how we would like to be remembered.

The chapel is now open at break times as well as lunch times for the pupils to quietly reflect upon the day, read or thinking deeper with the reflection questions provided.
Upcoming Liturgical Events

Form Reflections next week: Will focus on ‘Remembrance’.

Pilgrimage to a Holy Door of Mercy: Pupils will be given the opportunity to go on a pilgrimage to a Holy Door of Mercy once a month. Small groups will be taken to the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Handsworth and will take part in reflection and prayer activities.

Saint of the Week: St Achillas

Feast day: November 7

Achillas was a Bishop and theologian who lived when there was a lot of dispute in the Church. He was the bishop of Alexandria, in Egypt, and was one of the most powerful cities in the world at the time. Achillas was ordained by Arius, who was to begin the influential heresy of Arianism. Heresy is untrue beliefs about theology and faith. Achillas recognised these untruths in Arius’ preaching so he took steps to defend the faith. This led him to be attacked by Arius and other heretical groups. However Achillas remained firm in his faith. Based on what had happened to Achillas, a council held in Alexandria condemned Arius and forced him to flee to Palestine. Achillas, however, did not live to see this condemnation as he died. He was made a saint due to his strong and firm beliefs as well as unwillingness to allow false theologies to be spread.

Know Your Head of House

Mrs Wieremiewicz
(Head of Gandhi House)

1) Why did you become Head of Gandhi House at Saint John Wall Catholic School?

I became Head of Gandhi House because I wanted to challenge myself but most importantly I wanted the opportunity to encourage and support the pupils not only with their academic achievements but also emotionally and socially. I think it is important to help people who are less fortunate than we are, this role is enabling me to do it.

2) What does the role involve?

The work involves the following:

- inspiring and motivating pupils to be the best that they can be.
- take part and co-ordinate House Competitions.
- fundraise for various charities.
- help to organise and participate in school events - Talent Show, British Values Week, Sports Day etc.
- responding to both positive and negative comments on ClassCharts.
- listening and communicating with pupils and being available if they need me.

3) What do you think about our school?

Our school is “family” size, therefore it enables staff to know each pupil. The atmosphere is warm and very welcoming. Saint John Wall is culturally and linguistically diverse, which in my opinion is the real advantage. I think that every pupil in our school has a sense of belonging to the school community.

4) Tell me 5 things about yourself?

1) I was born and grew up in Poland.
2) I can communicate fluently in three languages.
3) I love reading books.
4) I used to go to a primary school with sports profile where I trained in basketball every day for 5 years.
5) When I was a little girl my favourite play was to pretend that I work at the school, no wonder why I have become a teacher.
Pastoral

Attendance

Winter has definitely arrived this week in Birmingham! Luckily we escaped any snow this week, but we may not be so lucky in the next few weeks! Please ensure that the school office has your most up-to-date telephone numbers so that you can be sure to receive any texts about school being closed due to bad weather. Please make every effort to send your child to school unless you have received the text!

The cold weather can also lead to pupils being taken ill with common colds, and occasionally flu. Please ensure that you have the necessary medicines etc in the home to combat these as and when the need arises. Please remember that a cold is not a reason to be absent from school. The Attendance Competition continues throughout this term with the prize draw taking place in the last week of term, so your child needs to be on time and in school every day until then to maximise their chances of winning a brand new bicycle and helmet just before Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support.

By Mrs Page – Attendance Officer

Paris Trip

Exciting news- there is still one space left for the Paris trip in April 2017. If you are in Year 7, 8 or 9 and are interested then bring in a £50 deposit to the school office where you will be given a consent form for your parents/carers to fill in. If you have any questions or would like any further information then please see Miss Guest in room 22.

If you have paid a deposit then you be receiving a letter home shortly requesting another payment to be made by Friday 25 November. If you have any questions about this then please see Mrs Sherrington in the office.

By Miss Guest

Slower is Safer

20mph limits came into effect across large parts of Birmingham on the 10th October 2016 and Birmingham City Council and West Midlands Police have been working together to reinforce the key message that ‘Slower is Safer’.

Councillor Stewart Stacey, cabinet member for transport and roads at Birmingham City Council, said: “This isn’t about trying to catch people out – it’s about educating people and encouraging them to think about their behaviour on our roads and, if they have not already done so, to change it for the benefit of all. We know that the difference between 20mph and 30mph is not only significant in terms of whether a child survives, but also makes a huge difference on the severity of their injuries”.

The 20mph speed limits, which came into effect on Monday (October 10), apply on residential roads in all or parts of Aston, Bordesley Green, Brandwood, Hodge Hill, Ladywood, Moseley and Kings Heath, Nechells, South Yardley, Sparkbrook, Springfield and Washwood Heath.
Stars of the week

Spanish
Maureen Azoro 10KTI – For an amazingly positive attitude towards learning foreign languages and a great effort in class and at home.
By Miss Arcos

French
Sukhmanpreet Singh 11LGU
Olivia Tarczykowska 11GRE
Phil Nguyen 11LGU
Tommy Bereket 11GRE
Olivia Mahon 11LGU
Who achieved an A* overall for their French GCSE writing.
Lisa Phung 10VBE - Shows real determination and seriousness in her French studies and produces good quality work.
By Mr Clarkson

Polish
Denis Cybulski 9JSI for consistent effort, excellent attitude towards learning Polish and showing good team spirit.
By Mrs Wieremiewicz

History
Souleisha Lynch Hanley 9ARA - For showing a conscientious attitude towards her GCSE History studies and producing both a fantastic assessment result, and excellent class work.
By Miss Lally

Yasannie Esnard in 7X3. Excellent effort in History lessons.
By Mr John

Children's Play, Learning and Development
Sally Beasley 10DGA - for trying hard to maintain her classroom voice during discussions and completing all work to the very best of her ability.
By Mrs Chinn

Geography
Amar Sandhu 10VBE - For gaining a grade 7 in the first assessment, the only one across the year group and exceeding his end of year target grade.
By Mr Panjanaden

Bartosz Zielinski 7OWI - Demonstrating his understanding for the subject by achieving the highest mark in the recent Year 7 assessment.
By Mr Moss

Health & Social Care
Jaspreet Kalia 9ARA - excellent attitude to learning and completion of work.
Rubella Begum 10ABA - Completion of all Unit 3 (Communication) work and moving onto Unit 6: Nutrition in H&SC settings.
Elie Mundendi 11CAL - for being a kind and thoughtful classmate to other students and also being helpful to Mrs Chinn and other teachers around the school.
By Mrs Chinn

PE
Paige Marks 9JSI - excellent listening and learning in Badminton.
Helly Begum 9GTH - for demonstrating an excellent ready position in Badminton.
Alicja Chojnowska 9GTH - for demonstrating an excellent ready position in Badminton.
Jada Jasmine Boora 9JSI - for being helpful.
Anjali Dharriwal 9JSI - for being helpful.
Sandra Nwananochi 9CAR - for being helpful.
Armanda Slaviniskyte 9CAR - for being helpful.
Gvantsa Noniashvili 10HHA - great listening and application of teaching points in Badminton.
By Miss Beighton

ICT
Jay Bhatia 11GRE – Distinction
Giulia Lal 11MNE – Distinction
Bilal Mirza 11JPR – Merit
Paulina Misieczko 11DFO – Distinction
Weronika Piendak 11MNE – Distinction
All passed their ECDL with excellent grades.
By Mrs Hyde
Message from the Head of Year 7

Mrs Crooks

Well done to Year 7 on the way they have presented themselves during this week of assessments. It is hard work maintaining good revision for a prolonged time but hopefully this will get them practising ready for their GCSE exams in the future.
Thank you to parents for your continued support in this. There will be more information about results in the coming newsletters.

Top 5 positives from Classroom Solutions
Ioana - Alexia Contaragiu 7SCH, Sara Akhtar 7OWI, Aron Michael 7OWI, Kyrah Masih 7GGY and Kemystery Wright 7OWI.

Message from the Head of Year 8

Miss Lally

We have come to the end of a very important week for Year 8 and I am sure you are glad that it is the weekend. I have been fortunate to see you conduct yourselves very responsibly in the gym under exam conditions and I have heard positive things from your subject teachers about your maturity in classrooms when sitting your assessments. I look forward to hearing the outcome of your results and hope that they reflect the work you have put in to preparing for them.
On another note, may I also take this opportunity to tell you that I have unfortunately had to deal with some unpleasant material on social media over the last few weeks and remind you of the consequences for pupils who take part in these actions. Not only will these actions be dealt with seriously by the school but any such incidents that are malicious or threatening can receive a fine/up to 6 months imprisonment, as advised by PC Sam O’Dell. These incidents are not only damaging for yourself as the perpetrator but also the person/s that you make any comments about as they can be extremely hurtful. Please think carefully about what you type on social media websites and for many of you in Year 8 you should not legally be signed up to any of them yet anyway, so do not get yourself involved in something that will bring harm to you or anyone else.

Have a good and restful weekend.

Top 5 positives from Classroom Solutions
David Alexandru BJRI, Precious Mowo 8RMA, Priyanka Thapar BJRI, Romarian Thompson 8TED and Andrei Jurj BJRI.
Message from the Head of Year 9
Mr Panjanaden

It has been a good week for Year 9 and I am very much looking forward to Monday’s rewards assembly where I will be praising students for their academic efforts, particularly in response to your assessment week and how you are all making progress towards your targets.

On a more sombre note, there have been two high profile cases of students being attacked with knives in Birmingham. One, literally down the road from school and a second in Erdington this week. Please may I ask Year 9 and indeed all students from every year group, to remember the assemblies you all attended on knife crime with the police and distance yourself from any possible risk to do with knives. If you know someone who has a knife - report it - you may just be saving a young person’s life.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay safe.

Top 5 positives from Classroom Solutions
Armanda Slavinskyte 9CAR, Jabari Bryan 9CAR, Michaela Tchorek 9CAR, Cian Morris 9SHY and Jordan Sawyers 9CAR.

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Message from the Head of Year 10
Mr Downey

This week I have had a meeting with those pupils who achieved well in the recent assessments. As a result of these meetings the achievement will be rewarded in our next assembly. I have been working with Mr John and we have created a group of pupils who we aim to make ‘AWESOME’ these pupils will work closely with their parents, Mr John and myself over the next term. If their achievement improves there will be some fantastic rewards.

I am delighted to say that I have invited a former pupil in to speak to Year 10 in assembly. Elliot Giles represented Great Britain at the Olympic Games in Rio. Elliot will talk to pupils about the importance of having goals and aspirations and the dedication it takes to reach these goals.

On a more concerning note there have been reports of teenagers being victims of knife crimes in schools across Birmingham. Pupils must know the dangers associated with knives and if any pupil has any concerns or suspicions to talk to a teacher immediately.

Have a nice weekend.

Top 5 positives from Classroom Solutions
Anikah Waheed 10ABA, Kaddy Jarjou 10DGA, Sohaib Zia 10ABA, Hurpreet Singh 10VBE and Michael Dobbin 10ABA.
Message from the Head of Year 11

Mrs Shingles

Well done to the Prom Ambassadors who have got the fundraising campaign up and running with today’s Trainer Day. Hopefully this will be the first of many successful events over the next few months. The more money we manage to raise then the better we can make the Prom next summer. If anyone has got any more ideas please see Johannes and Even who are in charge of fundraising.

We have now got a noticeboard outside my office which will be used to give Year 11 information about the Prom and any other rewards Year 11 will be having, such as our Treat Day in December. Ibrahim and Gabriela from 11MNE are in charge of the board so I look forward to seeing its transformation over the next few weeks.

Top 5 positives from Classroom Solutions

Giulia Lal 11MNE, Bruno Jalo 11JPR, Mansanga Mazebo 11CAL,
Navleen Kaur 11LGU and Muhamad Sawaneh 11GRE

Year 11 Star of the Week

This week’s star is Giulia Lal. She is a quiet, well behaved pupil who consistently gets positives from most of her subject teachers. Well done Giulia, I will be distributing vouchers in next week’s assembly.
What is a comma and when should I use one in my writing?

**Rules:**

**Commas are used:**

1. Commas put a pause in your sentence:
   
   *If you would finish eating your lunch, we could play outside.*

2. Commas separate a list of items:
   
   *I like to play with Jan, Jill, Joe and Brad.*

3. Commas allow you to combine 2 ideas into a single sentence. (Subordinate/Dependent Clause)
   
   *While I finished my homework, my friend played the piano.*

4. Use a comma after introductory words or phrases.
   
   *Well, you finally finished your homework.*

5. Use a comma to show the relation between a word and a noun phrase that follows. (Apposition)
   
   *My teacher, Mr. Clark, is a great singer!*

**Challenge**

**Add the necessary commas to the sentences**

1. Being first to arrive he sat down in the front row.
2. Having washed her face she brushed her hair.
3. Frightened by the tremendous explosion the soldiers bolted to their dug-out.
4. Exhausted after the cross-country competition they lay down to rest.
5. Leaping the fence she raced across the fields to her home.
6. Dr Brookes and Mrs Johnson the receptionist are doing a sponsored run.
7. Served with milk and sugar cornflakes are a great breakfast.
8. Bruce told her to be quiet but she started to growl.
9. Tom began to sing and I decided to study on my own.
10. I like bacon eggs sausage fried toast and orange juice for my breakfast.

Hand in to Miss Darby or your form tutor. 

Can you complete one in form time?
A school of 270 students completed a survey about their favourite subject in school. The results for all subjects except Math are shown in the pictograph below.

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Key: Each 🧑 represents 10 students.
     Each 🧣 represents 5 students.

A) How many students selected Math as their favourite subject? Explain your reasoning.

B) Complete the pictograph.

C) What is the mode and median for this set of data?
Departmental News

History

Assemblies

By Miss Guest

Thank you to the following Year 11 pupils for organising and leading recent assemblies for all year groups about Black History Month and Remembrance Day:

Adam Ahmed 11LGU
Dominika Bazyl 11LGU
Sumia Shafiq 11LGU
Sukhmanpreet Singh 11LGU
Daniel Tura 11LGU
Olivia Mahon 11LGU
Zeph Murdock 11LGU
Phil Nguyen 11LGU
Kacper Biernacki 11LGU
Alex Raducan 11LGU

Year 11

All Year 11 History pupils have now received their revision packs for their assessment week at the end of November. Year 11 History teachers have also been given a revision checklist which they will distribute to their classes. If any Year 11 pupils have questions about the assessment or want help with revision techniques then they should speak to their History teacher during Thursday evening revision sessions. If there are any other resources that pupils need please let one of the History staff know!

Music

By Mrs Crooks

Years 7 and 8 have been completing Music Assessments this week. All pupils have been working hard to achieve their potential. Year 7 performed their songs from the Bishop’s Welcome Mass and Year 8 performed Fur Elise on the keyboard. More information to follow next week of the results!

Design and Technology – GCSE Catering

By Ms Williamson

The GCSE Catering pupils have been investigating the properties of eggs. Firstly they fried eggs; to comprehend the term ‘coagulation’- what it means and how it is used when cooking certain dishes.

This week the pupils were investigating ‘The Role of Whole Eggs: Fat and Foam’. When you use whole eggs in a recipe, you get some of the best properties of both the yolk and the white. While whole eggs aren’t quite as good as straight yolks at creating an emulsion, they are still excellent binding agents, especially in cakes, cookies, and other baked goods. Eggs also firm up and solidify when heated, giving crucial structural support to delicate desserts and pastries. At the same time, eggs make baked goods more tender, creating light textures, soft breads, and delicate crumbs. When mixed with sugar (like in a cake or cookie batter), eggs help trap and hold air — not quite as well as whipped egg whites, but enough to give the finished product some lightness and lift. The combination of eggs and sugar also adds a great deal of moisture and flavour to a recipe.

The pupils made Swiss rolls-a ‘fatless sponge’ made with only eggs, sugar and flour (no butter) to give a very soft light sponge. Some excellent cakes were made in record time. Well done.
Greetings readers,

The autumnal weather has left us and we’re now preparing for winter. The heating has been turned up, the winter quilts are on our beds and the electric fans have been well and truly packed away! This week’s recipe is muffin topped beef stew-similar to a cobbler, in preparation for the cold, dark months we have ahead of us. You can make this dish with cheaper cuts of meat - just cook for a little longer to make sure the meat is soft. The stew can be made in large batches and frozen for up to a month. Serve with root vegetable mash for a hearty mid-week meal.

**Recipe of the Week**

**Muffin-topped winter beef stew**

**Ingredients**

**For the stew**
- 500g braising steak, cut into bite-sized chunks
- 2 tbsp plain flour, seasoned with pepper and a little salt
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 450g carrot, cut into chunks
- 2 large parsnip, cut into chunks
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tbsp sundried or regular tomato paste
- 300ml red wine or extra stock
- 450ml vegetable stock

**For the topping**
- 225g plain flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 140g cheddar, coarsely grated
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 150ml milk

**Method**

1) Heat oven to 150C/fan 130C/gas 2. Toss the beef in seasoned flour. Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole. Fry the beef over a high heat until browned all over – it’s easiest to do this in batches. Remove with a slotted spoon and set aside.

2) Add 2 tbsp water and the onion to the pan, stir well over a medium heat, scraping up the crusty bits from the bottom of the pan. Lower the heat and fry gently for 10 mins, stirring occasionally until the onions have softened.

3) Tip in the carrots, parsnips and bay leaf, then fry for 2 mins more. Return the beef to the pan, stir in the tomato paste, wine if using, and stock, then bring to the boil. Cover and cook in the oven for 1¾-2 hrs until the meat is tender. Can be made up to 2 days ahead or frozen for up to 1 month. Defrost thoroughly in the fridge before topping and baking. Take out of the oven and increase the temperature to 190C/fan 170C/gas 5.

4) To make the topping, sieve the flour and baking powder into a bowl and add half the cheese. Mix olive oil and milk, then stir into the flour to make a soft, slightly sticky dough. Add more milk, if necessary. Spoon the dough over the meat and vegetables, sprinkle with the remaining cheese and bake for about 15 mins until golden, risen and cooked through.

**Root Vegetable Mash**

**Ingredients**

- 2 large baking potato, cut into chunks
- ½ swede, cut into chunks
- 3 carrot, diced
- 25g unsalted butter

**Method**

1) Place the potatoes, swede and carrots in a large pan of salted water. Bring to the boil and cook for 20-25 mins until tender. Drain and mash with a potato masher. Add the butter and a generous amount of seasoning.
Sport

By Mr Moss

Year 7 Result
George Dixon 2 - 4 SJW
Goals: Bartosz Zielinski (2), Akeel Higgins, Stephan Ifulu
Men of the Match: Bartosz Zielinski & Billy Irwin

Year 7 Fixture
Hamstead Hall vs SJW (15/11/16)

Year 7 Basketball Trials:
Wednesday 16 November, after school.

PE – Girls

The following groups will be going swimming for their PE lessons at the following times:

P1 Monday - 7X1F/PE with Miss Beighton (VBE) - students need to be in school slightly earlier than usual as the coach will be leaving at 8:30. Students should be at the end of the school lane for 8:25am to ensure that they do not miss the coach.

P1 Friday - 7YF1/PE with Mrs Chinn (LCH) - again, students need to be in school slightly earlier than normal, the coach will be leaving at 8:30am. Again, students should be at the end of the school lane for 8:25am to ensure that they do not miss the coach.

P4 Friday - 8Y1F/PE with Miss Beighton (VBE) - students need to be prompt to the changing rooms at the start of P4 and will arrive back to school at the slightly later time of 3:40pm - therefore parents may need to make alternative plans to collect these students from school on this night, or may expect them home slightly later than usual.

All students must have a one piece swimming costume (black/dark colour if possible but not essential), a swimming hat (recommended) and goggles if required, as well as a water bottle and snack - Swimming is thirsty/hungry work!

Any problems or queries please speak to either Mrs Chinn or Miss Beighton.

By Mrs Chinn

Fixtures for next week

Monday 14 November - Years 7 and 8 versus St Pauls Girls School at St Pauls.
Tuesday 15 November - Year 10 versus St Pauls at SJW - and a practice for all between 3.10 until St Pauls arrive.
Thursday 17 November - Year 10 football at Holyhead.

By Ms Beighton
After a fantastic session last week the pupils demonstrated more of the same today. The make-up of the day included finishing off the tiling work and practical. Once this was completed they then grouted their individual pieces as their ongoing assessments continued.

The final stage of the session was undertaking the theory section of their assessments. Looking at the specifics of Health and Safety and the different protocols, laws and acts that when combined are crucial within any work place or learning environment.

A particular highlight of the day was again the wonderful attitude and endeavour of the pupils during the practical in the workshop. Wayne Ellis (Course Tutor) engaged and demonstrated a review of skills learnt and let the students loose, in terms of their assessments.

It must be noted that every single pupil has competently shown that they are more than capable in tiling at this level, picking up a host of key skills giving them a positive platform of personal development.

With this in mind the selection of the pupil to be star of the week was a particularly hard decision, however after serious reflection, I have chosen after consultation with Wayne and Elaine Murphy (Pre 16 College Coordinator) – Janzeb Ali. A massive well done to Janzeb, his hard work and dedication to the task was phenomenal!

As you can see from the pictures of the pupils’ work a massive congratulations to all involved. It is testament to the outgoing self-belief and growing confidence that they are achieving so well.

With only a number of sessions before the Christmas holiday, I encourage each pupil to maintain the extremely high standards set in order to achieve their tiling qualification as part of the City & Guilds Assessment Programme.
On Thursday 10 November a number of selected Year 8 pupils embarked on what is going to be a life changing experience. Taking place on a supra-curricula course, consisting of two educational visits to leading universities, along with five-in school university-style tutorials, delivered by a PhD Tutor Oana Burcu.

This was the start of the journey as we were invited to the University of Warwick our partner University for the programme. The day consisted of many memorable moments; involving a tour of the state-of-the art campus, a study skills session and the chance to meet and ask questions of current students and admissions staff at the university. During the trip also, it gave the pupils the chance to have their first tutorial with their PhD Tutor, within an academic setting of the university lecture theatre and classrooms.

The first in school session will begin next week and continue through the course of the term on a weekly basis. Along with this the pupils will be set mini assignments to work on, leading to their completed final assessment piece entitled; “Inside No.10: The British Prime Minister in the Post war Years.” The deadline for this final assessment is before we break up for Christmas. With the Graduation ceremony taking place at another partner University in January 2017. This is what the pupils involved think about this fantastic opportunity!

“I loved the trip because I now have a better idea of what to do after secondary school. I also liked debating and I am more confident to debate.”

By Mohammed Isa 8JRI

“I really enjoyed the trip because it gave me an idea of what University is like. I’m looking forward to the lessons with our PhD tutor and also graduation!”

By Koko Bargil 8RMA

“I had a great time on the trip. I love exploring the campus and sitting in the lecture theatre.”

By Navhea Blake 8TED

“I had a great time and enjoyed debating about different subjects.”

By Raheem Nadeem 8AMI

“I really enjoyed this experience and I think I will study at this University.”

By Naomi Osayamwen 8TED

“I had a great experience at Warwick today and learnt about the university lifestyle.”

By Amy McHugh 8TED

“I enjoyed going around the university and seeing all the different buildings for the different subjects.”

By Lucy Phung – 8PMA

“Today was really good. I learnt what university life is like.”

By Ashrea Sehjail – 8PCL

“I have enjoyed the trip to the University of Warwick, as we got to learn and experience how students learn and loved being in the lecture room and study skills session.”

By Danita Titah – 8AMI
**Gandhi House**

We had a very busy week with a lot of things going on in our school. I have quite a few messages to pass on to you. Firstly, thank you to all forms for participating in the October House competition - "The best prayer corner", unfortunately I am not impressed with the results (except 7OWI 2nd place), we came fifth. I would like to remind you that winning is the team effort. Although the results made me a bit sad, I am not worried at the slightest because we will have many more opportunities to prove how good we are.

This week we had our first House assembly. Thank you for coming down so quietly and sitting in the assembly so respectfully. It was a pleasure to see you all and to have such a special guest from the Guide Dogs Charity. For me it was a really positive and uplifting experience, seeing how enthusiastic and eager you all were towards the many different and important things Dee (our guest) talked about in the assembly. In particular, a lot of you were interested in wanting to raise money for the charity. Let me share some comments with the rest of you:

"The assembly was really interesting, we met the dog called Sid; he is quite big, but really well trained. We listened to Dee’s story – the dog owner. As a member of Gandhi House we will be raising money for people that need the guide dogs."

**Merville Diansambu 7OWI**

"The assembly we had on Monday gave us more information about the Guide Dogs charity and blind people. Dee (our guest) told us how guide dogs can change visually impaired people lives for better".

**Hubert Jumbe 10HHA**

Finally I would like to remind you about November competitions (it will be very busy month). The first competition is the Toy Appeal, we need to collect as many items as possible to give to Brushstrokes! Remember house points will be given to the forms that generate the most items. The second competition is to design a memorial, it needs to be completed and handed to Mr George on the 30th November 2016. Auditions for the Talent Show for Gandhi House will take place on 16th November 2016 at 3.15 pm in T6.

Good luck to all of you. Have a wonderful weekend.

**Mrs Wieremiewicz (Head of Gandhi House)**

**Pankhurst House**

We have a very busy few weeks ahead of us Pankhurst and if we want to stay at the top of the leader board we need to keep plugging away and win as many points available to us. The other houses still can’t believe we’re top, so let’s keep surprising them. Our next two competitions involve the toy appeal and the war memorial. So if you haven’t already done so can you please start to think about what you can bring in for the toy appeal or any brilliant ideas that might be floating around in Pankhurstian heads. Well done to a number of individuals last week for gaining a fantastic amount of house points last week. Most notably Harman Ram, gaining 9!

Next week is the house assembly and once again I’ll be handing out prizes for those who have achieved the most house points over the last month. If you want to be in the hat to win make sure you are EXCELLENT, ACHIEVING and RESPECTFUL.

**John Paul House**

John Paul House Auditions are due to take place today at 3.10pm in Hall. Watch this space for more information next week. Also next week is our House assembly on Wednesday 16 November, please be prompt to assembly, it’s going to be an exciting one. October’s house results are in, we are now in second place. This is very encouraging to see. Well done to everyone who are has contributed so far to any competitions, collected house points, gained positive points on class charts, answered Moodle questions and attending school on time. Be very proud of yourselves. Have a good weekend

**Mrs Bains (Head of John Paul House)**

**Mandela House**

I hope you are all well and in the best of spirits. This week the temperature has dropped dramatically – it is getting extremely cold! Can I urge you all to come to school in the appropriate winter clothing and footwear to ensure you are all wrapped up nice and warm. So please wear your coats, scarves, hats and gloves and make sure your shoes have a good grip at the bottom because it can get very slippery!

As the festive season is fast approaching, it is leading us towards that special time of year once again… Saint John Wall’s Got Talent! Auditions for the SJWs Got Talent show will be held in the Music room on Monday 14 November at 3.15pm. Posters have already gone out to all forms earlier on in the week and I shall send an email to all form tutors on Monday morning as a reminder for those of you who wish to audition. If you would like to audition but cannot attend on this date, please can you let me know as soon as possible, so I can make the necessary arrangements. Leave a message with your name and form on it at the school office and I will get back to you. I am looking for ONE solo act and ONE group act. So get practicing, get your best performances ready and let everyone see your talent and be amazed! There are TWO House Competitions set for November, which are: The Toy Appeal and The Remembrance Memorial Design. I want all Mandela House Forms to try their absolute hardest with these competitions because, we are currently number 4 on the leader board and we need to move up to the top spot! The harder we try in succeeding in these House competitions - the more points we will get – which in turn means more House Points! We need to all work together to achieve the top spot – which is where we belong! Over the weekend, could you all have a search around the house and ask friends and family members for any unwanted toys they may have and are willing to donate? So then you can bring them in next week for the Toy Appeal. That would be much appreciated! I hope you all have a lovely weekend, until next week… Take care and God Bless.

**Miss Sadia (Head of Mandela House)**

**King House**

I hope you have all had a great week! Well done for the excellent cooperation during this week’s Luther King house mass, your behaviour was exemplary. Would just like to remind you all of this month’s house competitions. The toy appeal is one of them, please bring in any new or unwanted toys and give them to your form teachers, the more we donate, the better chance we have at winning the most house points! Also a new competition which has been launched this week is for forms to design a memorial, these need to be handed in at the end of this month! Good luck to you all and have a nice weekend! Mr George (Acting Head of King House)
## House Points

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![Class Charts Win Big!!!](Image)
GRANDPARENTS

Would you like to meet with others to discuss Grandparenting?

We are holding coffee mornings of the Birmingham Group of Grandparents Plus at

Kings Norton Nursery School and Camp Lane Children’s Centre

Westhill Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B38 8SY

Meetings held between 9 and Noon on the third/fourth Thursday of the Month (avoiding school holidays)

Dates are:-
24th November
19th January 2017
16th February 2017 and 16th March 2017

Note you can bring children under your own responsibility.
Contact Jonk Watts with any queries 07854 099839 or jonkwatts@live.co.uk

We also hold meeting in the North of Birmingham. Contact Jonk for information.
Further Education

Birmingham Metropolitan College

Open Evening: Wednesday 17 December 2016 – 4pm to 7pm

Bournville College

Open Evening: Wednesday 25 January 2017 – 4pm to 7pm

Halesowen College

Open Day: Saturday 28 January 2017 - 10am to 2pm

Sandwell College West Bromwich

Open Day: Saturday 14 January 2017 - 10am to 2pm
Open Evenings: Wednesday 9 January 2017 – 5pm to 8pm

Sandwell Academy 6th Form

Open Evenings: Tuesday 15 November 2016
Interested students need to register completing the form on the website. Attending is part of the application process.

University College Birmingham

Open Day: Saturday 26 November 2016 – 11am to 3pm
Saturday 21 January 2017 – 11am to 3pm

Walsall College

Open Evening: Wednesday 23 November 2016 – 4pm to 7pm

Sixth Form Schools and Colleges

Cadbury 6th Form College

Open Day: Saturday 12 November 2016 – 10am to 2pm

Joseph Chamberlain 6th Form College

Open Evening: Thursday 1 December 2016 – 6pm to 7.30pm

Nishkam School Trust Sixth Form

To be confirmed – please check website