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Weekly Information Bulletin



Mission Statement

'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'

Prayer

WISDOM

Matthew 5:9
"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God"

Dear Lord,

Help us to do your work and promote peace within our lives and communities, especially when this feels hard. Help us to share the burden of others with a listening ear. Amen

WALK OF LIFE

"Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding. Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that"

Martin Luther King Jr

WELLBEING

Tip:

Try to ensure that all your conversations are peaceful. No shouting or angry words but try to listen and show understanding.

Support

If you need any more support, please remember the Chapel is open every day. Alternatively, please email wellbeing@sjw.bham.sch.uk to talk to a member of the wellbeing team.

Head of Year Message Year 10

It was fantastic to see Team B at the start of this week, they too have shown great maturity like Team A ensuring full support with social distancing and personal space. As always Year 10 please continue to complete all work whether this is at home or school as staff in our school have worked very hard to ensure your education continues in these uncertain times.

I would like to thank all the pupils who have applied to become prefects in Year 11. I received some wonderful reasons as to why they have chosen to apply and hopefully they will be successful in the next part of the application. I would like to thank the following pupils who were all applicants:

Mishael Madubuko, Shantae Mendy, Navien Khangura, Ehsan Mohammed, Sara Akhtar, Callum Khan, Donat Yonas, Samah Khan, Oliwia Janiszewska, Esha Kumari, Vidhu Singh, Kabanza Simamba, Saksham Dhadwal, Haddy Nije, Mariah Bibi, Tanveen Kaur Taal and Khadija Nyarko.

A big thank you to the House Captains for their website comments for the new pupils starting September 2020, hopefully reading these comments will help the new pupils feel more comfortable starting with our Saint John Wall community soon.

We will be welcoming Team A back on Monday 29 June for more face to face learning ensuring they continue to follow social distancing guidelines.

As always stay safe and looking after yourselves.

By Mrs Chand

Head of Year Message Year 11

You are invited to return equipment, revision guides, Library books and collect belongings from the lockers on Wednesday 1 July. This handover will take place in the conservatory between 11am and 1pm.

Strict social distancing rules must be observed - only attend alone, keep a 2m distance and do not hang around on site.

We will greatly appreciate all Year 11s returning school property on this date and encourage pupils to use this opportunity to collect their belongings from the lockers. Letters, with further details, have been sent out in the post.

By Miss Lally

Face to face meetings with pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 before the summer holidays

You may have heard that the government has issued updated guidance which allows us to have some short face to face meetings with pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 before the summer holidays. We currently have invited groups of Year 10 pupils attending school, and this has gone well, with pupils being very sensible and safe and following all the hygiene rules in school. Staff are now considering ways that we can safely meet with other pupils nearer the middle of July. If you are in Years 7, 8 or 9 you will receive more information in the post soon.

By Miss Marston

Remember: Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

Head of Year Message Year 7

Hello Year 7, you should all have received your homework booklets to complete over the next 4 weeks of our term. These booklets are meant to be used along side the online learning that staff are providing to your email each week. I would like to encourage you to communicate with your class teacher if you are finding the work or work load particularly difficult. Each piece of completed work should be delivered with the same hard work and effort that you would produce in the classroom. This is not work to keep you busy in lock-down, but work that will help you to transition into Year 8 when you join us again in the coming months.

I would like to thank all of our Year 7 parents, carers, siblings, and wider family members who have been providing support to our pupils in their home learning during this time. Believe me when I say I know the difficulties that home learning provides us (I was sat with my daughter only a few days ago trying to work out when mathematics changed?). Each day is a fresh start though and gives us the opportunity to create a good routine, explore what our children are learning in the classroom, while encouraging us to truly engage on a new level with the education being provided to our young. I can't count the amount of times that I have asked the question 'so what did you do in school today', to hear the reply 'I can't remember!' So again, THANK YOU!

While we are obviously very keen to hear about how you are all getting along with your studies, our fabulous Form Tutors; Mr Hussain, Mrs Johnson, Miss Jones, Mr Owen and Mrs Wieremiewicz have been making contact with your families over the recent weeks to enquiry about your well-being. The lock down has affected us in so many different ways. We have heard about pupils and families struggling with sleep, routine, bereavement, loss, healthy eating etc. May I remind you all that should you need additional support for your well-being, you can contact wellbeing@sjw.bham.sch.uk. The email account is checked each day and a member of staff will be happy to contact you to provide further support should you need it.

I hope you have a lovely week. Keep safe, stay away from crowded areas. God bless.

By Mrs Ellis

Head of Year Message Year 8

I hope you are all safe and well, enjoying the wonderful sunshine we have had.

It has been lovely to speaking to some of you and your families over the last week, hearing all the things you have all been up to.

You should all now have had the new Development Homework booklet in the post, keep working through it. The work in the booklet should last you up until the Summer Holidays. Take your time and try your best with all of it. If you have not received one yet please email me and we will try and re-post one to you. If you are working online then this is great too, the work online and in the booklet is the same but please keep the booklet just as a back up.

If you have any issues please email me and I will try and help as much as possible.

Also, please keep checking your emails for important information regarding your options for next year!

Stay safe, look after yourselves and your families, we can't wait to see some of the work you do.

By Miss Reynolds

Head of Year Message Year 9

Hello Year 9, I hope you are all safe and well at home. You received an email this week with guidance on how to approach your school work now that you have received a developmental homework booklet containing work from all of your subjects. This booklet contains enough work to last until the end of term, please prioritize it, ignoring subjects that you did not choose as an option. Please continue to complete online work as usual (Seneca etc), if you are able to do so, alongside it. Additionally, if you are able, you should be replying to emails sent by your teachers and form tutors so that they stay up to date with how you are getting on and any needs you may have. Use your current timetable to help you organise your day. Complete the work that you would normally do on that school day which will help to break it up and keep you engaged.

If you are struggling with working from home or have any other concerns about yourself, friends or family members during this time please email wellbeing@sjw.bham.sch.uk for further support.

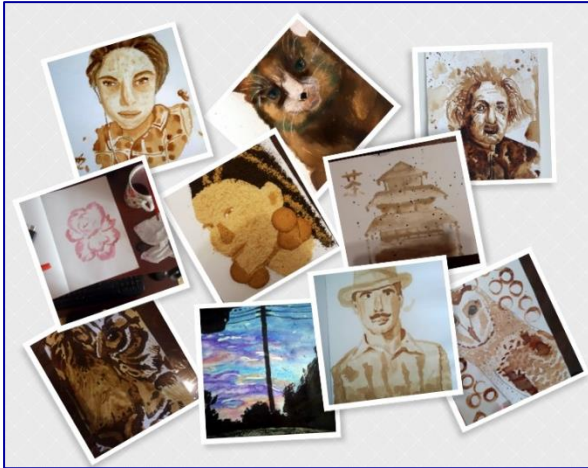
Remember to get outside and enjoy the sunshine whenever possible! Exposure to sunlight during the day is crucial to your wellbeing and will boost your immune system. Just remember to stay hydrated, drink plenty of water and use sun-screen whilst you are enjoying the sun. A lot of time in the sun can leave you feeling a little drained, so make sure to also eat at your usual times to avoid feeling faint.

Remember: To stay 2 metres away from other people

Special Congratulations to...

Harrison Wood for being accepted into BOA

Sunil, Shiv, Alexandra, Mariam, Aryan, Shantae, Joel, Sanvir and Zainab who were set with the challenge of creating a Portrait or Natural Form out of Household items by Miss Dowling and used Beetroot Juice, Tea/Coffee granules and even Ginger biscuits and Cereal to produce some fabulous portraits!



Stay safe and have a lovely weekend!

By Miss Moyo

Working from Home Humanities and MFL – Focus on MFL

Female and male adjectives

In Spanish, there is feminine and male letters such as for Bonita which means beautiful is when describing a noun that is feminine so it needs an "a". Here is an example of what I am trying to say – Bonita Hermana which is beautiful sister .

For the male version it is the same as the feminine. If there is a adjective before the noun then it then the adjective can be male if the noun is male like the female version .

For a plural the noun has to be a plural and then the adjective will have to be plural because the now is e.g. women's party.

Years 7, 8 and 9, a big thank you first of all to all the pupils who have been creatively completing the MFL Development homework tasks and emailing them in to their teachers! You can see an example at the top of this article from Natasha Phagania in Year 7. It has been great to see how you are engaging with the work and choosing tasks that push you out of your comfort zone! Please keep it up!! And if you haven't managed to completed any of the online development homework yet, you still have plenty of time and myself and Mrs Wallace really enjoy seeing what you have been practising.

Year 10, now that you are back in school on a limited basis, try to make the most of the contact with your subject teacher in order to talk to them about work that you can do independently from home. Find out what your weak areas are and see if there are targeted tasks that you can do in order to improve. One thing that will help not only your language proficiency but also your overall Literacy is to listen to [News in Slow French](#) or [News in Slow Spanish](#). There are free to listen podcasts and you can listen and re-listen to them as many times as you like in order to make sure you get the most out of them. Make a note of any new or useful vocabulary and explore what is going on in the world around you but in a different language!

By Mr Pickering

Contact social media sites

Has someone posted something upsetting about you?

Most websites have a way for you to ask them to remove 'content' – like videos, pictures, comments or profiles – that upsets you. This is called making a 'report'.

It's important to know that making a report doesn't mean the content will definitely be removed.

Just like in school, most websites have a set of rules which they expect people using their site to obey - these are called 'terms of use'.

If you want to have something taken down from a site you should check to see if it breaks one of their rules.

Facebook calls their rules 'Community Standards', YouTube's rules are called 'Community Guidelines' and other sites like Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram have their own sets of rules and ways to report.

Before using any website you should read them to learn what is, and what isn't, acceptable on the site. You should also learn how to report content to the site.

Remember, that to use any of these sites you need to be at least 13 years old. If you're under 13 and someone has posted something about you get an adult to help you report it.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/help/Contact-social-sites/

By Mrs Crooks