



# Saint John Wall Catholic School

## A Catholic School For All

### Monthly Newsletter



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Chair of Governors: Mr M Jones

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

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#### Prayer

"Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence, but a false witness utters deceit."  
Proverbs 12:17

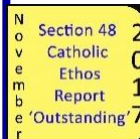
Dear Lord,  
Holy Lord, Thank You for grace. Please help me move beyond the hurdles that trip me up and give me the strength and wisdom to look up and see the hope I run toward in Christ. In Jesus' Name.  
Saint John Wall,  
Pray for us.  
Amen

Catholic Life Theme:

Journey in the Kingdom Of God

Autumn Jesuit Values:

Faith-filled and Hopeful



## Message from Mr Jones Chair of Governors

Dear Parents/Carers

*Guide me, o thou great Redeemer*

As the Wales rugby team has shown the only place success comes before work is in a dictionary. It is also the case here at Saint John Wall School. The sustained improvement over the past few years in our GCSE results has been the consequence of the incredible amount of hard work of our staff and pupils alike.

At a recent governors' meeting Mr John informed us that our 2019 Progress 8 or P8 score is +0.82. As you will be aware a school's P8 is used by the government to measure the progress pupils have made since starting in Year 7. A P8 of 0.0 tells you pupils have achieved what is expected of them, no more no less. A P8 of +0.82 means that at Saint John Wall last year's Year 11 pupils performed almost a grade higher in every subject than pupils nationally. An astounding result I'm sure you'll agree. The government has recently published this year's official data for all schools so we can compare our performance with others <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/103534/st-john-wall-catholic-school/secondary>

Congratulations to Miss Marston and her team of staff and of course to the pupils on this astonishing achievement - and many thanks to you as parents for all your support.

At a meeting two weeks ago governors heard from Ms Hanson and Miss Guest about what is already being done to ensure standards are maintained and so enable pupils, especially those in Year 11, to continue the success shown over the past three years. They both made clear that nothing will be left to chance to give the pupils here the very best chance of succeeding.

At the start of a new school year governors have the responsibility of reviewing and updating all our policies. Believe me there are dozens and dozens of them - I know because I had to sign them all! One of these, health and safety, and in particular safeguarding pupils tops the list of our priorities. Mrs Crooks recently provided training for governors on this topic. To make sure we understood it all she even gave us an assessment to complete. Parents can be certain that the safety of your children remains at the forefront of all the school's planning.

We were all appalled at the racist abuse the Villa defender Tyrone Mings and other England players were subjected to last week in Bulgaria. Without fail visitors to the school comment to Miss Marston on the harmony they witness between pupils as well as between staff and pupils at Saint John Wall. This doesn't just happen by chance. We heard from Mr Price at a recent governors' meeting on the developments in the Catholic Life of the school along with the plans for the coming year. This year's theme is: "Journey through the Kingdom of God."

Religious festivals will be a particular focus enabling pupils to explore other faiths. Special attention is currently being paid to the festival of Diwali which begins very soon. Mr Price was congratulated on his team's outstanding GCSE RE results. He was also thanked for ensuring the Gospel messages of love, compassion and understanding continue to spread throughout our school.

The school's Cultural Ambassadors have ensured that there have been several events celebrating Black History Month, and the diverse cultural heritage we can be so proud of at Saint John Wall. I'll end, therefore, with this prayer:

*Almighty God, guide those who fan the fires of discrimination to open their eyes to the beauty of all your creation and to respect the human dignity of all your people. Amen.  
Saint John Wall, pray for us.*

Martin Jones  
Chair of Governors



## Autumn Jesuit Values: Faith-filled and Hopeful



Dear Parents and Carers

A few years ago, I was lucky enough to visit the Civil Rights museum in Montgomery, Alabama, USA. There I learnt more about the American civil rights movement and visited the plaque commemorating Rosa Parks. I have, therefore, been delighted that a team of Year 11 pupils (Cultural Ambassadors) embraced celebrating Black History Month and helped Miss Moyo to plan and coordinate a range of activities for displays, tutor time, film club and our Cultural Heritage day that took place yesterday. They have prepared a range of resources and attended staff briefings to explain to staff the importance of celebrating and valuing the cultural diversity we have here at Saint John Wall. We are a Catholic School for All and strive to ensure that everybody feels welcome and is a unique member of our community.

This month has also been Extraordinary Mission Month. This is when the Pope asks us to go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel with renewed enthusiasm, sharing the Good News of Jesus to all those around us. As part of this event we took part in a day of live prayer with the Archbishop. This involved a group of Year 7 & 8 pupils praying the rosary with thousands of other children in school across our diocese.

Finally, we are saying goodbye to Miss Pop today. Miss Pop has recently got married and has decided to take some time out with her husband travelling to Romania. We wish Miss Pop and Mr Lazar all the best for the future.

Have a good half term


Miss Marston  
Headteacher

### Why not visit...


There are many places in the local area which are linked to our curriculum, some of which are free to visit. Take a look at the ideas below:

1. Cycle or walk around Edgbaston Reservoir and look out for the church at one end and the golden roof of the Buddhist temple at the other.
2. St Phillips Cathedral in the city centre and the surrounding graveyard (Pigeon Park). Look at the architecture, the decorations inside and the messages on the grave stones for ideas about the Trinity and life after death.
3. The Tolkien Trail including Moseley Bog and Sarehole Mill. This links to the year 9 Geography curriculum, pupils are learning about ecosystems and the living world.
4. Ladywood Leisure Centre is Birmingham's newest council leisure centre. It has swimming pools, a gym, a sauna, a steam room and a studio for fitness classes. The leisure centre is part of the "Be Active" scheme which means you can use the centre for free swimming, badminton, table tennis and more. To part of "Be Active" you need a leisure card all you need to do is fill in an application form at your local leisure centre. Take along two documents with your name and address.

By Miss Guest



## Parent Drop-in Meeting Invitation



**Monday 4 November 2019**  
**Come and talk to our Learning Support Team**

I am inviting parents/carers/guardians to meet with the learning support team with any inquiries or worries that you might have concerning your child/children.

You are welcome to drop in at any time between **2.30pm-4:00pm** on **Monday** in the school's **conservatory**. The conservatory is located just outside the main school entrance so you do not need to enter the main school building.

I look forward to meeting you with my dedicated Learning Support Team. These meetings will be held regularly so look out for further information and dates in our weekly information bulletin on the school website.

**Mrs J Kaur (Lead Teaching Assistant)**

## EU Settlement Scheme

All EU citizens and their family members must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 31 December 2020. The EU Settlement Scheme gives EU citizens the immigration status they need to continue to live, work and study in the UK. Please share this information with families attending your schools to ensure they apply to the Scheme. **Information is available** at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

Next week EU Settlement Scheme pop up events will be taking place in Birmingham, where the Home Office will be on-hand to provide information about the EU Settlement Scheme to local residents and organisations. During the pop-up people can drop in and ask questions, make an application to the EU Settlement Scheme as well as find out more information, including the wider support that is available.

Date: Tuesday 29 October 2019  
Time: 10am -12.30pm  
Address: Carrs Lane Conference Centre, Carrs Lane, Birmingham B4 7SX

Date: Tuesday 29 October 2019  
Time: 2.30pm - 5pm  
Address: St Barnabas Church Centre, High Street, Erdington, Birmingham

If you have any questions about the drop-in sessions, please contact [austin.rodriquez@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:austin.rodriquez@birmingham.gov.uk)

## Monthly Attendance

### Our Top Form Groups

7JOS = 98.8%

8CON = 95.9%

9FOD = 96%

10HUL = 97.9%

11RAH = 99.9%

**Well done for your excellent attendance!**



**COME AND JOIN US FOR FREE HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES AT HEALTH FUTURES**

**10:00am - 1:30pm  
TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Known as "Why Don't You?", this event will focus on health activities and is targeted at secondary school students.

Have fun while you learn!

- Learn to perform medical procedures
- Work on dummy "patients" in our simulated hospital ward.
- Practise taking blood pressure, pulse, and other measurements.
- Learn CPR

All attendees will receive a certificate.

Bring a packed lunch!



**TO FIND OUT MORE  
OR BOOK A PLACE, VISIT  
[www.healthfuturesutc.co.uk](http://www.healthfuturesutc.co.uk)  
OR CALL US ON  
0121 794 2888**

**Look out for our other dates:**

**18th February  
7th April**

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Email: [admin@healthfuturesutc.co.uk](mailto:admin@healthfuturesutc.co.uk)

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WE WILL BE DOING FUN PRACTICALS





OPEN TO YEAR 7 & YEAR 8

Wednesday 23 October 2019

Wednesday 13 November 2019

Wednesday 20 November 2019

Wednesday 4 December 2019

Wednesday 11 December 2019



3.10pm to 4pm



Boys and Girls welcome

First come first served via sign up

See Mr Rahman for further information

**Open to Year 7 & Year 8**

## WANT TO SOLVE AN HISTORICAL MYSTERY? IN YEAR 7? JOIN THE HISTORY MYSTERIES CLUB



**Wednesday, 3:15-4:15, Room 21**

All you need is an interest in history and a thirst to solve mysteries.



# Year 11 Mock 1 Examinations

	Tuesday 5 November	Wednesday 6 November	Thursday 7 November	Friday 8 November		Monday 11 November	Tuesday 12 November	Wednesday 13 November	Thursday 14 November	
Reg + Period 1 9:00 - 10:30	Performing Arts Practical-ALL DAY French Speaking /Engineering practical		Sport  1 Hour 30 Mins	RE  1 Hour		Maths Calculator  1 hour 30 Mins	Engineering  1 Hour 30 Mins	Performing Arts  1 hour	Art Exam-ALL DAY Polish Speaking	
								French Writing 1 Hour 15 Mins		
							Resistant Materials 1 Hour 30 Mins	Italian 1 Hour 15 Mins		
								Polish Writing 1 Hour 15 mins		
Break		Break								
Period 2 10:50 - 12:05		Maths Non Calculator  1 hour 30 Mins	English Language  1 Hour 45 Mins	Geography  1 Hour 30 Mins		History 1 Hour 45 Mins	Maths Calculator 1 hour 30 Mins	Health and Social Care  2 Hours		
Period 3				French Listening and Reading  1 Hour 50 mins				Film Studies  1 Hour 30 Mins		
12:05-13:20				Polish Listening and Reading  1 Hour 50 mins						
Lunch		Lunch								
Period 4 13:55 - 15:10		Travel and Tourism 1 hour	IT DIT 1 Hour 15 Mins	Science Biology  1 Hour 10 Mins		Enterprise 1 hour	Science - Physics 1 Hour 10 Mins	English Literature  45 Mins		
	German 1 hour	Hospitality 1 Hour 15 Mins			Music Y10					
	Performing Arts 1 hour	Performing Arts 1 hour			1 hour					



## Stars of the Month

### English

**Holly Kiely 7OWE & Rayyaan Afzal 7WIO** - for fantastic participation in English lessons and great understanding shown in their assessments.

**Aleksy Chmura 9PIC & Joel Wren 9FOR** - for hard work and engaging assessments.

**Merveille Diansambu 10TOW & Kyras Masih 10PAW** - for excellent assessment pieces.

**Kiem Hoang 10HUL** - for putting in a lot of effort into his A Christmas Carol essay.

**Amy Cutler 11RAH** - for consistent hard work and effort.

**By Miss Lake**

**Albert Stan 10PAW** – for real improvements in English, curious and active in all areas of the class.

**Roberta Ricketts 10DOL** - always enthusiastic in class, always willing to contribute and better her work.

**By Miss Jones**

**Shamari Feurtado 7WIO** - for trying very hard in lessons. Rohit Din for achieving an excellent assessment result.

**Theo Shelley 8COL** - for displaying excellent understanding and knowledge of key characters in his 'Oliver Twist' assessment.

**Shiv Patel 9PIC, Nehemiah Fuller 9BRO and Mohammed Jaral 9FOR** - for maintaining an enthusiastic attitude in English and for sharing their excellent knowledge of the Victorian era.

**Sara Akhtar 10TOW** - for producing an engaging assessment piece.

**Stephan Ifulu 10DOL and Haris Ghaffar 10TOW** - for their positive attitude towards learning; you are making excellent progress! Keep up the good work.

**Parbat D'Cruze 11LAK** - for displaying an excellent attitude to learning and making positive progress in his work.

**By Ms Flinn**

### Humanities

**Connie Grant 8HAR** - being learned and wise in History by completing work to an excellent standard.

**Grace Ihaza 9WOO** - being active and curious by asking for additional reading on our current topic "Crime and Punishment".

**Jakub Borawski 7HUS** - for being learned and wise in History by revising well for his assessment and gaining an excellent score. Well done.

**By Miss Guest**

**Jasmeet Singh 10HUL, Fritz Bayong 10TOW and David Lemvoka 10JAN** – for being faith-filled and hopeful in attempting their first ever higher tier paper in French.

**Shantae Campbell 9FOR** - for being curious and active in ensuring any extra development homework is attempted.

**Anjan Nayak 11LAK** - for being learned and wise by applying his knowledge and understanding in French to new contexts.

**By Miss Wallace**

**Pamela Sidhu 9WOO** - excellent work.

**By Mr Warrington**

**Amelia Wrukowska 7HUS** - Learned and Wise for a superb assessment result.

**Arun Kaler 10HUL and Kabanza Simamba 10TOW** - Learned and Wise for excellent Year 10 assessment results.

**By Mr Woodward**

**Fritz Bayong 10TOW** - Learned and Wise for an excellent result in his Year 10 assessment.

**Talullah Wagenfuhrer 10DOL** - Learned and Wise for an excellent result in her Year 10 assessment.

**Darren Omali Okonkwo 7HUS** - Learned and Wise for an excellent result in his Year 7 assessment.

**By Mr John**



## Catholic Life

### The Pope's Intention for October

#### A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvellous deeds among all peoples." Psalm 96:1-3



#### Pope Francis on Twitter

As we celebrate the #ExtraordinaryMissionaryMonth, we ask the Holy Spirit to enable us to open the doors of the Gospel to all peoples and to be authentic witnesses of divine love.



#### How to be intentional and prophetic...

Before every action that you make there is a moment. Take this opportunity to pause and reflect, is this action in my best interest or just an impulse?



#### Saint of the Month

*'God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission.'* - St. John Henry Newman

#### Well-being

Make a list of things that you are looking forward to.

### Praying the Rosary with Archbishop Bernard

On Wednesday 9 October thousands of young people from schools around the Archdiocese spent time praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary with Archbishop Bernard. 36 pupils from Year 7 and Year 8 took part in this wonderful occasion in our school Chapel which was led via a live link from St. Chad's Cathedral. Thank you to all those who took part, it was a wonderful event.



#### Class Mass

Over the last month several Year 9 classes have celebrated mass with Fr David our Priest Chaplain. Fr David has been talking to pupils about the readings in mass and Gospel messages. Well done to all those in Year 9 who have celebrated mass for your respect and reverence.



## Head of Year

### YEAR 7

Mrs Ellis

This month Year 7 have taken part in their first assessment week. I am proud to say that everyone in the year group behaved exceptionally well both in the Gym and in classrooms while under examination conditions. This is good practice for when they go on to do their GCSE's in Year 11 and can help pupils to grow accustomed of expectations during this time.

This month Year 7 also had a visit from David Graham who is currently visiting schools all over the country performing his 'Natural High' tour. David delivered an important message on drugs and encouraged pupils to look for a natural high instead of turning to an alternative through song and competitions. All pupils responded well to the tour, receiving 2 4 1 vouchers for bowling alongside other goodies. Well done to all who got up on stage to take part, and to everyone who participated in the singing and dancing.



Thank you to all parents and pupils who attended parents' afternoon this week. Should any parents who were unable to attend wish to speak to your child's Form Tutor or myself for an overview, please contact the school.

As we enter the half term holidays, it would be a great opportunity for pupils and parents to check equipment, books and uniform to ensure we have everything that we need ready for our next half term. All pupils should be in full school uniform with no trainer like shoes, have full PE kit, a bag, pen, pencil, ruler and rubber and buzz book. Please refer to the school website and policies for haircuts.

A note for your diary: Year 7 Welcome Mass will take place on Friday 22 November. Letters to follow.

Have a happy and safe half term,

#### Attendance Matters

##### Form Groups

7JOS = 98.8%

7JON = 98.3%

7WIO = 97.3%

7HUS = 97.2%

7OWE = 96.5%

Well done for your excellent attendance @96% +

#### Class Charts

##### Top 3 students - last week:

1)	Muhammad Esa	19
2)	Amelia Wrukowska	15
3)	Mohammed Abdi	14
	Krystian Mendrykiewicz	14
	Ali Mirshekarikazerouni	14
	Valerica Tofei	14

##### Top 3 students – since September:

1)	Muhammad Esa	76
2)	Jakub Borawski	75
3)	Natalia Frackowiak	68
	Anay Parekh	68



### YEAR 8

**Mrs Breslin**

Well done Year 8 for completing your first half term. Many of you have had moments of real success; from being a star of the week through your continuous commitment and hard work, being chosen for the school football team, going out on trips, attending a dedicated prayer for John Henry Newman, to celebrating your cultural heritage. I have been very proud watching you all thrive. Now as we move into the next half term I would like to see you continue to make efforts with your studies and your attitude to learning. I would also like you to always remember to be kind and be faith filled in your service to others.

Make someone a cup of tea, help out with preparing for a family dinner, offer to hand out resources in lessons, say hello and smile to all those you come into contact with. You never know you might make someone's day that little bit brighter.

As we go into the next half term, the nights become darker and the days colder, so please ensure you are prepared with your winter coat and arrive home promptly after school. Have a wonderful half term and take care especially if you are attending any firework displays, remember to keep your distance and wear gloves if you are enjoying sparklers.

#### Attendance Matters

##### Form Groups

8CON = 95.6%

8HAR = 95.1%

8PAR = 95.2%

8HAB = 95%

8COL = 92.9%

**Well done for your excellent attendance @96% +**

#### Class Charts

##### Top 3 students - last week:

1)	Ivie Imadonmwinyi	15
2)	Tyreike Bailey	11
	Connie Grant	11
3)	Natalia Moszczynska	10

##### Top 3 students – since September:

1)	Ivie Imadonmwinyi	78
2)	Julia Moszczynska	67
3)	Beatrice Tofei	63

### YEAR 9

**Miss Moyo**

Hello Year 9, well done for a brilliant start to the year. Many of you have displayed new found maturity as you began your GCSE option subjects. Unfortunately, in the last two weeks of term there have been flashes of immaturity from some of you in your attitude towards others; let's remember to be loving and compassionate in both our speech and actions as we return from the half term break.

As the weather is getting colder, ensure that you are beginning to bring your gloves, scarves and coats to school when you return. Stay safe during the break - aim to be home before dark and remember what you were taught about road safety this term. Next half term there will be assessments in your subjects - use your examination homework booklets to help you with revision in your week off.

Have a lovely week, see you when you return.

#### Class Charts

##### Top 3 students - last week:

1)	Kosi Nwananochi	20
2)	Sarah Ishma	15
3)	Roi Mahey	14
	Mhreteab Teklesenbet	14

##### Top 3 students – since September:

1)	Kaval Naan Singh	71
2)	Roi Mahey	62
	Kosi Nwananochi	62

#### Attendance Matters

##### Form Groups

9FOD = 96%

9FOR = 94.7%

9WOO = 95.2%

9PIC = 95%

9BRO = 90%

**Well done for your excellent attendance @96% +**



### YEAR 10

**Mrs Chand**

Hello Year 10, I would like to start by saying a big thank you to you all for your excellent behaviour and focus during assessment week. Thank you to parents/carers for supporting your child during this period.

Yesterday was Parents' Afternoon and I was delighted to meet so many Year 10 parents to discuss your child's achievements, progress and to address any concerns. Year 10 are in a very important stage of their school education as they are preparing for their GCSEs next year.

Finally, I would like to remind pupils of our behaviour and uniform policy which can be found on our school website. I hope after half term I will not have to address issues regarding the above policy.

Have a wonderful and restful half term, and stay safe.

#### Class Charts

##### Top 3 students - last week:

1) Benedict Ejiofor	12
2) Nevar Mahmood	11
3) Rayyan Ali	9
Sandor Balogh	9

##### Top 3 students – since September:

1) Sandor Balogh	48
2) Jawarie Williams	46
3) Gabriela Krupa	42

#### Attendance Matters

##### Form Groups

10DOL = 97.9%

10HUL = 97.9%

10PAW = 97.8%

10TOW = 95.7%

10JAN = 89.8%

**Well done for your excellent attendance @96% +**

### YEAR 11

**Miss Lally**

By now you will be in the habit of using your examination homework guides and creating revision material. This week you created a revision timetable which you can use over half term. Your mock exams begin on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Please use the week off to prepare for your examinations.

Please ensure that you remember the following expectations:

- You must have your own equipment - (2 black pens, 2 pencils, 2 rulers, sharpener, and eraser, in a see-through bag or pencil case). Please make sure you know your room, seat number and the location in the gym.
- Mobile phones/Electronic devices/I Watches and Revision notes or other papers are not allowed to be kept in pockets in the gym and need to be stored in your coat/school bags or left in your locked classroom. Food and/or drinks are not allowed in the test room.
- The SILENCE rule starts as soon as you enter the gym until after you leave the examination room.
- Do not communicate with anyone else (this includes talking, looking around, making eye contact with another candidate, smiling, making signals etc.). Wear full School Uniform (blazers, shirts tucked in and ties, no jewellery, no trainers, etc.)

REMEMBER: You all have lockers where you can store your belongings. You must put your belongings in your locker in sufficient time before the start of your exam.

This week also saw the start of Year 11 revision classes. These are compulsory. You must attend, on the correct day. It is your responsibility to ensure this happens. If there is any legitimate excuse, you need to speak to me and then your revision class teacher after, if approved. Please check the notice board to refresh your memory of which classes are on which day. Another reminder that T2 is now open for quiet study and revision at break and lunch times. This area is stocked with resources for all subjects. Anyone disrupting study will be prohibited from using the facility. It is a learning space and must be treated as such.

On another note, I would just like to formally announce my congratulations to Saagar Hans 11RAH and Esha Kohli 11SIM on their appointment to the positions of Head Boy and Girl and to Ritish Thakur 11RAH and Ruth Mumba 11PRI on their appointment to the positions of Deputy Head Boy and Girl. Well done to you all.

Have a good half term and good luck for the mock exams the following week.

#### Class Charts

##### Top 3 students - last week:

1) Romarian Thompson	7
2) Dwyne Bako	6
Gurjot Singh	6

##### Top 3 students – since September:

1) Natalia Zajac	37
2) Precious Mowo	29
Mohammad Omar	29

#### Attendance Matters

##### Form Groups

11RAH = 99.9%

11FLI = 97%

11SIM = 96.3%

11PRI = 96.1%

11AK = 90.2%

11WIN = 82.6%

**Well done for your excellent attendance @96% +**

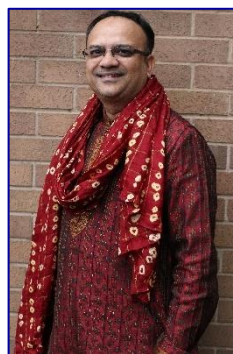
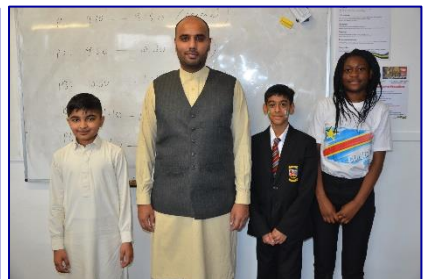
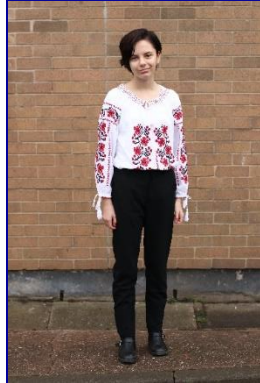
## Cultural Heritage Day

Thank you to Miss Moyo for planning and organising this event and to the cultural ambassadors and acts who took part.





## Cultural Heritage Day





## Black History Month

This term students celebrated inspirational historical and modern day black figures who displayed creativity, integrity, leadership and innovation in the fields of Science, Politics and the Arts through their Daily Reflections in form time. Some examples of the figures pupils reflected on are: Dr. Shirley Jackson, Toussaint L'Ouverture and Handsworth's own Benjamin Zephaniah. Through these reflections, students paused to ask themselves which vocation they felt called to. Students also considered the meaning of integrity and reflected on inspirational quotes from these, alongside other notable figures.

In addition, pupils led a Collective Worship celebrating the history of black music - from rock and roll, blues and reggae to the origins of modern rap and hip-hop. Year 8 pupils - Crystabel Owusu, Simran Tiwana, Natalia Moszczynska, Nadwa Hassan and Leona Kollarova did a fantastic job of delivering this assembly to their peers, older and younger pupils.

In lessons, staff in all curriculum areas and subject groups incorporated links to Cultural Heritage and Black History into their lessons. Pupils were inspired by black inventors in Engineering, explored the role of the media in both propagating and challenging racist stereotypes during Creative iMedia and cooked Caribbean and African food in Food Technology amongst other things.

Alongside all of this, Advocates for Action members Ashrea Sehjail and Ruth Mumba had planned a surprise - a Heritage fair where staff and pupils could share stories of their heritage and enjoy food, music and pupils' performances. Ruth and Ashrea alongside Saagar Hans, Ritish Thakur, Sherea Black, Navhea Blake, Naomi Osayamwen, Amy Cutler, Joyce Jahle, Joyce Nkiambe, Jeitha Tabi and Ali Raza banded together under the title of Cultural Ambassadors. They planned and created a video with Mr Mull which allowed staff and pupils to share their opinions on the importance of culture and heritage. They also organised performances from pupils across all year groups.

As a teacher, I have found the level of pupil interest and engagement with these important issues truly inspiring. I hope you are also inspired as you look at what our pupils have done this month.

By Miss Moyo

### Cultural Heritage Day

By Miss Moyo

On our last day of term staff and pupils came together to celebrate the beauty of the cultural diversity in our school. We listened to Polish, Indian, Caribbean, Spanish and Italian music, ate food from Romania, Britain, the Caribbean, West Africa and Poland.

There were comedy performances from Visham Shinh and Ben Ejiofor; a dance routine from Lamar Hansel and Christian Mupene, poems by Vidhu Singh, Irene Rose Jain, Navien Khangura, Danita Titah, David Lemvoka and Ryan Ashford. The fashion show acknowledged Vietnamese, Chinese, Bangladeshi, Indian, British and West African culture and the Ambassadors, supported by Mrs Brooks and Mr Mull were excellent hosts and stage managers.

## Black History Month

### Lifestyle Lessons

By Mrs France

In Lifestyle lessons, Mrs France taught Year 9 girls about inspirational black women. They learnt about Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson who worked for NASA, before researching their own inspirational figure. The girls identified the key skills and qualities needed for leadership.



Katherine Johnson



Dorothy Vaughan



Mary Jackson

### English

By Miss Lake

As part of their preparation for the unseen poetry section of their literature exams and in celebration of Black History Month, Miss Lake's Year 11 groups spent two lessons exploring the poems of two amazing black poets - Benjamin Zephaniah and John Agard. Their poems, 'No problem' and 'Half-Caste' respectively, explore the difficulties of being black in modern Britain with passion and humour.



### Performing Arts – Drama

By Mrs Breslin

In Drama pupils looked at the tragic story of Emmett Till - a 14-year-old boy who was brutally murdered in the Deep South of America during the Jim Crow era. Students watched a powerful spoken word performance written about the tragedy before creating their own spoken word pieces.

### English

By Miss Moyo

In English lessons pupils listened to a range of poems on culture and identity before writing their own. Here are a few examples:

#### Equality

*Who are you*

*Are you white?  
Or are you black?  
Or are you Asian?  
Has anyone assumed  
Where you're from?  
Was it because  
Of your skin colour?*

*But who are you  
on the inside?  
Who are you -  
A human  
Like me.*

*You and everyone on this world,  
Why be racist  
When we all  
Talk, run and walk  
On the same  
Place we call  
Home?  
Earth  
Then why send bombs  
Send rockets  
And why destroy  
Other people's homes  
When we all have  
One home -  
Earth?*

*Why kill over the colour of our skin  
When we are all humans?  
So stop the racism  
And become friends  
Talk to each other  
You never know  
Who you could meet,  
Maybe even your next friend  
So, let's fight for racism to stop.*

By Szymon Wrukowski 9BRO



## Black History Month

### I am me!

*I am me!  
I am British-Indian  
I am proud to be a citizen  
I am ashamed of the violence in certain aspects of India  
I am the vision of India I see death  
I am British  
I am welcome here  
I am home  
I am India  
I am at my mum and dad's home  
I am scared  
I am British-Indian  
  
I am on the ground in India  
I am getting hit  
I am so nervous  
I am British-Indian  
I am me!  
I am petrified but...  
I am Navien Khangura  
I am proud to be me*

By Navien Khangura 10HUL

### Immigrants

*War! A period of fighting between countries when weapons are  
used, and many people may be killed.  
But what does it mean to you?  
What does it mean to the people that hurt?  
The people that are killed?  
What does it mean to the people who had to leave because of  
the stupid thing's others did?  
We are called immigrants.  
No one knows what we went through to stay alive.  
The challenges we faced to keep our family alive.  
Yet they call us immigrants.*

By Ryan Ashford 10JAN

### India

*My country India -  
A country with different states.  
Each state with its own language and cultures,  
Even with such differences  
We are one. And we call it us  
Unity in Diversity  
We are strong  
We are independent  
We love each other  
We care each other  
We face all difficulties together  
The beautiful country India  
With mountains, plateaus, plains, deserts of islands  
Now wonderful is my country!  
And I am proud to be an Indian*

By Irene Rose Jain 10HUL

### Negro

*Negro - a term misused by rappers like the Migos  
They glorify and try to make it cool  
but don't know the history our ancestors had to go through.  
They were labelled as these derogatory terms,  
stripped of their names and branded with their slave owners  
surnames.  
SMITH BROWN  
Whipped to do forceful tasks just for them to wear our cotton  
and for our history to be forgotten,  
but I stand against this  
our history must be reminisced.*

By David Lemvoca 10JAN

### Singh

*Vidhu Singh  
Singh meaning lion  
And lion is masculine  
So, am I a man?  
I don't know that's what they say  
Little do they know  
Singh means strong  
Singh means powerful  
It means not giving up and getting scared  
And I am not. Well sometimes  
From birth to death I will be an Indian  
And respect every Indian brother and sister of mine  
I am, Vidhu Singh*

By Vidhu Singh 10DOL

## Black History Month

On Wednesday 16 October our canteen staff prepared some delicious food to celebrate Black History Month which went down a treat with our staff and pupils. On the menu was Curry Mutton, Jerk chicken, Ackee & Callaloo, Plantain, Fried Dumpling and Rice & Peas.



### Film Club

For Black History Month film club ran the following films; See You Yesterday, The Boy who Harnessed the Wind, Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse, The Hate U Give and concluding after half term The Man who knew Infinity. These films showed differences between cultures showed of actors/actresses with difference ethnic backgrounds and the troubles their characters would endure in day to day life.

*"The boy who harnessed the wind really shows the great talent that lies in everyone and how with everyone's help you can overcome any hardship. His ingenious helped him make a windmill to support his family and his community. Additionally, the windmill stands as a symbol that reminds people that despite all negativity, with the help of others you can get past it and live a healthy life with the people around you being there to supports you."*

By Jaskirat Singh 8HAB

### Hospitality and Catering

By Ms Williamson

A group of Hospitality and Catering pupils went to New Square in West Bromwich to have a look at the different outlets.

The pupils have just started their specification; it was a great way for them to understand the unit they are studying and understanding the environment in which Hospitality and Catering providers operate.

As a reward for their excellent behaviour and working attitude, I bought them a hot chocolate from Costa Coffee. Thank you to Miss Reynold for accompanying.

*"We recently went on a hospitality and catering trip to new square, West Bromwich. The trip helped me to understand the subject more."*

By Tina Nguyen 9PIC

*"We went to West Bromwich New square and the first thing we saw was the Premier Inn hotel which is a residential place because you can sleep there and eat there. The next Hospitality and Catering industry was Tesco Coffee which was a non-residential place because you can only eat and drink there but not sleep there. The next place we went to in New square was Harvesters which had a lot of different services like: counter service, self-service, table service and many others. It is also a non-residential place because you can only eat there but not sleep there. The last place we went in West Bromwich New square was Costa Coffee where the group had hot chocolate and it had services like: counter service and table service. And it was also a non-residential place because you couldn't sleep there only eat or drink there."*

By Emmanuel Baruti 9FOD





## Black History Month

Throughout October we have been investigating Black History Month.

In the Health and Well-Being Family we have paid homage by integrating Black History Month in to our lessons.

### Health and Social Care

We covered being predisposed to genetic medical conditions such as Sickle Cell Anaemia. The pupils learned that Sickle Cell disease is the name given to a group of lifelong (chronic) inherited conditions that affect haemoglobin. Most people affected are of African or African-Caribbean origin, although the sickle gene is found in all ethnic groups.

### Hospitality and Catering

we visited the local Caribbean takeaway, where we purchased some products including patties, mutton soup and dumplings. The pupils were able to identify the cooking skills, ingredients and culinary terms associated with the products we had purchased.

'A Jamaican patty is a pastry that contains various fillings and spices baked inside a flaky shell, often tinted golden yellow with an egg yolk mixture or turmeric. It is made like a turnover, but is more savoury and filled with meat. As its name suggests, it is commonly found in Jamaica, and is also eaten in other areas of the Caribbean, such as the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua and Costa Rica. It is traditionally filled with seasoned ground beef, but fillings can include chicken, pork, lamb, vegetables, shrimp, lobster, fish, soy, ackee, mixed vegetables or cheese. In Jamaica, the patty is often eaten as a full meal, especially when paired with coco bread. It can also be made as bite-sized portions called cocktail patties. Among the Jamaican diaspora in the UK, the pastry is more like that of a suet crust, and often made with margarine or butter, which provides the flaky pastry, and curry powder containing turmeric, which provides the yellow colour'.

### Child Development

The 'History of Black Midwives' will be dovetailed into the scheme of learning (antenatal care and birth) as we did not cover it this month due to revision and assessments. However, it is important for the pupils to understand and recognise the role of black midwives.

' When Europeans brought African slaves to the United States in the early 1600s, along with them came African women who were trained and practised as midwives, and who continued to do so and train others to do so during their lives as slaves. During this time in the colonies, midwives were still the primary source of care in birth for all families. As slavery grew, African midwives served both other African women as well as white women in birth. In the mid to late 1700s, obstetrics was introduced into America and by the early 1800s, the male physician had largely replaced the role of the midwife, particularly among upper and middle-class white Americans. However, in rural America and particularly in Black communities, midwives continued to serve in birth'.

By Ms Williamson

## Departmental News

### Sport

By Mr Janes

- Friday 15 November - PE trip to watch Worcester Wolves compete (Professional Basketball).
- Football - All years have competed in various Football Fixtures over recent weeks, students have represented the school fantastically.
- Basketball fixtures will commence towards the end of November.
- Netball Fixtures schedule for when we return from half-term.

### U12/13 Girls Football League

By Miss Burdick

On Monday 21 October the Year 7 and 8 combined girls football team played their first league away game against Cardinal Wiseman. The girls were incredibly excited before we even stepped onto the mini bus, they put all of their energy into the 40 minute game, defended hard and attacked even harder, so much, that we managed to score the one and only goal (courtesy of Jarhle Ingram). As you can imagine the mini bus was very loud and booming on the way back to school and rightly so as the team played their little hearts out and did themselves and the school proud.

Player of the Match: Tahani Mohammed Sutherland

Avery big well done to: Jarhle Ingram (C), Dena Forrester, Deebrah Forrester, Rain Love, Elizabeth Mpesi, Beatrice Tofei, Tahani Mohammed Sutherland, Naomi Nkiambi, Gertrude Mafotsop, Victoria Omozee Ufumwen, Malika Rahman, Samra Mohamed, Crystabel Owusu and Connie Grant.





## Departmental News

## House News

### Girls Netball League Game Vs St Paul's @ SJW

Wednesday 6th November 2019

3:15pm - 4:30pm

#### Year 9

GRACE IHAZA (GS)

REGINA MUKUANGU (C)

KOSI NWANANOCI (GD)

JEMIMA MALUNDAMA (GK)

JARHLE INGRAM (WA)

JENNY TRAN (WD)

WICKTORIA ZIOLKOWSKA (GA)

SUBS: LEONI GAYLE AND HYAB WOLDAI

#### Year 10

MISHAEL MADUBUKO (GA)

NANCY OVBIJE (GK)

MERVEILLE DIANSAMBU (WA)

TALIAH MCDONALD (GD)

SHANTAE MENDY (C)

YASANNIE ESNARD (GS)

FANUS YOWHANNES (WD)

SUBS: CHARLOTTE MIDLETON, SIMRAN KHINDA AND DONAT YONAS

**MUST HAVE FULL PE KIT!  
SUBS, YOU WILL GET A GAME!**

### House Games Autumn Term 1 Results:

#### Football

Gandhi	Luther King	Mandela	John Paul	Pankhurst
12	6	8	7	7

**3 points for a win, 2 for a draw, 1 for a loss**

Thursday 19 September 2019

Gandhi 7 vs Luther King 1

Mandela 6 vs Pankhurst 2

Thursday 26 September 2019

John Paul 1 vs Luther King 2

Mandela 2 vs Gandhi 3

Thursday 3 October 2019

Pankhurst 3 vs John Paul 6

Luther King 5 vs Gandhi 7

Thursday 10 October 2019

Mandela 4 vs Pankhurst 4

John Paul 2 vs Gandhi 3

Thursday 17 October 2019

Luther King 4 vs Pankhurst 6

Mandela 3 vs John Paul 3



## House News

The first half term has absolutely flown by and I wanted to update everyone on the new and improved House System! For the first time in recent years we have introduced House Captains as a way of encouraging student participation in the House. Each of the five Houses; Gandhi, Luther King, John Paul, Mandela and Pankhurst has either two or three House Captains from the current Year 10 cohort. These House captains are responsible for either Academic or Sporting activities and encouraging pupils participation in House competitions and more regularly the House Games night. So far, they have been doing a fantastic job at rounding up pupils for activities and talking to them about the importance of the House competitions. Another of their tasks has been to deliver fortnightly updates to the teaching staff within their Houses by leading House briefing. During these briefings they begin with a prayer and then explain to the staff from their respective Houses what the latest news from the House is.

The weekly House games night has been held on a Thursday after school and this term the pupils have been competing against their peers in other Houses at football. We have seen a huge uptake in the number of pupils participating and supporting during these sporting activities with over 100 pupils taking part on a regular basis. The atmosphere has been charged with anticipation and wins, losses, goals and saves have been greeted with roars from the crowds and shouts of encouragement from the sidelines! We move on to dodgeball after half term however it will not start until the second week back and look forward to seeing such numbers taking part in this new sport.

Finally, the pupils took part in their first competition this half term which was to design a new emblem to represent their House. We received a huge number of entries from all year groups from all Houses, it has been great to see the pupils getting involved and working together and the final decisions were very tough. However, we believe that we have chosen the designs which best represent each of the Houses and these will be displayed with pride once they have been finalised on the House boards.

By Miss Burdick



## House Points

### King House

Form	Name	Points Awarded this Month
7JOS	Muhammad Esa	86
8CON	Beatrice Tofei	63
9PIC	Kosi Nwananochi	65
10HUL	Sandor Balogh	47

### Mandela House

Form	Name	Points Awarded this Month
7HUS	Jakub Borawski	75
8PAR	Natalia Moszczynska	51
9BRO	Adnan Tariq	54
10DOL	Jawarie Williams	46

### Gandhi House

Form	Name	Points Awarded this Month
7WIO	Dhiraj Ram	62
8HAR	Connie Grant	46
9WOO	Sarah Ishma	47
10TOW	Vanesa Brenkacova	32

### Pankhurst House

Form	Name	Points Awarded this Month
7JON	Tanvir Ridwan	69
8HAB	Upen Rohilla	42
9FOR	Kaval Naan Singh	80
10JAN	Sanya Khurram	41

### John Paul House

Form	Name	Points Awarded this Month
7OWE	Fabrice King	62
8COL	Ivie Imadonmwinyi	82
9FOD	Roi Mahey	69
10PAW	Jacob Brown	44

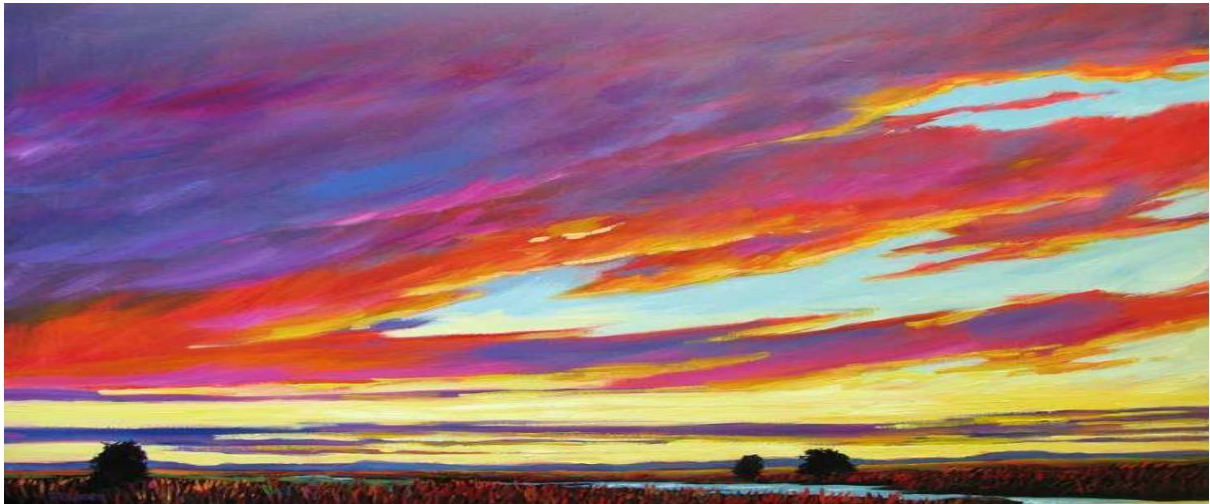
### Leaderboard

John Paul 3239  
Pankhurst 3230  
Mandela 3215  
Luther King 3115  
Gandhi 2927



# Older People

*Their Values, Gifts and Struggles*



## Pippa Bonner

*From her hospice and social work, therapeutic practice, dementia care, as well as spirituality and theology.*



ACTA November 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday at St Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Rd, Harborne, B17 ODN. 1.30pm tea, 2.00 talk. Everyone welcome. No charge. Contact ACTA [mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk)



## Autumn Jesuit Values: Faith-filled and Hopeful

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Half Term Activities



[http://www.wvholidaysquad.co.uk/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.wvholidaysquad.co.uk/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

Our WV Holiday Squad is back this October half term with a round of what's happening in the city. We've got activities to keep youngsters of all ages entertained, as well as many [FREE activities](#) ready to be enjoyed!

Scroll down to see our highlights for this October half term!

Learn a new skill with InPower Martial Arts



The sessions will explore a range of different martial arts including boxing, wrestling, and Brazilian jiu-jitsu. As well as the physical aspect, traditional martial arts will be explored along with the origins of martial artists from samurais to ninjas. We will also be delivering craft activities that will have a greater meaning and will be engaging for young people of all ages. [Find out more.](#)

### Get creative with Crafty Happenings!

Crafty Happenings has a week of fun arts and crafts workshops, all themed around autumn, nature and Halloween! There's a [pottery paint day](#), [pumpkin carving session](#), and the chance to make beautiful [woodland dream catchers](#). For the full list of arts and crafts activities taking place across the city, visit the [WV Holiday Squad website](#).



### Funny Things return to make Wolverhampton laugh!



A week-long celebration of rib-tickling stand-up, theatre, workshops, street performance, film and family events is back! The events will be taking place in Wolverhampton from 26 October - 2 November with something for everyone, click [here](#) for more details. There's a [magic show](#), [history tour](#), [puppet show](#) and [mask making](#), plus much more to be enjoyed!



Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

### HAPPY, SAFE HALLOWEEN/BONFIRE NIGHT – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

With the darker nights fast approaching, it is important that students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of behaviour. Whilst we hope they will enjoy socialising with friends and family during the half-term break and the upcoming Halloween/Bonfire Night activities, we also want to ensure they feel confident to keep themselves safe and away from danger, crime and anti-social behaviour.

Parents/carers and students should already be aware that as part of our safeguarding arrangements, the school has a two-way information sharing agreement in place with West Midlands Police, and we are active members of the local Police & Schools Panel. This joint-approach helps us to intervene early to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour involving our students, and provide support and up-to-date safety messages.

In partnership with the police, we would like to remind our students about the following: -

- **Anti-social behaviour:** Halloween can be a scary time for people who don't like surprises or callers at their door. Think about how your actions and behaviour affect others; elderly and vulnerable people may be frightened by 'trick or treat' so look out for signs in windows that people do not want callers at their door.
- **Personal Safety:**
  - Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep valuables such as phones out of public view whenever possible.
  - Don't drink alcohol, take illegal drugs or unknown substances; they can have a big impact on your health and safety, behaviour and your ability to do well at school and enjoy other interests and activities. They can also be addictive and have unpredictable side effects, including sudden death!
  - West Midlands Fire Service recommends that you go to an organised display; it's the smart way to stay safe. You'll see a lot more fireworks and it's a lot cheaper. Information about firework safety is available at [www.saferfireworks.com](http://www.saferfireworks.com)
- **Weapons in public places:** carrying a knife will get you a criminal record which can have life-long effects on travel and job prospects. Those who carry knives are also much more likely to be injured by them.
- **Off-road bikes:** These can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's permission. Don't risk your life and future prospects by illegally riding these on the road.
- **Remember the company you keep:** if your friend breaks the law, you may also be held responsible for that crime – even if you weren't the one directly responsible.

Yours sincerely

**Miss Marston**  
Headteacher/Principal  
Saint John Wall Catholic School

**Kenny Bell**  
Chief Superintendent - East NPU  
West Midlands Police

**John Denley**  
Chief Superintendent - West NPU  
West Midlands Police