

Saint John Wall Catholic School

A Catholic School For All



Mission Statement

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



Issue 30

Weekly Information Bulletin

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Catholic Life - Termly theme: Joy of Living

Dear Lord, We ask of you to help each and every unique child to become educated in our school. We also ask of you to hear and respond to each and every prayer of the students in our care, we ask you to guide them to what God calls them to be. We pray that our pupils become learned and wise and are grateful for your love, support and generosity. Saint John Wall, Pray for us.

A Message from the Chair of Governors

"A watched pot never boils"

As life slowly begins to return to normality this old phrase seems more relevant than ever. All of us over the past year have faced problems we've never encountered before. So too, like many other Headteachers, has Miss Marston. She has been faced numerous times with having to balance the risk to health with the continued education of your children. Each time she carefully weighed up the pros and cons before making her decisions and communicating with staff, pupils and yourselves the course of action she'd chosen. Thank you Miss Marston and of course the brilliant staff of the school for guiding pupils through such stormy waters. Many thanks also to you as parents for your continued support and co-operation.

Although we've held only one governors' meeting since Easter it was a very important one.

Firstly, we received an update from Ms Whitehouse on the school's finances. Despite the considerable expense incurred responding to the pandemic including the need for extra staffing and materials the budget is sound which is encouraging considering the huge additional financial demands the school has had to meet.

The second topic discussed involved further improving the school's facilities. Linchmere Road is used every day by pupils entering and leaving the site. Matters are in hand to make this entrance far better than it currently is.

Unfortunately, despite contacting the MP and both Councilors for the area nobody at Birmingham City Council seems to know who owns the road!

We'll continue investigating. Governors also heard that the school has been successful in obtaining external funding to become a centre for supporting our pupils as well as those from local schools who may have learning difficulties. It is planned to use this money to refurbish the Caretaker's House and adapt it into a first-class learning resource in time for September.

Finally, on behalf of the governors I wish all our Year 11 pupils the very best of luck for the future when they move on from secondary school in mid June. No group of pupils has had to put up with the disruption to their education they have over the past twelve months or so. Nevertheless, I know all the staff have done and are doing everything to make sure that not only the pupils' assessments and resulting qualifications reflect the hard work they have done but also their post-16 destinations (whether it be in education or training) are appropriate for each pupil.

Until the next time I hope you have a restful holiday and let's hope the weather improves. I'll end with this prayer:

Heavenly father, please be with our Year 11 pupils as they move on to new challenges. As they seek to grow in knowledge, we ask that they grow in faith. As they enter new places of study and training, we hope that they conquer their fears. As they strive to find themselves, we pray they find You. Please be where we cannot, protect when we cannot and give them the strength that we cannot. Amen.

Saint John Wall, pray for us.

Martin Jones - Chair of Governors



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Trips and Visits

It is great news that after half term we can finally run some educational visits. Learning outside the classroom is effective at achieving a wide range of outcomes for children and young people including developing new knowledge, developing cultural capital, and preparing learners for life in modern Britain. See the list below for information about upcoming trips and visits.

- **Year 10 - James Watt College**
Wednesday 23 June 2021 – 8.30am to 3.30pm
- **Year 9 - Martineau Gardens Edgbaston**
Wednesday 30 June 2021 – 9.30am to 2.30pm
- **Year 10 Geography Pupils – Carding Mill Valley**
Tuesday 6 July 2021 – 9.30am to 3pm
- **Year 10 History Pupils – National Justice Museum**
Thursday 15 July 2021 – 8.15am to 3.30pm

If your child is due to go on one of these trips where payment is required, please pay using ParentPay (see information in the 'parents' tab on the school website). If this is not possible then ask your child to collect a barcode letter from the school office. This barcode can be used to make payment at any shop with the PayPoint symbol.

By Miss Guest

Coid-19 Testing

It is vitally important that pupils continue with their twice weekly testing during May half term. Test kits have been provided to all pupils.

NHS
Test and Trace

Regular rapid Covid-19 testing

Up to 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing.

You can get regular rapid testing from your school or college to protect your friends and family.

Get your test at school or college





Catholic Life

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Psalm 46:1

This month, we have celebrated two important feast days in the Catholic Church. The first was the feast day of the Ascension of Jesus. Ascension Day marks the moment Jesus literally ascended (went up) into heaven in front of his disciples, at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem. The ascension is important to Christians because: It shows that Jesus really had overcome death – he wasn't just resurrected to die again, but to live forever.

This week, we also celebrated Pentecost. This is known as the birthday of the Church. Pentecost celebrates the moment that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit down to his disciples. The Holy Spirit inspired and empowered Jesus' followers to travel and teach the word of God to others and baptise people all over the world.

To celebrate both of these feast days, Mrs Ellis created a reflection for the Values@SJW PowerPoint. This included a piece of scripture, a video and some time for reflection on how these feast days link to our life today as a Catholic community.

We have also continued to focus on Mary the mother of Jesus throughout May. Every Wednesday and Friday, staff and pupils prayed the Hail Mary prayer together. We reflected on how Mary is a role model for us all through her faith, courage, determination and compassion.



By Mr Price

Rosary Day of Prayer in Schools

On Monday 10 pupils in Year 7 were invited to participate in a Rosary Mission in the light of the recent Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary on March 29th 2020 and of the Consecration of Scotland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on September 3rd 2017.

Monday marked the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. Our Year 7 pupils were encouraged to pray to Mary to intercede for the Mission and Intentions of our schools, youth associations, groups, projects, young people and for families. Pupils also heard more about the Kenelm Youth Trust, and participated in creating their own set of paper rosary beads.

Thank you to the following pupils for your reverence throughout this special time of prayer:

Elizabeth Ajayi 7BRK

Jamie Van Le Ashford 7BRK

Denzel Okyei 7FLI

Hannah Nyika 7BRK

Elisa Breton Johnson 7FOX

Lena Le 7FLI

Jakub Letowski 7RES

Kai Nguyen 7FLI

Nikola Buksa 7BRK

Stefania Holodeair 7BRK

Fr Hudson's Good Shepherd Mass 2021

On Tuesday pupils in Year 8 joined a special live stream from St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham City Centre. The pupils joined the live stream in our school Chapel and celebrated mass with secondary schools all over the Diocese. The mass highlighted the work of Fr Hudson's Care within our community. To find out more, click the link below:

<https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/>

By Mrs Ellis



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Pupil Attendance and Online Safety

As we move into the final half term it is really important that we are all in school everyday!

If you need to be off school because you are ill please make sure a phone call is made to the school office each morning.

Parents and carers, if you have had any new contact numbers please make sure these are updated in school.

Over half term continue to stay safe, especially regarding local covid regulations.

We all heard key messages in Collective Worship this week about keeping safe online, here's some reminders:

By Mrs Crooks

What you share...

| In the real world would you: | In the online world you are: |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell a complete stranger where you live, your full name, mobile number etc? • Would you want over 500 million people to see a photo of you and your friends? • Be happy if your friend shared a particularly unattractive photo of you with the whole school? • Want your employer/ university/ teacher/ family to see everything you get up to on the weekend? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often sharing personal information with people you don't know. • Posting photo's and videos onto the biggest online billboards in the world • Rarely asking permission to upload pictures of your friends – what if they don't want the image online? • If you don't set your privacy settings – you never know who could see your content. • Able to be creative and share content with friends and family across the world. |

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| Age | Platforms |
|-----|---|
| 13 | TikTok, Periscope, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Tumblr, Pinterest, Reddit, Snapchat, Facebook |
| 14 | LinkedIn |
| 16 | WhatsApp |
| 17 | myspace, meet me |
| 18 | flickr, kik, tinder, YouTube, Foursquare, Yik Yak (18 only) |

Online actions have offline consequences.

What do you think this means?

Friends and Chat...

| In the real world: | In the online world you: |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would you just start talking to a random person on the street? • You know who you are talking to • It's hard to pretend to be something you're not. • It's hard to say something nasty to someone's face. • You can tell from body language and the tone of voice how people intend comments to be taken. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are more likely to start talking to someone you don't know and add anyone to your friend lists. • People aren't always honest with who they are, their age or what they look like. • 50%* young people find it easier being themselves on the internet than when they are face-to-face • Are more likely to say hurtful and upsetting things – it's not always clear when something's a joke. • Can break down boundaries of place, time and cost. |

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What to do if you get it wrong. Who can you talk to?

0800 1111

ceop.police.uk

Click the button then click button for your age, gives advice, options on where to go for help and there is another button to report inappropriate behaviour

Parents

Teachers and other trusted adults

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SCHOOL DEVICES

Did you know:
Everything that you type into your school device gets monitored?

An email alert is sent to the ICT technicians and Mrs Crooks

This alert is sent every time someone types something into their device which is inappropriate such as slang terms, swearing, sexualised language etc...

Consequences of this are:

- Having to return your device to school
- Being banned from computers/internet
- Contact with parents/carers
- Fixed term exclusions

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Y10 & Y8 Assessment Timetable w/c 14 June 2021

| Period | Monday 14 June | Tuesday 15 June | Wednesday 16 June | Thursday 17 June | Friday 18 June | Monday 21 June | Tuesday 22 June | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|--|---|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| 1 and 2 9:15 Start | RE 1 Hour 30 mins GYM/Rm113 | Resistant Materials 1 hour 45 mins Hospitality and Catering 1 Hour | Maths 1 hour 30 Mins GYM/Rm113 | Year 8 Science Gym | History 1 Hour 45 mins | Art (Option Block A) | Art (Option Block B) | | |
| | | | | French Speaking F/H 15m by appointment Mtg Rm/Conservatory | | | | | |
| 3 11:50 Start | Year 8 RE Gym | English Lang 1 hour 10 m GYM/Rm113 | Child Dev 1 Hour 15 mins French Writing F/H 1 Hour 15 mins Spanish Writing 1 Hour 15 mins F/H Imedia 1 Hour | Geography 1 hour | Spanish Speaking F/H 15m by appointment Mtg Rm/Conservatory | | | | |
| | Performing Arts ComputerRoom Rm3 1 hour | | | | | | | | |
| Lunch | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 13:35 Start | | Year 8 Maths F/H Gym | Enterprise 1 Hour PE 1 Hour Health and SC 1 Hour | SciencePhysics F/H 1 hour 10 mins Calculators GYM/Rm113 | French Reading F/H 1 Hour Spanish Reading F/H 1 hour | | | | |
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Yellow boxes = Year 10 Core Subjects

Green boxes = Year 10

Remote learning Masterclass Timetable (Summer Term)

Timings: After school Live Master class 3:00 -3:40pm/Evening Teams Masterclass 5:00 - 5:40pm

| Term 3 | W/C | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Saturday Assessment week |
|--------|--------|---|---------|---|----------|--------------------------|
| | 31-May | Half Term | | | | |
| | | Year 8 Evening RE Masterclass Mrs Harms | | Year 10 Evening RE Masterclass Miss Fox-Roberts | | |
| June | 07-Jun | Year 7 After School Wellbeing and Lifestyle Masterclass Mrs Ellis | | | | |



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Year 11 #Moving on Up

For Year 11 the next few weeks at school are going to be designed to build on personal development, knowledge and understanding about careers, work and the world around us. It will help them to:

- Develop themselves through careers, employability and enterprise learning.
- Prepare properly for post-16 education, training and the workplace.
- Further support and improve college and post-16 retention rates.
- Develop their character, confidence, resilience and knowledge to keep themselves mentally healthy.
- Develop age-appropriate understanding of healthy relationships.
- Plan for the future and transition successfully for life beyond education.

Most young people in the UK will continue in education or training until the age of 18. The next few weeks will hopefully give them the life skills to navigate the important choices they will have to make over the next few years.

What's the plan?

Year 11 pupils will need to attend school every day.

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Registration | 8.55-9.15 |
| Period 1 | 9.15-10.30 |
| Period 2 | 10.30-11.45 |
| Period 3 | 11.50-1.35 Pupils go to period 3 and will be registered. Permitted pupils will leave school and travel home at 12.05. |
| Period 4 | 1.35-2.50 Permitted pupils work at home completing tasks set in booklet. |

A selection of some of the lessons and life skills that pupils will learn about are below:

| Subject | Theme | What will I learn about? |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| English | Oracy in the workplace. | How to confidently and appropriately use my voice in the workplace. |
| Maths | Personal Finance. | Managing your personal budget, understanding loans, banking and bank statements. |
| Hospitality and Catering | The weekly shop and food budgeting. | How to set a realistic budget and choose suitable shops and dishes to cook for your nutritional needs and budget. |
| PE and Sport | How to continue to lead a Healthy Lifestyle. | Local opportunities in the Sporting Sector – Playing / Officiating / Coaching. Dietary Plans. How to be creative when exercising at home. |
| RE | Healthy Relationships and Life in a Sixth Form/College. | To understand what a healthy positive relationship looks like and how to spot signs of un-healthy relationships. To gain new perspectives and ways of dealing with topics such as work, relationships, friendships, alcohol, success and failure. |

Pupils will also be given the opportunity to learn key life skills in preparation for college life such as how to make a quick breakfast and lunch, how to sew a button on to clothes, how to use a washing machine and how to wire a plug.

By Mr John





Head of Year 11 Message

As we head towards half term, I would like to say to you all we still have high expectations for you all as you are our role models for the rest of the school.

I want to remind you that deadlines for the grades to be submitted will be on the 18th June, so it is important that we continue to support you in getting vital evidence for your subjects.

Pupils will be leaving school today with a plan of action for the two weeks they are in school after half-term, so please look at the timetable Mr John has put on the newsletter on the previous page.

Reminder that pupils need to come to school in full uniform with full equipment during these two weeks.

As always please look after yourself and enjoy your week resting.

By Mrs Chand

Head of Year 8 Message

It is time to reflect on our achievements and hard work this month and our strong end to the month. Your attendance to school has been good and let's make sure we are in school on time and every day after the half term break.

During this month, you participated in Pathways parents' afternoon and have also returned your pathways choices forms - well done to all pupils who completed this task on time. During half term, please continue to plan and prepare for your assessments as scheduled for June.

I need you to make sure a priority over half term is purchasing or getting your school equipment all in order and ready for when we return to school. I am coming across several pupils in our year group without full equipment.

Please may I remind you of our clear expectations and behaviour policy and this must be always followed. In and around school, including in all lessons; I expect 100% co-operation and your love for learning. I am proud of the rewards you are receiving for your positive Class chart points.

Our weekly Collective Worship this month have covered a variety of important topics, and please continue to reflect on these. Our collective Worship, earlier this week was on Internet Safety; how are you going to change your online behaviours?

Let's continue towards making a positive difference in our school and across our local communities.

Stay safe and well.

By Mr Hussain



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Head of Year 10 Message

Hello Year 10, this half term has been an interesting one, with great highs and some lows. However, despite all of this, for the large majority of you, this half term has been no different from any other. The large majority of you have conducted yourselves with striking maturity day in and day out. However, for the few pupils who have displayed immaturity and inconsiderate behaviour, I hope that over the half term break you will consider the scripture below.

A scripture of reflection:

1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

Next half term will be your last as Year 10 pupils. As you head into Year 11, ensure that your words and actions reflect your changing position in this school. Every one of you will be a symbol and role model to younger pupils of how to behave and an indication of where they themselves will end up, depending on their choices.

You have lots to think about next half term, and it is a unique opportunity for you to reflect:

**Are there behaviours and habits you want to continue?
Are there behaviours and habits you plan to change? How
will these habits and behaviours influence your next
academic year?**

If you are struggling to answer any of these questions, please speak to your subject teachers and class teachers for guidance and advice.

Don't forget to revise for your June assessments during half term. After school catch-up will re-commence week beginning 7th June to assist this preparation too.

Have a wonderful half term break. Continue to be considerate of others while you are out and about (remember what we've learnt about Internet Safety and County Lines) and as always, stay safe.

By Miss Moyo

Head of Year 9 Message

Hello Year 9, congratulations on making it to the final half term before the summer holidays. You have done wonderfully well up to this point with your progress towards your qualifications. Please keep this up over the next Half Term.

Uniform

Please ensure that you are always following the school uniform policy. Take pride in your uniform, this is an indicator of you being proud of the school you attend and identifies those who are ready for learning.

Safety

Stay safe over the half term. Follow all government advice and guidance but also remember to keep yourself safe when out and about in your local area as well as online. Remember the Collective Worship on who you can speak to if there is an issue in the community or online.

Testing

Remember to keep regularly testing, especially if you have symptoms of Covid-19. This will help keep you and those around you safe and enable you to have a smooth transition into the last Half Term.

Full equipment for return on 7th June

Ensure that you have full equipment ready for your return to school. Do ensure that you have everything ready the night before and try to stay in some sort of routine so that you are ready to learn. Also, remember that the sun will start to be making more of a show over the coming weeks - protect yourself against the sun and wear sun protection and cream.

Hope you have a wonderful half term and have a lovely break - spend time with your families and friends but remember those key messages.

By Miss Reynolds





Head of Year 7 Message

Uniform

Please spend some time over the half term break reading our uniform policy on the school website. We do have a summer uniform which can be purchased in school; however, it is just as important to ensure that trousers are still full length and skirts reach the knee. Lots of our Year 7 pupils are beginning to grow and it is important to ensure that they are looking their best in school. Should you find that you need help or support with uniform please contact the school.

School Nurse

The school nursing team are still providing virtual drop in sessions for pupils in Year 7-11. There is more information in the posters attached. This service is confidential and the nursing team can provide support for you in all sorts of areas of life. Please consider using this valuable resource.

Birmingham School Health Support Service

NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

SCHOOL NURSE VIRTUAL DROP-IN CLINIC

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-5:30pm

Your School Nurse is here to help you feel healthy, happy and safe during your school years and to get the best from your education.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse. We provide a confidential and friendly service.

<https://nhs.uk/BCHC/C-F/Schl-Nurse/Drop-in>

Best Care Healthy Communities

attendanywhere

NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

ChatHealth

Do you know where I can get some health advice?

The School Health Support Service can help students with all kind of things like...

Relationships, mental health, alcohol, bullying, self-harm, smoking, drugs and healthy eating

Text the School Nurse for confidential advice and support on 07480635485

We do not usually inform your parents, teachers or anyone else if you contact the school nurse. We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact a member of school staff or your doctor. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). Prevent the school nurse from sending messages to you by texting **STOP** to our number. Please respect your school's mobile phone policy. Messages are charged at your usual rate.

Better Care: Healthier Communities

Special Thank You

I would like to thank Year 7 for all their hard work this half term and to settling down quickly after the Easter break. As we go into our final term please remember our three steps to success:

Excellence
Achievement
Respect

Let's really show everyone in our school community what you are all truly made of!

By Mrs Ellis



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Summer Term Enrichment

1 Timothy 4:14 *Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.*

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------|---|--|--|
| Before School | | | | Years 7 - 9 Mindfulness 20 mins to start the day right. 8:20am- 8:40am Mrs Breslin Drama Studio | |
| Lunch Time | | | Year 8 Shake it off- Dance Time for you to teach each other your dance moves. 12:40pm- 1:00pm Mrs Breslin Drama Studio | | |
| After School | Years 7 & 8 Code Club 3pm-4pm Mr Rathbone Room 3 Year 8 Drama Club – Year 8 3pm – 4pm Miss Cummings Drama Studio Year 9 Music Club Keyboards, Drums, Guitar, Genres: Classical, Reggae, Hip Hop, Gospel. 3-4pm Mrs Crooks/ Ms Brooks Music room | Staff Meetings | House Competitions Specific Year Groups Mr Owen/Mr Creelman 3pm – 4pm Year 9 Electronics Club 3pm-4pm Mr Hulme T6 Year 8 Sports Clubs - 3:00 – 4:00 PM Mr Janes / Mr Parekh / Miss Reynolds Year 9 Coding (Python + Edublocks) Club 3pm-4pm Mr Esmaili Room 3 | Bucket 3 Intervention Year 10 & invited Year 9s (option groups only) Year 9 Sports Clubs – Focus around Leadership & Coaching - First Aid Provision. 3pm – 4 PM Mr Janes / Mr Owen / Mr Parekh / Miss Reynolds Year 7 –9 Cooking Club 5x quick and easy dinners 3pm-4pm Mrs Breslin/ Miss Bibi T1 | Physical Education Intervention Year 10 & 9 GCSE & BTEC Sport. Mr Janes / Mr Owen / Mr Parekh Year 7 – 9 Art Club 3pm-4pm Miss Restauri Room 1 |

By Mrs Breslin



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Stars of the Month

Science

Janelle Ajayi 8JAN - for being curious and active.

K'Yaana Douglas 7FLI - for being perseverant,

Sarah Manu 7FLI - for being attentive and discerning.

By Dr Consonni

Karen Karenga 7FOX - for being very helpful in the classroom and helping other pupils.

Francis Idemudia 7FOX - for always trying his best in class and having great answers in lessons.

Nikola Dawicka 8RAT - for always putting in 100% effort in lessons.

Sanamdeep Kaur 8JOS - for always trying her best in lesson even when the work is difficult.

Sahar Stosray 9ESM - for always getting the work done and putting in 100% effort.

Jacobie Baruti 9PEJ - for always being helpful in class and being eager to answer questions in lesson.

Zaneta Zajacova 10BRO - for being active and curious in science lessons and helping other pupils.

Arshpreet Singh 10FOR - for always completing his work in class and at home.

By Mr Hayaat

Kosi Nwananochi 10LAL

Regina Mukuangu 10BRO

Temi Luxmoore-Babalola 10FOR

Ranaw Hamad 10FOR

for excellent work and effort in science.

Jaydon Mcfield 7CUG

Hilla Stosray 7FLI

for some great answers in lesson.

Abdi Mohammed 8JON

Esa Muhammad 8JOS

Ranveer Mall 8JON

For excellent work in Science.

And... all of 11Sc5 for being generally so great - I will miss them

By Mrs Johnson



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Stars of the Month

Humanities and MFL

Spanish

Kymani Harvey 9HAR – for being learned and wise and completing excellent work in Spanish.
Fatou Ndow 8RAT - excellent focus and contributions in Spanish lessons.
Thang Chim 8WIO - being attentive and discerning and completing work to a high standard during Spanish lessons.

By Mr Rosellon

French

Hawa Jammigeh Tunkara 8RAT - consistently challenging herself in class and excellent role model.
Laaiba Akhtar 8WIO - for consistent engagement and effort in French.
Sarah Manu 7FLI - excellent effort and engagement.

Jaskaran Banger 7YW
Abhishek Sabharwal 8XW
Darin Diako 9B/Fr1

Eryk Romanowski 7YS
Allyn Utomwen 8XS
Shantae Campbell 10A/Fr1

Michel Frimpong 7XJ
Hasan Muhammad 8XJ

for their consistent effort, engagement and excellent work in French.

By Miss Gosselin

EAL

Abdalh Ahmed 11BRE - completing all work to very high standard and being curious and active during lessons.
Stefania Holodeair 7BRK - for being a very well-mannered and behaved pupil as well as fully engaged in class.

By Mrs Kawecka





Stars of the Month

Geography

Esaias Stewart 7CUG - excellent contribution in class. Well done!
Rohan Sehjail 8JOS - excellent and consistent work in Geography.
David Kurek 10FOR - excellent and consistent work in Geography.
Mohammed Musa 8JON - great contributions and attitude to Geography.
Natasha Phagania 8WIO - excellent focus in Geography.
Amelia Baldyga 9HAR - excellent presentation in her exercise book.

By Mr Cockburn

Simran Kaur 10WOO - excellent exam question on water transfer schemes.
Jessica Martin 8JAN - super graph work in Geography.
Natesh Phagania 11SIM - excellent Geography assessment result
Kai Chand 10FOR - focus and attitude during travel and tourism lessons
Tiffany Ung 8JOS - hard work in Geography.
Samra Mohamed 8JON - hard work in Geography.

By Mr Woodward

History

Ivie Imadonmwinyi 9ESM - excellent contributions in History lessons.
Mercedes Johnson 7FOX - an attentive and discerning approach to her History studies.
Aisha Rana 7FLI - an excellent attitude towards learning and fantastic development homework.
Jose Malundama 7BRK - fantastic focus and effort in History lessons.
Kai Nguyen 7FLI - consistent focus and strong engagement in History lessons
Malika Rahman 9PAR - taking advice and acting on it resulting in a fantastic improvement in effort
Amandeep Bhamra 11SIM - excellent effort and attitude in History with evidence gathering for TAGs, well done
Julita Wrukowska 8JOS - for being eloquent and truthful in class discussions
Gerrard Kelly 9HAB - amazing effort and attitude towards his History studies
Sarah Manu 7FLI - excellent effort and progress
Maria Vargas 9HAB - amazing effort and attitude towards her History studies
O'Mari Harvey 7FOX - excellent attitude towards History lessons
Stefania Holodeair 7BRK - fantastic development homework

By Mr McIntosh



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Lifestyle Lessons

Hello everyone. Just a little update from Dougal. He's been enjoying joining in with Year 7 and 8 Lifestyle lessons this half term. He has particularly enjoyed listening to "When Hitler stole Pink Rabbit" by Judith Kerr which we borrowed from the library for our Accelerated Reader sessions. He likes to lie on my feet when I'm reading which I like too as it keeps them warm. If you're not reading a book yet perhaps you could try one over the half term break? Have a lovely break.

By Mrs Clayton



Science

The award-winning structural engineer, author and broadcaster, Roma Agrawal, gave up an hour of her time to discuss her passion for engineering and writing with 8Y1 today. The pupils had the opportunity to ask lots of probing questions about becoming an engineer, what made her want to be an engineer, the grades needed to do an engineering course at university, writing her books... and how much money she has made from her books!

By Mrs Johnson



Design Technology

Pupils in Year 11 and 10 have been making pencil boxes out of wood and some have taken advantage of making Perspex tops with engraved designs from the laser cutter!

Well done to:

Piotr Zapolny (11C-Ee1)
 Ravneet Singh (11C-Ee1)
 Sara Baranowska (8XS-Te)
 Saul Savastita (10C-Rm1)
 Regina Mukuangu (10C-Rm1)
 Kosi Nwananochi (10C-Rm1)
 Abraham White (10C-Rm1)
 Aleksy Chmura (10C-Rm1)



Additionally, there was one Year 8 pupil that wasn't able to take part in some of our practical lessons. During this time, she had designed some keyrings that were cut out on the laser cutter.



By Mr Hulme

Numeracy Champions

Well done to the following pupils who are the Numeracy Skills Check Champions:

Grace Ihaza 10WOO
 Japinder Singh 9PEJ
 Trish Kohli 10LAL
 Sanj Bhardwaj 10FOR
 Ronan Reilly 10FOR
 Darin Diako 10ESM
 Regina Mukuangu 10BRO

By Mrs Pawlowska



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House News - Mr Owen

Term 3 - Pupil Leaders

Gandhi

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| Tyrese Blair | 369 |
| Deborah Gebrekristos | 362 |
| Michal Zajac | 350 |
| Mercedes Johnson | 343 |
| Ronny Nkuidjeu | 341 |

John Paul

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Emmanuel Baruti | 421 |
| Sahar Stosray | 383 |
| Charlene Maynard | 381 |
| Kevin Seidi | 336 |
| Sarah Manu | 333 |

Pankhurst

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Francisca Idemudia | 421 |
| Kai Chand | 397 |
| Arshpreet Singh | 384 |
| Shahab Butt | 361 |
| Mylan Hoang | 326 |

Luther King

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Gerrard Mendoza | 543 |
| Saul Savastita | 477 |
| Baljinder Ram Rani | 465 |
| Leah Badhan | 438 |
| Tyreike Bailey | 436 |

Mandela

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Sophie Khan | 454 |
| Hawa Jammigeh Tunkara | 448 |
| Natalia Moszcynska | 437 |
| Gagandeep Singh | 372 |
| Nikola Dawicka | 347 |

Current House Rankings

| | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Luther King | 21,071 |
| Pankhurst | 18,253 |
| Gandhi | 18068 |
| Mandela | 17,268 |
| John Paul | 16,550 |

5-A-SIDE HOUSE FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

Year 7 Results

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| Luther King 4th |
| Pankhurst 3rd |
| Mandela 2nd |
| Gandhi 1st |



Year 8 Results

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| Luther King = 4th |
| John Paul 3rd |
| Pankhurst 2nd |
| Mandela 1st |



Year 9 Results

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| Gandhi = 1st |
| Mandela = 2nd |
| Pankhurst = 3rd |
| Luther King = 4th |

Thank you to all pupils and staff who have played a role in pushing, promoting and attending the competition.



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CAPTAIN TOM 100

Join us as we celebrate the
amazing achievements of Captain
Tom



After half term the school will be setting a target to row 100 miles collectively for charity. The idea has come from Sir Captain Tom who brought the nation together raising £38.9 million for the NHS walking 100 laps of his garden before his 100th birthday. Donations are welcome but pupils can still take part if unable to donate. Money raised will be sent to India to help with resources for Covid-19. Each year group will be on specific weeks, please see below.

Event will be held on the Wednesday and Thursday each week after school

- W/C 7TH June = Year 7
- W/C 14TH June = Year 8
- W/C 21st June = Year 9
- W/C 28th June = Year 10

By Mr Owen



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| WILTSHIRE | 09 - 14 AUG |
| YORKSHIRE | 09 - 14 AUG |
| LONDON 2 | 16 - 21 AUG |

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'My BYMT experience was incredible! I loved every minute of it! I would 100% recommend BYMT to everyone that has any interest in theatre or performing even if you have no prior experience.'

Martha, 13

'It was such an incredible experience, the training I received was phenomenal, it's a brilliant learning experience for anyone interested in performing arts.'

James, 16

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Do you need any support over half term?

Food:

Food Parcels collections 5-6pm Daily
Midland Langar Seva Society
Dale End Bus Stops (Stall)
Birmingham City Centre
B4

Asian Resource Centre
Villa Road
0121 523 0580

Food Bank Centres
New Life Weslyn Church
Holyhead Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 0RA
0121 507 0734

Salma Food Bank
Unit 8
Ash Court
Crystal Drive
Smethwick
B66 1Q
07767164246



(Thursdays 1-3pm)

A list of ALL foodbanks in Birmingham can be found here:

https://www.findfoodbanksbrum.org.uk/project_category/food-banks/

Online Safety

Remember... everything that you type into your school device gets monitored. If you type, search or do anything inappropriate on your school device, an email alert is sent to the ICT technicians and Mrs Crooks.

Please keep yourself safe. Think about:

- Who you are talking to
- What you are posting/saying
- What sites you visit
- How long you spend online

Exam Revision and preparation (Year 8 & 10)

The NHS offers tips for help and support when revising:

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/help-for-teenagers-young-adults-and-students/tips-on-preparing-for-exams/>

YoungMinds also has tips if you feel stressed at any time with revision:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/feelings-and-symptoms/exam-stress/>

Bereavement & Loss:

If you or anyone in your family suffers the loss of a family member or friend at this difficult time, there are some websites below that may help & comfort you:

Winston's Wish

Website: <https://help2makesense.org/>

Email: ask@winstonswish.org

Cruse Bereavement Care

Website: <https://www.hopeagain.org.uk/>

Phone: 0808 808 1677

From Birmingham with Love

Birmingham Children's Partnership have created a webpage called 'From Birmingham with Love'. This webpage lists a variety of support that is available to children and families in Birmingham. It can be accessed on this link: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/love>.

A version in English is on the next page of this newsletter.

This document can also be read in other languages such as Urdu, Punjabi and Polish.



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