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Issue 34

End of the Month Newsletter



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Catholic Life - Termly theme: Joy of Living

Dear Lord, I ask for the gifts of knowledge and wisdom and understanding. What I pray for I intend to work at, so that I may develop an open mind, a thirst for knowledge, and a wisdom that makes good use of my knowledge and experience. I know that any gifts are useless if I do not also have love and concern for others, and so I ask that you inspire me to live in such a way that I am caring and compassionate and promote understanding between people. May others respect me, Lord, as much as I respect them. Amen

Headteacher's Message

Thankyou to all Year 10 pupils and parents for your quick response to the covid cases last Monday. I am pleased to let you know that the majority of Year 10 will be able to return to school on Monday 5 July, and there are 24 pupils who will need to continue to isolate until their return on Thursday 8 July. Remote learning continues for any pupils who need to isolate. Pupils can access lessons using Microsoft Teams at their normal timetabled lesson times.

I am also pleased to let you know that this year has been another successful year with our trainees and new teachers. They have managed extremely well to continue to develop their teaching skills throughout a difficult time with school closures and remote learning. Congratulations to all our trainees and new teachers for completing the year. We are really glad that many of you will continue with us next year. In order to support you, and other staff new to the school, Miss Guest co-ordinated a new staff induction day on 28 June. The feedback was extremely positive and new staff found the day enjoyable and helpful. Some of the new staff that are able to begin their employment with us before the summer holidays are Mr McIntosh, Mr Esmaili, Miss Bromley and Mr Leaver. You can see their comments below. Welcome to our Saint John Wall community. As we near the end of term, Mr Price and Mrs Crooks have been finalising arrangements for our Mission Week. This is an opportunity for us to focus on personal excellence and it will be a thought-provoking and enjoyable programme which includes some local visits out of school, speakers coming into school, and teachers delivering extra-curricular activities. A major part of the event will be next Friday 9 July when we celebrate the school's 60th anniversary. Pupils and staff will have a 'giant party' including a quiz and birthday cake. We also hope to mark the event by opening a memorial garden. Pupils have received a letter today to take home giving more details about Mission Week.

Finally, a reminder that next Friday 9 July, after the birthday party, school will close at 1.00pm. This is so that Year 10 Parents' afternoon can take place online via Teams.

Have a good weekend.

Miss Marston

Trips and Visits

- 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

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Miss R Bromley - English

"I want to introduce myself as a new member of staff at Saint John Wall. I am Miss Bromley, however from September I will be known as Mrs Heathcote, and I will be joining the English Department as a Newly Qualified Teacher of English. I finished my training last year and I am looking forward to beginning my journey as a teacher at Saint John Wall Catholic School to develop my skills and to build learning relationships with the pupils and staff at SJW. What I would like to achieve here at SJW is to make sure all pupils get the best support in their learning and in their wellbeing. I want to deliver well organised, structured, and engaging lessons to offer the best quality of teaching and learning to all pupils and watch them progress throughout their education here at SJW. I will look forward to meeting everyone in September to start my career as a teacher".



Mr Esmaili – Computing

"I will be teaching computing at Saint John Wall. I want to help all pupils within my lessons to understand how computer science is changing our world and how they can apply skills learnt in this topic to their day to day lives".



Mr McIntosh – Humanities

"I want to inspire a love of learning in our pupils and encourage them to get to know more about the world around them so that they feel empowered to play an important role in society. I am looking forward to an exciting year that is *fingers crossed* as disruption free as possible. Above all I am most looking forward to continuing to be a part of the SJW family and encouraging pupils to be the best that they can be".



Mr Leaver – Site Assistant

"For the last 20 years I was a Lift/Elevator engineer which involved me travelling around the country installing lifts in various buildings such as Hospitals, Universities and tower blocks. This meant I came into contact and worked with new people all the time. I hope the skills I have picked up along the way will go towards helping me at SJW. I look forward to meeting and working with all the staff and site team".

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Head of Year 10 Message

Hello Year 10, I hope you have all been enjoying the sunshine!

A scripture of reflection:

Proverbs 16:3 Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

After your final assessment week, some of you began to show apprehension about the results you were expecting to receive. As horrible as those feelings of apprehension were, they were, in some ways, a blessing in disguise. This time next year you will either feel the same way as you await your GCSE results or completely differently. Let's talk about how you can ensure that you feel positive rather than anxious this time next year:

1) Term ending does not need to mean that learning is ending.

As we go into the six-week holidays, spend some time each week on all of your subjects. Put into practise the revision tools that you have gained while completing the Passport to Life programme during form time and you will feel much more confident going into the new school year.

2) Remember to talk to your teachers and ask for help when you need it. Next year, outside of your subject teachers, you will have four members of staff supporting you rather than two. Instead of myself and your form tutor, you'll have Mr John, Miss Fox-Roberts and Mr Brooks alongside a new form tutor. Make use of these sources of comfort; talk through any feelings of anxiety and allow them to help you to find practical solutions to your problems.

3) Look after your physical and mental health. Use the sixweek holiday to re-set and develop healthy habits for the next academic year. Start eating fruits and vegetables daily and including some exercise into your lifestyle.

I'm very proud of each and every one of you. No one expects you to be perfect, as long as you are doing your best to learn from mistakes made in the past, that is what matters. As the scripture above advises - let's commit our plans to the Lord and trust Him as He knows what is best for each and every one of us.

Stay safe,

Miss Moyo

Head of Year 8 Message

It is time to reflect on our achievements and hard work this month and ultimately look for a 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 during the final weeks of our academic year.

Please may I remind you of our continued expectations regarding behaviour for learning; these must be always followed. In and around school, including in all lessons; all your teachers expect you to show 100% co-operation and your love for learning. I am proud of the rewards you are receiving for your positive Class Chart points. Our final Saint's League Collective Worship is approaching, and it will be a great time to celebrate all our achievements.

We have planned some exciting activities for you in the coming weeks before the end of term, and it does not stop here! What am I referring to? Yes, you are correct 'Year 8 - Summer of Fun'. You will have heard and seen the posters - sign up now - it will be brilliant!

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

Stay safe and well.

Best wishes,

Mr Hussain

Head of Year 11 Message

Year 11 pupils will need to attend school on the 12 August 2021 between 10am - 12pm to collect their results. They will also be able to collect their Yearbook that they have paid for and ordered.

I have been contacting some pupils as there are still some outstanding library books. If you have a library book at home, can you ensure you bring it in to school and hand it in to the office.

Hope you are staying safe at home and having a well-deserved rest.

Mrs Chand



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Head of Year 9 Message

Hello Year 9, well done everyone on reaching the final half term of this school year. We have some exciting things happening in the last few weeks and it will be lovely for you all to celebrate such a challenging year.

Mission week

Mission week will be a fun packed week of actives and guest speakers with sports day in too. It will be a fantastic opportunity for pupils to enjoy spending some time together and working in teams for the last week. It is important that behaviour is impeccable over the next few weeks before this so that all pupils get to enjoy the opportunity. Please ensure that if you have any medication (e.g. inhalers) that these are with you when attending sports day, regardless of intentions of participating in any of the events, as well as bringing water and sun cream

Saints League

We have our Saint's League collective worship coming up. It has been amazing to see pupils being able to move to the next Saint. It is so nice to see that Year 9 now have more in GOLD than in BRONZE which shows how well everyone is doing and that maturity levels have now reached a better level.

Library book

Many Year 9s have outstanding library books. These need to be returned over the next week otherwise this may have an impact when taking part in Mission Week activities. If the library books cannot be found please take £3 to Mr Mull in the Library to contribute towards replacing the lost book.

This is going to be an enjoyable last few weeks and it will be lovely to see you all enjoy the activities and planned events. Enjoy it, you have worked hard!!!!!

Miss Reynolds

Head of Year 7 Message

Mission Week

We are looking forward to an amazing week as a year group. I want to draw your attention to the standards expected throughout the week in regard to clothing. Should you not have your PE top when PE kit is required you can wear your blue summer uniform polo shirt. During our walk to Sandwell Valley please wear appropriate casual clothing. If you are unsure as to what this is please come and speak to myself or Mrs Chand. You must also remember to bring your inhaler into school if our records show that you are asthmatic. No one will be allowed off site without their inhaler.

Saints League

Next week we will be coming round to forms to announce our final Saint's League winners of the year! This is a great celebration with lots of prizes and certificates making their way to you. We have had a brilliant year together, let's keep the momentum going until the holidays!

Class Mass

Over the last few weeks, we have welcomed Fr Tomas Zuna and Year 7 classes into our school Chapel to celebrate Mass. This has been a new experience for many of our pupils and a great time for them to spend together in prayer. Thank you to all those who have read, and for everyone for their reverence. After Mass pupils were also given the opportunity to 'press the priest', allowing them to ask Fr Tomas questions about the Mass, Catholic faith and the priesthood.

Mrs Ellis

WARNING

Incidents have been reported in the City Centre linked to a social media influencer called CANKING.

He and a number of friends are dressing in dark colours, covering their faces and surrounding people, looking like they are going to conduct a robbery. As you can imagine this is very frightening for those victims, they ask the people how much money they have, (after some time and all whilst being filmed for their social media platforms and YouTube) CANKING gives the surrounded person a 10/20 or 50 pound note and then run off.

West Midlands Police are working closely with Instagram and TikTok and YouTube to get these videos removed. Please report any concerns to the police or to a safe person at home or in school.

Take care

Mrs Crooks



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Stars of the Month

Design and Technology

Lovjeet Maliya 7FLI

For excellent work.

Milcah Yosef 7CUG Miya Taggert 7RES



By Mr Hulme

Science

Bless Ashu 10FOD and Regina Mukuangu 10BRO - for excellent classwork.

Daniel Kodua 8JON and Mohammed Abdi 8JON - for excellent attitude to learning and helpfulness.

Dilpreet Sandhu 7CUG and Jaydon Mcfield 7CUG - for helpfulness to others and completing classwork to a good standard.

By Mrs Johnson

Sarah Manu 7FLI - for being intentional and prophetic in science lessons, as well as for her outstanding achievement.

Vanessa Kodua 7BRK - for being active and curious and her excellent achievement in science. Francisca Idemudia 7BRK - for being active and curious and her excellent achievement in science.

Jaskaran Singh 7RES - for being attentive and discerning in science.

Jasmeet Kaur 8JOS - for being active and curious and pushing herself in science lessons. Hashem Hassan 8WIO - for being active and curious in the revision leading up to the assessment.

Vaughntiner George 8WIO - for all the time she has persevered in her learning.

Br Dr Consonni

St Thomas Aquinas Centre

Paul Bacoi 7BRK - for looking after his peers always being Compassionate and Loving.

Mrs J Kaur

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Stars of the Month



Humanities and Languages

Spanish

Chelle John Omozee 8WIO - brilliant effort and attitude towards Spanish lessons.
Gabriel Sylva 8JON - excellent focus and contributions in Spanish lessons.
Roi Mahey 10FOD - an excellent attitude and approach to completing his work in Spanish lessons.

Yakhyaa Hussain 7FOX - for his excellent progress and engagement during Spanish lessons.



By Mr Rosellon

French

Marcel Mazur 7FLI - for his consistent engagement, participation and high-quality work in French.

Dashawn Walker 9PAR - for Your his excellent progress and effort in French. Jaskaran Banger 7BRK - for his consistent enthusiasm and hard work in French.

For their high-quality work and consistent effort and engagement in French.

Marcel Mazur 7YW Mohammed Hasan 8XW Mohammed Hamzah 9B/Fr1 Baljinder Ram Rani 10A/Fr1 Wiktoria Domagala 7YS Peter Pham 8XS Beatrice Tofei 9B/Fr1 Mercedes Johnson 7XJ Cairo Herbert 8XJ Zainab Bouterse 10A/Fr1





By Miss Gosselin

EAL

Ammar Khalid 10BRO - for being curious and active during lessons and trying his best. Adnrei Dahorea 9HAB - for his excellent attitude and class work during EAL interventions.



By Mrs Kawecka

Geography

Kelly Odiase 7CUG – for hard work in Geography.
Regina Mukuangu 10BRO – for excellent Year 10 assessment grade, well done!
Yuseph Mufti 10WOO – for excellent Year 10 assessment grade, well done!
Kevin Seidi 10FOD – for excellent Year 10 assessment grade, well done!



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Stars of the Month



Wiktoria Domagala 7FOX - for excellent class work and book presentation. Azhan Faisal 8RAT - For brilliant attitude to learning in Geography and good contributions. Sarah Ishma 10WOO – for excellent mark in your assessment 2, well done! Mhreteab Teklesenbet 10BRE - for excellent mark in your assessment 2, well done! Nilasha Kanna 7FLI - for excellent and consistent work in Geography. Huge well done!

By Mr Cockburn

EAL



Welcome to our new pupils who joined SJW this week:

Chinazam Okeke 7FLI Ritvik Lal 7CUG Muhammad-Sheraz Rafaqat Begum 7FOX Said Fouenang Abba 9PEJ Shahzaib Rafaqat Begum 9PAR Simon Kalok 9HAR Anthony Frimpong 9ESM



History

By Mrs Kawecka

•	Ranaw Hamad 10FOR Yuseph Mufti 10WOO	Grace Ihaza 10WOO Aleksy Chmura 10LAL	Shiv Patel 10LAL
	Excellent assessment results.		
>	- Renato Dinu 8JAN O'Mari Harvey 7FOX	Deborah Fadola 7CUG Julita Wrukowska 8JOS	Natalia Frackowiak 8RAT
	For amazing classwork.		
-	Stefania Holodeair 7BRK Malika Rahman 9PAR	Maria Vargas 9HAB	Gerrard Kelly 9ESM
	For fantastic engagement.		
	Sonia Sandhu 7CUG	Jaskaran Banger 7BRK	Sarah Manu 7FLI
>	For excellent effort and progress.		\checkmark
	By Mr McIntosh		
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STEM Club

During STEM club, we were making bouncy balls using things we can find around the house. We used Borax, corn starch, water and PVA glue. We made the bouncy balls different colours by using food colouring, and it was a fun experiment which the pupils enjoyed. When making them, we tested what the perfect size would be to make the ball bounce as high as possible, and we found that the ones which are about the size of a marble bounced the highest.

By Mr Rahman and Mr Hayaat



"I like doing different types experiments ".

By Denzel Okyei 7FLI





"I like Stem Club because I can do experiments that I wouldn't normally do".





I like the fact that we learn new things whilst having fun".

By Mohammed Abdi 8JON

"I like STEM Club because it is very fun and I learn a lot of things". By Azhan Faisal 88AT

"I like the different types of experiments and how I enjoy and learn from them".

By Hassan Muhumed 8JOS





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Martineau Gardens – Year 9 Trip

On Wednesday 30 June, we took 30 Year 9 pupils on a Science trip to Martineau Gardens, Edgbaston.

The trip directly linked to the Science Curriculum and pupils carried out Fieldwork techniques, such as freshwater sampling methods and quadrat/transect sampling.

They Studied different ecosystems (such as temperate woodland and ponds at Martineau Gardens).

Our pupils enjoyed the atmosphere and activities on the trip. They even had the opportunity to design an ecofriendly Garden and take inspiration for our school and neighbourhood areas. The visit helped pupils to become more aware of their own responsibilities and to develop a more caring approach towards the environment.

By Mrs Habibullah

Pupil comments:

"I really enjoyed going on the trip, I learnt very interesting facts about nature and the teachers were nice and made everyone feel welcome".

By Nadwa Hassan 9PAR

"We saw lots of different wildlife and had to identify the different wildlife in the pond as well as insects and plants. We got to smell different herbs and learnt which ones we could eat. We also got to build our own bee house!"

By Niama Choudhury 9PEJ

"We learned about insects and plants and I really enjoyed it. We also went to the dark woods and it was fun. We tasted herbs, they taste like actual food, and we did quizzes. I had a really good time".

By Alisha Shafiq 9HAB

"I learnt about the environment and nature and things I never knew about before. I enjoyed this trip because I learnt many things".

By Samiya Muhumed 9HAR

"I enjoyed learning about different plants and animals and I enjoyed learning about what kinds of animals live in an ecosystem. I really enjoyed interacting and loved the activities. The garden is very therapeutic and helps with mental health".

By Amelia Baldyga 9HAR

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"It was a good trip because we saw different plants including trees and flowers. It was good to calculate the age of trees".

By Rohit Badhan 9PEJ

"I really enjoyed this trip because I was able to experience nature in more depth. I learnt about creatures and their habitat. I also learnt the pros and cons of human effects on nature".

By Ivie Imadonmwinyi 9ESM

















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Reading Club

A group of Year 7 pupils from Reading Club have been reading extracts during their lunch times. Here are some of their reviews. **By Mr Mull**

Seven Ghosts

"During reading club, I have been reading a book called Seven Ghosts. The book is about a boy named Jake and his class visit Grimstone Hall. The tour guide Miss Fox tells them that seven different ghosts used to live here but Jake does not know that he is the last ghost.

I enjoyed this book because it was very fun and mysterious to read and tells me different information about the ghosts that lived in Grimstone Hall.

I would recommend this book to my friends because I think they would find it very interesting and mysterious to read and would like it as their favourite book".

By Mercedes Johnson 7FOX

Sherlock Holmes

"My experience reading this extract was great. I loved the fact that it includes more than one story.

This extract was about a clever detective who was amazing at solving cases. Sherlock Holmes is the No.1 smartest guy in the book.

Sherlock Holmes is a private detective who lives at 221b Baker Street in London. He notices things that others simply don't. I enjoyed this book and I would totally recommend others to read it because it could be inspirational to those who want to be detectives in the future".

By Nadia Yentumi 7BRK

Sherlock Holmes

"The Sherlock Holmes is a good book. It talks about a fictional detective called Sherlock Holmes. He is one of the best detectives and I really recommend this book to anyone who likes mysterious books. I have read an extract from the book, and so far, it is quite good. I hope to read more of this book or even read the whole book. I rate this book a 7/10".

By Francisca Idemudia 7BRK



"In this book it begins with a kid who has superpowers, his mom enrols him in a superhero school and he finds that he is quite stressed because of some odd reasons. I recommend this book because it is full of adventure and mysteries to be unlocked when reading the book".

By Francisca Idemudia 7BRK

Reading for Pleasure Book Review

"I have currently been reading 4 books of Dork Diaries which are Dear Dork, Pop Star, Frenemies Forever and Holiday Heartbreak. Dork Diaries is about a teenage girl called Nikki Maxwell who isn't a popular girl and doesn't have a very good fabulous life. This is because she gets into lots of chaotic situations which makes her feel stressed out of how to fix her problems. Furthermore, she's always been picked on this girl named Mackenzie Hollister, who teases and makes fun of Nikki which makes Nikki's life even harder. On the other hand, she has two best friends called Chloe and Zoe who are always by her side and has a love interest called Brandon. Nikki said to have an ordinary life who she's only just an average girl who is a dork (an awkward socially odd person). for me I give this book a review of 5 STARS!!! Because this book is funny and it's interesting to see what Nikki does to solve her problems.

For me I would personally recommend this to ALL GIRLS from Year 7-Year 11 to see and understand how Nikki feels and to let girls who feel like they are similar to Nikki know her life stories and situations a dork like her has been going through.

It would be fantastic to let other girls get involved by reading this book and I think Dork Diaries is a very unique and outstanding, entertaining book.

So, if you feel interested to read one of these, you can always go to the Library and find them and trust me, you'll love these books!!!! I'll appreciate it and thank you!!".

By Alisha Shafiq 9HAB





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Engineering

With the academic year coming to a close, and despite everything, we've managed to get some practical work completed with the pupils. Some classes are nearing the end and we hope to show off their work as soon as possible with everyone!

The Year 10 engineering class recently have completed their work on making Hammers before returning to their portfolio work.



The Year 10 Resistant Materials and the Year 11 engineering classes have been working with some wood to create some pencil boxes.



Due to recent events, some of the Year 9s were unable to do the coat hook project we normally do with Year 8s so the first project they got to do was the coat hooks! Doing this gives them the chance to use various tools, machines and techniques they would have experienced in Year 8.









Finally, we have some of the Year 7 keyrings, while most are still under construction, 3 pupils have already finished their work and they have come out really nice!



By Mr Hulme



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Solar System Probes

Class 7Y2 have been really creative in making solar system probes. Here are some of the photos.

By Dr Consonni





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Year Group Placings

Highest Earning Pupils – September to July

Gandhi

Mercedes Johnson (7FOX)	390
Deborah Gebrekirstos (9HAR)	386
Hashem Hassan (10WIO)	379
Tyrese Blair (10BRE)	373
Karen Karenga (7FOX)	369

John Paul

Sahar Stosray (9ESM)	449
Emmanuel Baruti (10FOD)	430
Charlene Maynard (10FOD)	390
Sarah Manu (7FLI)	376
Ameira Peart (7FLI)	368

Pankhurst

Francisca Idemudia (7BRK)	488
Kai Chand (10FOR)	401
Arshpreet Singh (10FOR)	389
Shahab Butt (8JON)	383
Ayub Gul (7BRK)	377

Luther King

Gerrard Mendoza (8JOS)	569
Tyreike Bailey (9PEJ)	559
Leah Badhan (9PEJ)	514
Saul Savastita (10LAL)	488
Andrea Zajacova (9PEJ)	485

Mandela

Natalia Moszcynska (9PAR)	530
Hawa Jammigeh Tunkara (8RAT)	488
Sophie Khan (10BRO)	462
Ravjot Singh (9PAR)	404
Olamide Adekunte-Olawiola (9PAR) 380



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Year Group Placings



Thank you to pupils and staff who have represented their house through a difficult year. The overall winner of the house system will be announced in a Collective Worship in September. Reflecting on the activities you have all played a part in, they included:

Christmas Nativity Set/Christmas Card

Photography Competition

Core PE Competition – Fitness/Football/ Badminton

Spelling Bee & Master of Maths

Poetry Writing

5-A-Side Football

Please ensure any class chart points are exchanged for prizes before we break up as they will be re-set for September.

Enjoy the break!

Mr Owen



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