

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 33

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 25 June 2021

Catholic Life - Termly theme: Joy of Living

Lord our God, we pray for the strength to hold to our convictions. We pray, too, for the courage and determination to stand with those who suffer from injustice. In all that we do, Lord, inspire us to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

Solutions Not Sides

Last week, Year 9 had the opportunity to welcome Solutions Not Sides into school. Solutions Not Sides is an organisation that visits schools to talk about the conflict in the Middle East and discuss possible solutions without picking sides. The pupils were able to listen to Laura and Sharon, our visiting speakers, explain the history and root of the conflict between Palestine and Israel. Pupils listened to two videos showing the lives of two civilians affected by the conflict. These two civilians, Gal and Mohammed, then dialled into the session via Zoom and our pupils were lucky enough to ask them questions about their experiences. It is very rare to have this opportunity and our pupils rose to the challenge asking some thought provoking questions about what is happening in the Middle East. Our visitors and staff praised Year 9 for their excellent behaviour in the session and their respectful questioning of Gal and Mohammed. If you would like to know more information about Solutions Not Sides, please visit their website: <https://solutionsnotsides.co.uk/>

Pupil Comments:

"I learnt about the history of the Israel/Palestine conflict and the history of the land that is now Israel/Palestine. Next time I think that Gal and Mohammed could talk about what they think should happen to stop the conflict."

By Simran Tiwana 9HAB

"I learnt both views of the situation their advantages and disadvantages. I enjoyed it because we got to find out what happens in the background and not what is shown on the news." **By Amelia Baldyga 9HAR**

"I really enjoyed the activity because I was able to understand that religion is not a big part in the war, it is all about property. I believe if they came to our school in real life, I will be bale to understand it physically and emotionally."

By Ivie Imadonmwinyi 9ESM

"I've enjoyed the session a lot, it helped me understand what is currently happening in the Middle East. I can now educate my friends and family members about the problems and help spread awareness about the problems without disrespecting Israel and Palestine. I really enjoyed the discussions."

By Natalia Moszczynska 9PAR

By Mr Price

Remote Learning Masterclass Survey

To help the school to continue the process of evaluating our Remote Learning Masterclass programme, we would like Parents/carers to complete a short survey. The direct link to the survey has been sent to your child's email address. Thank you for your time in completing the survey.

By Mrs Habibullah

Trips and Visits

- **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



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From Birmingham with Love

Everyone has gone through a tough time with Covid-19 and lockdown. For many families, a little more help will make all the difference. Here are some of the early help resources that professionals can share with all families...

Online parenting course

We've pre-paid for every parent, grandparent and carer in Birmingham to access £88 of online courses. Just enter the code "COMMUNITY" at the top of the page to claim. Learn about how your child (from bump to 19) develops, and get tips to manage their behaviour.

Mental health support

In these difficult times we have to look after our mental health. For young people aged 11-25 there are forums, guides and counselling available at Kooth. If your child 0-25 needs support, get in touch with Pause by calling 0207 841 4470 or email. Adults can get support from MIND by calling 0121 262 3555. Or for urgent help call Forward Thinking Birmingham on 0300 300 0099. And remember to stay active.

Financial help

If you've lost your job, or are struggling for food or rent there are services that can help. Local welfare provision can make a big difference if you are in a crisis and need food, fuel or basic white goods. Discretionary Housing Payments may be able to help with rent. And there are food banks across Birmingham that are here to help.

Domestic abuse

For women and children affected by domestic abuse please see guidance or confidentially contact Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid. For Men, please contact Respect. Also Ask for ANI and the Safe Spaces scheme where victims can access help through pharmacies.

Problems with drugs or alcohol

A new, discrete app called Staying Free is available on Android or Apple. Use the code "birmingham11" for pre-paid access. To speak to someone call Change Grow Live.

Bereavement support

It's a terrible time to lose a loved one — you can get help by calling 0121 687 8010 or from Cruse.

Early help for families

If anyone in your family needs more help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our voluntary sector Locality Leads. We have ten areas which can connect you to support across the city.

If you are worried about a child, please call Birmingham's Children's Advice and Support Service on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency, including child abuse, contact the Police on 999. You can also chat to the Police.



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Calling ALL Year 8 Pupils

Sign up Now!

**Summer of Fun Week 2021!
26 – 30 July 2021**

See your school emails
to sign up for this
year's Summer of Fun!

Includes activities such
as art, Steel Pans,
Sports Day, Sweet
Treats and much more!
COMPLETELY FREE to
sign up!

Sign up fast with your
parent/guardian

Any questions please
speak to
Miss Cummings.



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Bucket 3 Summer Enrichment Activities

	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					
After School	Year 7 & 8 Code Club 3pm-4pm Mr Rathbone Room 3		House Competitions Specific Year Groups Mr Owen/Mr Creelman 3pm – 4pm	Year 7 –9 Cooking Club 5x quick and easy dinners 3pm-4pm Mrs Breslin/ Miss Bibi T1	Year 7 – 9 Art Club 3pm-4pm Miss Restauri Room 1

Come along to our
Summer Enrichment!
You can just turn up to
the session, except for
Cooking as there are
limited spaces on those
activities. Please See
Mrs Breslin.



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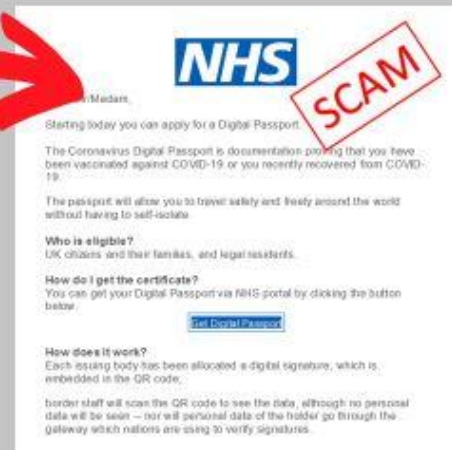


SCAM ALERT

Covid digital passport scam

June 2021

A new email scam about Covid is circulating and we want to advise you what it looks like and what steps you can take.



Your vaccination status is obtained **FREE** through the NHS App, website or by calling the NHS on 119.

Send suspicious emails to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) at report@phishing.gov.uk.

You may receive an email which looks similar to the one shown. Clicking on the link takes you to a convincing but fake NHS website that asks for personal and payment details. (for an admin fee).

The website has since been taken down, however, as with many scams of this nature, there will be others.

More information can be found on the gov.uk website;
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/demonstrating-your-covid-19-vaccination-status-when-travelling-abroad>

www.ourwatch.org.uk

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