

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 5

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 8 October 2021

Catholic Life - This year's theme is based on the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13)

Termly theme: Excellence (hard soil)

Termly SJW values - Attentive and Discerning

Dear Lord, Help me pay close attention to myself so that I can grow as a person. I pray that I try my best in all things, especially in spreading your love and care. I pray that I do not become discouraged by the world, instead help me push through the trials and tribulations I face. Help me to use each day to prepare for my future. Amen

Headteacher's Message

We are a Catholic School For All, and we are proud to be a diverse, multi-cultural and multi-faith community all sharing common values and discovering our gifts and talents through the school's Catholic ethos. This month we are celebrating Black History Month and we have decided to have a number of different themes to engage everybody and bring our community even closer together.

This week we asked pupils to think about 'I have never seen a ..' This theme was reflecting on the fact that any career should be open to anybody whatever their background or culture. We want pupils of every background to aspire to the full range of careers. Next week we will have the theme 'We came here because...' This theme is encouraging all pupils in the community to explore migration and the variety of reasons why our school, and the city of Birmingham, are so multi-cultural. Then the last week will be about 'I am proud to be...'. We will encourage all pupils to think about being proud of their unique characteristics, and this will be fully celebrated during Cultural Heritage day on Thursday 21 October, where pupils and staff are encouraged to wear traditional items of clothing that represent their culture.

During Black History Month, we will not be shying away from talking about the challenging topics of prejudice, racism and discrimination. We want to engage in sensitive discussion and reflection about the past, the present, and the future. It is important that we do not ignore these topics. At all times our aim is to enhance understanding, tolerance, peace and harmony in the school community and beyond. If pupils feel they would like further support with any of the issues discussed then please encourage them to talk to a member of staff, or use the school's wellbeing@ email address.

If you would like to get involved in Black History Month events then Birmingham is hosting a great range of different activities for all the family. You can find out more at birminghamblackhistorymonth.co.uk.



By Miss Marston



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School Tours

Virtual Open Evening – Please visit our website and look at the videos to find out more about our Catholic Life and Curriculum at Saint John Wall Catholic School. [Click here to view the videos.](#)

School Tours – Parents of Year 6 pupils are invited to visit our school for a tour. Please ring the school to book a tour.

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School Tours For Parents and Year 6 Pupils



School Tours
Tuesday to Thursday
mornings/afternoons
Starting
Tuesday 28 September 2021

By appointment only.

Please ring the school to
book your appointment slot.

About our school:

- A small and friendly secondary school with an outstanding Catholic ethos
- Specialist teaching and support staff
- Well-equipped learning environment
- A focus on academic and personal excellence

SJW Values



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*** Deadline for applications 31 October 2021**

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Important Dates to Note

- **Year 10 Assessment Week**
Monday 11 October – Friday 15 October
- **Wednesday 20 October - Covid contingency planning: Remote learning preparation afternoon.** School closes at 12.30 for Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 pupils. They should go home and access lesson 4 on Teams. There are separate arrangements for Year 7 pupils. Year 7 parents will be invited in to school to learn about using Teams and remote learning. More details to follow.
- **Cultural Heritage Day – wear a traditional outfit or an item of traditional clothing that represents your culture.**
Thursday 21 October
- **INSET Day – School closed to pupils. Pupils should access form time via Teams as part of our covid contingency planning checks.** Friday 22 October
- **Half Term**
Friday 22 October (after form time on teams) – Friday 29 October
- **Year 11 Mock 1 Examinations**
Monday 1 November – Friday 5 November

Parents' Evenings and Afternoons

- **Year 11 Parents' Evening & targeted Year 10 pupils - Thursday 18 November 2021- 4.00pm – 6.00pm**
- **Year 7 & Year 9 Parents' Afternoon & targeted Year 8 pupils - Wednesday 15 December 2021 - 1.00pm – 4.00pm**

Wellbeing: Top Tips

Healthy Breakfast

- Make breakfast a time to sit and eat with your kids. Being a good example is a powerful way to change their habits.
- If your child says he's not very hungry in the morning, try making a healthy smoothie, with milk and/or yogurt and include cut-up fresh or frozen fruit such as a banana, strawberries or blueberries.
- Another option is for your child to eat a small meal at home, such as a small bowl of oatmeal or a piece of wholegrain toast with nut butter. You can then give your child a healthy snack to eat before school starts – for example, a sandwich or some natural yoghurt with fruit.
- If a hectic morning schedule gets in the way of breakfast, try setting your child's alarm 10 minutes earlier, or packing your child's bag and laying out her clothes the night before. You could even get the next day's breakfast ready the night before – mix pancake batter and have it ready for the morning or make egg and veggie frittatas in a muffin pan to warm them in the microwave.
- Sometimes kids can be picky eaters and respond better at mealtimes if the food is familiar. Offer your child healthy breakfast foods you know they like.
- Older children and teenagers might refuse to eat breakfast as a way of showing their independence. Try not to make a big deal about this. You could suggest your child try any of the above tips and take favourite foods that are portable to have on the trip to school instead. Your child might also like to choose his own healthy breakfast options when out shopping.

By Miss Reynolds



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Donations

If you have grown out of or no longer need any uniform such as blazers, shirts, trousers, skirts, PE kit, school shoes etc. we would appreciate any donations being brought into school.

By Mrs Crooks

Year 10 Assessment Week Timetable w/b 11 October 2021

	Monday 11 October	Tuesday 12 October	Wednesday 13 October	Thursday 14 October	Friday 15 October	
9:15 Start		Spanish Writing 1 Hour 15 mins	RE 1 Hour	English Literature 50 Mins	Art-ALL DAY	
Break						
10:45 Start (12-1.15)	Science Combined 1 hour Calculators	Maths 1 hour 30 Mins Calculator	French Reading 1 Hour	History 1 Hour 15 mins		
	Separate Triple Science		iMedia 1 Hour	French Writing 1 hour 15 mins		
	1 hour		Hospitality and Catering 1 Hour 30 mins			
			Resistant Materials 1 hour			
	Lunch					
	13:45 Start	Geography 1 hour	PE 1 Hour	Enterprise 1 Hour		Music 1 hour
		Sport 1 hour		Spanish Reading 1 hour		
		Performing Arts 1hr		Travel & Tourism 45 Mins		



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Black History Month

Form Time Activities



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7FOR have been celebrating Black History Month, we have learned and recognised the contributions made by many key figures of African descent.

By Ms A Forbes



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Black History Month

Film Club – Movie 'Hidden Figures'



"I watched hidden Figures; it was interesting to see how they got different assignments based on their colour."

By Mercedes Johnson 8TOW



"The film was very interesting. I liked how the black women were smarter than the men and proved how successful they could be."

By Michel Frimpong 8BRK

Black History Month

RAF Presentation via Teams

"I found it very interesting to hear how you can't let anything stop you achieving your goals."

By Connie Grant 10HAR



"I felt that Flt Lt Steve explained to us that no matter what background you come from, you can achieve anything."

By Ivie Imadonmwinyi 10ESM



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Reflective Video – Ballet Dancers

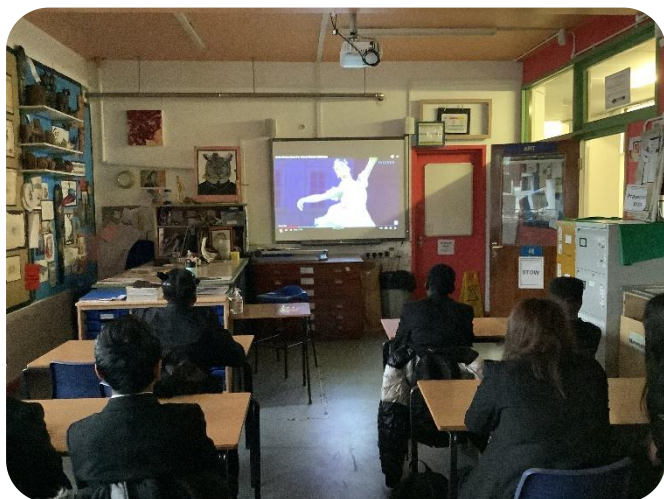
In form time today, pupils watched a video regarding ballet shoes. A company in the UK has now started to design different coloured ballet shoes to promote inclusivity and diversity. In the past, women of colour had to paint their own shoes as only pink was available. These different shoes have been designed and created to match different skin tones. This has allowed dancers from different backgrounds to feel included in the world of dance. **By Mr Lloyd-Price**

"I watched a video about Ballet dancers and I learnt that there are special manufacturers making shoes for brown-skin or Asian ballerinas. This is because a ballerina's shoes have to match their skin colour."

By Bartosz Jan Hamela 9GOS

"In the video I learned how ballet shoes that match the skin tone of the dancer extend the length of their leg when dancing. We learnt how the shoes were made and how the shoes benefit the dancing."

By Laaiba Akhtar 9WIO





Black History Month

How Black History Month is being celebrated in Maths

Mr Pejatta's Year 10 Maths class recently working on percentages, have attempted to calculate the horrifying percentages of slaves by geographical regions. This really helped understand the dreadful numbers of people who were forced into slavery. Pupils really felt emotionally motivated by the exercise!

Tyne Bailey

Trans-Atlantic Imports by Region 1450-1900

Region	Number of slaves accounted for
Brazil	4,000,000
Spanish Empire	2,500,000
British West Indies	2,000,000
French West Indies	1,600,000
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Danish West Indies	28,000
Europe (and Islands)	200,000
Total	11,328,000

Work out the percentage of the total number of slaves that each region imported and complete the table below.

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How Black History Month is being celebrated in Maths

Please take a moment to go and have a look at the new display in the school's reception, dedicated to Katherine Johnson.

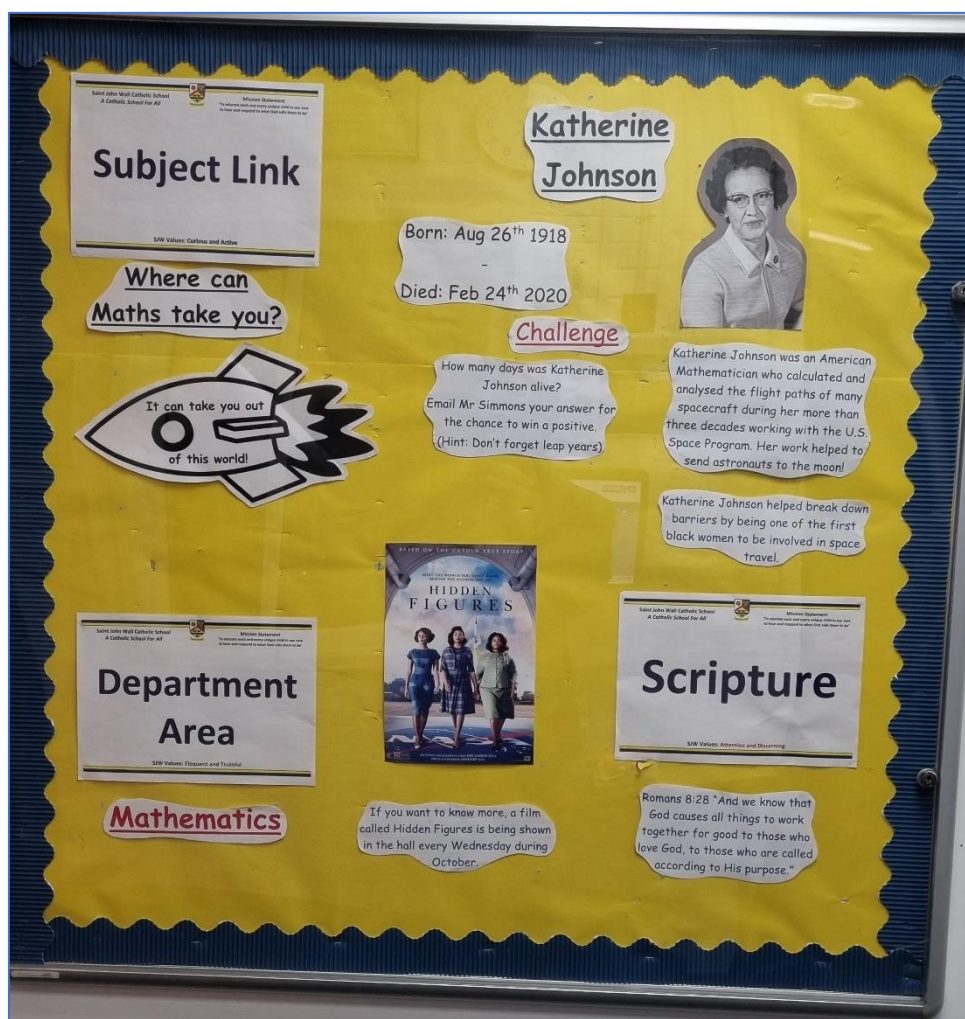
Katherine Johnson was an American Mathematician who calculated and analysed the flight paths of many spacecraft during her more than three decades working with the U.S. Space Program. Her work helped to send astronauts to the moon! She helped break down barriers by being one of the first black women to be involved in space travel. Katherine's story is told in the film 'Hidden Figures' which is currently being shown in school every Wednesday throughout October.

By Mr Simmons

Challenge

Katherine Johnson was born on the 26th August 1918, and died February 24th 2020. Can you work out how many days she was alive for?

Send any answers to Mr Simmons at jsimmons@sjw.bham.sch.uk for a chance to win a prize.



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How Black History Month is being celebrated in Science

During our Science lessons pupils have been learning about black scientists and inventors who have helped to improve our lives.

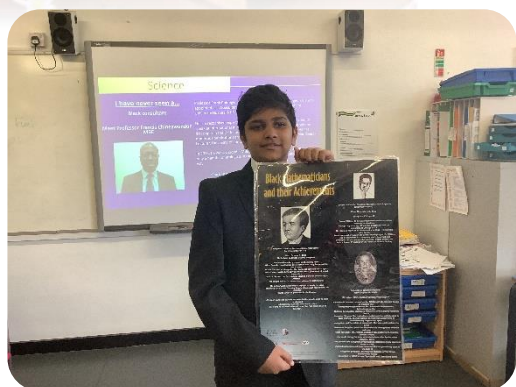
Nelson Mandela quoted that "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

By Ms A Forbes



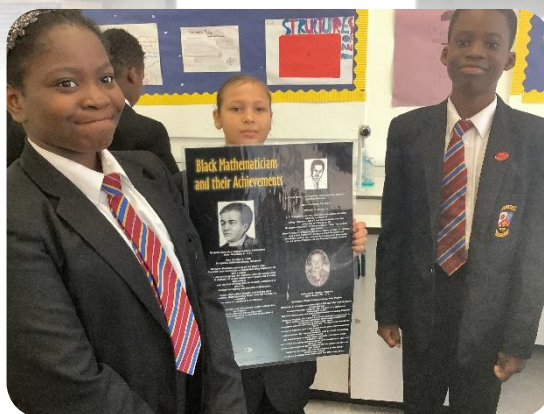
"I learnt about the civil rights leaders who tried to change the world for equality."

By Darryll Djuikouo 7COB



"I learnt about different black scientists and inventors and how they changed the world."

By Ellie-May Middleton 8MCI



"I looked at different scientists who are very inspiring and very unique in what they do."

By Shoaib Ghalib 8RES



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