

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 24

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 18 March 2022

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

Termly theme: Achievement (rocky soil)

Termly SJW values – Learned and Wise

Loving God, We thank and praise you for all the gifts you have given us. But in a world of plenty, too many people go hungry. We pray that you may work through us, so our small acts of love make a big difference and everyone has enough to eat.

Amen

Important Dates to Note

- **Millennium Point Trip – Year 10 and 11 (12 pupils)**
Friday 25 March 2022 – 9.30am to 1pm
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening**
Wednesday 30 March 2022 - 4.00pm to 6.00pm
- **Year 8 and Targeted Year 9 Parents' Afternoon**
Thursday 7 April 2022 – 3.00pm to 4.30pm
- **Easter Holiday**
Monday 11 April 2022 to Friday 22 April 2022

Year 11 Parents' Evening

This will take place on Wednesday 30 March – 4pm to 6pm and will be the final parents' evening for Year 11s before their formal examinations begin in May 2022. We would urge all parents to attend as this will be an opportunity to ask questions about your child's progress and revision, and to raise any concerns you may have.

Welcome to new Staff Members



Mr Mahmood – Site Assistant

"I am excited to start working at Saint John Wall and all the challenges that come with working around children. I am looking forward to being part of the site team, ensuring the school is safe, clean and working for all our users."



Miss Gill – Science ITT

"I am looking forward to getting to know all the pupils at Saint John Wall, whilst I am here on placement until Easter, and understanding how to be the best teacher for each pupil. I'm looking forward to improving as a teacher and delivering fun and engaging lessons."



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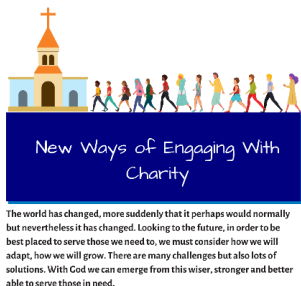
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Catholic Life

SVP Youth



This week both groups met in the Chapel to feedback on their recent trip to St Chad's Sanctuary. After the feedback the groups planned our reconciliation service for next week with a focus on World Hunger and the refugee crisis. Pupils also led on a short drama which will feature in our time of worship next week.

Africa Beauty Garcia George, one of our SVP Presidents arranged a walk around the Year 7 playground on Thursday in which pupils discussed the need for solidarity with those who struggle for food in our world. The group of Year 7's led by Africa walked 1km during this time. Well done!

Another member of our SVP team Arjan Badhan, walked 5km during the week and has been ensuring that pupils and staff are all taking part in our challenge to walk 200km for CAFOD.

Please remember that donations for sponsorship can be made via the link below:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/saint-john-wall-catholic-school-walk-against>

Lombeh, the third child of Amie and Borbor, was malnourished. She was so tiny that a bracelet her mother Amie bought for her at the time now fits round her thumb. Amie and Borbor left no stone unturned to find help, but to no avail. Amie saw a group of new mothers coming along the road, their babies all healthy, and asked where they had come from. They told her about the Sisters. Amie went straight there. Even though they feared there was no hope for little Lombeh, they gave her benny mix – a local weaning food. Lombeh immediately began to improve. Now, aged five, Lombeh is a lively and energetic little girl, who can't believe the stories her mother tells her about when she was a baby.

As a school we have now walked 69.5km! Well done to all who have taken part so far.

A special thank you also goes out to those who have been walking individually and have set their own target throughout Lent! Keep those numbers coming in to the Chaplaincy Team!

One World Group

The One World Group met this week to discuss plans for our 'Live Simply Award' which they have chosen for our school to participate in over the coming years. The Year 8 pupils discussed projects that appealed to them that could encourage pupils and staff to live simply and to encourage stewardship within our local area. Once we have gathered enough projects these will be shared with form groups and voted on in the coming weeks.



One World - Live Simply Corner

One way to live simply is to reduce the amount of meat that we eat each week. Here is a great recipe to try at home:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/macaroni-and-vegetable-slices/>



Year 10 Maths

This week, Mr Simmons and his Year 10 class spent a cold, Wednesday morning on the playground, exploring the topic of Loci. Loci is **when a set of points all meet at a designated location**. This can sound a little confusing, so the pupils acted out some mathematical scenarios to help them to understand the concept. Pupils had to stand a certain distance from various points and shapes, as well as standing equidistant between two points. They started to see the patterns on the playground, and then we all discussed how that could be transferred onto paper in the classroom. After returning to the classroom, pupils then tried a variety of GCSE questions, which showcased the skills and knowledge they had learnt that day.

"I love when we get to go outside for maths lessons. It really helps me to picture and understand the maths, as well as enjoying some fresh air" - Mr Simmons (age 31)



Online Safety Alert – YUBO

The app YUBO which is a social/ chat room/ live stream type app.

There are concerns raised of the potential of adult abusers using this site to exploit children and young people.

Poor Age Restrictions/Privacy Settings: Although the terms and conditions state that Yubo is strictly for users above 13, there is no credible age-gate that can prevent a young child from joining the platform. Young people have been observed to connect with adults or mature teens on the app to chat with or even ask to be 'rated'. There is a growing concern that the app could be used for grooming. Adult predators have been known to create fake profiles displaying a teenager's persona to lure unsuspecting kids into conversations. It is almost impossible to verify the true identity of a Yubo user.

Livestream: The livestream feature is the most worrying. Children can initiate live video streams of their day, in their bedrooms or any other location. Any number of strangers can view the stream and can send questions or interact via live text chat. These are not restricted to friends alone and are often open to strangers; users are then encouraged to add unknown attendees/viewers as friends during the stream. In addition, questions from strangers on livestream may result in teenagers giving away personal information and the most disturbing part of this feature is that anyone can record a livestream.

By West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit



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Mobile Restaurant Experience

On Friday 11 March Key Stage 4 French pupils were all invited to an Immersive Restaurant Experience offered by JLH Languages. The gym was especially decorated for the occasion so that the immersion was total. The aim was for pupils to experience a typical French breakfast in a mobile restaurant setting introduced by two French waiters.

Firstly, pupils reviewed different table items (i.e. knife, fork, spoon, plate...) and were encouraged to take their chance in trying to recite as many items as they could remember. Mohit Badhan was the winner and was rewarded with a French medal!

Then pupils had to choose their drink and food from a menu and order in French to our two waiters. They had the choice between *croissant*, *pain au chocolat* and *tartines* with a variety of spreads (butter, nutella, honey, jam, etc). Pupils were given some puzzles to solve when waiting for their food so that no time was wasted and so that pupils kept on practising their French.

This experience has been extremely beneficial as pupils had the opportunity to interact with the waiters on many occasions such as; communicating with the waiters about their food, asking for some refills/food and asking about French culture.

Once everybody had finished with their food, all pupils and the waiters sang together in French to conclude this event and to say goodbye. Pupils all left with a big smile on their face and were very positive about their experience.

This was an amazing opportunity for pupils to boost their self-confidence in French as well as to learn more aspects of the French culture. I have been amazed by everyone who took part in this activity regarding their enthusiasm, politeness towards visitors and engagement.

By Miss Gosselin

Pupil comments:

"The experience was unique and enjoyable. There was a bit of singing but what they said was clear and it made the experience pleasant. I would like to taste more French food."

By Dhiraj Ram 9WIO

"I ate a pain au chocolat and it was very nice. It tasted like a croissant but with chocolate in it. French food is a lot sweeter to British food so I really enjoyed it!"

By David Tran 9JON

"I drank hot chocolate and milk and ate bread with nutella. I liked the bread the most, I think that French bread is better than the British one!"

By Tyreike Bailey 10FOD

"I had a pain au chocolat and strawberry jam. It was really good and I enjoyed the whole experience what I liked the most was when we had to order food, it boosted my confidence!"

By Safiya Muhumed 11WOO

"I ate bread with butter and a croissant. It was decorated beautifully as if I were in a café. I liked the service and loved the song."

By Zainab Bouterse 11RAH

"The visitors were very friendly and kind. The food was very different compared to British food. It was fun learning about French culture!"

By Baljinder Ram Rani 11RAT



House News

The month of February has seen the Humanities Department organise a House Competition to get the pupils to research and design an emblem for the Queen's Jubilee. This competition was optional therefore form groups had the choice to submit an entry. However, it was great to see so many submissions! Congratulations to our winners and everyone who entered.

By Miss Cummings

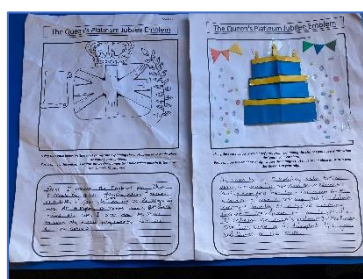
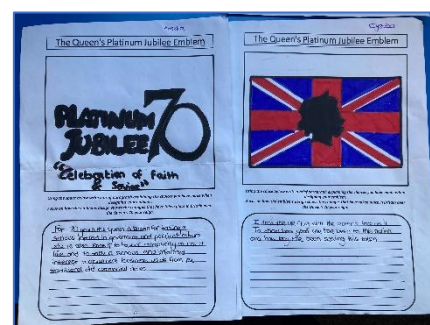
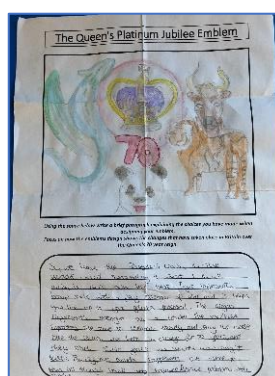
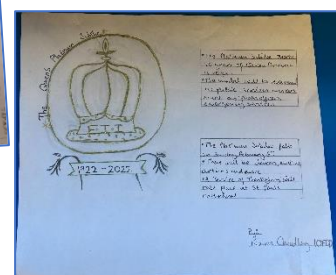
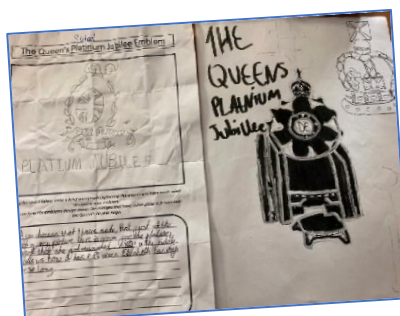
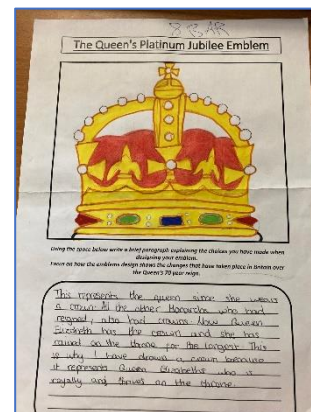
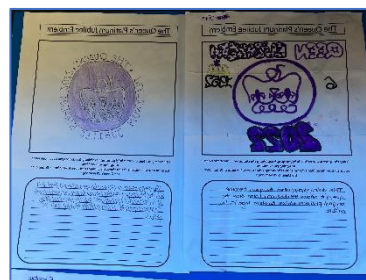
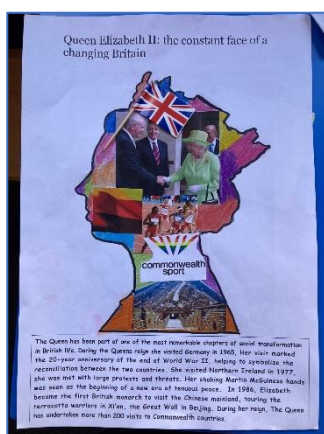
The emblem focused on and represented the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth. In addition to the emblem pupils also had to produce a brief piece of writing explaining their designs.

Sunday 6 February 2022 marked 70 years since Queen Elizabeth II took to the throne. This makes Queen Elizabeth the longest reigning British monarch in History, surpassing her grandmother Queen Victoria's record, who reigned for 63 years and 7 months. Never before has Britain seen a Platinum Jubilee so this Humanities House competition was a celebration of this remarkable feat with SJW pupils undoubtedly rising to the challenge set for them. Pupils were learned and wise in researching the many changes that had taken place in Britain over the Queen's reign and finding out more about the leadership she has shown throughout the years. These ideas were thoroughly embedded into pupils' designs and it was fascinating to read the explanations behind some of the creative choices made.

Well done to all pupils who entered the competition. Some excellent work has been produced!

By Mr McIntosh

Here are some of the submissions!



"I enjoyed seeing all of the Queen's jewellery and I learned a lot about the Queen and how many years she has been on the throne."

By Jahari Brou Walker-Smith 7PAW

"When doing this project, I learned the Queen is the longest reigning monarch and I found it interesting to research all the great things she has done for her country."

By Zara Khan 8HUL



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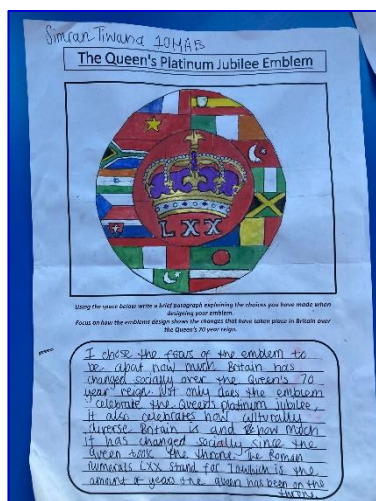


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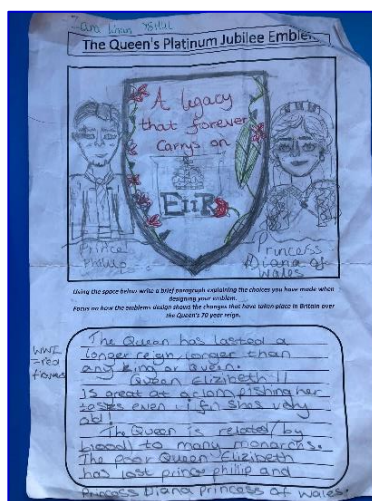


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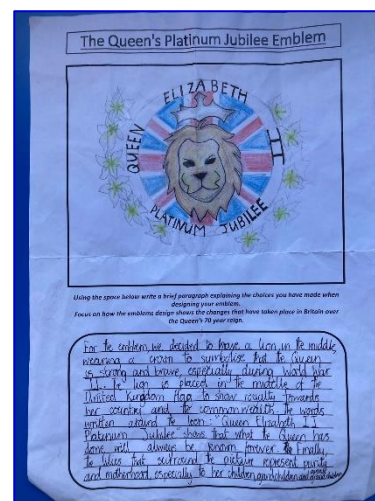
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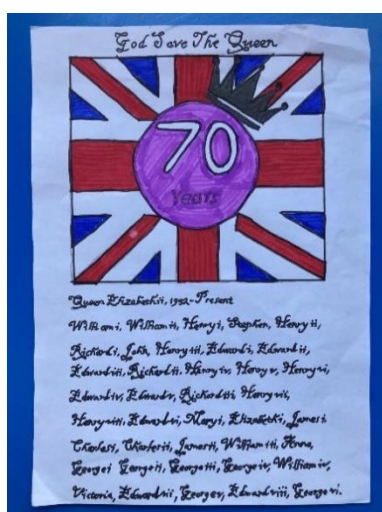
1st Place
Simran Tiwana
(10HAB)



2nd Place
Zara Khan
(8HUL)



3rd Place
Ivie Imadonmwinyi
&
Julia Moszczynska
(10ESM)



4th Place
Julita Wrukowska
(9HEA)



5th Place
Veer Kaura
(7PEJ)





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