

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 25

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 25 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,

Help us to work together to share what we have so that everyone has what they need. Help us to build a better world where each of us can become the best person we can be. Amen

Important Dates to Note

- **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
- **May Day Bank Holiday**
Monday 2 May 2022
- **Election Day – Remote learning from home**
Thursday 5 May 2022
- **Year 11 Reward Trip to Alton Towers**
Thursday 5 May 2022 – 9.15am to 4pm
- **Travel & Tourism Blackpool Trip – (12 Year 10 pupils)**
Thursday 5 May 2022 – 8.30am to 5pm
- **GCSE/AS/BTEC External Examinations begin**
Monday 16 May 2022

Year 11 Parents' Evening

A reminder that Wednesday 30 March 2022 is Year 11 Parents' Evening starting at 4pm until 6pm. May I urge all parents and carers of Year 11 to please attend this important evening.

You will be given information about your child's mock examination performance, and what they need to do next in order to be fully prepared for their formal examinations which begin on Monday 16 May 2022.

These examinations are only 5 school weeks away. There will be some revision sessions running over the Easter holidays. You will receive a letter if your child is required to attend.

Miss Fox-Roberts and Mr John

Collective Worship

Today the whole school paused, along with others throughout the Diocese, at 12.00 midday to pray together for peace in Ukraine. It was a very powerful act of witness to be able to offer our prayers across the Diocese at the same moment. This afternoon at 5.30pm (UK time), Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. *"This Act of Consecration is meant to be a gesture of the universal Church, which in this dramatic moment lifts up to God, through his Mother and ours, the cry of pain of all those who suffer and implore an end to the violence, and to entrust the future of our human family to the Queen of Peace."*

Miss Marston and Mr Price



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Catholic Life

SVP Youth



New Ways of Engaging With Charity

The world has changed, more suddenly than it perhaps would normally but nevertheless it has changed. Looking to the future, in order to be best placed to serve those we need to, we must consider how we will adapt, how we will grow. There are many challenges but also lots of solutions. With God we can emerge from this wiser, stronger and better able to serve those in need.

SVP Youth and One World Group- Reconciliation Service This week during Collective Worship, pupils reflected on the Feeding of the 5000. Representatives from our One World group highlighted the importance of sharing with others, especially those less fortunate and the SVP Youth group led in a drama to help pupils consider what our world would be like if our resources were shared. Pupils were also encouraged to write a short prayer for refugees on a petal for the SVP Forget-Me-Not campaign. These prayers were then offered during the service.



Chapel

In the chapel this week we have been continuing to pray for a peaceful resolution in Ukraine. Pupils have particularly directed their prayers towards families who have been separated, those who have had to stay in Ukraine and those families in the United Kingdom who have come forward to offer homes to refugees.



By Mrs Clayton

Be Empowered Workshop

Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

The Be Empowered workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, with or without a diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.

Workshops will be taking place on Wednesdays from 10am - 1pm, starting on Wednesday 27th April 2022, then continuing on Wed 4th May, Wed 11th May, Wed 18th May, Wed 25th May followed by a break for half-term and finishing on Wed 8th June 2022.

The workshops take place at St Nicholas Place, 81 The Green, Kings Norton, Birmingham B38 8RU.

Places can be booked by emailing BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk for a booking form.

For any enquiries about the Be Empowered workshops please contact Oenca Fontaine (Parent Engagement Consultant) on 07956 929 151 or email BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk



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Spanish 'Degustación' Aspirational Activity

On 11 March, the Year 10 and 11 Spanish pupils took part in a Spanish/Latin-American culinary taster activity organised by 'Freckles & Food', a mobile restaurant company run by two Peruvian chefs with vast experience in Italian, Spanish and Latin-American cuisine. The purpose of this activity was to introduce pupils to Spanish/Latin-American flavours, as well as giving them the chance of interacting in Spanish with native speakers in an extra-curricular event.

During the first 30 minutes, while the chefs and the waiter were organising everything, the pupils got familiar with different Spanish ingredients that the dishes they were about to try were made of.

Then, the pupils were offered three different Spanish starters, three traditional Peruvian mains and two Spanish desserts.

Starters:

- *Salmorejo cordobés* – Cold soup originally from the south of Spain (Córdoba) accompanied with Spanish ham and eggs
- *Tortilla de patatas* – Spanish omelette; one of the most well-known Spanish dishes
- *Pisto manchego* – Traditional dish from the Castilla la Mancha region (*vegan**)

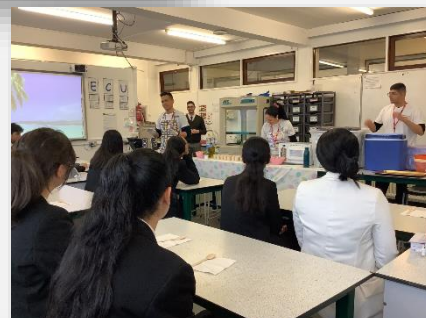
Mains (all from Perú):

- *Ají de pollo* – Chicken, potatoes, parmesan cheese, bread, milk and pepper mixed all together
- *Ceviche peruano* – calamari, lime, ginger, garlic, cinnamon, onion and red chilli
- *Causa limeña* – Traditional dish from Lima, made with tuna (or vegan mix), potatoes, avocado, mayonnaise, lime and onion (*vegan**)

Desserts:

- *Arroz con leche* – Rice pudding typical from Spain
- *Torrija española* – Spanish dessert traditionally eaten during Easter, made with bread, vanilla and cinnamon

By Mr Rosellón





Standards and Expectations

At Saint John Wall Catholic School we pride ourselves on the high expectations we have for our pupils. We expect our pupils to always be well presented in full school uniform and to have an exceptionally good attitude to learning. It is our responsibility to help our young learners prepare for their journey after Saint John Wall, so that they can 'hear and respond to what God calls them to be'. So, from time to time we need reminders to ensure that we maintain our high standards so that we can reach our full potential. Next week, at Saint John Wall we will be having an Expectations and Standards week. This will involve pupils lining up before tutor time and lessons. Pupils' uniform will be monitored, and we will expect a calm and orderly entry to lessons. Pupils that do not meet our high expectations will receive a consequence. These may include detentions on the day, spending time in Saint Francis Centre, or communication with parents via letter, text or telephone. If your child receives a detention you will be notified by text or phone call that the detention is taking place that day. Pupils that continually fail to meet our expectations may be excluded.

Please support your child to prepare for next week by ensuring that:

- They attend in full, correct school uniform including school shoes, blazer and tie. (Summer uniform cannot be worn until after Easter).
- They have their school bag and all equipment for lessons, including PE kit if timetabled.
- They are on time to school.
- They do not wear banned or unsuitable uniform items including jewellery, nose studs, hoodies, pouches and caps.

Please refer to the school website

www.sjw.bham.sch.uk for our full school uniform policy and behaviour policy.

By Miss Timmins

Summer Uniform


Summer Uniform can be worn after the Easter holidays when the weather is warmer. It is now available to purchase from reception, or during lunch time by the canteen. This is the polo shirt which is also part of our PE kit uniform.

This uniform is to be worn **after** the Easter break. Further information about Summer Uniform Standards will be circulated before we break up for Easter.

Please note the following prices:

Age 11 to 13 - £4.50

Adult sizes S M L XL - £6.00




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Summer Uniform Standards

Hot Days




- School polo shirt
- No tie
- Can be untucked
- No blazers required
- No coats permitted

Warm Days



- School polo shirt
- No tie
- Can be untucked
- With blazer


or



- Shirt and tie with blazer

No coats permitted

Colder Days



- Shirt and tie with blazer
- Jumper permitted
- Coat permitted

By Mrs Crooks



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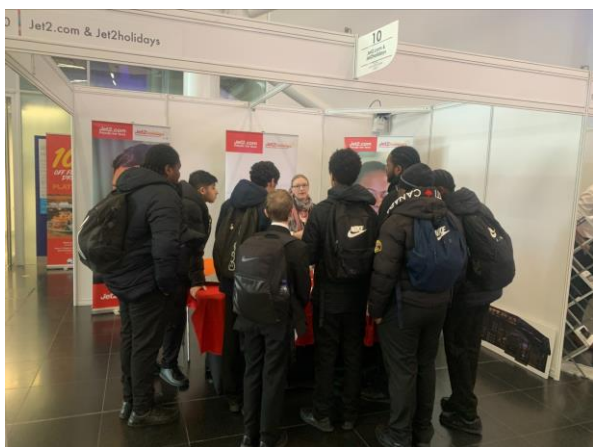
Cafod Walk for Hunger

Our EAL pupils have walked 4 km towards our total of 200km that we aim to complete as a school before Easter. Well done to Samhal Guesh, Ali Hamad, Aynaz Nojehdehi, Shahzaib Rafaqat Begum, Zakayra Abdalla, Sador Araya, Mawra Hussain, Simon Kalok, Sumrit Lal and Ranveer Singh!



National Apprenticeship Fair

Well done to the eight Year 10 and 11 pupils who visited Millennium Point for the National Apprenticeship fair this morning. Pupils got to experience a range of hands-on activities and speak with different companies around applying for an apprenticeship!



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We have partnered with world-class professionals across 10 STEM-related industries to create **the most immersive and exclusive work experience activities that school students can find this summer.**

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Our Medicine and Engineering experiences are already over 70% full so students should register as soon as possible.

[View & Register: Ages 15-18](#)

[View & Register: Ages 12-14](#)



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Medicine: shadow doctors on a hospital ward round

Psychology: learn from sports psychologists at a Premier League club

Software Engineering: create your own healthcare app

Veterinary Medicine: learn vet surgery techniques using dummy animals

Video Game Design: design a game and pitch to industry leaders

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