

# 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 29

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 6 May 2022

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

**Termly theme: Respect (thorny soil)**

**Termly SJW values – Compassionate and Loving**

Holy Mary, help those in need, give strength to the weak, comfort those who struggle, pray for God's people. May all who seek your help experience your love and protection. We make our prayers to our Lord through you, Holy Mary.

Amen

### Important Dates to Note

- **GCSE/AS/BTEC External Examinations begin**  
**Monday 16 May 2022**
- **Martineau Gardens Edgbaston Trip – (13 Year 7 pupils)**  
**Tuesday 24 May 2022 – 9.30am to 2.30pm**
- **Half Term**  
**Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022**
- **Year 7 and Year 10 Assessment Week**  
**Monday 13 June 2022 to Friday 24 June 2022**

### Welcome to a new Member of Staff



*"Hello my name is Mr Ahmed and I am a new member of staff at SJW. My role is Teacher of PE and Health, and I am currently an ECT, having completed my initial teacher training last year. I am a new and upcoming teacher with the intention of learning, developing, and acquiring as much information as I can to become a successful teacher. Please come and say hello if you see me around. I look forward to meeting and working with you all"*

### SEND Survey

[Click here for the link to the SEND Survey](#) - which is for parents and carers of children and young adults with Special Educational Needs only. The link is accessible via computer, laptop or mobile and will be open on Friday 6th May until 5pm on Friday 27 May 2022.

As you may know the SEND Local Area Partnership in Birmingham [Birmingham City Council, (Education) Birmingham Children's Trust (Social Care) Health (NHS) and the Birmingham Parent Carer Forum (BPCF)] is working hard to improve SEND services so that we provide the best possible help and support for children with additional needs in the City. As part of this project we are working with parents and carers, amongst other stakeholders to determine what their priorities are for improvement, seeking the broadest possible understanding of a wide range of views, so that we can improve SEND services.

To help with this work, we are asking parents and carers to fill in a short, anonymous survey (about 5 minutes long) about their experiences with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) services for their child or children in 2022. We hope that as many people as possible will take part so that we can get a clear picture of what is going well, and what not so well in the service and use that information to bring about change.

Those people who wish to submit contact details will be in with a chance of winning a £100 shopping voucher. Here is the link to the [SEND Survey](#) - which will be open on Friday 6 May until 5pm on Friday 27th May 2022. **By Miss Guest**



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## New Year 7 Form Tutor

I'm Mr Greedy and I am excited to become 7PEJ's new form tutor. Having covered the form for several weeks I have got to know all the pupils and look forward to getting to know them better over the rest of the school year. I look forward to helping the pupils' personal development and instilling SJW values to help foster a positive attitude to learning.

By Mr Greedy

## Lexia

Well done to the following pupil for her achievements in Lexia:

**Halima Ali 8MCI- highest Lexia usage**

By Miss Reglewska

## FREE Ballet Tickets

Birmingham Royal Ballet's Family Music & Dance schools performance: A perfect introduction to dance and the orchestra taking place on Saturday 13 May at 1pm.

Everyone's welcome at this fabulous family-friendly afternoon of music and dance. Host Shireenah Ingram and conductor Phil Ellis invite you to meet the instruments of the 60-strong Royal Ballet Sinfonia – and greet BRB's brilliant dancers, who'll be performing some of ballet's biggest hits.

You'll meet Cinderella and her Fairy Godmother, as Cinders takes her incredible journey from rags to riches. And you'll enjoy pocket-sized performances of classic moments from The Sleeping Beauty, La Fille mal gardée, Mother Goose and other world-famous ballets – all mixed in with plenty of fun and games for ballet fans of all ages!

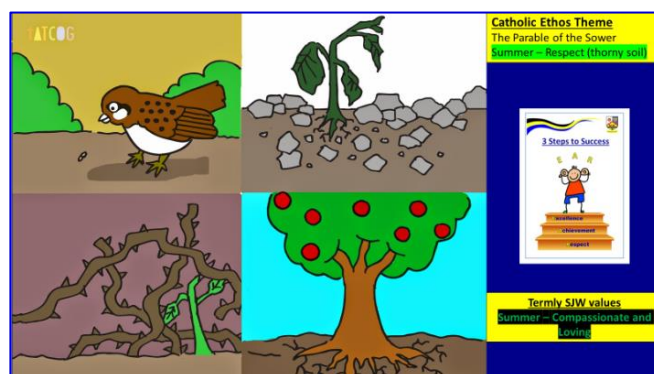
If you would like to book your **free** tickets please email [janinamundy@brb.org.uk](mailto:janinamundy@brb.org.uk)

## Catholic Life

Each term this year, we have focused on the Parable of the Sower and matched each 'type' of soil to an element of our EAR motto. This term, we focus on our final termly theme which is Respect and link that to the thorny soil from the parable. Our Values for the term are Compassionate and Loving. The thorny soil from the parable relates to all the distractions in life which stop us from showing respect, compassion and love to others. These distractions, like the thorns, stop us from growing and prevent us from standing up for what is right and putting others first.

In Collective Worship this week, our Heads of Year, discussed what is meant by respect here at St John Wall and how that links to the teachings of Jesus. Our pupils heard several key teachings from Jesus, including 'love one another as I have loved you' and the key message from the Parable of the Good Samaritan which is to treat others with respect and compassion, no matter who they are. This is important as we look forward to the next academic year and new catholic life theme which is being a School of Sanctuary, a place of safety where all people feel welcome.

By Mr Price



## Year 7 SVP Group

This week Year 7 have started work on their latest campaign in order to raise awareness and funds for refugees within our city.



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## Catholic Life

### Year 7 Trip to St Chad's Sanctuary

12 pupils from Year 7 visited St Chad's Sanctuary this week to learn more about the work that they do to support refugees and asylum seekers in Birmingham.

Abigail Martin, Project Manager for St Chad's Sanctuary said 'I am writing just to say how lovely your school groups have been. The children are delightful, full of enthusiasm and compassion. The volunteers and I look forward to their monthly visits as they are so joyful. Thank you for bringing them!'



*"Today we went on a trip to St Chad's Sanctuary. When we entered the place, it looked small. We looked around and a woman called Abbie welcomed us. We saw where the canned food was placed. She said there were less donations because of COVID. The government make it kind of hard for people who are in danger to come here safely. We then went upstairs to look at the clothing."* **By Silvia Nah 7GRE**

*"Today we went to St Chad's Sanctuary. We gave our school donations and took a tour around the place. We learned about how refugees suffer a lot when fleeing. It was heart breaking to listen to. That people can't be respected."* **By Precious Ilori 7GRE**

*"We went to St Chad's Sanctuary in the city centre and we were giving items for those who were in need. It was interesting because they showed us lots of things like notebooks, nappies, food and clothing. They told us lots of facts about refugees, like how they get a lot coming in from Eritrea, Iran and Iraq."* **By Anna Horvathova 7GRE**

*"While I was there I felt relieved that there were people actually caring about the people who are struggling all around the world. To know that people chose to give food, clothing, equipment and time to help others out is really nice."* **By Priya Chem 7PAW**

*"The trip was very educational as it enlightened me about the poor conditions that refugees live in when they come here. It is good to know that charities support them. From what I've seen, they do all they can to help others to have a decent life as a refugee."* **By Bradley Ngufack 7PAW**

### Year 7 Student Leadership Opportunities September 2022

This term pupils from Year 7 have been given the opportunity to apply for two new Pupil Leadership Groups which will run from July 2022 through until July 2023.



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### The Sanctuary Team

The Sanctuary Team will work towards encouraging those who are new to our school family to feel safe and welcomed. The role includes becoming a 'buddy' to our new Year 7's in September, as well as looking after others who come to our school throughout the year. The Sanctuary Team will also reflect upon the theme of 'who is my neighbour?' building on what Year 7 pupils have learned and explored from St Chad's Sanctuary on the refugee crisis. If you would like to join the Sanctuary Team you need to submit a letter to Mrs Ellis detailing the following: Who you are and the things that you enjoy doing Why you want to join the team What gifts/talents you would bring to the group Anything you have done to help others in need.

All applications must be in by Friday 27 May.

### One World Group

Our CAFOD One World Group focusses on Living Simply. You need to have a drive to be a steward of the world, with an interest in climate change, living in solidarity with those in need and charity work. For those who are interested in joining the team, please leave your name with Mrs Ellis by Friday 27 May. All applicants will be asked to complete a short task in June. Good luck!

### 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-cheese-with-tomatoes/>

By Mrs Ellis

### Poem

Oh Jesus you created such a paradise,  
A world that we live in as our home,  
As individuals we must sacrifice and  
save the Earth we roam.  
People please be mindful,  
Before you throw the litter on the floor,  
And think about all the things beautiful  
And bring back our paradise once more.  
Everyone must do their part  
and recycle things properly,  
As Mother Earth likes to be smart  
and wants us to look after our property.

Oh Jesus please bless this world,  
forgive people for this mess,  
Lets recycle and protect our world  
And nurture our Mother Earth,  
For it's love is unconditional  
And all that we possess.

By Diya Chana 8TOW



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# Year 11 Trip to Alton Towers

Yesterday Year 11 pupils visited Alton Towers as a reward for all their hard work this year and it was a great way to have some fun before their formal examinations begin on 16th May. All the pupils who went had great fun experiencing all the variety of rides.

Well done Year 11!

By Miss Fox-Roberts



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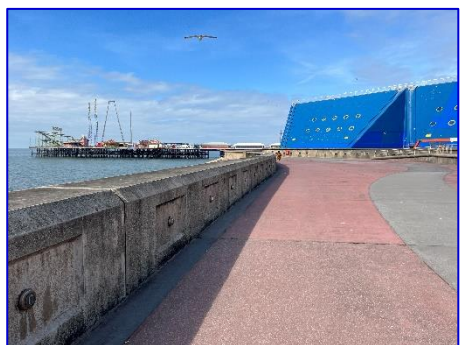
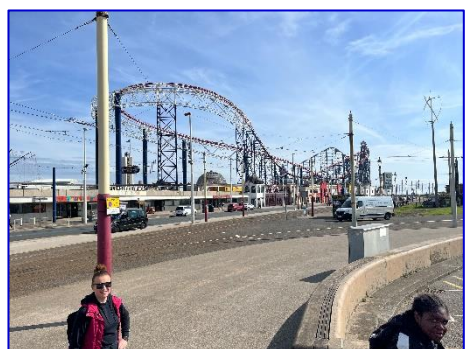
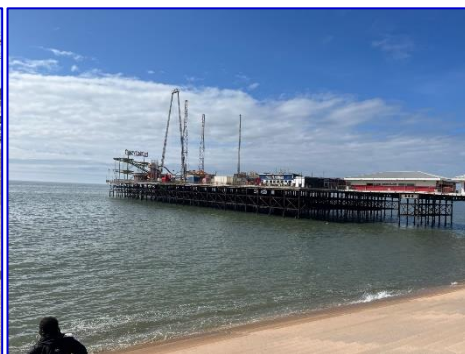


## Travel & Tourism Blackpool Trip

On Thursday 5 May 2022, Miss Reglewska and myself accompanied the Year 10 Travel and Tourism group to Blackpool. Pupils took part in a variety of activities and had a very enjoyable day. The day started off with a talk given by a member of the customer service team at Blackpool Pleasure beach. This helped pupils to get a real insight into what it is like to work in the Travel and Tourism industry. Pupils then got the chance to take part in a Q&A in which they showed fantastic knowledge of the tourism industry. After this, pupils had the opportunity to experience the exciting rollercoasters at Pleasure Beach (Yes, even the scary ones!). All of the pupils showed great strength of character by pushing themselves to get on some of the bigger rides. Finally, pupils had the chance to take a stroll along the south pier and take in the fantastic views of the Blackpool coastline.

A big well done to Year 10 for their conduct and behaviour on the trip that was even commented on by members of the public. Overall, a wonderful day out!

By Mr McIntosh



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## Mathematical Problem-Solving Day

Last Friday, Year 7 participated in a Mathematical Problem-Solving Day provided by The Problem-Solving Company. Pupils spent the day trying to solve a variety of every-day problems involving maths, whilst collecting as many points as possible. The pupils also got to attempt to complete Escape Boxes, which were a lot more difficult than they seemed. Pupils were learned and wise throughout the day, as well as being extremely curious and active. They worked excellently as teams with people they had not previously worked with. In the afternoon, pupils then got to complete some team building exercises, which gave a fantastic end to a fun day.

Thank you to our visitors for providing the pupils with this excellent opportunity.

By Mr Simmons



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# Homework

The love of learning is at the heart of academic success and the journey as a life-long learner. The homework at Saint John Wall Catholic School is designed to ignite your passion for learning and develop your curiosity to seek knowledge.

**Homework is always available at Saint John Wall.**  
Our Summer Term Development Homework is now live!

**Development Homework:** Encourages you to be responsible for your own learning. A variety of engaging and independent tasks can be selected from across the curriculum. You are in control of your own learning and can choose what tasks to complete and when to show the homework to your teacher. You can access this through our school website on the 'Curriculum' link. This is **always available**.



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