

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 20

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 11 February 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

Dear Lord, We ask of you to help each and every unique child to become educated in our school. We also ask of you to hear and respond to each and every prayer of the students in our care, we ask you to guide them to what God calls them to be. We pray that our pupils become learned and wise and are grateful for your love, support and generosity. Amen.

Important Dates to Note

Important Dates to Note:

- **University of Worcester Trip – Year 10 & 11 (9 Pupils)**
Monday 14 February 2022 – 8.50am to 3pm
- **St Joseph's Primary School Visit – Year 7 (4 pupils)**
Tuesday 15 February 2022 – 9am to 11.45am
- **Spring Half Term**
Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022
- **World Book Day**
Thursday 3 March 2022
- **Year 11 Mock 2 Examinations**
Wednesday 9 March to Wednesday 16 March 2022
- **Values@SJW Day 3**
Friday 11 March 2022
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening**
Wednesday 30 March 2022, 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Safety After School

As the nights start to get lighter please remain vigilant on your way home from school. For pupil safety please make sure you go straight home at the end of the day.

By Mrs Crooks

Parents' Afternoon and Remote Learning Afternoon

On Thursday it was Year 10 Parents' Afternoon. We were really pleased to be able to invite parents and carers in to school to meet face to face. Thankyou to all the parents who attended with their children – attendance was 89%. Miss Reynolds will contact parents who did not attend to ensure that you are kept fully informed about your child's progress at school.

Pupils in Years 7, 8, and 11 had a remote learning afternoon whilst staff were meeting with Year 10 parents. Please see more information later in this newsletter about their masterclasses.

Year 9 participated in a masterclass about life after school including mortgages, buying a house, bill responsibilities, and sharing with others.

"We learnt a lot about our future and how to properly buy a house." **By Rayyaan Afzal 9WIO**

"It was really informative about what I can do in my future and what to do." **By Ali Mirshekarikazerouni 9JON**

Thankyou to the staff who co-ordinated the remote learning masterclasses, and to our staff who provided useful feedback and targets to Year 10 pupils and parents.

By Miss Marston



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk

House Competition

This term, departments have been challenged to create their own House Competition to allow as many pupils in our school to get involved.

During the month of January, we saw the Science Department take on the challenge. Their House Competition was to challenge the forms to create their own model rocket that will be launched in the playground.

Each form was allowed to create their model rockets from plastic bottles and submit the best one to be judged and launched in front of the whole year group!

It was great to see every form get involved and cheer on their rocket when launch day arrived last week. Each year group was assigned a day where during form their rockets were launched into the air with the help from Mr Hayaat and his team of Year 7s.

'We chose this competition because we wanted to challenge the pupils to see if they can put what they learn from Science into practice to create a rocket which could shoot to the moon (or at least the top of the tower). The way we launched the rockets was by filling the bottles almost full with water, and then using butane fuel as a propellant. It was also great to see the amount of pride pupils had for their year groups, house and forms, which they would express in the design of the rockets, whether it was the colours, pictures, messages, or even signing the rockets.'

By Mr Hayaat

Each rocket was judged on the following
3 categories:

Best Designed Rocket

Best Built Rocket

Highest Flying Rocket

Check out the next couple of pages for some action shots from our launch week!

By Miss Cummings

The Overall Leader Board:

- 1st Place = Gandhi
2nd Place = Pankhurst and Luther King
4th Place = John Paul
5th Place = Mandela

Best Designed Rocket

1st Place = 7PAW

2nd Place = 7FOR

3rd Place = 7HAY

Best Built Rocket

1st Place = 7PAW

2nd Place = 7HAY

3rd Place = 7FOR

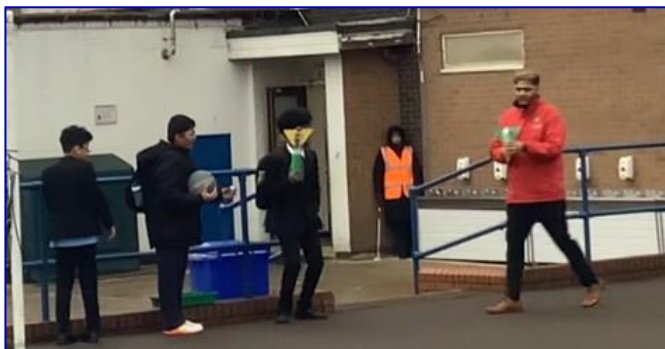
Highest Flying Rocket

1st Place = 7HAY

2nd Place = 7FOR

3rd Place = 7PAW





Year 8 Launch Day

Best Designed Rocket

- 1st Place = 8MCI
- 2nd Place = 8BRK
- 3rd Place = 8TOW
- 4th Place = 8HUL
- 5th Place = 8BAR



Best Built Rocket

- 1st Place = 8TOW
- 2nd Place = 8MCI
- 3rd Place = 8HUL
- 4th Place = 8BAR
- 5th Place = 8BRK



Highest Flying Rocket

- 1st Place = 8MCI
- 2nd Place = 8HUL
- 3rd Place = 8BRK
- 4th Place = 8TOW
- 5th Place = 8BAR



Year 9 Launch Day

Best Designed Rocket

- 1st Place = 9HEA
- 2nd Place = 9WIO
- 3rd Place = 9OWE
- 4th Place = 9JON
- 5th Place = 9GOS

Best Built Rocket

- 1st Place = 9WIO
- 2nd Place = 9HEA
- 3rd Place = 9OWE
- 4th Place = 9JON
- 5th Place = 9GOS

Highest Flying Rocket

- 1st Place = 9HEA
- 2nd Place = 9JON
- 3rd Place = 9OWE
- 4th Place = 9GOS
- 5th Place = 9WIO



Year 10 Launch Day

Best Designed Rocket

1st Place = 10ESM

2nd Place = 10HAR

3rd Place = 10HAB

4th Place = 10FOD

5th Place = 10PAR



Best Built Rocket

1st Place = 10HAR

2nd Place = 10HAB

3rd Place = 10ESM

4th Place = 10FOD

5th Place = 10PAR



Highest Flying Rocket

1st Place = 10PAR

2nd Place = 10HAB

3rd Place = 10FOD

4th Place = 10HAR

5th Place = 10ESM

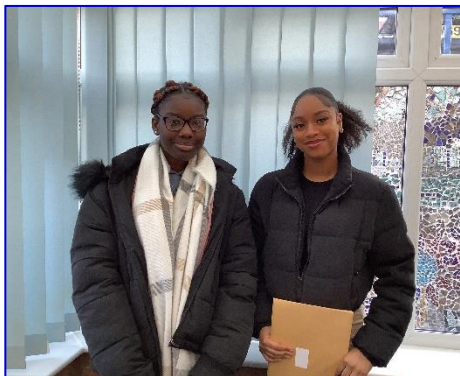


2021 Leavers' Return

It was a wonderful day meeting you all on Friday 4 February when you were invited to collect your GCSE certificates. It was lovely to hear how well you are all doing. I was happy to see how mature and grown up you all looked and how you have really blossomed into young inspiring adults. After speaking to many of you about your experience in your chosen further education choice you have all understood the importance of your education and how it has impacted you. I wish you all the success you deserve. Please keep in touch and let us know how you are all doing.

As always take care and continue to be amazing.

By Mrs Chand



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk

Children's Mental Health Week

The focus for our week has been to 'Express Yourself'. Pupils have taken part in activities during form time that encourage them to grow and to speak up when they are having difficulties with their wellbeing. Today pupils have expressed themselves by coming in their own clothing and having their picture taken in our very own SJW Photo booth.

By Mrs Ellis



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk



Duke of Edinburgh's Award



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an incredible experience and qualification which involves a range of activities and requirements. The award is made up of four sections.

1 Skill Section – A new life skill (outside of school lessons). There are hundreds of different activities that young people can choose from. Popular choices include music, art, drama, cooking, DJing, committee skills, graffiti art and sign language.

2 Volunteering Section – This section requires young people to spend approximately one hour per week doing voluntary work. This gives young people the opportunity to get out into their communities and give something back.

3 Physical Section – This section requires young people to spend one hour per week of their own time engaging in physical recreation. It can be any form of activity and does not need to be in a team or competitive environment.

4 Expedition Section – Walking, camping, map reading, team work, survival.

Please watch the following video:

<https://www.dofe.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Recruitment%20Film%20English%20Version.mp4>

If you are interested in the award please see Mr Woodward or the school office for applications to sign up to the award.

By Mr Woodward

Year 10 Parents' Afternoon

Well done to the 102 pupils who turned up to Parents' afternoon. It was wonderful to see you all with your parents and carers in person once again. I hope you all found it useful to see your teachers and get some much-deserved feedback. Well done to the following pupils who were seen by Miss Marston for being top achievers.

Mohit Badhan	Victoria Omozee Ufumwen
Jannat Begum	Crystabel Owusu
Moses Johnson	Gabriel-Iulian Potropascu
Brajesh Lal	Asher Rogers
Natalia Moszczynska	Jaskarn Sampla
Roland Ofori	Ravjot Singh

Thank you all for coming.

By Miss Reynolds

Year 8 Masterclass

On Thursday Year 8 pupils were invited to a Careers Masterclass by their Head of Year to talk about what is required to make their future choices as well as looking at qualifications required for certain jobs. Year 8 pupils were attentive throughout the class and asked some very interesting questions about what they needed for the future careers. Mrs Chand spoke about some important upcoming dates regarding Pathway Options and what was required to decide on their subject choices. We also spoke about the importance of attendance in school, so they do not miss vital information going forward.

I was very impressed that we had a very high attendance as this Masterclass was compulsory and they did leave school early to attend. Please see Mrs Chand if you have any further questions about careers/pathway options.

See some of the comments below:

"It was very inspirational. I found the different jobs interesting. I would like to be a doctor when I grow up".

By Esaias Stewart 8BAR

"The Masterclass by Mrs Chand was motivating and engaging. She gave us all some great advice for the future. I would also like to be a doctor when I finish my education".

By Ameira Peart 8MCI

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe

By Mrs Chand

EE Smartphone Licence

PREPARING YOUR KIDS TO BE SAFE AND KIND ONLINE

Getting your kids their first phone – it's a big moment.

They'll enter a new world full of wonderful and sometimes worrying things. So, we've created the PhoneSmart Licence, a course that prepares kids for their new phone world by teaching them how to stay safe and be kind online.



Visit

<https://eephonesmart.co.uk/>



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk



Synod Facilitation Training Session- Kenelm Youth Trust

Pope Francis invites us to participate in a world-wide Synod – every person in the Church is called to respond. Today pupils from Year 7 to Year 10 were invited to join this conversation and give their views on the Church from their own experience of being a member of our school community.

"With the Kenelm Youth Trust I engaged and spoke about the Church and how I feel about the different topics that are important to it." **By Shea Fleming 10HAB**

"With the Kenelm Youth Trust, I engaged in and got to express the ideas that I had about the Church. I also got to listen to the opinions of friends as well. I also got to learn a lot from it too." **Bianca Emuke Lole 10HAR**

By Mrs Ellis

Year 7 Numeracy Masterclass

This week Year 7 pupils took part in a masterclass on numeracy led by Mrs Gandhi. The class gave pupils insight into how fun maths can be! There were so many comments from Year 7 pupils, 110 of whom attended the masterclass about how much they enjoyed their class, and many more asking for the opportunity to do it again soon.

"I enjoyed the brain teasers and how differently some of my friends see the world. It was interesting." **By Greg Mwakatobe 7HAY**

"I liked guessing what was in the pictures that fooled your way of thinking. It made my brain work harder." **By Africa Beauty Garcia George 7HAY**

By Mrs Ellis

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE
BIRMINGHAM 2022 YOUTH
PROGRAMME AND HELP YOUR
PUPILS TO

BRING
THE
POWER



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO GET INVOLVED VISIT
WWW.BIRMINGHAM2022.COM/POWER



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

-  School workshops
-  Digital classroom resources
-  Teacher inspiration sessions
-  Cultural activities
-  School festival days

JOURNEY SO FAR



School pupils from the West Midlands were invited to be flagbearers for the launch of the Queen's Baton Relay at Buckingham Palace



Pupils from West Heath Primary School learning about the Games through our classroom resources



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk



LET'S TAKE IT ON.

Find out how your school can be involved in an unmissable part of the **Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games celebrations**, as the **Queen's Baton Relay** arrives in the **West Midlands in Summer 2022**

Domestic Sector proudly partnered with

LONGINES



BIRMINGHAM 2022
**QUEEN'S BATON
RELAY**
commonwealth
games

**commonwealth
sport**

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Birmingham 2022 are offering all secondary schools in the West Midlands the once in a life time chance to nominate a student to be a Batonbearer and carry the Queen's Baton in Summer 2022. Don't miss your school's chance to be part of this epic journey!

How to select your Batonbearer is up to you. It could be an in-school competition, students could nominate each other, or it can be decided by school staff.

Birmingham 2022 Batonbearers will be inspiring individuals with amazing stories to tell. So, whichever way you select your Batonbearer, they must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- 1 Always willing to take on a challenge and has a unique and inspiring story
- 2 Has made a meaningful contribution to sport, education, the arts, culture, or charity
- 3 Is a figure of inspiration that positively challenges others to achieve their best
- 4 Has taken on a challenge or cause and made a positive impact within their community

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR CHOICE

The window for schools to nominate Batonbearers runs from 11 January until 4 March 2022.

To tell us about your chosen Batonbearer you'll need to let us know:

- Their full name, email address, telephone number, region and whether they are under 18
- The reason you've nominated them as a Batonbearer, in 100 words or less

Please ensure you have agreement from your Nominee to share their details prior to submitting the nomination.

Find out more at:
www.birmingham2022.com/school-batonbearers

BIRMINGHAM 2022
**QUEEN'S BATON
RELAY**



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk



Be Empowered Workshop – Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

We warmly invite you to join in a series of evening in-person workshops that have been written and led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves.

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, following diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.

THIS WILL BE THE 3rd IN-PERSON BE EMPOWERED WORKSHOP OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.

WEDNESDAY'S 2 MARCH to 6 April, FROM 6PM – 9PM

MAR – APR 2022 – On a WEDNESDAY, 6pm – 9pm

Starting Wed 2nd Mar 2022, then continuing Wed 9th Mar, Wed 16th,
Wed 23rd, Wed 30th and finishing Wed 6th Apr

At 1st Flr Training Rm, Old Hall, Moseley Hall Hospital, Alcester Road,
Birmingham B13 8JL

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

Please apply by completing and signing the attached booking form and consent and email to:
BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk

For any enquiries about the next Be Empowered Workshop please call
Oenca Fontaine (Parent Engagement Consultant)
Tel: [07956 929 151](tel:07956929151)

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING BOOKINGS IS WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2022!



Be Empowered...



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk