

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 17 March 2023

Catholic Life - This year we are focusing on 'The Year of Sanctuary'.

Termly theme: Peace

Termly SJW Values – Eloquent and Truthful

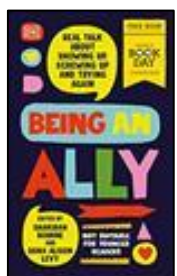
"This week in afternoon prayer, we prayed about British Science Week. This is important because we were able to focus on British Sciences and the importance of connection. We prayed on the behalf of Young Carers. It is important to pray for young carers because of their roles and the important responsibilities in their lives. We also prayed for all Muslims who are beginning the holy month of fasting, Ramadan.

We ended the week focusing on Lent and Jesus' time in the desert. This was an opportunity to reflect on our own temptations in life and how we overcome them."

By Jason Nguyen 7RAH

Reading for Pleasure

During the course of the 4 strike days pupils have been issued with a number of free books to encourage reading for pleasure. **By Miss Marston**



Important Dates to Note

- **Year 10 University of Birmingham Trip (14 pupils)**
Wednesday 22 March 2023 – 8.30am to 3.30pm
- **Year 8 Pathways Afternoon**
Thursday 23 March 2023 – 2.30pm to 4pm
- **Alton Castle Retreat (30 Year 7 pupils)**
Monday 27 March 2023 to Wednesday 29 March 2023
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening**
Thursday 30 March 2023 – 4pm to 6pm
- **Easter Holiday**
Monday 3 April 2023 to Friday 14 April 2023



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Westbury Coaching

Over the coming weeks, Year 7 and 8 girls will participate in 2 sessions of coaching, with Alice Westbury. The coaching is to support the girls in KS3 with friendships, communication, managing online interactions, developing empathy, managing wellbeing and having a positive mindset.

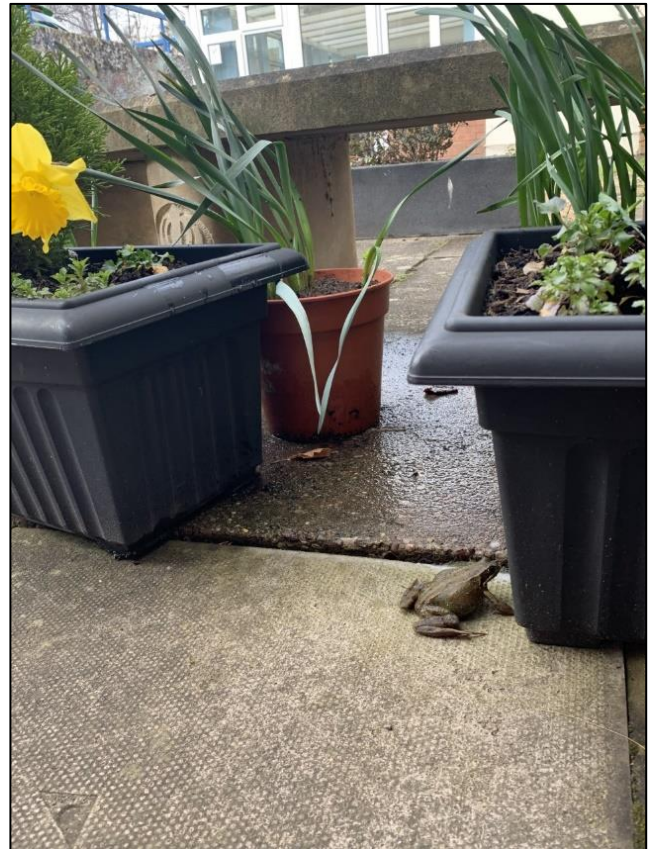
By Mrs Ellis

Wildlife Update

Our memorial garden is bursting with life as spring finally creeps in and the days begin to get longer. You shouldn't cut grass, chop border plants or clear leaves that have settled over winter until it begins to warm up in spring. This is to protect our minibeasts, bugs and other garden visitors that are still hibernating. Today's tidy up gave me a bit of a fright when one of our resident frogs squealed at me because I had disturbed his pot! As you can see our frogs have been busy in the pond already, producing masses of beautiful frog spawn. Watch this space for the life cycle of a frog in weeks to come and follow this link if you'd like some ideas about how to create your own wildlife friendly garden.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/creating-a-wildlife-friendly-garden/>

By Mrs Clayton



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Year 7 – Quidditch

Wednesday 15 March 2023

On Wednesday, due to strike action, Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to learn a new sport - Quidditch! They had a very energetic time learning new rules and participating in team competitions. Staff helped out by taking on the role of the golden snitch - thankyou to Mr Lysaght, Miss Sangar, Mr Kaila and Mr Patel. At the end of the day prizes were awarded, and the overall winning team was Ravenclaw. Best beater - Isaac Masamuna, Best Keeper - Oyinkansola Olayiwoma, Best seeker - Dante Blair, Best snitch - Mr Patel. Thankyou to Dom and Cerys from Enrich education for leading this event.



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Year 8 – 'Smashed'

Thursday 16 March 2023

On Thursday afternoon, due to strike action, Year 8 had the opportunity to watch a performance called 'smashed' from a theatre group. This was all about alcohol use and misuse, and helped contribute to their personal development and health education.

By Miss Marston



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Year 10 Carding Mill Valley

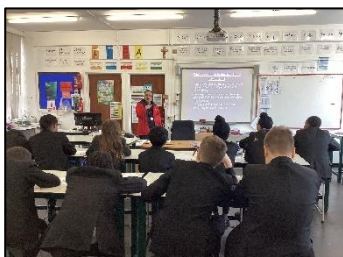
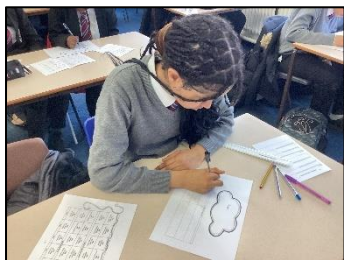
On Friday the 17 of March, myself, Ms Levine, Miss Raybe and Miss Young accompanied the Year 10 Geographers to the beautiful setting of Carding Mill Valley in Shropshire to undertake their GCSE Physical Geography fieldwork. Despite horrendous downpour we were caught up in and lack of shelter, pupils worked hard to gather the data needed. This included: the width and depth of the river channel, the size and angularity of sediment and speed of flow. I was very proud of our pupils and was impressed by their ability to work efficiently as a team, even in wet, windy and wild conditions. Special mention to David Tran 10JON in his sliders who fell over at least 6 times. **By Mr Woodward**



Values@Day – Year 7

On our Careers Values@Day, Year 7 started the day looking at Aspirations – focusing on what they felt the future held for them, and what barriers could stop them achieving that.

Year 7 worked with Red Snapper, Friends of the Forces and Elevate. These sessions developed their study skills and gave them an insight into life in the armed forces.

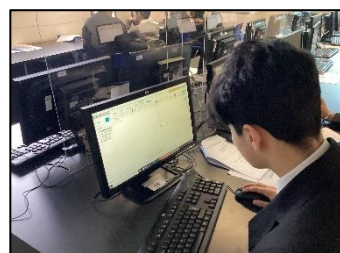
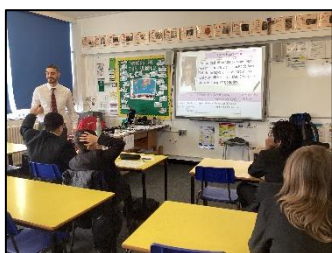
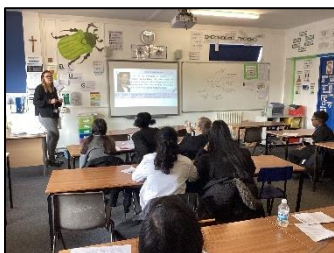




Values@Day – Year 8

Year 8 took part in their Pathway taster day on Values@Day. This allowed them to experience the different subjects that they can choose for the next stages of their education.

Thank you to all Pathway subject staff for their hard work preparing these sessions for our pupils.



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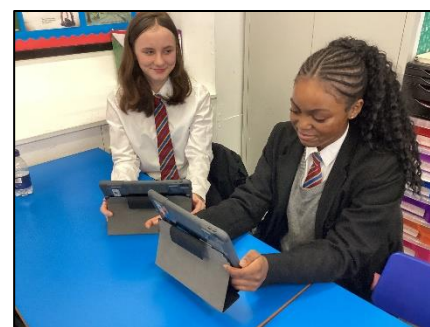
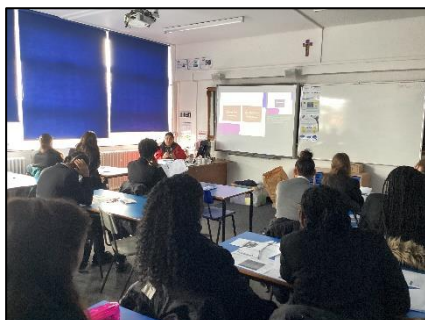
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Values@Day – Year 9

Bouncing Statistics, EVERFI and BIMM worked with our Year 9 pupils on Values@Day. These sessions allowed our pupils to look into careers in STEM and Music/Performance. We also welcomed our PCSOs, PC Davies and PC Manns to work with our pupils. Pupils considered how finances can also link to your future, they worked through resources we received from the bank Natwest.



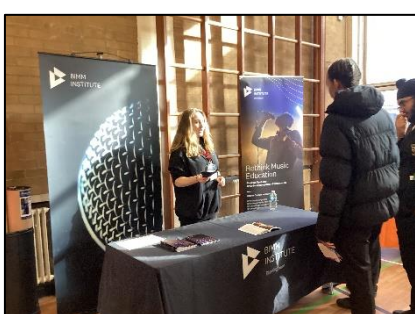


Values@Day – Year 9, 10 & 11

Careers Fayre

Values@Day culminated in a Careers Fair for our Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils. We welcomed over 20 providers from colleges to employers to speak with our pupils about their future careers. We thank all our visitors for taking time out to work with our pupils.

Values@Day has been an excellent example of how our pupils can consider what God is calling them to be.



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Spring Holiday Clubs

Bring it on Brum! is running FREE activity clubs in Birmingham for those aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Clubs will run for 4 or 8 days during the spring (Easter) school holidays; Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th April and Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April 2023.

Each child is eligible to attend a maximum of 4 sessions during the spring school holidays.

Activities include sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes will vary depending on the type and location of each local club, but every day there will be a nutritious meal served up for **free**!

You will be able to book spring holiday clubs from **Monday 13th March 2023** at: www.bringitonbrum.co.uk. The website will be updated regularly as new providers are confirmed so if you can't find a suitable holiday club straight away, check back regularly.

Can't attend a face-to-face holiday club?

If you are not able to access face-to-face holiday clubs, at home activity packs are also available for the spring school holiday. Packs are available one per eligible child and are available for primary or secondary age. You will need your code to request free spring activity packs.

You can register for a free spring activity pack from **Monday 13th March 2023**; registrations close on **Wednesday 22nd March 2023** or as soon as all activity packs have been allocated. More information on the activity packs and how to register can be found at: <https://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/activity-packs-and-food-boxes>.

Booked but can't attend?

During our 2022 programmes, we had a large numbers of non-attendees. If you book an activity for your child/ren and can no longer attend please contact the provider to cancel, so the space can be given to another child.

We hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity so your child/ren can have fun with their friends during the upcoming school holidays.



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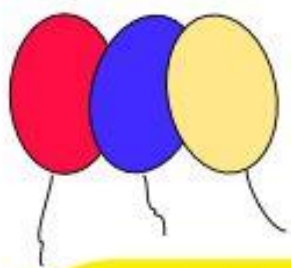


Year 11 Yearbook

Memories of
your time
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Class of 2023



Payments are now being accepted!

The overall cost of the yearbook is **£12**
You can pay in 2 instalments of **£6** each.
Payment to be made at the school office.



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Impact of seeing pornography on children

Parental concerns

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Distorted view of healthy sex and relationships

52%

think a child may believe online pornography represents typical sex

48%

say it's improper sex education leaving a child with an unrealistic view of 'normal' sex

44%

feel it may impact children's understanding of what normal sexual relationships should look like

38%

believe it will set expectations to engage in specific sexual acts as part of a relationship

Objectification of women and use of violence

47%

are concerned about poor portrayal of women in pornography including violence and abuse



34%

think children will become desensitised to brutal/violent content, becoming less upset, anxious or disgusted over time



Impact on body image and self-esteem

27%

believe it encourages poor self-esteem as they judge themselves against the actors

34%

of parents say it harms their kid's body image (lack of confidence in their own body image)



Lack of understanding of consent

36%

say it gives improper education about asking for and getting consent

Addiction

33%

fear that children will become addicted to porn

Source: Internet Matters report 'We need to talk about porn' - November 2018 - a survey of 2044 parents



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