# 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'



Date: Friday 18 November 2022

Issue 10 Weekly Information Bulletin

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

Termly theme: Solidarity (The Good Samaritan)

Termly SJW values – Compassionate and Loving

Lord, Thank you for being a source in whom we find protection. Remind us that you are there to help us when we fall or have too much to carry. Thank you for being a refuge of safety for those people who are being hurt by others. Help us to always treat others with love and respect, for we know that Jesus calls us to love others as we love ourselves. We ask you Lord to walk with us every day and guide us in our relationships. Help us to respect and treat everyone equally, remembering that we are all children of God. Amen

#### **Important Dates to Note**

- Year 11 Parents' Evening
   Thursday 24 November 2022 4pm to 6pm
- Year 7 and Year 9 Assessment Week
   Monday 28 November 2022 to Friday 2 December 2022
- Christmas Showcase
   Monday 12 December and Tuesday 13 December, 5.00 –
   6.00pm. This is ticketed event.
- Year 7 and Year 9 Parents' Afternoon
   Wednesday 14 December 2022 1pm to 3.30pm
- Christmas Jumper Day and Reading Relay Thursday 15 December 2022
- Christmas Holiday
   Friday 16 December 2022
- Inset Day School Closed to all Pupils Tuesday 3 January 2023
- School Opens
   Wednesday 4 January 2023

#### Values@Day

On Thursday, we celebrated our first Values@Day of the year. The theme for this day was 'Right Choices' linking closely to our focus on anti-bullying week.

We welcomed several outside agencies into Saint John Wall who commented positively on the behavior and engagement of our pupils. The visitors we welcomed were:























# Anti-Bullying Week Odd Sock Day























•



### Values@Day - Year 7

Year 7 focused on making right choices in the community on Values@Day. This included:

- How to keep safe on the roads
- How to have healthy relationships
- An Anti-Bullying session with Stand Against Violence
- PC David Manns discussing online safety with a focus on social media
- Care for the school environment tree planting, pond clearing and painting

The day ended with a whole year group assembly from the Precious Lives group on knife crime.























"I enjoyed the day because I learnt many things, such as how to keep safe on the roads, how to have a positive relationship and how bullying could effect a person's well-being and mental health."

**By Sara Antony 7ESM** 



### Values@Day - Year 8

Year 8 focused on personal safety during Values@Day 1.

#### This included:

- A talk from Birmingham Medical Society on mental health and wellbeing
- A workshop from Connect Futures looking at exploitation and extremism
- A mindfulness session looking at how we deal with stress
- A session on online safety looking at the difference between banter and bullying
- Care for the school environment tree planting, pond clearing and painting

The day ended with a workshop using the BAIT video resource followed by a Q and A on right choices.



















"Today I learnt about 'Online safety', 'Brave', 'Med Minds', 'Mindfulness' and 'Bait'. These topics will help in life as we never know if any of these things will happen to us."

**By Taylor Milligan 8FOR** 



"I learnt many things but the most important is I learnt about the law and how to stay safe from online bullying. In Ten Ten we learnt that we shouldn't change ourselves for others."

By Mawra Hussain 8BRK



### Values@Day – Year 9

The theme for Year 9 on Values@Day was how we can be a Good Samaritan and look after those around us. This included:

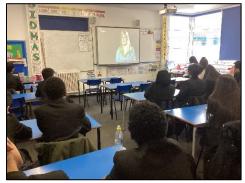
- A session on online safety looking at the difference between banter and bullying
- A workshop on sexting and online privacy led by 2020 Dreams
- Cinema in education session using TenTen's session on peer pressure
- Stand Against Violence led a workshop focusing on Violence Awareness
- Saint John Wall staff led a session looking at unhealthy relationships





















"Today we had values@ day and the things we were taught about were sexting online, unhealthy relationships, violence awareness, ten ten and cyber bullying. I learnt about how we should give consent before doing anything and how things that happen online can affect people. The topic I enjoyed was violence awareness because it showed how people get killed or injured due to small mistakes." By Yousma Mustafa 9WOO



### Values@Day – Year 10

Year 10 Values@Day focused on healthy life choices.

#### This included:

- A healthy breakfast session led by our Catering teachers
- Bouncing Statistics led a session on confidence and the future
- A TenTen session on the value of marriage
- A workshop on Consent, rape and harassment led by 2020 Dreams
- A workshop led by 2020 Dreams on how to spot sexual bullying





























#### **St Mary's Coffee Morning**

We have had a fascinating morning at St Mary's listening to a visitor from Dementia Carers Count. There are around 850,000 people in the UK with the disease which amongst other symptoms targets brain function, cognition and a loss of memory skills which is very distressing for those affected and their friends and families who care for them.

Richard did a sterling job helping to wash and dry up whilst Success spent some time chatting to new visitors who had brought family members along suffering from Dementia. There is a link included should you wish to learn more about Dementia and Alzheimer's disease and how you can help those affected.

https://dementiacarers.org.uk/







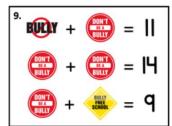




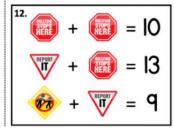
#### **Anti-bullying Week in Maths**

Pupils were engaged in starter activities this week to promote discussions about bullying and anti-bullying week. Pupils enjoyed the opportunity to talk about bullying as well as complete some maths.

#### **By Mr Simmons**







$\frac{4}{5} \times \frac{15}{22}$	$2 \times \frac{4}{9}$	$\frac{7}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$	$1\frac{1}{3} \times 2\frac{2}{5}$	$1\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{4}{6}$	$\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{10}{11}$	$\frac{1}{9} \div \frac{1}{8}$	$3 \div 2\frac{1}{3}$

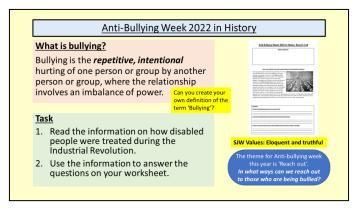
#### Key:

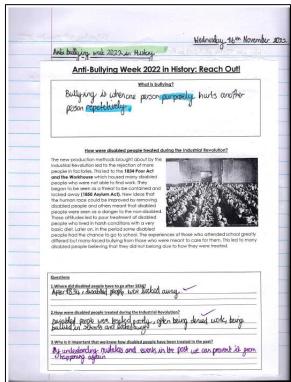
8 9	3 ½	21 32	$\frac{6}{11}$	$1\frac{2}{7}$
Α	K	L	W	Υ

#### **Anti-bullying Week in History**

This week in History Year 8 pupils were able to reflect on how disabled people had been treated during the Industrial Revolution. Pupils were able to recognise the prejudice and discrimination that those with disabilities faced at the time and use that understanding to think about how we treat those with disabilities in today's world. Pupils were eloquent and truthful with their responses to questions around how we challenge discriminatory attitudes and bullying in our own society.

#### By Mr McIntosh





By Darling Dikoko 8AHM





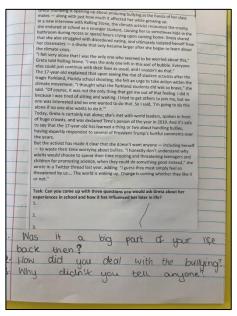
#### **Anti-bullying Week in Geography**

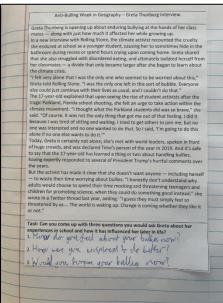
In Geography lessons this week we have been focusing on Anti Bulling Week:

We have read an article by Rolling Stone Magazine with Greta Thunberg which focuses on her experiences of bulling when she was in school.

Pupils were tasked with coming up with three questions for Greta and how she dealt with bullying in her childhood

#### By Mr Woodward





#### **Anti-bullying Week in Geography**

In Geography we asked our classes to read the attached text and to consider the problems and challenges that the situations caused Greta.

We discussed how the 'bullying' continued via social media from well know public figures and how easy it was in today's society to do that.

Pupils were then asked to create 3 questions to ask Greta and her experience.

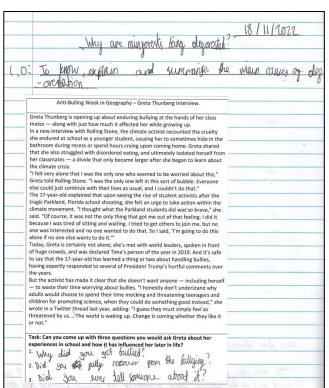
#### By Ms Levine

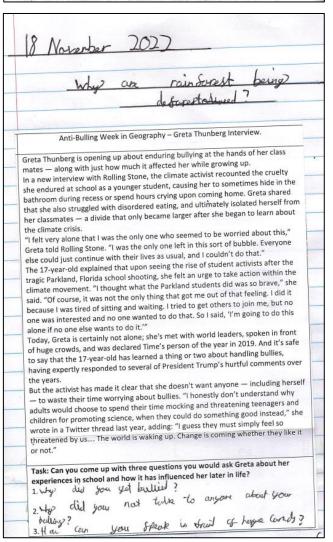
Anti-Bulling Week in Geography – Greta Thunberg Interview.	
reta Thunberg is opening up about enduring bullying at the hands of her	class
nates — along with just how much it affected her while growing up.	
n a new interview with Rolling Stone, the climate activist recounted the c	
she endured at school as a younger student, causing her to sometimes hid	
pathroom during recess or spend hours crying upon coming home. Greta s	
that she also struggled with disordered eating, and ultimately isolated her	
ner classmates — a divide that only became larger after she began to lear	n about
the climate crisis.	
I felt very alone that I was the only one who seemed to be worried about	
Greta told Rolling Stone. "I was the only one left in this sort of bubble. Eve	ryone
else could just continue with their lives as usual, and I couldn't do that."	ab.
The 17-year-old explained that upon seeing the rise of student activists aft	
ragic Parkland, Florida school shooting, she felt an urge to take action wit	
climate movement. "I thought what the Parkland students did was so brav	
said. "Of course, it was not the only thing that got me out of that feeling. I	
because I was tired of sitting and waiting. I tried to get others to join me, b one was interested and no one wanted to do that. So I said, 'I'm going to c	
one was interested and no one wanted to do that. So I said, 'I'm going to c alone if no one else wants to do it.'''	io this
alone if no one else wants to do it." Foday, Greta is certainly not alone; she's met with world leaders, spoken i	n front
of huge crowds, and was declared Time's person of the year in 2019. And i	
or ruge crowds, and was declared Time's person of the year in 2019. And it is say that the 17-year-old has learned a thing or two about handling bulli	
to say that the 17-year-old has learned a thing or two about handling built having expertly responded to several of President Trump's hurtful comme	
having expertly responded to several of President Trump's nurtful comme the years.	iits over
ne years. But the activist has made it clear that she doesn't want anyone — includin	a horself
— to waste their time worrying about bullies. "I honestly don't understand	
adults would choose to spend their time mocking and threatening teenage	6.00
children for promoting science, when they could do something good inste	
wrote in a Twitter thread last year, adding: "I guess they must simply feel:	
threatened by us The world is waking up. Change is coming whether the	
or not."	y me it
Task: Can you come up with three questions you would ask Greta about	her
experiences in school and how it has influenced her later in life?	
1. Attacted your get bourses to you give talks on the bullying impact your activist work? 2. How aid bullying impact your activist work?	2
Mei- pulling ?	
2. How did bullying impact your activist work?	
3 3	
3. How did it expect you mentally?	











#### **House Trip to Inflata Nation**

Each year pupils accumulate house points by participating in a range of competitions over the year and demonstrating excellent behaviour. Last academic year Pankhurst house gained the most points and therefore won a rewards trip! They went to Inflata nation which is filled with lots of exciting activities including a two-lane assault course, giant inflatable drop slide, ball pool & exhilarating total wipe out balls!! They also enjoyed pizza and slush puppies! It was a great day and well-deserved reward for the pupils who worked extremely hard to achieve their best!

#### **By Miss Young**

"Looking around there is not one person who wasn't having fun, I have really enjoyed myself."

#### By Samra Mohamed 10JON

















#### **GCSE Bengali Lessons**

Pupils have started GCSE Bengali lessons on Mondays after school from 3.10 to 4.10pm with Mr Rahman.

Pupils will be using a variety of learning styles to improve their progress in Bengali.

#### By Mr Rahman







#### **English**



Year 7 and 8: Why not read 'Moving on' located in your English development Homework on our Shared area in the reading corner folder.

Year 9 and 10: Why not read 'The most dangerous game' by Richard Connell located in your English development Homework on our Shared area in the reading corner folder.

Your English teacher would love to hear about what you have been reading!

**By Miss Jones** 



B21 8HH



#### **Poppy Appeal**

I am pleased that we raised £63.05 for the poppy appeal! A big thankyou to all the forms and form teachers who took part, and also thankyou to the poppy sellers: Maria Tibuleac 8HAY, Aaphryl Antonio Pereira 8PAW, Eliza Chiriac 8HAY, Priya Kaur 8HAY and Erika Dovleag 8HAY.

#### By Mr Woodward



#### **Urban Planning Day**

Last Friday Year 10 Geographers took part in an urban planning workshop, forming a property company and planning how to regenerate an area using 3D models. Pupils then prepared a pitch, presented their plans to each other and decided a winning group.

"I enjoyed the workshop; it gave me an insight as to how communities are built and designed."

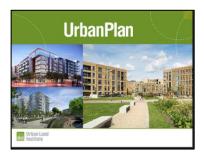
#### **By Kieron Mokanda 10GOS**

"The urban planning day was very fun and increased my knowledge or urban regeneration. In the lesson we had to do an urban regeneration of an area with blocks and got to plan on an iPad, it was fun to see who won."

#### By Adam Hannan 10GOS

Well done to all involved.

#### By Mr Woodward



#### Day of 8 Billion

In Geography this week we have been "celebrating" the Day of 8 Billion.

On Tuesday 15 November, the world's population passed the 8 billion mark. To put things in perspective, the population of Birmingham is around 1 million. 8 billion is 8000 times bigger than 1 million!

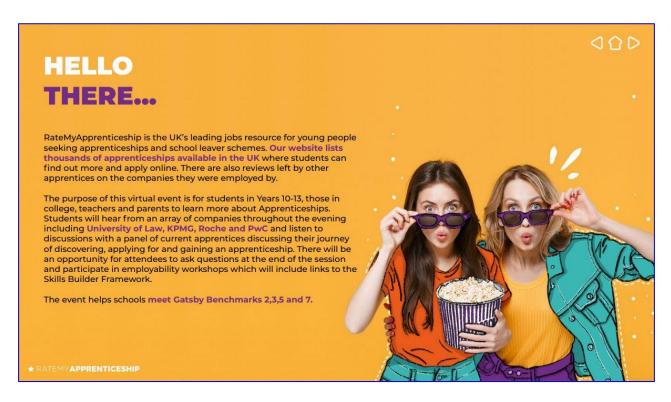
Pupils were asked the following questions: Do you think rising population is a good or bad thing? Why do you think this? What will happen if population keeps growing? What will be the impacts of this? With Asher Rogers providing some very thoughtful responses.

#### By Mr Woodward









B21 8HH





### **ALL THINGS APPRENTICESHIPS**

There are hundreds of apprenticeships to choose from and RateMyApprenticeship is a great resource to view current vacancies.

Apprentices work for a minimum of 30 hours a week for 30 weeks a year. The structure of each apprenticeship can vary depending on the type of scheme and employer that you work for.

An apprentice's time is split between full-time work with an industry leading company, and time spent studying for a qualification. Some employers ask you to work four days a week and study for the fifth day, while others will ask you to attend college for a few weeks at a time, inbetween periods spent working for the employer.

An apprenticeship is a fantastic option for school leavers because they finish their course with a qualification and relevant work experience.

If you thought it couldn't get any better, you were wrong. Apprentices are paid for the duration of their apprenticeship.



### **JOINING US** ON THE EVENT

**University of Law** 

The legal sector is changing rapidly and the need for rigorous, relevant and businessfocused legal education and training has never been greater. ULaw delivers Level 7 Solicitor Apprenticeships for those starting post-A Level and Solicitor Graduate Apprenticeships for those starting post-degree.

Find out more



PwC offers a variety of programmes for students and graduates to start creating their careers. They focus on your skills and passions, not just your degree and education.

Find out more



**KPMG** 

KPMG's Apprenticeship programmes offer the chance to gain practical work experience and build core skills within their global network of firms. You'll be supported to achieve professional qualifications and accreditation's, such as diplomas and degrees, and earn a salary - all at the same time.

Find out more



Roche

Roche offers a variety of traineeships, rotational programmes, part-time jobs or direct-entry positions for graduates in different countries around the globe. You will gain insights into a global healthcare company where you can be guaranteed a successful start of your career. Take a look at the various opportunities available via the link below.

Find out more

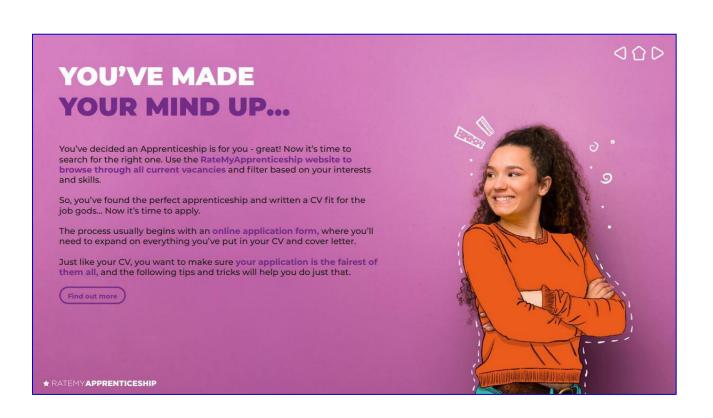




0121 554 1825

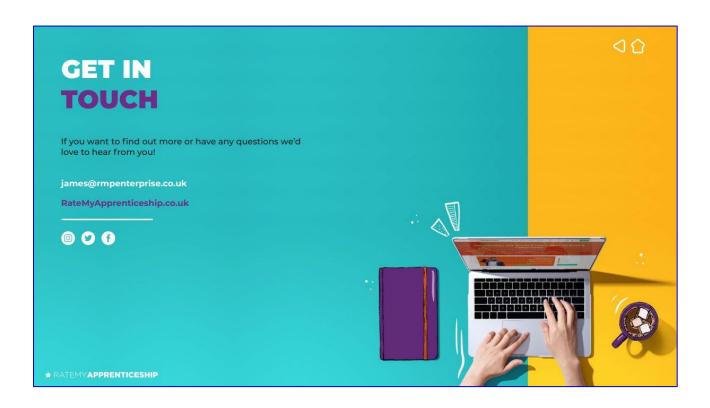
















Cyberbullying conversation starters

## Talking to 14+ year olds



internet matters.org

### Before you start the conversation



Think about when and where is the best to talk to them - in the car or a neutral place where they feel safe



Jot down what you want to say to focus your mind and make the conversation relevant to them



Be open and encouraging to make them feel supported



Have a few bite sized conversations to give them time to process

### What you need to know



Having an honest relationship with your child is the first step in being able to tackle cyberbullying



Talk to them about their digital lives, just as you would their offline lives



A large majority of young people that have experienced bullying will never tell anyone or report it because of fear that it will not be taken seriously



Ditch the Label research found that those who have experienced bullying themselves are also twice as likely to go on and bully others



Bullying is a learnt behaviour - so it's important to set a good example and regularly reinforce being a good digital citizen



0121 554 1825





### Key warning signs



Aggressive behaviour



Self-isolation



Lack of appetite



Hesitancy to go to school



Over consumption of the internet and online games



Sudden behavioural changes



Visible signs of self-harm

### Tips to prevent cyberbullying



Bring digital experiences up into normal, everyday conversations



Remember, there is often little distinction between what your children do online and offline



Remind your child that they should always treat others as they want to be treated



Talk about prominent cases of cyberbullying in the media and any trending apps or platforms as a starting point to discuss the issue



Discuss the potential consequences of what they say and do online, along with the 'stickiness' of the web. Once it's out there, it's very difficult to remove content



Talk about how they would deal with seeing someone else being bullied and what steps to take



Help them to understand that their behaviour in online environments should reflect their offline behaviour



Check to see if they're aware of how to report or block people on the apps they use



Make them aware of places to turn for help like Ditch the Label who have a dedicated online support hub and community available at

www.DitchtheLabel.org



Encourage your child to set high privacy settings and not to connect with anybody who they don't know offline



Help them gain the social and critical skills they need to navigate the online world





0121 554 1825





### Tips to deal with cyberbullying



Listen to what they have to say and make sure they know you are taking it seriously



Help them feel empowered and supported to deal with the situation



Ask them how you can help them, or what steps they want to take next



Collect evidence and together assess how serious the cyberbullying is by the impact it has had on your child



Report and block the perpetrator to the site's administrators/ moderators



If they are the perpetrator, help them understand the impact of their actions, what to do to deal with consequences and change their behaviour. It's also important to show you understand why they are behaving in such a way

### What you can do next



Check in with them regularly



Be involved in their digital life, ask them to show you the apps / games they use



Be aware of the signs of cyberbullying and keep an eye on their behaviour



Create an environment where they feel safe to talk to you or a trusted adult about what they may be going through

#### WANT MORE HELP?

For more information visit: internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying



f InternetMatters



internetmatters



@im\_org











