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Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 28 April 2023

Catholic Life - This year we are focusing on 'The Year of Sanctuary'. Termly theme: Option for the Poor Termly SJW Values – Curious and Active

This week in Weekly Worship... "We focused on our new theme of Option for the Poor. We thought about those who do not have the basic things in life and why we should help them. We also listened to the Parable of The Great Banquet. This teaches us that we should welcome everyone to our community. We also learnt about Oscar Romero and used his example to think about why we should put others before ourselves."

#### **By Ishmael Clarke 8FOR**

This week in Afternoon Prayer... "We prayed about St George and why he is important to the country. We also prayed for the Option for the Poor and reflected on why it is important to look after each other and be generous. We also prayed for The Great Banquet which made us think about how we can say yes to God's invitation. We also prayed for Pope Francis and thought about how we can spread peace."

#### By Andrea Zajacova 11BRE and Connie Grant 11HIR



#### **NEU Strike Action**

Teachers who are members of the National Education Union have voted to strike again on the following date: **Thursday Tuesday 2 May**. The school has 26 teachers who are in the NEU. We do not expect all those teachers to strike, but we will need to make some changes to pupils' education on each of the strike days if they go ahead.

Due to a likely reduction in teaching staff the following education arrangements will be made:

#### Tuesday 2 May 2023

**Year 7** - Work at home. Option to visit school for lunch between 12.30pm and 1.00pm.

**Year 8** - Attend school in PE kit with school bag and equipment. 8.50am to 3.10pm.

**Year 9** - Attend school in PE kit with school bag and equipment. 8.50am to 3.10pm.

**Year 10** - Attend school in normal school uniform with school bag and equipment. 8.50am to 3.10pm.

**Year 11** - Pupils attending the Alton Towers trip come to school in own clothes, coaches leave at 8.30am and return to school approximately 6.00pm. Pupils not on the trip attend school in PE kit with revision materials, coursework, school bag and equipment. 8.50am to 3.10pm.

Thankyou again to all pupils, parents and carers for your patience and co-operation with these arrangements.

#### **By Miss Marston**

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#### Early Finish on Friday 5 May 2023

School will close at 12.15pm on Friday 5 May 2023. All pupils will be provided with a free Celebration Coronation lunch before leaving school. They should go home and attend lesson 4 remotely on Teams from 2.15 to 3.00pm. This arrangement has been made so that staff are able to attend the funeral of their colleague, Miss Slee, who sadly passed away before Easter.

Please note that school is also closed on Monday 1 May and Monday 8 May for National Bank Holidays.

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

- **Bank Holiday School Closed** Monday 1 May 2023
- Possible NEU Strike Day Tuesday 2 May 2023
- Year 11 Reward Trip to Alton Towers Tuesday 2 May 2023
- **Coronation Lunch and Miss Slee's Funeral** Friday 5 May 2023. Pupils go home at 12.15pm and access lesson 4 on Teams 2.15pm to 3.00pm
- **Coronation Bank Holiday School Closed** Monday 8 May 2023
- Formal External Examinations Begin for Year 11 Monday 15 May 2023
- Half Term Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023

#### **BBC Young Reporter**

Congratulations to our budding Year 7 Young Reporters who have been busy learning about journalism over the past few months. They have been researching, scripting and conducting interviews on topics that matter to them. You can watch the videos by visiting our school website or selecting the link below:

Saint John Wall Catholic School - BBC Young Reporter (sjw.bham.sch.uk)

#### **By Mr Mull**



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#### St Mary's Coffee Morning

We have had a wonderful morning listening to the Music Man at St Mary's. Pupils did recognise and nod their heads to some of the tunes. It was impossible to get anyone dancing though sadly. We bought some ice breaking memory balls a few weeks ago and enjoyed chatting about some of the topics today which included favourite seasons, favourite fruits and games we can remember from childhood. Many of the guests have commented on how much they enjoy recalling special memories with our pupils. Next week is a celebration for The Coronation of King Charles III so we will bring our flags and face paint.

#### **By Mrs Clayton**











#### Year 8 Sanctuary Team

On Wednesday morning, the Year 8 Sanctuary Team went out into the community to do some litter picking. We were able to meet some of the residents who live by Saint John Wall and join them in their litter pick. The residents and volunteers spoke to us about why they go out litter picking and how important it is to them to keep the neighbourhood clean and tidy. We also spoke about working with them on their neighbourhood community garden going forward. Well done to all the pupils in the Year 8 Sanctuary Team for getting so involved and for picking up lots of litter along the way!

#### **By Mr Lysaght**







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#### Year 7 Allotment Visit

Yesterday, myself and Mrs Clayton took some pupils from the Year 7 Chaplaincy Team to the allotment next door to school. We walked around the allotment and looked at the many different plots that were there. Pupils thought about why plots in the allotment are only used at certain times of the year and discussed different things that can be grown. We also spoke to the owner of one of the plots who we hope to work alongside to grow things and keep plots tidy. Pupils were very interested to learn that stinging nettles only sting on one side and that you can also make nettle soup!

#### By Mr Lysaght

#### **Chapel at Lunchtimes**

Since coming back after Easter, there has been a focus on our new themes of Option for the Poor and The Great Banquet in the Chapel. Pupils have thought about what Option for the Poor means and what it teaches them. As well as this, pupils have also retold the Parable of the Great Banquet through creating and drawing their own storyboard. Pupils have also looked at a generosity booklet and have thought about times that they have been helped by others and also times that they have helped others. **By Mr Lysaght** 





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**Active Travel Ambassadors** 

#### **CAFOD One World Group**

Our CAFOD team have been busing working alongside Modeshift to create a campaign highlighting the importance of active travel. They are now Active Travel Ambassadors, and this week, 7 members of the team went to Birmingham City Council House in Victoria Square to bid for some money in order to promote Active Travel to pupils and parents this term.

All members of the team took part in the initial surveys, questionnaires and interviews. They also took part in putting their campaign together. From this, pupils worked on a power point presentation, with Elnael Fasil 8BAK writing the campaign speech. From here, 7 pupils from within the team presented their finished campaign to 4 judges. The judges came from a range of backgrounds, including a local counsellor and a member of the transport sector, as well as from transport charities. Kyh'shayn Douglas, Borys Morawski, Jahari Brou Walker-Smith, Jacob Boahene, Ryan Kanna, Huzaifah Yamin and Kyreese Williams showed great confidence when delivering their campaign.

We are very pleased to announce that due to the hard work of the whole team, the excellent speech and delivery by our pupils, Saint John Wall were awarded the full **£250** that we had bid for. This is a brilliant result and just goes to show how hard the team have worked since September. Pupils were also then able to meet and shake hands with Councillor Ian Ward, the leader of Birmingham City Council.

There will be more to come as pupils begin to plan the final stages of the campaign, and we look forward to all their hard work, come to fruition with safer travel to school in the future. Well done!

#### **By Mrs Ellis**

"It was a great experience as we get to help our community with this funding." By Jacob Boahene 8HAY

"It was great to visit the chamber and earn money for our school." By Jahari Brou Walker-Smith 8PAW

"It was a brilliant experience." By Kyreese Williams 8FOR

"It was very nerve-wracking, but I completed it. By Kyh'shayn Douglas 8HAY

"It was nerve-wracking at the start but we got the money. £250 for the ATA!" **By Borys Morawski 8PAW** 











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#### Year 10 Prefect Launch

Prefect applications opened for the current Year 10 pupils after the Easter break, and the interest and willingness of the pupils has been excellent. The deadline has now closed for pupils to collect application forms.

#### **Important dates**

- Wednesday 3 May 2023 pupils to return completed applications by 3:15pm
- Monday 15 May 2023 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 interviews
- Monday 5 June 2023 pupils will be notified of outcome
- Wednesday 7 June 2023 pupils assigned duties and roles

#### By Mr Hussain



- Be responsible for promoting mental health
- Meet with external visitors to represent the school.
- Promote revision amongst the year group and in year 11 encourage the use of T2 as a revision room.

# Why should you apply to be a prefect? Some of the qualities needed • Why should you apply to be a prefect? • Maturity • I will develop your leadership skills. • Ariness • I will develop your leadership skills. • Compassion • The head boy, head girl, assistant head boy and assistant head girl will be selected from the prefects • Eloquent • It will look good on your CV!

#### London Marathon 2023 – The Challenge of a Lifetime

On Sunday 23 April, I had the privilege of running the London Marathon for the charity Parkinson's UK. I dreamt of doing the marathon since spectating with my children many years ago, but as I was not a runner at that time never imagined that I would ever realise that dream.

However, 3 years ago I was diagnosed with a neurological condition called Parkinson's which changed my life in many ways, including making me a runner! As advised by my consultant, I started to do 2.5 hours of exercise per week. Lockdown put an end to use of gym, so I started running 5k three times a week. Unfortunately cramping, muscle spasms slow me down, so I now do longer distances at a slower pace.

Since then, I have done a few 10k races but decided that this year I needed a bigger challenge! So, I applied for a charity place in the London Marathon with Parkinson's UK. I was amazed that out of the many hundreds of applicants I was lucky enough to be chosen. Then the hard work began!

On January 1<sup>st</sup> I started a 16-week training programme, involving running 4 times per week and building up the distances week by week, until 3 weeks beforehand I ran/walked 20 miles. It required a lot of dedication and determination, running in rain, sleet and snow. I only missed 1 week of training when ill, but it was worth it in the end.

Sunday was amazing an unforgettable experience, one of the best things I have ever done in life. The atmosphere was incredible with people cheering and shouting your name at every turn. It was like a carnival with bands playing and DJ's and dancers. My whole family were there at regular cheering points which gave me a boost. More importantly I knew that every mile meant more money raised and awareness of the charity.

Thank you so much to all the pupils and staff for their generosity, the contributions from the non-uniform day and many personal donations from staff amounted to about £500 of the £3000 raised so far.

So, whatever challenges you may face in life, set new goals, be determined and just do what little you can to improve the situation.

Romans 8:28 states 'And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans'

Wishing Year 11 all the best in their lifetime challenge of GCSE!

#### By Mrs Harms





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#### Attainment

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- Sebastian Prusak Year 7
- Year 8 Imwenoghomwen Imadonmwinyi
- Kelly Odiase Year 9
- Year 10 Sakshi Mahey
- Year 11 Daniel McDonough
- Year 10 Development Homework Star

#### Year 8 Examination Homework Star

#### Progress

Oyinkansola Olayiwola Maya Borkowska **Daniel Pruteanu** Laaiba Akhtar Crystabel Owusu

Daniel Wainer Kodua **Darling Dikoko** 

#### Mathematics Awards presented by Mr J Simmons/Mrs L Hillier

#### Attainment Year 7 Lamario Wright-Ashley Year 8 Riccardo-Mario Sfeta Year 9 **Yoosuf Bouterse** Year 10 Darren Omali Okonkwo Year 11 Darin Diako Year 8 Development Homework Star Year 11 Examination Homework Star

Progress Sandra Dawicka Thien Tran Michael McDonough Natasha Phagania Julia Moszcynska



Harsh Kumar Samiya Muhumed

#### Science Awards presented by Ms A Forbes/Miss K Timmins

#### Attainment

- Year 7 Khaleel Cunningham
- Year 8 Mateusz Teterycz
- Salah Alameen Year 9
- Year 10 Jasmeet Kaur
- Year 11 Jannat Begum

Year 11 Development Homework Star Year 11 Examination Homework Star

Progress

Vivien Pulkova Sham Behane **Dilpreet Sandhu** Azhan Faisal Gabriel-Iulian Potropascu

Sheikh Mst Maisha Begum Jaspreet Kaur





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#### **Religious Education Awards presented by Mr T Lloyd-Price**

#### Attainment

- Year 7 Jason Nguyen
- Year 8 Erica Fosua Agyemang
- Year 9 Kibriya Jawaid
- Year 10 Warren Bauwise
- Year 11 Alisha Shafiq
- Year 11 Development Homework Star
- Year 9 Examination Homework Star

#### Progress

Diya Sheemar Bryan Le Simran Gill Rahma Samia Miah Meerab Hussain

Zoiya Kaval Shriya Nandy

#### English Baccalaureate (EBACC) Awards (History, Geography, Travel & Tourism and MFL) presented by Mr F Woodward/ Miss C Gosselin/Miss M Lally

#### Attainment

- Year 7 Oskar Krzeminski (Geography) Nikodem Jaron (History)
- Year 8 Nhi Mai (History) Richard Oye (French)
- Year 9 Eryk Romanowski (History) Sharnie Dennis-Hayes (Geography)
- Year 10 Ali Mirshekarikazerouni (History) Pavan Kumar (Spanish)
- Year 11 Rachel Ohene-Williams (History) Simran Tiwana (Geography)

Year 7 Development Homework Star

Year 10 Examination Homework Star

#### Progress

Martyna Wrukowska (Geography) Prabhjot Singh (MFL) Success Ihaza (MFL) Priya Chem (Geography) Sarah Manu (French) Denzel Okyei (History) Ashpreet Kaur (History) Kameron Chem (Geography) Kymani Harvey (Spanish) Julia Zyla (Geography)

Sidra Hamarahim Hannah Khan





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#### Art, Design Technology & Performing Arts Awards presented by Mr A Rathbone/Mrs L Breslin

#### Attainment

- Year 7 Wendy Thompson (Food Technology) Isaiah Foster (Performing Arts)
- Miradi Pembele (Performing Arts) Year 8 Kritika Basra (Food Technology)
- Year 9 Natasha Glenn (Hospitality & Catering) Mawra Hussain (Art)
- Year 10 Dhiraj Ram (Engineering Design) Emmanuel Ifeosame (Music)
- Year 11 Manmeet Khosa (Music) Manjot Kaur (Design Technology)

Year 9 Development Homework Star Year 11 Examination Homework Star

#### Progress

Neha Kaur Sagoo (Art) Marlon Richards (Performing Arts) Sandra Lutrzykowska (Art) Danvir Bains (Design Technology) Karen Karenga (Music) Jose Malundama (Drama) Shamari Feurtado (Hospitality & Catering) Janelle Ajayi (Art) Leona Kollarova (Acting) Natalia Moszczynska (Art)

Mercedes Johnson Roland Ofori

#### **Computing, Business & Enterprise, PE and Health Awards** presented by Mr A Rathbone/Mrs L Breslin

#### Attainment

- Year 7 Gloria Osavbie Osazemwinde (PE) Trae Nguyen (Computing)
- Year 8 Fnan Habte Merhawi (PE) Kyh-shayn Douglas (Computing)
- Year 9 Areena Ahmed (Health & Social Care) Kai Nguyen (Computer Science)
- Year 10 Abhishek Sabharwal (Sport) Faria Khan (Enterprise)
- Year 11 Rajan Shoker (Sport) Ravjot Singh (Enterprise)

Year 10 Development Homework Star Year 9 Examination Homework Star

Progress

Krishnoor Singh (PE) Nathanael Byfield (Computing) Oluwaseyi Ilori (PE) Ihsan Yassir Sadique (Computing) Akealia Higgins (Health & Social Care) Ashshani Edwards (IT) Peter Pham (Health & Social Care) Anay Parekh (Enterprise) Amari Smith (Sport) Gruia-Beniamin Pruteanu (iMedia)

Gerrard Mendoza **Ruth Kidane** 





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#### **Special Awards**

#### Catholic Life Awards presented by Mr R Lysaght

Year 7 – Gloria Osavbie Osazemwinde Year 8 – Oluwaseyi Ilori Year 9 – Sarah Manu Year 10 – Renato Dinu Year 11 – Andrea Zajacova

#### House Awards presented by Miss M Young/ Miss R Cummings

Mandela – Ezekiel Osazemwinde (Year 10) King – Dilianne Levande (Year 7) Pankhurst – Shannoi Campbell (Year 9) John Paul – Demi-Lee Hulme (Year 7) Gandhi – Rayyaan Afzal (Year 10)



#### Duke of Edinburgh presented by Miss M Young



Year 11 - Thomas Luxmoore Babalola Year 10 - Anay Parekh Year 11 - Logan Phillips-Robinson Year 11 - Jaydon Porter Year 10 - Tanvir Ridwan

#### Excellent progress in learning the English Language Awards presented by Miss M Lally/ Mr H Hayaat

- Year 9 Zakarya Abdalla Year 8 - Fasika Araya Year 7 - Armando-Ionut Constantin
- Year 7 Harjot Singh
- Year 9 Ranveer Singh





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#### **Accelerated Reading Awards presented by**

#### **Ms V Hanson**

Year 7 - Lydia Binyam Year 8 – Rako Hussain

#### Head of Year Awards presented by Mrs S Chand/

#### **Mr A Hussain**

Year 7 – David Ifeosame Year 8 – Rihana Guesh Year 9 – Zaakir Hussain Year 10 - Bethany Butlin Year 11 - Naima Choudhury



#### Year 11 Leadership Awards presented by **Miss A Reynolds**

#### **Prefects**

Olamide Adekunte-Olayiwola Darin Diako Amrita Gill Ivie Imadonmwinyi Varlin Kaur Samiya Muhumed Crystabel Owusu Jannatpreet Singh Simran Tiwana Andrea Zajacova

Amelia Baldyga Deborah Gebrekiristos Kymani Harvey Jaspreet Kaur Julia Moszczynska Rachel Ohene-Williams Asher Rogers **Ravjot Singh** Azailea Tweede Julia Zyla

#### **Head Boy and Head Girl Awards** presented by Miss K Marston

Ivie Imadonmwinyi Asher Rogers

#### Well done to the performers:

Wednesday's performers:

**Carlisle** Co Nathanael Byfield Nikodem Siatkowski Daiana Mancescu **Alina Mathews** 

#### Thursday's performers:

Mercedes Johnson **Renato Dinu** Karen Karenga



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## Awards Evening Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11























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## Rock Climbing Year 7



On Thursday Year 7 pupils looked up in awe and wonder at the huge climbing wall that had been erected on the school carpark. There were many shaky knees (some with excitement, others with nerves) as they all were harnessed up and began their first climb. I was so pleased to see so many pupils in Year 7 have a go, and thoroughly admired the resilience that each and every pupil had while climbing the wall. The screams and chants of support by those at ground level were amazing, showing our true Saint John Wall spirit. The instructors were also keen to let us know how polite and well-mannered every pupil was who they encountered. All in all, it was a fabulous activity to participate in, and I am so glad that everyone gave their all (including Miss Young and Mr Bakshi)! By Mrs Ellis



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On Thursday Year 10 pupils all had the opportunity to try out the Olympic sport of fencing. First, they had to learn the stance and feet movements, and wear all the safety equipment. Then they picked up the specially adapted swords to learn a variety of attack techniques including lunges. The instructor was impressed with the listening and engagement of pupils. He also thought we had some budding fencers. He said Birmingham and London are strong fencing areas, and encouraged interested pupils to find a local club on www.britishfencing.com

Fencing

Year 10



























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