

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 25

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 24 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 Weekly Worship... "We discussed how our sins can be forgiven if we ask for forgiveness from God in the right way. We also discussed how baggage is made to be reassessed with your sins. We also spoke about the importance of being kind to each other. This is because the words we use can hurt very deeply and can cause irrelevant stress and depression. We learnt it is ok to relieve the stress and be hurt because it is a part of the process of forgiving."

By Hermon Fremkael 8BAK

This week in Afternoon Prayer... "We prayed about International Day of Happiness. This encouraged us to spread happiness just by a simple act such as a smile or a wave. We watched a video about what happiness means to other people, such as friends, family or material things. We also learned about World Poetry Day and prayed for those who had written poetry before us such as William Shakespeare."

By Laaiba Akhtar 10WIO

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hopeful
attentive
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eloquent
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truthful
learned
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wise
grateful
discerning
compassionate
active

SJW Values



Year 11 Parents' Evening

Next week Thursday 30 March is Year 11 Parents' Evening from 4pm to 6pm. We would urge all parents of Year 11s to attend their child's final parents evening at Saint John Wall before the GCSE examinations begin in May.

This is an important opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress with subject teachers and to address any concerns you have.

Year 11 Yearbook

We are organising a Yearbook for your child celebrating their time at Saint John Wall with comments from staff and all Year 11s.

The Yearbook will also have photographs of Year 11s throughout their 5 years at school. This is a great memory for your child to keep and reflect back on in years to come.

If you would like to purchase a Yearbook the cost is £12 and payment can be made during parents' evening.



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Important Dates to Note

- **Alton Castle Retreat (30 Year 7 pupils)**
Monday 27 March 2023 to Wednesday 29 March 2023
- **Millennium Point Trip (14 Pupils)**
Tuesday 28 March 2023 – 9am to 12.15pm
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening**
Thursday 30 March 2023 – 4pm to 6pm
- **Easter Holiday**
Monday 3 April 2023 to Friday 14 April 2023
- **Bank Holiday – School Closed**
Monday 1 May 2023
- **Year 11 Reward Trip to Alton Towers**
Thursday 4 May 2023
- **Bank Holiday – School Closed**
Monday 8 May 2023
- **GCSE Examinations Begin**
Monday 15 May 2023

Values and communication

At school we promote the values of excellence, achievement and respect. The final word, respect, is really valuable. It allows us all to exist together as a community, being polite, courteous, showing sympathy and much more. The value of respect is also something we strive to achieve with our parents.

- It's really important to us that if you have any concerns that you contact us so that we can resolve any issues.
- It's really important to us that your concerns are communicated appropriately.
- Ideally you should telephone or email school to arrange an appointment so we can ensure a member of staff is available to meet with you.

The staff at Saint John Wall come to school to teach your children. We come to school to educate your child to be the best that they can be. Please ensure that all communication with school is respectful.

Our aim is to continue to work together to ensure that your child **excels** in their learning, **achieves** their potential and is valued in our school community, **respected** in their culture and faith as well as in how we respond to each other.

By Mrs Crooks

St Mary's Coffee Morning

We have had a great morning trialling our dementia friendly ice breaker balls. These are designed to help start conversations and trigger memories but our pupils have found them really useful to help generate conversation if they feel a bit shy or run out of ideas. We are looking forward to using these regularly with the coffee morning guests. There were plenty of skittles games on the go also which pupils enjoyed joining in with. No one scored a strike though unfortunately.

By Mrs Clayton



Maths Trip to University of Birmingham

Twelve Year 10 pupils visited the University of Birmingham for the Big Maths Quiz 2023. The group split into teams of 4, and competed against schools from all over Birmingham, in various mathematical topics. The pupils also received a talk from a PHD student, as well as having a chance to explore the campus. Although we missed out on winning the competition, the pupils were a credit to both the maths department and the school. Well done guys!

By Mr Simmons

"I thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the chance to attend the University of Birmingham, to challenge other schools in the big maths quiz and learn new things about maths. I would recommend it to other years."

By Cairo Herbert 10HEA

"On Wednesday, we went to attend a maths quiz at the University of Birmingham. We were split into 3 groups of 4 and the event was split into 5 rounds. It had mixed topics such as geometry, trigonometry, vectors and much more. My favourite part of the event was the countdown where we had to think very fast and use the different numbers to get the answer. Even though we didn't win, I enjoyed the event."

By Daniel Wainer Kodua 10JON

"The trip to University of Birmingham was a very interesting and engaging trip. I enjoyed my time there and would recommend it to others. It was also very fun to see how the university lectures are carried out."

By Jakub Borawski 10GOS

"Today we went to the University of Birmingham, and it was really fun to work with my teammates."

By Stella Holodeair 10GOS

"Today I have went to the university of Birmingham and I really enjoyed the teamwork alongside the geometry work."

By Natasha Phagania 10WIO

"The trip was great and achieved our high expectations. The trip was very educational to all of us, and the quiz was quite fun to try and approved my excellency and to try and prove that Saint John Wall is a great place for education."

By Sebastian Paul 10HEA

"I have greatly enjoyed participating in this trip as it gave me further knowledge in how maths revolved around our world. It was also fun to participate within these tests as it was made with high effort which made it really enjoyable. And in the end, it was also great to see how a University was able to look like and the people around it. Overall I would recommend it to the next Year 10."

By Aman Luggah 10HAL



School Games Programme

Over the last 2 weeks, as part of the school games programme, selected Year 7 and 8 girls were invited to participate in two very exciting events.

The first event we attended was the biggest ever football festival embracing #LETGIRLSPLAY. The event was aimed at developing self-confidence, improving teamwork skills and demonstrating the school games value of respect towards other players. This ties in brilliantly with the values our pupils demonstrate here at Saint John Wall. The girls who participated showed great sportsmanship when accepting victory and defeat and treated girls from a variety of schools in the area politely and with understanding. They represented the school fantastically. Even with the heavy snowfall beginning during their 2nd game, the girls carried on playing to the best of their ability whilst cheering each other on.

The second event we attended was an indoor athletics event at Hamstead Hall, this was an event most pupils who had gone had never experienced before due to our curriculum athletics being taught outside. They were introduced to new equipment. Despite this, they all really gave their all to competing against other schools and received medals for coming in 3rd place. An amazing achievement!

I was really proud of the girls over both events when receiving compliments about how encouraging and polite they were from the event organisers and teachers from other schools! Well done to those girls who attended these events!

By Miss Young



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Dance - Extra Curricular

New to PE this year, we added Dance to our Year 7 and 8 extra-curricular and were lucky enough to be provided with a free dance workshop from 'Steps 8', a local dance company. It was great to see the benefit the workshop had on our pupils and their progress in gaining confidence and being exposed to opportunities in the local area. The girls had invitation letters to join the company which is a great achievement! Myrone, the dance instructor introduced the concept of special awareness and quickly moving positions during a routine, it has been great to see the girls utilising the skills they learnt in the workshop during dance club, brainstorming their own ideas of formations and having their input in the routines and choreography. I look forward to inviting Steps 8 again soon to run another workshop.

By Miss Young



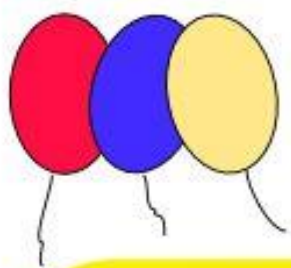


Year 11 Yearbook

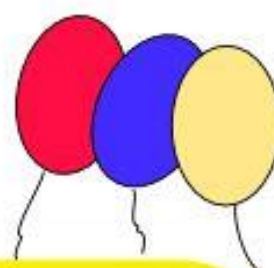
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your time
at SJW

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£12

Includes
Comments
and
Photographs



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.



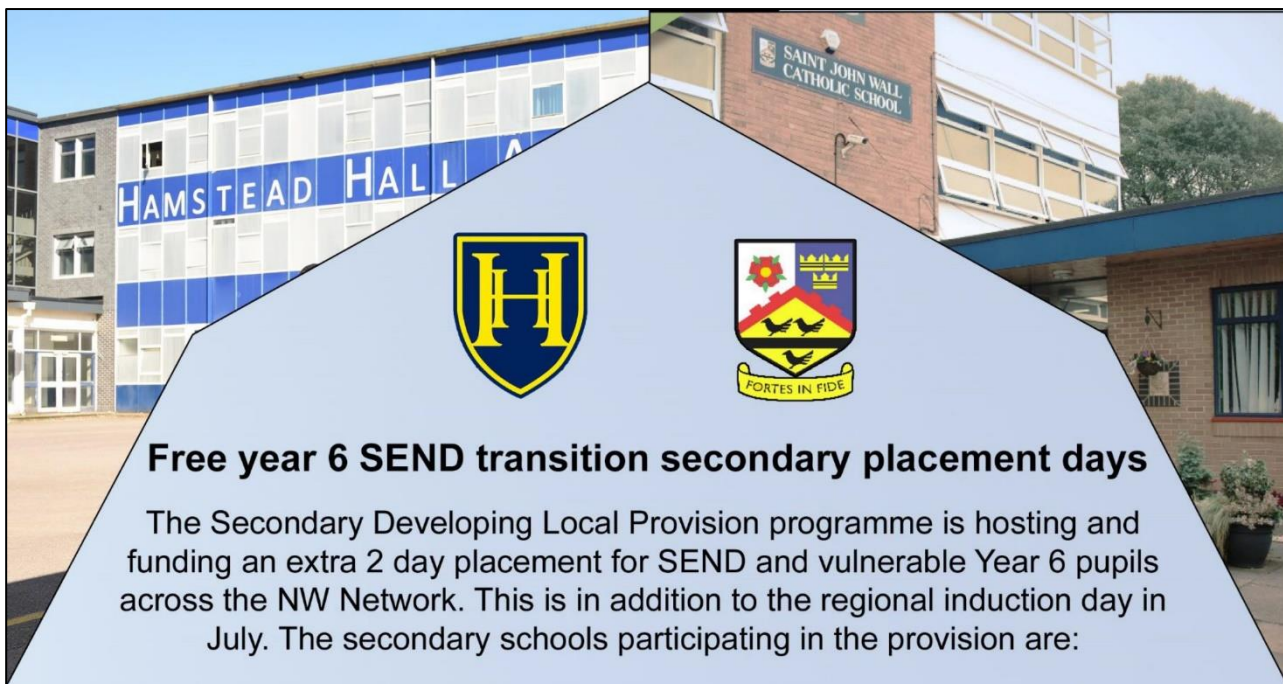
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Free year 6 SEND transition secondary placement days

The Secondary Developing Local Provision programme is hosting and funding an extra 2 day placement for SEND and vulnerable Year 6 pupils across the NW Network. This is in addition to the regional induction day in July. The secondary schools participating in the provision are:

Saint John Wall Catholic School	8/9th June 2023
Hamstead Hall Academy	8/9th June 2023
Holte School	12/13th June 2023
Eden Boys School	12/13th June 2023
Jewellery Quarter/Core City Academy	15/16th June 2023
Heartlands Academy	15/16th June 2023

The placements will be facilitated at the DLP hub schools (Saint John Wall /Hamstead Hall Academy) by specialist teachers and SENCO's. It is an exciting opportunity for pupils who are starting their secondary education at any one of these schools and to meet and develop social friendships in preparation for September. If you have a child who would benefit from this extra, free provision who are vulnerable/SEND or have difficulty accessing the curriculum then please contact the DLP SEND hub lead:

Alexandria Hough ahough@sjw.bham.sch.uk

Deadline to register a place is Friday 21st April 2023. Alexandria Hough will provide a letter for parents once your placement is confirmed.

Any questions please don't hesitate to ask.



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