

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'



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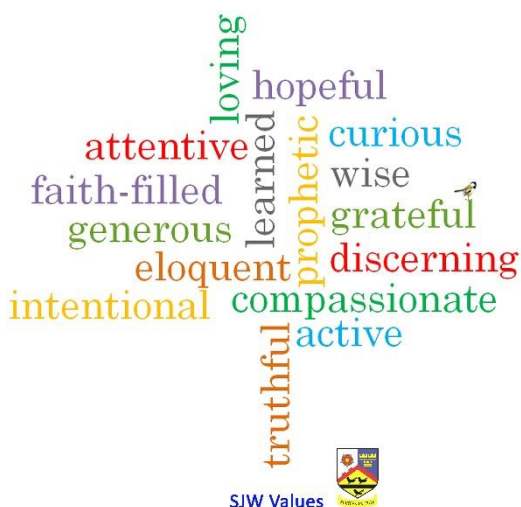
Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 14 July 2023

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

This week in Afternoon Prayer... "We celebrated the 75th Birthday of the National Health Service. We prayed for all those who dedicate their lives to the sick. Also, we reflected on what we could learn from volunteers within the NHS. We prayed for our community and gave thanks for all those who work in our communities. We thought about why we should care for those in our local area. We also prayed for our Year 6 pupils as they visited Saint John Wall for their transition day. We then reflected on our own first day at Saint John Wall and what advice we would give to all the new pupils starting in September. We prayed for Pupil Leadership and reflected on all the ways that we show leadership skills at school every day."

By Sidia Saidy 7LEV



SJW Values

Pupil of the Year – Titan Award

I am absolutely delighted that Roland Ofori Year 11, received 'Pupil of the Year' at the Titan Network Awards on 11 July. Roland's nomination was easy to make for many reasons. Roland has worked tirelessly this year in all of his subjects to ensure that he has given himself the very best chance of achieving high outcomes. He has a spirit of real determination about him, that is quiet and steadfast. He has been curious, inquisitive and whole-heartedly committed to his studies and personal development. Roland is highly skilled in supporting others and always lifts them up. He takes time to appreciate and celebrate the successes of those around him, whilst being able to acknowledge and rejoice in his own. However, more than anything Roland is kind. In his words, his time and in his actions. It has been a pleasure to be both his form tutor and Design and Technology teacher this year. My life is richer having got to know him.

Well done, Roland, this award is truly deserved, and I am so proud of you!

Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honour - Proverbs 21:21

By Mrs Breslin

Dates to Note

- **Witness Week (Trips and in-school activities, Year 10 work experience)**
Monday 17 July to Friday 21 July 2023
- **Last day of Term**
Friday 21 July 2023



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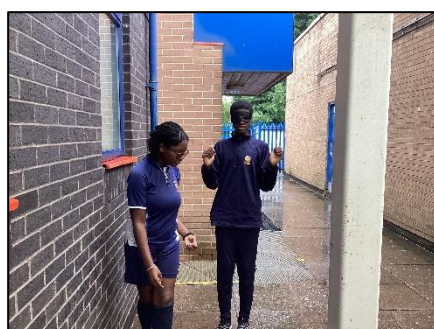


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Sports Day

Today the whole school took part in sports day activities in school. Pupils welcomed athletes Katie Stainton, British Heptathlete Champion and Feron Sayers, British GB Long Jump Champion to school to take part in activities. Pupils also took part in Orienteering. Thankyou to all staff and pupils who helped the day be so successful, despite the inclement weather! **By Miss Young**



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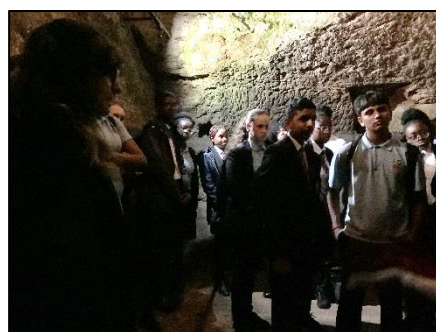
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National Justice Museum Trip

On Tuesday Miss Lally, Miss Raybe, Mr Brayshaw, Mr McIntosh and myself accompanied the Year 9 Historians to The National Justice Museum in Nottingham. Pupils took part in a variety of activities and undertook a tour of the museum. The day involved acting out a Mock trial on Drug abuse, pupils played a variety of roles including judge, defence barristers, solicitors, jurors, and witnesses. A big congratulations Jalal Aziz who took on a particularly challenging role in the courtroom and adapted excellently. As well as taking part in this trial, pupils had the chance to explore how their GCSE History studies link to a variety of future careers in the courtroom and travel on a journey through time, learning all about the hardships of crime and punishment throughout History, the visit supported pupils in visualising what they learnt inside the classroom during Year 9. Pupils got the chance to look at many historical items such as a pillory, scold's bridle and ducking stool which they have heard about when looking at punishments in the past. There was also the opportunity to experience how prisons changed over time with the recreation of many different cells from the past.

By Mr Woodward



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House Competition

This term's House Competition was led by the Geography Department and the theme was Country in a box, which was a great success. The brief was to create an information box on a country of their choice. To make it easier to choose each year group was given their own continent.

Year 7s – A European country

Year 8s- An African country

Year 9s- A South American country

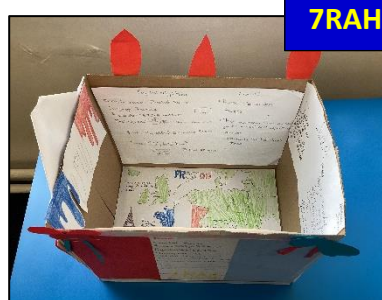
Year 10s- A country in Asia

Pupils across all year groups really thought hard about their chosen country and put outstanding effort into their boxes. Well done, to pupils and form tutors alike for their efforts.

By Ms Levine



7REG Winner



7RAH Runner Up



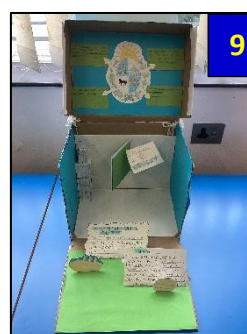
8GRE Winner



8BAK Runner Up



9WOO Winner



9BAR Runner Up



10HAL Winner



10JON Runner Up



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Visit to Dudley Zoo

For this term, pupils in the DLP Hub have been learning about the importance of conservation during their English mastery lessons. To support this and as a treat for the pupils who have worked hard in these last four weeks, a visit to Dudley Zoo was organised for this Wednesday. Pupils were able to learn interesting facts about a variety of animals and insects; learning about how they are protected to avoid extinction. In addition, we were able to enjoy a demonstration involving birds of prey and see the ruins of Dudley Castle.

By Miss Lai



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Design Technology

"During my time in Year 7, I developed a passion for DT and made a key ring in brass which I covered in jewels and glitter. In my lunch breaks I also went to the DT lunch club to finish off my project and add any details I needed to my key ring. I liked going to the DT lunchtime club because I found it tranquil, calm and very relaxing. I hope the new Year 6s will also enjoy DT lessons and have enough time to complete their projects."

By Zakariya Malik 7JAS



St Mary's Coffee Club

This has been our final visit to St Mary's for this academic year and we've finished off with a relaxing Tai Chi session. Some of the guests have mobility issues so it's important that we help them to and from their chairs to prevent any injuries but once we'd helped out with that it was lovely to enjoy some of the Tai Chi movements. Some of the guests were very sad that it is our last visit for this year commenting on how much they enjoy chatting to our pupils and catching up with their week so we will look forward to seeing them again in September.

By Mrs Clayton





Year 6 Transition Day

On Wednesday we welcomed our new Year 6 pupils to Saint John Wall. They spent the morning completing teambuilding games to get to know one another with their new Form Tutors, then had the opportunity to spend some time with our English department. During their second lesson, pupils learned some magic tricks in Maths, and wrote letters to their future selves. Two form groups also participated in creating an art piece which will go on display in September. We then had a visit from PC Manns who talked to the pupils on how to stay safe over the summer. PC Manns has already met a lot of the pupils in their primary schools this year, it was lovely to see so many of them recognise him and say hello!

The Year 6 pupils then went off to Science and create bottle rockets which were let off on the playground! Finally, everyone went outside again to participate in our House games, with 7HEA winning points for King House. It was fantastic having the opportunity to meet so many of our new pupils, we hope they all enjoyed their first full day at Saint John Wall!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of our two new Leadership Team's in Year 7 who supported Year 6 throughout the day, as well as our fabulous House Captains who supported them during the games and tours at the end of the day.

Thank you also to all our staff who ensured everyone went home with a smile on their face.

We can't wait to see all our new pupils in September.

By Mrs Ellis

One World Group – Active Travel Week

The One World Group have been out each morning this week handing out raffle tickets to anyone who walked to school, or participated in 'park and stride'. Their aim was to encourage pupils to spend more time walking in the morning, and making the road outside safer for those coming into school. We are very grateful for all who took part. On Friday there were lots of prizes given away to those who took part. Well done to the One World Group for all your hard work!

By Mrs Ellis



Titan ITT Mentor of the Year

Congratulations to Mr Rathbone who received the Titan ITT Mentor of the Year Award at the Titan Celebration on Tuesday 11 July. Mr Rathbone was nominated by Mr Smallwood, one of our Computing ITT Trainees and beat competition from other Mentors at schools in the North-West of Birmingham.



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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

HAPPY, SAFE SUMMER – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

The summer holiday is fast approaching, it is important our students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of behaviour while they are enjoying socialising with friends and family during the break. We also want to ensure they feel confident to keep themselves safe and away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

Parents/carers and students should already be aware that as part of our safeguarding arrangements, the school has a two-way information sharing agreement in place with West Midlands Police, and we are active members of the local Police & Schools Panel. This joint approach helps us to intervene early to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour involving our students and provide support and up-to-date safety messages.

In partnership with the police, we would like to provide some reminders about the following:

- **Personal Safety:**
 - Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep valuables such as phones out of public view whenever possible.
 - Don't drink alcohol, take illegal drugs or unknown substances; they can have a big impact on your health and safety, behaviour and your ability to do well at school and enjoy other interests and activities. They can also be addictive and have unpredictable side effects, including sudden death! Information is available at www.talktofrank.com
- **Swimming in rivers/reservoirs:** Reservoirs may look inviting, especially on a hot day, but they are extremely dangerous places to swim. If you jump in, you may not be able to get out as the sides are very steep; the water never gets above 11 degrees, and this will affect your ability to breathe and to move. Rivers and reservoirs may be deeper than you think. Safety information is available here: [Float To Live – What To Do In An Emergency – RNLI](#)
- **Social Media:** Don't allow your use of social media to put you at risk of grooming, exploitation or regret in future. Use social media positively and avoid being negative about anyone online as comments/actions may be traced back to you and you will be held accountable.
- **Weapons in public places:** Carrying a knife or other weapon will get you a criminal record which can have life-long effects on travel and job prospects. Those who carry knives are also much more likely to be injured by them. Don't take BB Guns, Gel Blasters/Guns, or any other real looking toy guns into public spaces as these can cause alarm to the public - which could receive a Police Firearms response.
- **Anti-social behaviour:** Think about your actions towards others; a little thought & respect goes a long way.
- **Off-road bikes:** These can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's permission. Don't risk your life and future prospects by illegally riding these on the road.
- **E-Scooters:** In the UK, you must be at least 18 years old and hold a provisional or full driving licence to ride a hire e-scooter. A privately owned e-scooter can only be used in a private place with the landowner's permission; they are illegal to use on a road or in a public place.



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- **Remember the company you keep:** If your friend breaks the law, you may also be held responsible for that crime – even if you weren't the one directly responsible.

If a student is in a position where they need help, they should talk to an adult they trust. Crimes can be reported directly to the police via 101; alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org. **If a crime is taking place or a life is in danger, call 999 immediately.**

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Yours faithfully,

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