

# 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 10

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 17 November 2023

**Catholic Life - This year we are focusing on 'Year of Live Simply'.  
Termly Theme: The Common Good - Live in Solidarity  
Termly SJW Values – Compassionate and Loving**

**This week in Afternoon Prayer...** *"We have been praying for Diwali and the individuals who celebrate it. Diwali is an important festival that is celebrated each year. We also prayed for anti-bullying week, and we were asked to come in odd socks to support this. Finally, this week we prayed for our local community. We prayed for all those who live on Landgate Road that they are protected around our community."*

**By Caleb Buck 7HAB**

**This week in our Weekly Worship...** *"We spoke about anti-bullying week and odd socks day to support anti-bullying. The theme this year is 'to make a noise' and to speak up for bullying by telling an adult. This could be a teacher or someone you trust. Bullying is something that is happening more and more in lots of different forms such as cyber-bullying and other ways. I enjoy weekly worship because it talks about a different topic every week."*

**By Amira Akhtar 7HEA**

*"We went to Mass this week as a class on Thursday. It was nice to go to St Augustine's Church again. It was peaceful and calm. I helped with the readings during Mass and responded with all the prayer."*

**By Sara Antony 8ESM**



### Dates to Note

- **Aston University Campus Experience Day - 30 Year 8 pupils**  
Wednesday 22 November 2023 - 9am to 3.10pm
- **Year 7 and Year 9 Assessment Week**  
Monday 27 November 2023 to Friday 1 December 2023
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening and invited Year 10s**  
Thursday 7 December 2023 – 4pm to 6pm
- **Christmas/ Joyful Jumper Day**  
Tuesday 19 December 2023
- **INSET DAY – School Closed to all Pupils**  
Friday 22 December 2023
- **Christmas Holidays**  
Monday 25 December 2023 to Friday 5 January 2024
- **INSET Day – School closed to all Pupils**  
Monday 8 January 2024

### Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 7 December 2023

The Year 11 parents' evening will take place on Thursday 7 December from 4pm to 6pm, this evening will have significant importance for both parents and pupils with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and to address any concerns you may have. Teachers will discuss your child's mock results, their progress and set realistic academic and behaviour goals, which will help create a clear direction of travel in this crucial year.

We will have a small number of post-16 providers available for informal conversations and guidance on the opportunities available.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our Year 11 parents' evening. **By Mr Hussain**



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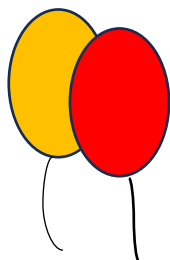


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## Afternoon Tea

Year 9 Hospitality and Catering pupils took part in an afternoon tea project as an introduction to their qualification. We worked closely with an occupational health therapist from a careers perspective to help pupils understand why creating such events are good for mental health and well-being and community development. The pupils chose to invite fellow pupils from across the school as a reward for improving their attendance, behaviour and gaining positive points. All pupils experienced both front of house and back house job roles throughout the project. They were required to apply and then interview for their desired job role responsibility. Not only did the pupils serve the afternoon tea, but they also made every part of it. Pupils learned about finance, operations, marketing and forms of service. All of this knowledge will now be applied to the written exam elements of their course. They all put so much effort into the decoration, their professional appearance, and their professional attributes! Well done Year 9, you did yourselves extremely proud. **By Mrs Breslin**



*"It was amazing and felt like I was Alice in wonderland."* **By Bindiya Badhan 10WIO**

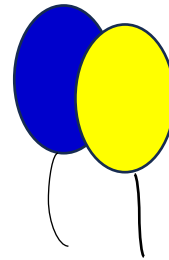
*"The service was great, and everyone was nice and wonderful."* **By Michelle Odebiyi 10WIO**

*"It was good! The food was nice, and the games were fun."* **By Tia Mattis 8ESM**

*"I really enjoyed the food and also all the fun games we played."* **By Seth Holder 7PAL**

*"It was a new experience and really fun."* **By Adnan Rahman 7HAL**

*"It was lovely, and I really enjoyed the lemon drizzle cake."* **By Maja Borkowska 9GRE**



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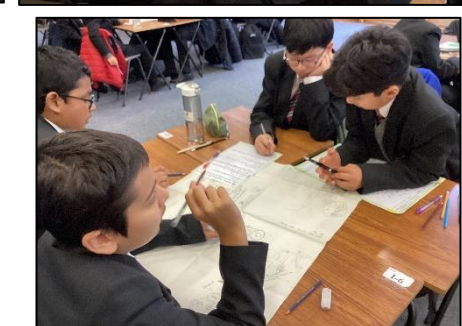
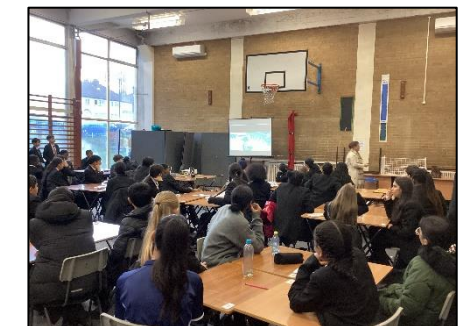
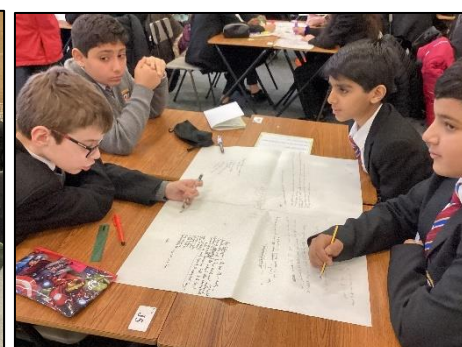
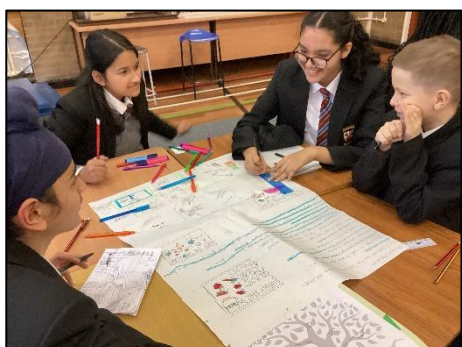




## Values@Day – Year 7

For their first Values@Day at St John Wall, Year 7 spent time with Young Green Briton Challenge focusing on creating a presentation all about sustainability and stewardship. This fits in perfectly with our Live Simply focus for this year as we work towards the Live Simply Award.

*"It was about saving the environment and we learnt how to create our own ideas to save the planet. It was helpful to learn how children can change the world."* **By Narayah Eastwood 7HAB**



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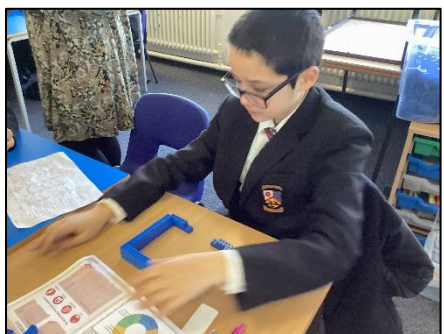
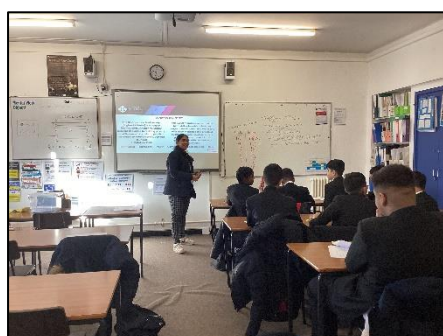


## Values@Day – Year 8

We welcomed the Kenelm Youth Trust to Saint John Wall to work with Year 8 for their Values@Day.

They focused on Catholic Social Teachings throughout the day, covering sessions like Red Wednesday, bridge building and the climate. Pupils had a fantastic day and developed their understanding of key values and teachings.

*"We learnt about the struggles that people face in their day to day lives. We discussed how we can put the Catholic Social Teachings into action to support them."* **By Sidia Saidy 8LEV**



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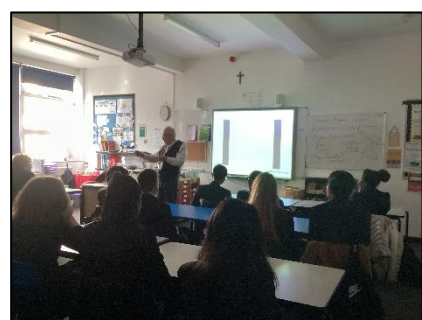




## Values@Day – Year 9

For Values@Day, Year 9 focused on making the right choices. This included sessions focusing on the dangers of the online world, gangs, alcohol and violence. Pupils listened to some real-life stories about where people had made the wrong choices and discussed what they can learn from these situations.

*"I learnt the effects of alcohol on our choices and actions. We were able to discuss real life situations and see how we would respond."* **By Priya Chem 9TOW**



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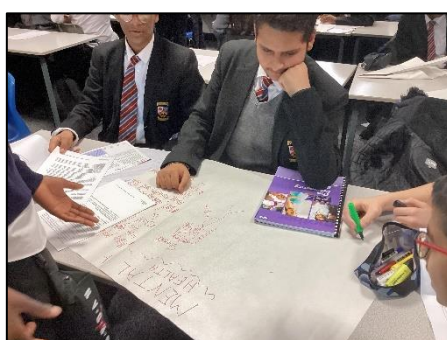
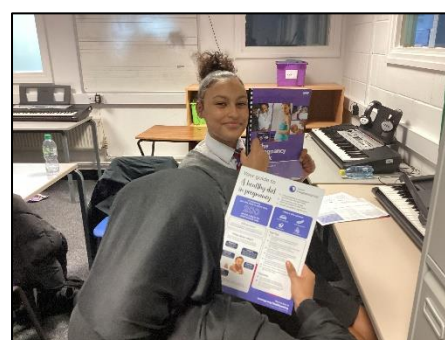
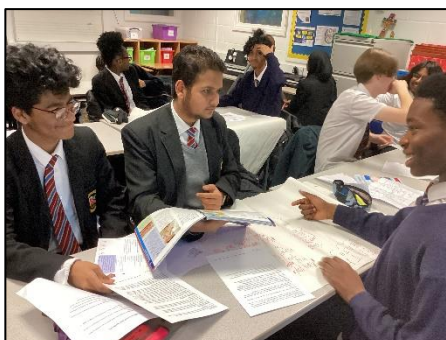
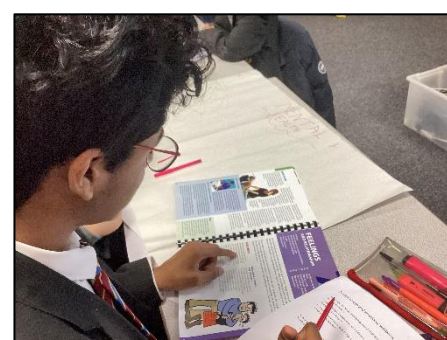
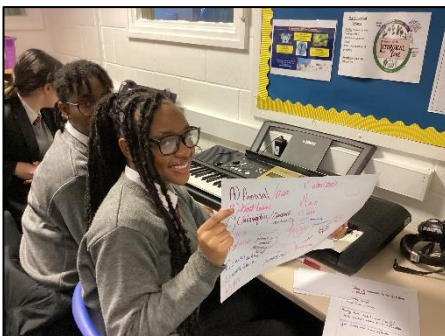


## Values@Day – Year 10

Year 10 had the opportunity to work with the NHS on their Values@Day focusing in large workshop groups. They also worked with Miss Reynolds and Mrs Crooks looking at healthy eating. Pupils reflected on the dangers of pornography, drugs and knives in their other sessions.

*"In the NHS workshop, we created a poster focusing on pregnancy and talked about the experiences of pregnant women."*

**By Mercedes Johnson 10HAS**



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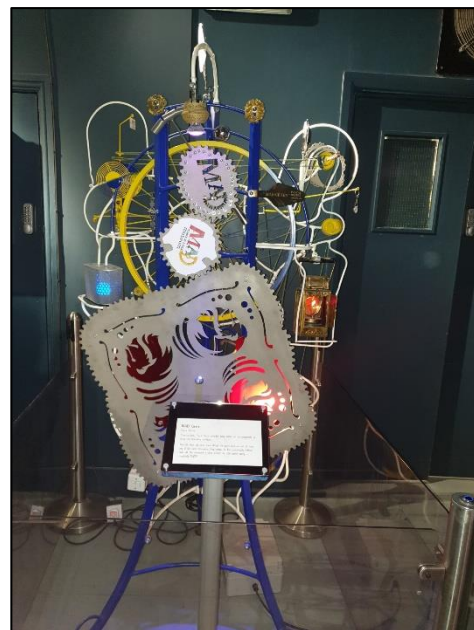
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## MAD Museum & Butterfly Farm

As part of the Values@SJW day, 30 Year 7 pupils were given the opportunity to visit The Mad Museum where they experienced how mechanical parts interact with each other. Pupils also experienced the pleasure of watching different species of butterflies in various stages of their lifecycles, at the Stratford Butterfly Farm.

By Ms Forbes



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## Go Ape – Cannock

On Thursday Miss Young and Mr Patel took the Year 11 sport studies class to Go Ape in Cannock to complete the tree tops adventure plus course. This is part of their adventurous outdoor education unit which has been introduced this year. The pupils had a fantastic time learning about the safety and equipment and got to enjoy two hours in the trees with 3 zip wires! Pupils demonstrated great perseverance and bravery in difficult obstacles and thoroughly enjoyed completing the course!

**By Miss Young**

*"Today's trip was a wonderful experience, I would definitely do it again! It will really help me when writing my assignment and I had fun doing it."* **By Alex Dovleag 11FOD**

*"The high ropes experience was amazing. I had so much fun experiencing an adventurous activity, it was thrilling."*

**By Danyana Henry 11HIR**



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## RE Development Homework

Our RE department are very proud of all of the pupils who submitted their development homework, we have completed our second draw, and we have 2 lucky winners in Year 7! Both pupils were happy to choose their own prizes and we look forward to receiving more development homework entries, so we are able to give out more prizes! Please remember that the development homework helps pupils accelerate independent learning through self-study and self-understanding of the content we go through in our lessons.

By Mrs Begum



## Nechells Wellbeing Centre

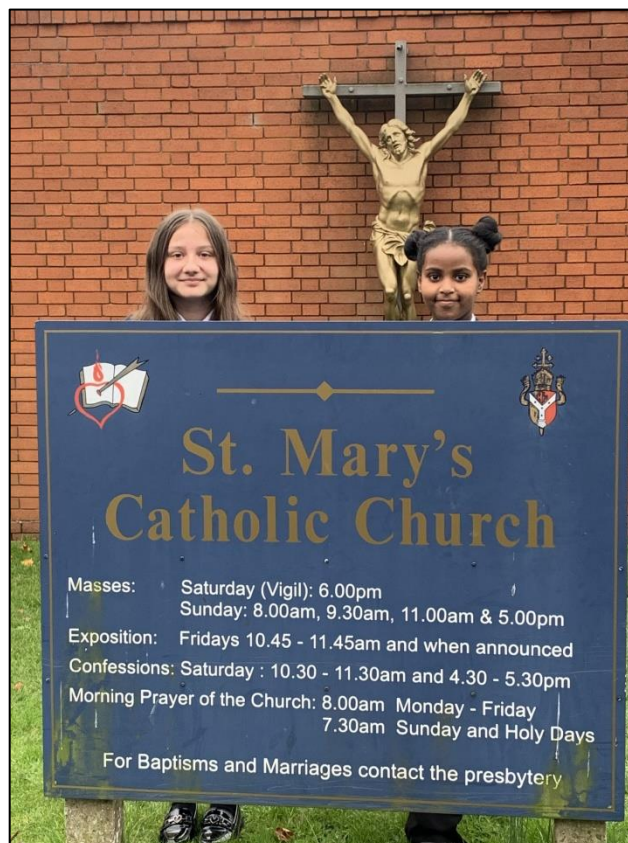
On Wednesday, ten Year 7 girls went to Nechells well-being centre to engage in multiple activities including Boxing, cricket, kinball and squash. Miss Raybe accompanied the girls and said they had a fantastic time trying a range of sports they'd not participated in before! The event was around participation and not a competitive event. It was great to hear the girls had fun and enjoyed themselves by making new friends and networking with other schools!

By Miss Young

## St Mary's Coffee Club

Guests were busy relaxing with Tai Chi today, so we kept ourselves busy chatting to a few ladies and organising tea, coffee and cakes for everyone. Next week is Christmas pottery which will be fun for pupils to support and get involved with.

By Mrs Clayton





## Respiratory System Dissection

On Thursday, Mr Bakshi's GCSE PE group were invited by Mr Hayaat for a dissection and explanation of the Cardiovascular & Respiratory system. The group saw live where the blood enters the heart and the mechanics of the heart & also the mechanics of the lungs. Mr Hayaat excellently demonstrated the sections of the lungs where blood will pass to get oxygenated & how this takes place. This lesson was very interactive, and pupils were asking great questions.

The pupils also asked questions about how learning about human anatomy and the way different parts of the body come together can be used in applying for medicine and working towards becoming a dentist or surgeon.

By Mr Bakshi



## Rewards Week


Next week is rewards week 3. Lots of pupils have purchased rewards on the class charts shop ready to be collected next week! This half term, we have our Christmas prizes as well as activities for you to do over the Christmas holidays. If you have purchased rewards using the online shop, you can collect these during break and lunch time under the canopy next week:

KS3: Thursday Lunch time

KS4: Wednesday break time

The next rewards week will be week commencing 11 December. Keep shining and working hard to collect positive points to be able to spend before the holidays. Remember, you can download the app on iPhone and android to purchase your prizes too.

By Miss Young



**Rewards week 3**

**Clear Pencil Case = 20 pts**

**Light up sports Yoyo = 20 pts**

**Gloves = 25 pts**

**Christmas Colouring book = 30 pts**

**Felt tip colouring pens = 30 pts**

**Melting hot chocolate stirrers = 40 pts**

**Tennis ball = 40 pts**

**Chocolate bar = 40 pts**

**Novelty Christmas socks = 50 pts**

**Christmas gift box = 80 pts**



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## Saint John Wall Catholic School – Enrichment Timetable 2023 - 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	FLI Year 7 reading intervention Library		SIM Past Papers society Maths		
	SEND Intervention SEND office				
	AR Intervention Library		AR intervention Library		AR intervention Library
Lunch time	Maths Keplars 7-9 Club Year 10 & 11 Room 14	RES/TOW Craft Club (DT) Year 8 & 9 T6	BAK Basketball Gym	RES/TOW Craft Club (DT) Year 8 & 9 T6	YOU Dodgeball Hall
				BAK Basketball Gym	YOU Dodgeball Hall
				HIR Scholars' Seminar Y11 Hall	
Afterschool	PAL Football Year 9 Boys	HAL Football Year 7 boys	YOU Dance All years	YOU/CUG/ANT/BRE Rehearsals	RAT Code Club All years Room 3
	Maths Sparx Club Room 14	PAW GCSE Polish Room 12	REY Badminton/Table Tennis All years	BAK Basketball Gym KS4	HIR A – Level English club Year 11 Room 4
	REG Cipher Challenge (Y9) Room 11		PAL Football Year 8 boys	LEV Orienteering Key Stage 3	RAH GCSE Bengali Room 19
	BHO GCSE Punjabi T5		TOW/RES Art Club Fortnightly Room 1		RES Italian Room 1
			BAK Basketball Gym KS3		
			HAY STEM Club Room 15		
	SIW Supper Club All years				



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# SCIENCE

## STEM CLUB

### KS3

**Every Wednesday**

**In**

**Room 15**

**Starting**

**22 November 2023**

**Open to**

**Year 7's and 8's**

**Come along and  
explore STEM  
subjects in an  
imaginative and  
inventive way!!**



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# Reap the Rewards with RE!

To be in it to win it, you must complete 2 pieces of development homework, to be entered into the draw.

Every 2 weeks we will pick 2 names from the prize draw!

Prizes range from:  
Fancy pens, colourful gel pens, glitter pens and much more!!!

Please ask your RE teacher for more information...