

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 2

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 15 September 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 prayed for all World Leaders. We prayed for Peace for all the leaders around the world. We also looked at Education Sunday and thought about all the different ways that we learn in life. We then prayed for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. As part of this prayer, we prayed the Our Father and reflected on the importance of the Sign of the Cross. This is something that we do everyday here at Saint John Wall. Finally, we prayed for creation. We thought about why it is important to Care for Creation and the different ways we can do this. One way that we can care for the environment in school is by picking up litter.

By Erika Dovleag 9MAN

This week in our Weekly Worship... "We were introduced to our themes of the Common Good and Living in Solidarity. We were also introduced to our new values of being Compassionate and Loving. We reflected on what the Common Good is and how we can carry it out as a school community. We listened to a reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians and reflected on how even though we are all unique, God is at work in us. We looked at different examples of people in society who are working for the Common Good. This allowed us to reflect on how we can show the Common Good in school. Examples of this include being a good role model and picking up litter.

By Maria Tibuleac 9MAN

Safety Notice

We continue to work with the police supporting their initiatives to ensure that pupils are aware of any dangers and risk to their life and others. Therefore, we shall be spot checking pupils as well as searching whole year groups as appropriate over the academic year in line with our behaviour policy.

By Mrs Crooks

Open Evening & Open Days

We are hosting our annual Open Evening and Open mornings on the following dates:

Open Evening

Tuesday 19 September 2023 - 4.30pm to 6pm

Open Mornings

Wednesday 20 September 2023

9.30am to 10.30am & 11am to 12pm

Thursday 21 September 2023

9.30am to 10.30am & 11am to 12pm

Friday 22 September 2023

9.30am to 10.30am & 11am to 12pm



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Welcome to New Members of Staff



Hello, I'm Miss Thomas-Green, and I work in the Saint Francis Centre as a support staff apprentice, and I am hoping to gain experience as well as encourage the young pupils that we all can achieve our goals despite what mistakes we have made or what background they come from."



"Hello, my name is Mr Brayshaw and as Co-ordinator for Humanities I will mainly be teaching Geography. I am looking forward to helping guide pupils in learning about our rich, diverse and inspiring world. More than anything I want to encourage pupils to develop an infectious joy for learning that will last a lifetime."



"Hello, my name is Mr Ahmadzadeh and I am an English teacher. I hope I can make pupils feel more motivated regarding learning and reading, and create an environment where pupils feel safe and at home in school."



"Hello, I am Mr Hussain and I am an Administration Apprentice.

I'm eager to finish my apprenticeship and play a significant role in the school by giving everything I have to help the school."



"Hello, I am Miss Kiyani and I am Head of Science. I am looking forward to getting to know all the pupils and to help support their progress in Science. I hope pupils are able to come in and enjoy their science lessons, resulting in great GCSE results at the end of Year 11."

St Mary's Coffee Club

We have had a busy start to our visits this term. Pupils have supported guests taking part in a general knowledge quiz and also with a game of bingo which is always a big challenge. Guests said they were glad to see pupils and had missed them over the summer.

By Mrs Clayton



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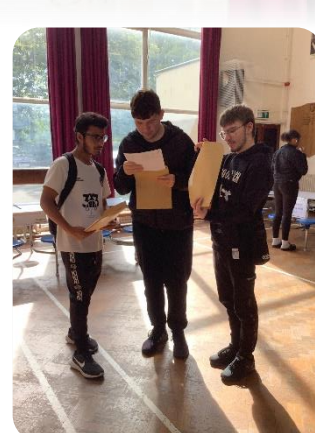
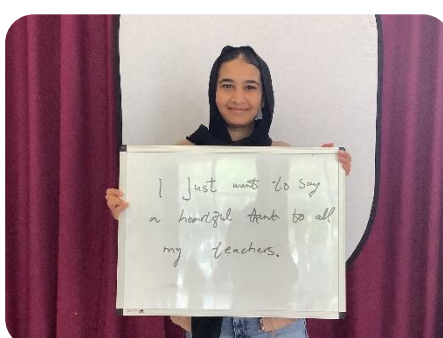
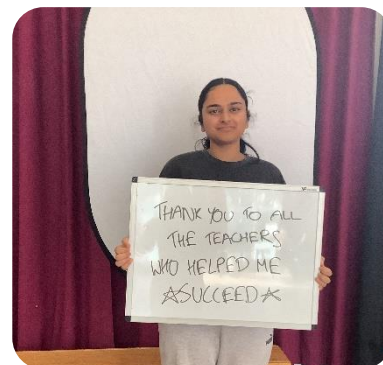
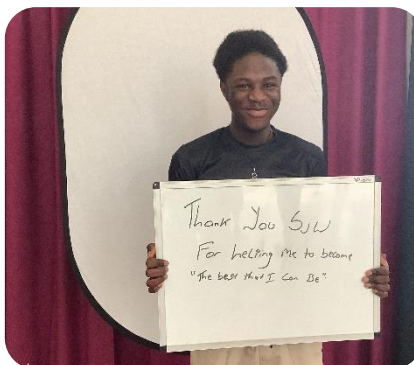


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Results Day August 2023

It was wonderful to see our Year 11 pupils return to school in August to collect their examination results. The school hall was full of anticipation, a few nervous faces and lots of joy when the pupils opened their envelopes. I am happy to reveal pupils achieved a great set of results which we will publish once they are validated. We would like to wish Leavers 2023 the very best of luck as they continue their journey into further education.



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Staff Liturgy

On Monday 4 September we welcomed our staff back to Saint John Wall with a special Liturgy, focusing on 'Live Simply.' Staff heard scripture from 1 Corinthians 12:12-26, and reflected on the words of St. Paul when he said 'Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.'

Each staff member was then encouraged to reflect on the words of Pope Francis (2013) on solidarity 'Encountering and welcoming everyone, solidarity- a word that is being hidden by this culture, as if it were a bad word- solidarity and fraternity: these are what make our society truly human.' Each staff member then brought forward an example of solidarity that they have witnessed, either at home, in school, in the wider community or around the world.

Here are some of the examples given:

Those supporting or sheltering refugees.
Lenten Walk to support CAFOD in school.
Welcoming one another in the right spirit, helping one another.
Donating to food banks. Support for the Women's World Cup.

What acts of solidarity have you witnessed in your local community?

By Mrs Ellis

Head of Year 8 Message



Hello, I am Miss Cummings, and I would like to introduce myself to all parents and carers of Year 8. I am sure that many of you will remember me from last year as a drama teacher and member of the Pastoral team. This year I am delighted to take on this new role and look forward to supporting your children as they advance on their educational journey. I am looking forward to meeting all of you at our next parents' afternoon. Should you need to discuss any concerns regarding your child in school, please contact the main office or email me RCummings@sjw.bham.sch.uk and I will be in touch.

By Miss Cummings



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Parent Guides to Online Safety



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



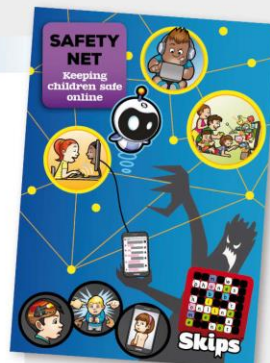
A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Operation Encompass Letter to Parents

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that our school continues to participate in a joint operation involving Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham City Council, and West Midlands Police. It is called **Operation Encompass**.

Operation Encompass has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident.

We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour in class.

Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school will now receive a confidential phone call or email from West Midlands Police before 9.00am the morning after a child or young person has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident.

We have a dedicated and child-focussed Safeguarding Team. They are specially trained to effectively use the information the Police share, in confidence, and enable the school to provide the right support to any child and their family.

We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

More information can be found at <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

However, if you have any concerns or questions regarding Operation Encompass, please don't hesitate to contact me, and I will be happy to discuss them with you.

Yours faithfully

K Marston

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Headteacher



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flu: 5 reasons to have the vaccine

1. Protect yourself

The vaccine will help protect you against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect your family and friends

Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid lost opportunities

If you get flu, you may be unwell for several days and not be able to do the things you enjoy

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu  **immunisation**

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