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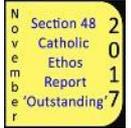
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Weekly Information Bulletin



Mission Statement

'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'

Prayer

TERMLY THEME: LIGHT



Prayer for Remembrance

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.

Amen



Important Dates to Note

- **Cultural Capital Day**
Thursday 19 November 2020
- **Year 7 and Year 9 Assessment Week**
Monday 23 November 2020 to Friday 27 November 2020

Site and Safety Update

A big thankyou to the site team who enabled extra refurbishments to take place over half term which will further enhance the safety of pupils. We now have extra toilets which mean that some year groups can have their own separate toilets at all times, rather than just at their staggered lunch break. We also have extra basketball hoops fitted in all playgrounds which mean that every year group bubble now have access to those facilities for lunch break and before school. We have updated the school's risk assessment in light of the new lockdown but there was very little to alter, because Birmingham was already in a High alert level so the school was taking extra precautions with face coverings prior to the 5 November. I am pleased to be able to reassure you that we have had very few positive covid cases in school and are currently operating with the vast majority of staff and pupils fully attending. Our safety associates continue to do a sterling job circulating the school and keeping frequently touched surfaces and equipment clean. Thankyou to all parents and pupils for following our safety guidance. A final reminder, all pupils over age 11 must wear a face covering on public transport.

By Miss Marston - Headteacher

Message from Head of Year 8

Year 8 - good to see our year settle back well into school routines and make a strong start to the new term. Year 8 have made excellent contributions towards Remembrance and have been active and loving in making sure every poppy counts.

By Mr Hussain – Head of Year 8

Remembrance

This week, Year 10 pupils, Kosi, Joshua, Mariam, Shiv and Ricky led our collective worship around the theme of Remembrance. Remembrance Sunday is on 8 November this year. It is a day to remember the sacrifices of members of the armed forces and of civilians in times of war.

Our school theme for this term is light, in collective worship we considered how we can be a light to those who may have lost others as they served their country and sacrificed their lives. We also took time to reflect on those who are serving now, some of whom have sacrificed their life in service, not only as soldiers but the different helpers and workers that have made huge contributions during the Coronavirus pandemic. We are selling poppies in school and money raised will be sent to the Royal British Legion. Pupils are also completing a Remembrance activity in form, look at the end of the month full newsletter for photographs of this.

Poppy Poem



I am not a badge of honour, I am not a racist smear,
I am not a fashion statement, to be worn but once a year,
I am not glorification of conflict or of war,
I am not a paper ornament a token, I am more.

I am a loving memory of a father or a son,
a permanent reminder of each and every one,

I'm paper or enamel, I'm old or shining new,
I'm a way of saying thank you, to every one of you.

I am a simple poppy, a reminder to you all,
that courage faith and honour,
will stand where heroes fall.



**'Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.'**
Matthew 5:4

Thank you to the following pupils for selling poppies in their year group bubbles this week: Jasmine London 7WAL, Kobi Mensah 7WAL, Daisy Idemudia 7WAL, Mishael Madubuko 11LAK, Nancy Ovbije 11LAK, Grace Ihaza 10WOO, Chandani Chana 10WOO, Mikhail Ayoub 10WOO, Malika Rahman 9PAR, Shanay Graham 9PAR, Darren Okonkwo 8RAT, Elizabeth Mpesi 8RAT, Natalia Frackowiak 8RAT, Fatou Ndow 8RAT, Jakub Borawski 8RAT, Bartosz Jan Hamela 8RAT, Jasmeet Kaur 8RAT and Yanis Miguel Nchang 8RAT.

By Miss Guest - Assistant Principal
(Personalised Learning & Enrichment)

Contact social media sites

Has someone posted something upsetting about you?

Most websites have a way for you to ask them to remove 'content' – like videos, pictures, comments or profiles – that upsets you. This is called making a 'report'.

It's important to know that making a report doesn't mean the content will definitely be removed.

Just like in school, most websites have a set of rules which they expect people using their site to obey - these are called 'terms of use'.

If you want to have something taken down from a site you should check to see if it breaks one of their rules.

Facebook calls their rules 'Community Standards', YouTube's rules are called 'Community Guidelines' and other sites like Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram have their own sets of rules and ways to report.

Before using any website you should read them to learn what is, and what isn't, acceptable on the site. You should also learn how to report content to the site.

Remember, that to use any of these sites you need to be at least 13 years old. If you're under 13 and someone has posted something about you get an adult to help you report it.

(From thinkuknow.co.uk)

By Mrs Crooks - Assistant Principal (Personal Development, Safety, Behaviour & Attitudes - DSL & SPOC)

Remote learning Masterclass Timetable

Timings: After school Live Masterclass 3:00pm to 3:40pm

Evening Microsoft Teams Masterclass 5:00pm to 5:40pm

Saturday Masterclass 11:00am to 11:40am

PLEASE NOTE - All masterclasses will be taking place on Microsoft Teams (5PM) until 2nd December 2020

Term 1	W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday Assessment Week Master Class Prep.
NOVEMBER	2	Year 8 Evening SCIENCE Masterclass Mr Haayat		Year 10 Evening MATHS Masterclass Miss Allen (HIGHER) Mrs Pavlovska (FOUNDATION)	Year 9 Evening RE Masterclass Miss Hanson / Mr N Brooks	Year 9 Saturday ENGLISH Masterclass Miss Lake / Mrs Hillier
	9		YEAR 7 Evening SCIENCE Masterclass Dr Consonni	Year 10 Evening GEOGRAPHY Masterclass Mr Woodward	YEAR 9 Evening SCIENCE Masterclass Mrs Johnson	Year 7 Saturday ENGLISH Masterclass Miss Lake / Mrs Hillier
	16	Year 10 Evening ENGLISH Masterclass Mrs Mann	Year 9 Evening GEOGRAPHY Masterclass Mr Cockburn			
	23	Year 8 Evening SCIENCE Masterclass Mrs Adams		Year 10 Evening MATHS Masterclass Mrs Gandhi (FOUNDATION) Mr Pajeta(HIGHER)	Year 9 Evening MATHS Masterclass Mr Simmons/ Mrs Forde	
	30		YEAR 7 Evening SCIENCE Masterclass Mr Mahmood	Year 10 Evening Health and Social Care Masterclass Mr Parekh		Year 9 Saturday SCIENCE Masterclass Mr Rahman
December	7	Year 10 After School ART Masterclass Miss Restauri Room 1	Year 9 After School PE-PHYSICAL TRAINING Masterclass Mr Janes Room 32	Year 10 Evening SCIENCE Masterclass Mrs Habibullah	Year 9 Evening SCIENCE Masterclass Miss Timmins	
	14	Year 10 After School ART Masterclass Miss Restauri Room 1	Year 9 After School ENGLISH Masterclass Mrs Wieremiewicz	Year 10 Evening MATHS Masterclass Miss Allen (HIGHER)		
	21			End of term		



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Dear Parents/Carers

Police and schools in the city are committed to working together to protect our young people from becoming victims of knife and weapon related crime.

We use a range of tactics including educational inputs and in-school searches to ensure that students are well-informed about the consequences of carrying weapons; and identify those that continue to do so.

It is important that the police, schools and families work together to protect young people. To do this, parents must be aware of the warning signs and talk to children about carrying weapons. The consequences of being found in possession of a knife are serious and long lasting, affecting education, employment and travel opportunities, but most critically the risk to life.

Some young people carry weapons because they feel it will provide protection or increase the respect they are given by their friends, but the sad fact is that they are more likely to become victims of serious violence. Parents should also be aware that girls sometimes carry or store weapons for their boyfriends or other male friends because they believe they are less likely to be stopped by the police. Their reasons are often misguided loyalty or love. However, it is still a crime if they are caught carrying a knife or other weapon.

WARNING SIGNS:

These signs don't always mean the worst is happening and could just be normal teenage behaviour:

1. Have they become withdrawn from the family and/or school?
2. Is their school or college reporting worrying changes in behaviour, academic achievement or attendance?
3. Have they lost interest in positive activities such as sports clubs?
4. Do they stay out unusually late without giving a reason and are vague about their whereabouts?
5. Have they stopped seeing old friends and started hanging out with a new group?
6. Are they secretive about the contents of their bag?
7. Are they defensive if you ask what is in their possession or if they are hiding anything?
8. Has their attitude changed about carrying knives/weapons? For example, justifying it by saying people carry them for self-defence?
9. Have any items gone missing from the kitchen, tool box or garage?
10. Have you found a weapon hidden amongst their possessions?

WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE CONCERNED

Speak to them calmly and explain the risks and consequences. Further advice on talking to your child is available at: www.noknivesbetterlives.com/parents/having-the-conversation

You may wish to contact **a member of the Pastoral Team** at school, if you feel your child isn't listening or is at risk - we can talk through your concerns and plan a way forward together.

For the latest guidance and signposting opportunities please visit: www.policeandschools.org.uk

SCHOOL POLICY FOR WEAPONS POSSESSION

It is essential that we work together to reduce the chances of children bringing a weapon into school. Ours, like most other schools, will take firm action in relation to any student found to be carrying a knife, both on and off the school premises and the police will be informed. This may include the loss of your child's school place, by way of a permanent exclusion or managed-move, as a sanction.

THE POLICE RESPONSE TO WEAPONS POSSESSION

Where young people are involved in crime, the police will try to avoid criminalising them. However, carrying a knife or other weapon is very serious and the most likely outcome will be a charge and court appearance or a caution, delivered by the Youth Offending Service.

Update: West Midlands Police can use **Section 60** powers to stop and search young people.

“Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 gives senior police officers powers to authorise use of stop and search without reasonable grounds, where there is a risk of violence or it is believed that weapons are being carried”.

If a young person has been stopped by police using **Section 60** powers, it does not necessarily mean they are doing anything wrong, but officers have been given extensive search powers where they can search to prevent violence without needing suspicion that they may be carrying a weapon. This tool is being used to end violence and keep young people safe. West Midlands Police realise that it may be upsetting for some innocent young people, but with fear of weapons growing, we cannot take chances.

If you are aware that a fight or trouble is brewing, or if you hear someone has a knife, please report this to the police. If a young person is scared of someone, the answer is not to carry a knife or weapon.

If you know of an individual, or a group of young people, that are potentially carrying weapons, always contact the Police - via Live Chat: <https://west-midlands.police.uk/contact-us/live-chat> or by calling 101.

Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on: 0800 555 111 | <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

If a crime is taking place or a life is in danger always call 999 immediately.

Yours faithfully,

K Marston



Miss K Marston
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Stephen Graham
Chief Superintendent
West Midlands Police

Schools in Perry Barr committed to this joint approach include:

Arena Academy/Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School/City of Birmingham School/Eden Boys' School

Fortis Academy/Hamstead Hall Academy/KE VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy/Holyhead School/St John Wall Catholic School

