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



Issue 36

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 28 June 2024

Catholic Life - This year we are focusing on 'Year of Live Simply'. Termly Theme: Care for Creation Termly SJW Values – Curious and Active

This week in weekly worship... "We focused on behaviour, standards and attitudes. We listened to a piece of scripture that reminded us to be positive people and to be kind to others. We can be good people by making sure we come to school on time. In school, we can be curious by asking questions to become the best we can be. We can be active by always making sure we come to school with everything we need".

By Josue Matthews 7HAB

This week in Afternoon Prayer... "We prayed for Migrants that have to flee their homes. We prayed that they are able to find care and compassion. We can be caring to others by sharing and respecting all individuals. We also prayed in support of all victims of torture. We prayed that we always work for peace and always respect the dignity of everyone. I like Afternoon Prayer because we always pray for those who need our prayers".

By Tobias Kroscen 7HAB

Class Mass

"This week we went to Mass as a class. I enjoyed the Mass and I felt safe throughout it as I was in a holy place and could worship God. Fr Subba spoke about our school life and how we should always try our best".

By Rehmidi Wright 9ANT

Dates to Note

- Hippodrome Theatre Trip 60 Year 9 & 10 pupils Wednesday 3 July 2024 – 1pm to 6pm
- Year 6 Induction Day (Year 9 pupils to work from home. Some Y9 pupils will attend the theatre trip) Wednesday 3 July 2024
- Election Day School closed to all pupils Thursday 4 July 2024
- Sports Day Friday 5 July 2024
- Year 7 and Year 10 Parents' Afternoon Thursday 11 July 2024 – 1.30pm to 4pm
- SJW Celebration Day (See poster at the end of the newsletter) Wednesday 17 July

Bring it on Brum!

If your child receives free school meals, please see a letter sent to you via your child's school email address. Bring it on Brum! is a FREE Holiday Activity and Food Programme funded by the Department for Education, designed for children and young people across Birmingham to have healthy, active, fun-filled school holidays. Bring it on Brum! believe that everyone deserves a good break and that school holidays are better when children and young people are active, having fun, being entertained and learning new things.

By Miss Reynolds



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Congratulations – First Class Honours Degrees

Our pupil coaches support school life in many ways, including supporting in lessons, delivering small group interventions, attending trips and visits, leading the 'Brilliant Club', delivering small group mentoring, and supporting with college and sixth form applications.

Many of our pupil coaches work part time as they also study at university. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate some of our pupil coaches who have recently completed their degrees.

Miss Lastun

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Attended St Edmunds Catholic Primary School and St John Wall Catholic School before going to the University of Birmingham School Sixth Form. Miss Lastun studied a degree in History and Politics at the University of Birmingham and will study a Masters in History from September 2024 as well as continuing with her pupil coach role here at Saint John Wall Catholic School. When asked about what she enjoys about the pupil coach role, Miss Lastun said, *"I really love being a pupil coach at Saint John Wall. It's wonderful to be able to work in my old secondary school and help support our pupils. As a pupil coach we are offered so many different opportunities within the school, so it's never a dull moment". Congratulations Miss Lastun.*

Miss Clayton



Attended St Gregory's Catholic Primary School and_Hagley Catholic High School and Sixth Form, before completing a degree in Sport Exercise and Health Sciences at the University of Birmingham. Miss Clayton will study a Masters in Physiotherapy from September 2024 and said she very much enjoys her role as a pupil coach as it is rewarding and has taught her many valuable skills. Mr Mehmood

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Studied at Acocks Green Primary School and Yardley Secondary School before attending Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College. Mr Mehmood studied a BA(Hons) in Graphic Design at Birmingham City University and hopes to pursue a career as a graphic designer, specialising in brand development and design. When asked about his role as a pupil coach, Mr Mehmood said "I thoroughly enjoy my role as a pupil coach. It is incredibly rewarding to support pupils in their academic and personal growth. Seeing their progress and helping them overcome challenges has been fantastic".

Miss Raybe

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Miss Raybe left her role as a pupil coach earlier this year to work for the police. Miss Raybe studied at St Augustine's Primary School and St Francis of Assisi Secondary School before moving to Saint John Wall Catholic School to complete her GCSEs. Miss Raybe went on to study at Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College and then Aston University where she has completed her degree in Law (LLB). Miss Raybe aspires to be a criminal investigator. When asked about her time as a pupil coach, this was her response: "As a pupil coach *l enjoyed fostering a supportive environment in which I was able to support the learning of students. This role helped me with communication, patience, professionalism, teamwork and problem solving. These skills helped me when transitioning into my role within the police as I could apply these invaluable skills that I learnt at SJW*.

Effective communication helps when diffusing tense situations, patience aids when dealing with difficult members of the public and problem solving is crucial to be able to investigate an incident. Being a pupil coach at SJW allows me to be empathetic and understanding, so I can work with my team to deliver effective and proactive law enforcement, which helps to impact communities and society. I enjoy my role within the police as everyday I get to help people, ensure safety and uphold justice".



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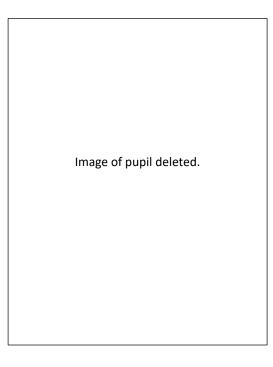


Catholic Life

Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils have supported with bingo yesterday on their visit which was a challenge for some as the game can be very quick paced. Guests were very complimentary about their enthusiasm and concentration. They also had time to help clear up tea and coffee cups and serve a few drinks so well done to them!

By Mrs Clayton



Class Mass at St Augustine's Parish Church

Throughout June, we have continued to celebrate class Mass at St Augustine's. Thank you to Fr Subba for celebrating Mass with us every Thursday. Well done to all pupils this month for their excellent behaviour and participation in Mass. A special thank you to all those who read during all the Masses and to all class teachers for their support! St Chad's Sanctuary visit

On Wednesday 26 June, a small group of Year 7 pupils visited St Chad's Sanctuary in Birmingham for our monthly visit. Brendan gave our pupils a tour of the Sanctuary and spoke to them about how the Sanctuary helps Asylum Seekers and Refugees in different ways including providing English lessons and food packages. The pupils were provided with the opportunity to understand what a journey may be like for an Asylum Seeker and a Refugee. Thank you to Brendan and all the volunteers at St Chad's Sanctuary for always making us feel so welcome. Well done to all pupils for carrying some of our donations to give to the Sanctuary!

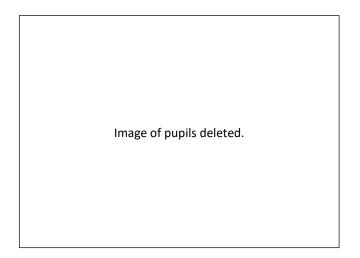




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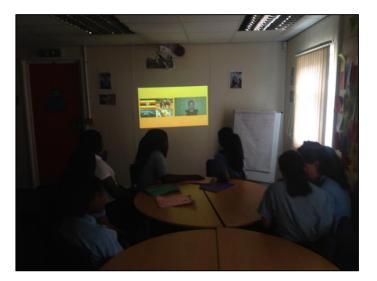


Refugee Week

As part of our celebrations for Refugee Week, all pupils took part in a Refugee Week Weekly Worship. During this Weekly Worship, pupils thought about the importance of refuge and inclusion for everyone. Pupils found out about the week and were introduced to famous Refugees including Albert Einstein and Malala Yousafzai. Pupils also thought about how they can support Refugee Week by donating to charities such as St Chad's Sanctuary.



During Refugee Week, our Chaplaincy Teams took part in the Great Big Live Assembly. Many schools gathered together to enable pupils to see what life is like for many Refugees around the world. It was also an opportunity for them to recognise and celebrate the contribution of Refugees.



Some members of the Chaplaincy Teams also took part in a Refugee Week exercise. Pupils made posters exploring what Refugee Week is and thought about what "Our Home" means. They also looked at information about famous refugees, exploring their background and their contributions to society.



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SVP Group

Now that the weather is starting to get a bit nicer, members of the SVP group have been visiting Uplands Allotment next door to school. Part of the St Vincent de Paul's vision is to love our neighbour as ourselves and to remind ourselves about what is important. As a school, this term we are focusing on the Catholic Social Teaching of **Care for Creation** and the Year 7 SVP members have been doing this through visiting the allotment!

The pupils have been shown how to plant, how to look after soil and have been introduced to many different plants. Pupils have found out lots of new information and were shocked to hear you can make nettle soup! Last week, pupils helped to make a scarecrow. Thank you to Brigitte at the allotment for volunteering her time to work with our school. Well done to all the pupils for getting so involved.



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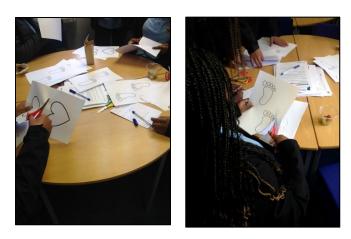


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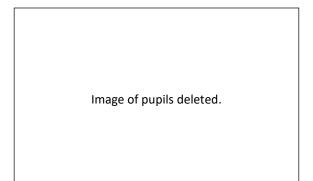
Year 9 Liturgy Team

The Year 9 Liturgy Team have been helping at lunchtimes with Chapel resources. They have been helping with cutting up resources that will be used with primary school visits, induction day and at break and lunchtimes. Thank you to the Year 9 members for giving up their lunch to help with the Liturgy Team.



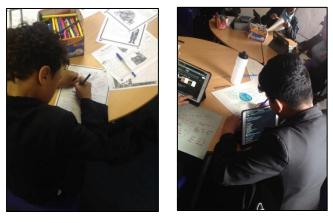
Carers and Volunteers Week

This month, we celebrated Carers and Volunteers Week. Pupils in our Chaplaincy groups spent time exploring what carers and volunteers are. They thought about the role of carers and volunteers and the importance of them. They also though about all the different ways that you can care and volunteer in the community.



CAFOD Group

At the beginning of June, we celebrated World Environment Day. Pupils combined this with our Year of Live Simply to think about why they should care for the environment. Pupils thought about the different ways they can care for creation and reflected on how they can live simply and sustainably with creation.





By Mr Lysaght





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Head of Year News

Head of Year 9

Hello Year 9, I am excited to introduce myself as your new Head of Year. As we embark on this journey together, I am filled with excitement and optimism for all that we will achieve.

My hope for each of you is that you will embrace all your opportunities with enthusiasm and determination. I want to see you grow not only academically but also personally, discovering your passions and developing the skills that will help you succeed both in school and in life.

Our journey together will require 100% cooperation and hard work from all of us. I believe that by working together, supporting one another, and giving our best effort, we can create a positive and successful year group. Whether it's in the classroom, or in any other part of school, your commitment and dedication will be key to achieving our shared goals.

As your Head of Year, I am committed to upholding our SJW Values and ensuring that they guide all of our actions and decisions. I strongly encourage each of you to embrace these values as well, and to contribute to creating an environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and empowered to do their best.

I look forward to working with you, your teachers, and your families to make us grow, achieve, and create memorable experiences. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas. My door is always open, and I am here to help you succeed.

By Mr Hussain

Attendance

To our pupils, your dedication and commitment to your education have truly paid off. Being present and punctual every day not only reflects your determination but also sets a strong foundation for your future success. You should be incredibly proud of this achievement.

To our parents, thank you for your unwavering support and encouragement. Your efforts in ensuring that your children attend school regularly and on time have been instrumental in reaching this goal. This accomplishment is a testament to the strong partnership between our school and our families. This achievement demonstrates the collective effort and the value we all place on education. It shows that when we work together, we can accomplish great things.

Once again, congratulations to everyone on this fantastic achievement. Let's continue to strive for excellence and make every day count!

By Mrs Chand

Nadia Adams 7HEA Adunoluwa Adesola 7HAL Christian Adjei 7PAL Sunny Atobrhan 7HEA Angela Baruti 7HEA Caleb Buck 7HAB Nardev Chumber 7HAL Filip Daszkiewicz 7BRS Izabella Dovleag 7BRS Valerie Ejianreh 7PAL Praise Ejiofor 7HAB Nathan Elue 7HAB Marietou Fall 7BRS **Emmanuel Franklyn-Uloh 7BRS** Alysha Gabor 7HAL Milan Gazi 7HAB Zuzanna Gruszczynska 7HAB Abtin Hamidi 7HAB Elana Harris 7HAL Devontae Hewitt 7HAB Seth Holder 7PAL Olawunmi Ilori 7PAL Chinomso Isife 7PAL



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Tanaka Johwa 7HEA David Kadzik 7BRS Ian Kalonda 7PAL Roxana Karzan-Naser 7HAL Abel Keneni 7BRS **Tobias Kroscen 7HAB** Amritpreet Malhi 7HEA Jennifer Masih 7HAL Lidia Mehari-Gabremicael 7BRS Injacio Mjeda 7HAL Christina Morisho 7HEA **Onkar Mrar Singh 7HEA Dieudonne Nah 7PAL** Goldlyn Omali-Okonkwo 7PAL Sarah Omenma 7HAB David Oye 7HEA Kushi Patel 7HAB Raya Raju 7HAB Anmole Rajwal 7HEA Malachi Scarlett 7HAB Har Sahib Singh 7BRS Amrit Singh 7HAB **Cherubim Tabien 7BRS** Jayden Tyrell 7HEA Ksawery Winczura 7HAB Noh Yosef 7HEA Makda Abraha 8CAL Alan Adamkowski 8CAL Aaliyah Bains 8CAL Favour Basil 8RAH Lydia Binyam 8ESM Ernesto Breton Johnson 8CAL Kosisochukwu Chinedu 8REG Khaleel Cunningham 8CAL Sandra Dawicka 8JAS Natnael Desta 8ESM Allenjot Dhaliwal 8JAS James Doyle 8RAH Isaiah Foster 8CAL Rana Hassan 8RAH Demi-Lee Hulme 8RAH David Ifeosame 8RAH

Ashtaz Islam 8REG Michael John 8ESM Deandre Johnson 8REG Kamalpreet Kaur 8CAL Julia Kaza 8REG Isa Khan 8CAL Amritpal Khela 8JAS Finn Kozakiewicz 8ESM Lakesh Kumar 8RAH Princela Manu 8RAH Isaac Masamuna 8REG Tia Mattis 8ESM Hamza Mehmood 8REG Gabriel Mendoza 8REG Elaine Mensah 8CAL Joshua Michael Berhe 8REG Nonso Molokwu 8ESM Ethan Mthinsi 8ESM Kody Nguyen 8JAS Trae Nguyen 8RAH Oyinkansola Olayiwola 8JAS Victoria Osayande 8RAH Rachel Buamaa Owusu 8ESM Ameliah Raj-Sawyers 8RAH Akhil Ram 8JAS Mernell Reid 8JAS Muhammad Sadiq 8RAH Kavishnan Sanker 8ESM **Diya Sheemar 8ESM** Maninderdeep Sidhu 8RAH Krishnoor Singh 8RAH Sartaj Singh 8CAL Kacper Skomski 8CAL Amelia Stolarska 8CAL Amunra Tameray 8CAL Awet Tecli 8ESM Raena Teshome 8REG Wendy Thompson 8CAL Maria Traila 8CAL Lamario Wright-Ashley 8ESM Deborah Agbolade 9TOW Fasika Mehari Araya 9BAK

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Riya Bains 9ANT Kritika Basra 9GRE Sham Behane 9MAN Yakob Binyam 9MAN Priya Chem 9TOW Carlisle Co 9TOW Krzysztof Daszkiewicz 9MAN Erika Dovleag 9MAN Erica Fosua Agyemang 9ANT Africa Beauty Garcia George 9MAN Feven Ghebrezghi 9BAK Isabella Gill 9GRE Dominik Gruszczynski 9ANT **Rihana Guesh 9ANT** Lovepreet Guru 9GRE Mudazir Hassan 9TOW Anna Horvathova 9GRE **Rako Hussain 9BAK** Success Ihaza 9ANT Precious Ilori 9GRE **Owes Imadonmwinyi 9BAK** Priva Kaur 9MAN **Rehan Khan 9ANT** Samuel Kinavuidi 9TOW Harsh Kumar 9BAK Jahmar Lewis 9GRE Sandra Lutrzykowska 9TOW Daiana Mancescu 9TOW Alina Mathews 9TOW Sham Mehari-Gabremicael 9MAN Sarah MonThomas 9TOW Nigel Mthinsi 9BAK Gray Mwakatobe 9GRE Greg Mwakatobe 9MAN Khushdeep Nagra 9GRE Silvia Nah 9GRE **Bradley Nguefack 9TOW** Khoi Nguyen 9GRE Chisom Nwaichi 9GRE Paul Odey 9GRE Godson Omenma 9ANT Valentina Opoku 9MAN **Richard Oye 9TOW** Miradi Pembele 9MAN

Duy Anh Phan 9GRE **Oliver Rai 9ANT** Jaskirat Sahota 9ANT **Bhagwant Singh 9BAK** Monique Smikle 9ANT Damaris Tofei 9TOW Kayden Tran 9GRE Ihsan Yassir Sadique 9TOW Teniola Adekunte-Olayiwola 10RES Sheingrwa Behane 10WIO Shannoi Campbell 10BRK Diya Chana 10HAS Wiktoria Domagala 10HAS **Emmanuel Erikowa 10HAS** Deborah Fadola 10WIO Michel Frimpong 10BRK Simran Gill 10MCI Jeremiah Gill 10RES Alicja Gomes 10RES Akealia Higgins 10BRK Francisca Idemudia 10BRK Grace Irwin 10RES Mercedes Johnson 10HAS Zara Khan 10RES Marwan Khan 10HAS Vanessa Kodua 10BRK Ritvik Lal 10WIO Jakub Letowski 10RES Jose Malundama 10BRK Sarah Manu 10MCI Nicola Matusik 10RES Christel Mjeda 10MCI Shriya Nandy 10HAS Michelle Odebiyi 10WIO Daniel Oji 10WIO Chinazam Okeke 10MCI Denzel Okyei 10MCI Ameira Peart 10MCI Qasim Rehman 10RES Ervk Romanowski 10BRK Shanae Warner 10WIO Tennice Wright 10MCI

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Positives

A huge well done to all of these pupils who have received positives for a variety of reasons over the last month. These are the top 70 pupils in the school all with 60 or more positive points and an even better achievement is that in this time they received NO negatives and have truly shown what it is like to be a pupil to reach their full potential. Well done to everyone on this list you have truly shown how amazing you are.

By Miss Reynolds

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Mohammed Raza 8RAH	62	
Milan Gazi 7HAB	61	
Kellianne Levande 10WIO	60	
Sulayman Miah 7HAB	60	
Sebastian Prusak 8RAH	60	

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Year 7 Wellbeing



Wherever,

Whenever

Hallow is a Christian meditation app, aiming to support with prayer life and wellbeing, alone, with friends or as a family. The app itself offers different types of prayer and meditation:

- 1. Finding peace in silence- This type of prayer is simple. With all the busyness, distraction and noise in our lives today it feels like there is no way just to sit and be still. Christian meditation is one way we can. Essentially, we find a quiet place to sit and try to focus our mind on something holy. This might be a phrase such as "Come, Holy Spirit," the Rosary, or an image of God leading you beside a stream. It's a practice that's very similar to the mindfulness meditation, but the difference is that we use this simple focus on the breath only to collect ourselves and then turn our minds to God. The best part of Christian meditation is that we are not the ones doing the work. The goal is to put ourselves in a position to let God takeover, to set our minds on Him and let Him lead us.
- 2. The Examen-The Examen is a technique developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, a man born in Spain who served as a soldier before becoming a priest, theologian, founder of the Jesuit order, and renowned spiritual director. Even though he lived in the 15th and 16th centuries, his spiritual exercises are still widely practiced today. The Examen is typically practiced at night as a way to review your whole day.
- 3. Lectio Divina Lectio Divina means "divine reading" in Latin and is a way of reading the Bible in which we gradually let go of our own agendas and open ourselves to what God is trying to say to us. This prayer method works well at any point in the day; and, like the other methods, is best done in a consistent and quiet place.

The app also offers inspiration from various people, discussions on faith, and quotes for the day, as well as special times of prayer when we can join together as a Christian community around the world.

Meditation can be a huge support to our wellbeing, so why not give it a try?

Currently, Hallow have a special offer for a 3 month free trial if you have not signed up to their service before. Follow the link below. You will not need to hand over any payment details and the app will not auto renew. It simply reverts back to the free version after the time lapses. Simply click the link in your browser and sign up for an account. It is easier to sign up from your browser than the app, you can download the app afterwards.

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By Mrs Ellis

Head of Year 8 from September 2024

"My name is Mr Jasat and I am excited to be given the position of Head of Year 8, for the next academic year. I already know many of the year group, through teaching multiple maths classes and afterschool opportunities. I am looking forward to building on these relationships. My top priority, is for every student to feel safe, secure and confident in the school community, along with nurturing a respectful environment, meeting the high expectations, so we can respond to what God calls us to be."

Upcoming School Events – Important News and Dates

In School:

- 3 July Year 9 & Year 10 Theatre Trip to Birmingham Hippodrome
- 3 July Year 6 Induction Day
- 4 July Election Day
- 5 July Sports Day
- 11 July Year 7 Gardening Club
- 12 July Year 10 Careers Interviews
- 15-19 July Witness Week / Year10 Work Experience

Things to do outside of School:

- Birmingham Canal: Kayak Tours
- Cadbury World Tour
- National Sea Life Centre Birmingham
- 101 Dalmatians 2 July 6 July @ The Alexandra Theatre
- Performances by Tile Cross, Kings Heath & Staffordshire Uni Academy 9 July at Birmingham Rep
- Dudley Zoo + Castle
- Vintage Trains / Shakespeare Express Tyseley, Birmingham
- Twelfth Night Classical Show (Featuring a past pupil) Old Rep Theatre – 8 July

By Miss Cummings



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Computer Science

Mateusz Teterycz 9GRE and Ellie Mai 9BAK - Active and curious about Python. Exploring beyond classwork. Great at solving tricky exam questions creatively.

Business

Harsh Kumar 9BAK - Shows he's intentional in his work, using resources wisely. Sets a great example for classmates by finishing early and helping others.

By Mr Esmaili

Science

Dean Seabright 7PAL - For being curious and wise.
Jayden Tyrell 7HEA - Excellent mark in whole school assessment and excellent effort in class.
Tia Mattis 8ESM - For being learned and wise.
Alan Adamkowski 8CAL - Excellent attitude in science.
Isaiah Foster 8CAL - Always trying his best and being resilient.
Samuel Kinavuidi 9TOW - Showing and impressive attitude
Alina Mathews 9TOW - Exceptional effort in science.
Priya Kaur 9MAN - Being resilient and always trying her best.
Richard Oye 9TOW - Attainment in Science.
Awais Hussain 10WIO - Being learned and wise.
Mercedes Johnson 10HAS - Excellent effort in class.

By Miss Kiyani

MFL

Tanaka Johwa 7HEA - For being attentive and discerning in her French lesson and completing consistently high-quality work in lesson resulting in excellent result to her recent assessment.

Great Ugbede 7BRS, Raydon Nguyen 7HAB and Abdulhannan Chaudhry 7BRS - For excellent results to their second assessment in French.

Darius Chiriac 8ESM and Shayaan Miah 8REG - For creating a great restaurant menu in French.

Aaphryl Antonio Pereira 9TOW, Veer Kaura 9GRE and Sumrit Lal 9ANT - For being compassionate and loving and supporting each other when completing their work in French.

By Miss Gosselin

Geography

Rako Hussain 9BAK - For producing work of a high standard which is showing real signs of dedication and improvement. **Trae Nguyen 8RAH** - For excellent focus and high-quality contributions in his geography lessons.

Kai Nguyen 10MCI - For excellent work on Seneca.

Gursirath Kaur 7HEA - Well done on achieving a wonderful assessment result.

Emmanuel Erikowa 10HAS - For being conscientious and focused in his geography lessons.

Ashtaz Islam 8REG - For excellent focus and consistency of learning in his geography lessons.

Emilija Oniunaite 8JAS - An excellent attitude to geographical learning, showing an enquiring mind.

Great Ugbede 7BRS - Excellent effort and focus in geography.



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Stars of the Month

History

Amarvir Dhanda 9MAN - Always contributing to class discussions and showing excellent engagement. Ali Mirshekankaserouni 11RAT - Being a fantastic role model GCSE pupil. Sandra Lutrzykowkska 9TOW - Effective revision at home resulting in excellent outcomes on weekly topic test. Abi Brown 10RES & Francisca Idemudia 10BRK - Effective revision at home resulting in excellent outcomes on weekly topic test. test.

By Miss Lally

Elizabeth Mpesi 11BRO - Learned and wise for preparing well for GCSE History examinations. Sheingrwa Behane 10WIO and Shanae Warner 10WIO - Being Learned and Wise with preparation for assessment week, some great example answers written. Well done. Sara Yemane 9MAN - Excellent effort in focus in History lessons.

Krish Harjiv 10BRK and Zephaniah Lebert 10WIO - Excellent attainment in assessment 3, keep up the excellent work.

By Miss Guest

Sidia Saidy 8CAL - For being attentive and discerning in his History lesson.
 Success Ihaza 9ANT - For consistently showing excellence in her History lessons.
 Sara Antony 8ESM - For remaining focused and giving her best in History lessons.
 Khushdeep Nagra 9GRE - For showing excellent focus and commitment during his History lessons.

By Mr McIntosh

T-Arjhaae Holder 7HEA - For excellent focus this week in his history lessons. Mariya Miah 7PAL - For excellent focus and consistency of learning in her history lessons. Jennifer Masih 7HAL - For showing hard work and determination in her History assessment. Christian Adjei 7PAL - For showing hard work and determination in his History assessment.

By Ms Levine

Amrit Singh 7HAB - For always being focused and prepared to share his ideas.
 Christina Morisho 7HEA - For remaining focused and giving her best in History lessons.
 Talha Javed 7HAL - A brilliant attitude to learning which has enabled him to showcase his academic talents - keep up the good work.

Anja Lamallari 7HAL - For having a fantastic attitude to learning.

By Mr Brayshaw

Tanaka Johwa 7HEA - For excellent contributions in History lessons.
Sarra Omar 8ESM - Fantastic contributions throughout the lesson.
Alina Matthews 9TOW - A brilliant attitude to learning Keep up the good work.
Sarah Manu 10MCI - For achieving an excellent result in her History assessment.

By Mr Griffith



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Stars of the Month

RE

Nathalia Campbell-Bennett 10RES Alberto Stanciu 10WIO Alina Mathews 9TOW **Ishmael Clarke 9ANT Muhammed Sadiq 8RAH Kimora Williams 8JAS Cherubim Tabien 7BRS Ondrej Zajac 7HEA**

Yusuf Ali 10BRK K'Yaana Douglas 10SFC Sham Mehari-Gabremicael 9MAN Sunnah Rafig 9TOW Jesika Gadova 9BAK Ernesto Breton Johnson 8CAL Isaac Masamuna REG Amira Akhtar 7HEA Hussein Muhumed 7HEA

Sheingrwa Behane 10WIO Zaakir Hussain 10BRK **Demarion Mendez 9BAK** Kody Nguyen 8JAS Abtin Hamidi 7HAB **Umar Islam 7HEW Kimora Williams 8JAS**

All the above pupils have been outstanding in their RE lessons this month, they have been 'learned and wise' in the topics covered.

By the RE Department

Enterprise & Computing

Mohammed Omar Hussein Ahmed 10WIO - Perseverance, continued progress and independent working.

By Ms Brooks

IT

Krzysztof Daszkiewicz 9MAN – Consistently working to the best of his ability during all IT lessons.

By Mr Rathbone

PE & Health and Social Care

Kushi Patel 7HAB - For her leadership within Rounders in core PE. Demonstrating confidence and patience when helping others.

Jalal Aziz 10WIO - For his hard work and confidence when using the Oracy Framework in health and social care.

By Miss Young

Isaac Kidane 9ANT - For being a great leader in his DofE group and using the maps to help him successfully reach each checkpoint

Ihsan Yassir Sadique 9TOW - For assisting students and stuff with setting up camping tents at DofE expedition.

By Mr Bakshi

Yusuf Mohammed Ali 10BRK - Great start to GCSE PE having joined mid-way through the year. Arjan Badhan 9GRE - Excellent effort on the DofE expedition.

By Mr Patel



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School Games News

School Games Mark 2023-2024 – Gold



As a school we have been working hard behind the scenes to enhance the PE & Health department! We aim to improve the quality of lessons, increase uptake in Year 9 and be the leading department for progress and results... this will take time... but we are up for the challenge! And because of the hard work of staff, pupils have been provided with a number of different experiences within the 'school games remit' to ensure as a school we meet the gold standard criteria! Now to keep it up, keep moving forward! Next stop.... Platinum!

Year 3 & 4 Tennis Event – Windsor Olympus

As part of my role as SGO I have the privelage of working with a number of secondaries and primaries within my partnership. Wednesday 5 June, I hosted a Year 5 Tennis Event at Windsor Olympus!

- Barford Primary
- Oasis Boulton
- St Edmunds/St Patricks Catholic School
- St Marks Catholic School
- William Murdoch

All attended and played some fantasic tennis! Playing within the rules and developing their skills! A massive thank you to the Year7 leaders from Windsor Olympus supporting with the event!





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National Healthy Eating Week - 10 June to 16 June



Healthy Eating Week is a flagship education programme promoted by The British Nutrition Foundation.

Healthy Eating Week 2024 was all about giving it a go!

The British Nutrition Foundation focused on;

-Get at least 5 A DAY -Stay hydrated -Move more -Focus on fibre -Reduce food waste

They encouraged everyone, including early years settings, schools, workplaces and community groups, to 'Give it a go'. Whether that meant having one extra portion of fruit or vegetables a day, being a bit more active, experimenting with a new recipe or using up leftovers.

You could do as much or as little as you liked!

All resources were shared during form time and challenges were displayed in the canteen! Hopefully you played your part!

Secondary Athletics – Wyndley Track Monday 17th June

Year 8 and Year 9 girls and boys took to the track Monday 17 June to represent SJW in the secondary Athletics competition. All pupils gave 100% effort and performed amazingly. For those that represented SJW you should be so proud, to perform on that level of platform against other schools, take confidence, and everyone of you stepped up!

As I was leading the Athletics event, I got to see all results, and cheered from the finish line for most of you! You made me a very proud PE teacher!! Well done!



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Tuesday 18 June – Jo Nightingale Legacy Day

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On Tuesday 18 June, five primary schools came together at Dorrington Academy to play Hockey in memory of Jo Nightingale, the previous SJW School Games Organiser. The event was led by Hockey England, that provided students with t-shirts, water bottles and other goodies for participating. It was an emotional day for some staff who worked closely with Jo, the day ran very well and Jo would have been looking down smiling! A fantastic effort from those that helped with the planning and organising of the day!

National Sports Week 17 June – 23 June



This year's theme, powered by Sports Direct's Monster Kickabout, brings a special one-off Euro 2024 event that emphasises football as a means to engage young people in 60 minutes a day of PE, sport and play.

Within SJW we collapsed PE and lifestyle lessons and played mini tournaments of football within the lessons. All got involved and had enjoyable PE lessons. Monday 17 June, we had Sport4Life in supporting with PE lessons, therefore creating a carosel of practical activities.

Friday 21 June the canteen provided a 'German style' menu for pupils to sample German food, in line with the Football Euros competition currently on.





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Boys Move Project

The boys move project is coming to a close this Tuesday 25 June, however I wanted to mention how I have loved working with these boys. 😇

Every lesson we start by speaking about how the week has gone, how we can improve behaviour, attitude to learning and attendance. We set ourselves small achieveable targets to make better decisions. The past two weeks we have been joined by Diamond Academy, football coaches, who have led some engaging coaching sessions. Pupils have related to the coaches and coaches have discussed their experiences of school and how they can make better choices - even better when some of the coaches have been past SJW pupils!!

Tuesday 25 June – we will be heading to domin8 studios for some Maui Thai – supporting with the community link and porividing pupils with a new experience.

KS2 Athletics Holyhead School

Tuesday 25 June, I will be hosting a KS2 Athletics event at Holyhead school, so far I have x4 primairies attending

- Oasis Woodview
- Oasis Boulton
- Dorrington Academy
- Cherry Orchard Primary

The event will be supported by Holyhead Yr7/8 leaders to help enhance their leadership skills.

By Mrs Ratcliffe

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2024-2025 Prefects

I am delighted to introduce and extend my heartfelt congratulations to our newly appointed prefects for the academic year. These outstanding pupils have demonstrated exemplary leadership, responsibility, and commitment to our school community.

Becoming a prefect is a significant achievement, and it reflects not only academic excellence but also the qualities of integrity, reliability, and the ability to inspire others. Our prefects will play a crucial role in maintaining the positive atmosphere of our school, supporting both staff and pupils, and serving as role models for their peers.

To our prefects, congratulations on this well-deserved honour! Your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and I am confident that you will excel in your new roles. Embrace this opportunity to make a positive impact and continue to uphold the values of our school.

To our parents, thank you for nurturing these exceptional young leaders. Your guidance and support have been fundamental to their success, and I know you share in our pride and joy.

Together, let us celebrate our prefects' achievements and support them as they embark on this important journey. I look forward to witnessing the positive contributions they will undoubtedly make to our school.

Well done to the following pupils for being selected as prefects:

By Mrs Chand

Akealia Higgins 10BRK Ameira Peart 10MCI Shania-Anne McDermott 10MCI Kobi Mensah 10RES Yousma Mustafa 10HAS Sarah Manu 10MCI Hannah Nyika 10BRK Shoaib Ghalib 10RES Yoosuf Bouterse 10RES Christel Mjeda 10MCI Denzel Okyei 10MCI Tennice Wright 10MCI Francisca Idemudia 10BRK Vanessa Kodua 10BRK Mercedes Johnson 10HAS Kelly Odiase 10WIO Nilasha Kanna 10MCI Chinazam Okeke 10MCI Deborah Fadola 10WIO Diya Chana 10HAS Simran Gill 10MCI

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My Child At School Parent APP



As part of the Saint John Wall School Commitment to keep parents/carers informed about your child and events happening in and around school, we will be sending information to you through the My Child at School (MCAS) for Parents App.

To register for MCAS Parent App, you will need to download the app from your App Store and then follow the steps below;

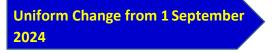
- Click on the Parent Login screen.
- Click on the **Sign Up** link in the Parent Login screen.
- Enter the school's Postcode or School ID.
- Select the school from the list in the dropdown.
- Click Continue.
- Enter the email address you have registered with the school.
- Click Sign Up.

You will see the message 'To complete your registration, we have sent an email to the email address you provided. Please access your email and follow the steps to create your password'.

If you do not receive an email, please contact the school as your contact details may need to be updated.

From 1 July 2024 all communication from the school will be sent using this App.

By Miss Timmins



Grey and Navy (old design) jumpers will no longer be part of the Saint John Wall uniform.

The new navy jumper, below, is now available to purchase from Gogna's and can be worn from now.

By Miss Timmins





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School Games Athletics Trip

As part of the school games programme, pupils in Year 8 & 9 attended Wynldey leisure centre to compete in an athletics event against other schools in our partnership. We had some fantastic individual wins from pupils across both year groups:

Monique Year 9: 1st 100m

Dilianne Year 8: 1st 100m

Nonso Year 8: 2nd 200m

Deandre Year 8: 1st 300m

Year 8 boys relay: 3rd

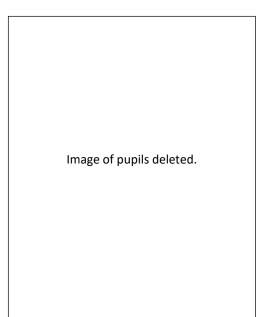
It was a great for our pupils to be able to experience participating on an athletics track.

By Miss Young

School Games Football

Last week we celebrated National sports week with a focus on football. Year 7 girls attended a tournament at Holyhead school where they played against other schools in the partnership. Congratulations to Lidia Mehari-Gabremicael who achieved the 'Respect' school games badge and Woman of the match.

By Miss Young



Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to all our DofE pupils who have successfully completed and participated in the Bronze Award for the Duke of Edinburgh program! Your dedication, resilience, and hard work have truly paid off, and we are incredibly proud of each one of you. Through this journey, you have not only developed valuable skills and fostered a spirit of adventure but also demonstrated exceptional commitment to personal growth and community service. Your achievements are a testament to your perseverance and determination, and we look forward to seeing you continue to strive for excellence in all your future endeavours.

Pupils completed over 15km of walking across the two day expedition, including an evening of camping. They were all self sufficient by cooking their evening meal, putting their tents up and navigating the map.

It was hot temperatures both days of walking and pupils maintained determination and showed resilience across their time.

Our assessor said, 'Your pupils are a credit to you all, they embraced the 2 days very positively, making their experience a memorable one'. A huge thank you to Mr Harris from AUEA who assessed our pupils and designed the model of the expedition along with his DofE staff team.

Thank you to Mr Price, Mr Patel and Mr Bakshi for their support helping me run the expedition.

Pupils will now add final evidence to the eDofE platform to secure their bronze award. Well done DofE Team!

See photographs on the next page.

By Miss Young



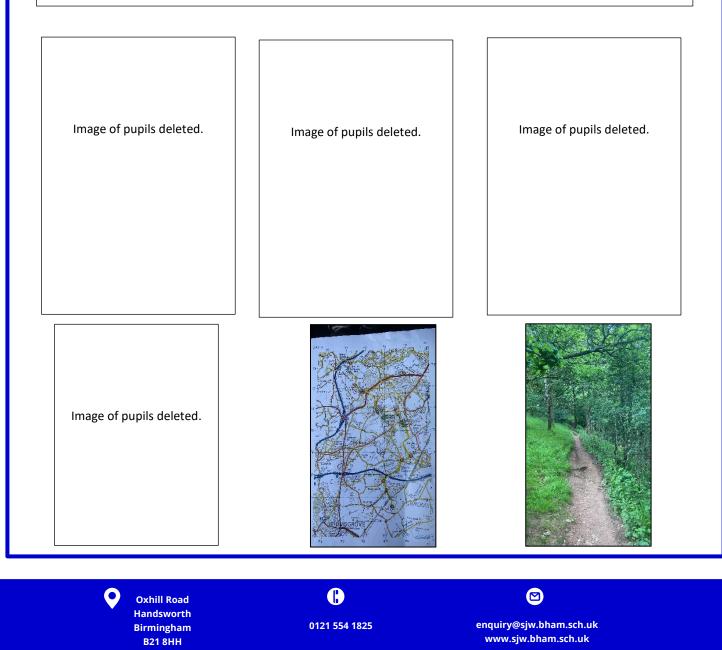
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Duke of Edinburgh Award

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Year 8 STEM Project

'Quality of air' with The University of Birmingham

Year 8 pupils were involved in a STEM project with The University of Birmingham. Pupils studied air quality and the impact this may have on society. They were able to set up particle traps and investigate the quality of air in different spaces around our school. They were able to gather some excellent data and draw conclusions from this.

By Miss Kiyani









Gardening Stewards

A wonderful couple of gardening session in our SJW peace garden, our group have bloomed with their skills of being at one with nature and we have been blessed to be out in the glorious sun. Our sunflowers, tomatoes, green beans, flowers and more have been placed in their rightful places after spending time in the greenhouse to develop. We are planning to build bug houses and continue clearing the garden in our sessions to come.

By Mrs Begum

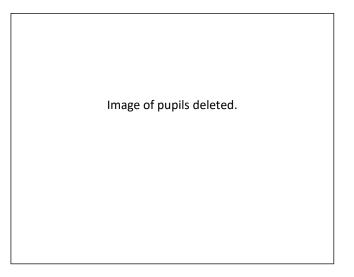


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National Writing Day

Wednesday 19 June was a national writing day, it is a celebration of the power of writing creatively, writing for fun and selfexpression. Pupils have submitted their creative writing to share with you all.

By Mr Mull

Should I take it?

"Imagine your dream comes to life in seconds, the fairy tales and them magical things that you don't believe can happen in real life. Come and here my story ... a usual day your friends introduce you to a new pupil that joined the school you are excited and over the moon. Another member joined the group; you could tell I had a huge smile ear to ear. I had good vibes about him he is kind, caring and supportive. He is such a great person: that's a friend that we all need someone who you can laugh with, go through "roller coasters" (up and down at school) and most importantly someone who u can talk to like a therapist. Day turns into weeks and then months an opportunity to be a HOUSE CAPTAIN! Isn't that a thrilling opportunity? My guy best friend saw the poster and told me about it, and I said to him "I will think about it". The school bell rings students dashing to go home, unlike me I'll take my time. Walking home I was thinking if I should take the opportunity? Should I? well a like leading and managing thing and making sure things are made to a high standard. Never mind I shouldn't. I go panic mode "people will laugh at me, and I am going to make a fool out of myself!" Next day comes I tell my best friend that I am not sure about it but instead he told me "We only live ones so I believe in you, this opportunity can change your life". he was right I became a House Captain and look at me now doing my dream job".

The moral of this story is that the right friend will eventually come into your life to support you to become better and remember we only live once so take the opportunity.

By Erica Agyemang Fosua 9ANT

"I'm stuck. Again. In the same place. I can't keep doing this -1 just can't. My eyes dart around the room; I lose my focus and my memory. If I could just remember what happened that night, this would all be over. The voices in my head; the box I've drawn in my brain; and the entire simulation that controls me. I'd be free to go outside and breathe the air of the earth and not the controlled air conditioning. To find people of my kind, to interact with people of my kind. A fantasy of mine that lives solely in the depths of my heart.

If I concentrate and close my eyes really tight, I can see the bright and vibrant colours of that fateful night. The air tasted like the strong flavours of yakitori and although the sky was dark, bright, beautiful lanterns lit up the midnight sky. I could remember a warm tingling sensation as I held my lantern up, examining the fine details that I had added to the sides. I was pleased with my decorations and I lighted and lifted up my work up to the air. I then ran with the crowds and ducked through the crowds to watch the beautiful dragon. The bright lights awed me, and the colours fascinated me. The way that the LED's glowed made my heart glow too, brighter than any lantern. My arm raised, I reached out to touch it and that's when I slip, falling and falling. The ground raced away from me, and my eyes blurred and closed before I even hit the ground.

And now I'm stuck. Again. In the same place".

By Lydia Binyam 8ESM

"I drown into the ocean of my own fears...

The angels above pray for us, soon they will cry for us when we are gone. Lost memories, my wasted time fading through my head, like a battlefield in existence.

Every place is haunted ...

No peace on earth can place my heart back together as it tears into the ocean. I am not who I am, who are you? Your hate brings me joy as I fade away. Let me send my heart to you, back to the happy moments, laughter and lifelong friendships, fill me with inner peace.

Crying, I feel nothing...

The sand feels like home. The beach my happy place where I once felt like me.

Nothing belongs to me but the happy moments that I am left with. My heart hurts. Your mind can be a prison if you make it. I cannot confide in myself again. I am too good at goodbyes.

I will never forgive you".

By Zara Khan 10RES



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Saint John Wall Celebration Day

17 July 2024

You are invited to spend a morning with your child at Saint John Wall Catholic School

- Experience life at the school
- Learn about our history
- Enjoy break time refreshments

8:30 am to 11:00 am



Please attend school with your child at their normal arrival time.

All parents and pupils will leave by 11:00 am

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