

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 5

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 4 October 2024



Catholic Life Annual Theme: Pilgrims of Hope on the Path of Peace

Termly Theme: 'Each and every unique child'

Termly Catholic Social Teaching: Dignity

Termly SJW Values: Curious and Active

This week in Weekly Worship... *"This week in Weekly Worship, we focused on Black History Month. As part of our Weekly Worship, we were introduced to three people who have played an important part in Black History. The theme for this year is 'Reclaiming Narratives'. This means that we should ensure that all voices are heard and that everyone takes a role in celebrating others. Black History Month reminds us that we can be **curious and active** by showing qualities such as **love** and kindness to everyone around us."*

By Samuel Antalik 8PAL

This week in Afternoon Prayer... *"We prayed for Black History Month. This year, the theme for Black History Month is 'Reclaiming Narratives.' This is important because we should come together as a school community to reclaim parts of history that we have lost. We also prayed for Birmingham Mind, a Mental Health charity. It is important that we pray for Mental Health so we can recognise the difficulties that people have gone through and understand how we can support them. We like Afternoon Prayer because it is a time to reflect on different things that may we going on in the world today."*

By Ella Prescott-Hopkins 10SIM and Aisha Khokhar 10TOW

Class Mass

"This week we went to Mass as a class. The atmosphere was very holy and meant that we were able to focus on prayer. During Mass, we spent some time in quiet as Fr Subba asked us to reflect on our faith and who we are as individuals."

By James Doyle 9RAH

Dates to Note

- **Year 10 Assessment Week**
Monday 7 October 2024 to Friday 11 October 2024
- **Ackers Taster Day (10 Year 8 Pupils)**
Tuesday 8 October 2024 – 11am to 3.45pm
- **SEND MoveNow Festival @BMET Sutton Coldfield (10 Year 7 & 8 Pupils)**
Wednesday 9 October 2024 – 11.30am to 2pm
- **House Trip to Inflata Nation – 100 Pupils (Years 8, 9, 10 & 11)**
Monday 21 October 2024 – 12pm to 4pm
- **Kayaking @ Ackers (16 Pupils)**
Monday 21 October 2024 – 11.30am to 2.30pm
- **Future Prospects @Trinity Road (10 pupils)**
Tuesday 22 October 2024 – 9.30am to 2pm
- **Cultural Heritage Day**
Thursday 24 October 2024
- **INSET Day – School Closed to all Pupils**
Friday 25 October 2024



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Social Media Platforms

As many of our pupils are active on social media platforms like TikTok, it's important to stay informed and vigilant about the content they may be exposed to. While TikTok offers fun and creative outlets, it also includes content that may not be suitable for younger audiences, including adult themes and inappropriate language.

Here are a few tips to help ensure a safer experience for your child:

1. **Monitor Content:** Keep an eye on what your child is viewing and sharing on TikTok. Encourage open conversations about what they encounter online.
2. **Enable Privacy Settings:** TikTok offers various privacy settings, such as restricting who can view your child's content, comment, or message them. It's a good idea to set these controls to limit exposure to strangers.
3. **Set Screen Time Limits:** TikTok's Family Pairing feature allows parents to manage screen time and set limits on how long the app can be used.
4. **Report Inappropriate Content:** If you come across adult content or anything inappropriate that may pose a concern for your child, you can easily report it:
 - Tap the "**Share**" button on the video.
 - Select "**Report**" and choose the reason.
 - TikTok's moderation team will review the report and take action if necessary.

Together, we can help create a safer online environment for our pupils. If you have any questions or concerns about social media use or how to manage your child's online presence, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school's Pastoral team for guidance.

By Miss Reynolds

St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils have been busy helping out with Tai Chi today as some of our guests have significant mobility issues. There was also a surprise for one pupil who had won a raffle prize from our Macmillan Coffee Morning which raised over £450! Next week is a Ukelele band.

Mrs Clayton



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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...



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