

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 11

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 22 November 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...

"We focused on Red Wednesday. This is a day communities come together to celebrate faiths and realise that everyone should have their **dignity** respected and be treated as humans regardless of their faith. It is also a day when we stand in **solidarity** with those around the world who are persecuted. The piece of scripture taught us how we should always trust in God's plan and to remember that he will always provide for us. I like Weekly Worship because it is a way to allow us to understand our focus for the week and is an opportunity for us to pray as a year group".

By Injacio Mjeda 8HEW

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for Red Wednesday. We prayed that we would all stand in **solidarity** for all those who are persecuted and for all those who have died for their faith. We also prayed for World Children's Day. We prayed that children always have a voice for the topics that matter to them. This is because all individuals deserve **dignity** and respect. We like Afternoon Prayer because it is time where everyone can reflect and feel safe".

By Year 7 Chaplaincy Team

Dates to Note

- **Year 7 and Year 9 Assessment Week**
Monday 25 November 2024 to Friday 29 November 2024
- **Bham Rep Theatre Trip 'A Christmas Carol' – (60 Year 10s)**
Wednesday 11 December 2024 – 8.30am to 1pm
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening**
Thursday 12 December 2024 – 4pm to 6pm

Year 7 and 9 Assessment Week

A reminder that Year 7 and Year 9 will be sitting their assessments next week.

A timetable for the year groups is displayed further in this newsletter.

Winter Weather

As the winter weather sets in and the days are getting colder, can parents ensure that your child attends school in a warm coat and gloves.

As always, we appreciate your support.



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Electrical Re-Wiring and Upgrade

In June, the school had some fantastic news! We had secured some funding for major electrical works. The school wiring and boards date back to when the school was built in the late 1950s. As the school has expanded, we need more electrical capacity. So, the demand, along with the out-of-date equipment meant the school is desperately in need of an upgrade.

To facilitate this, we have a plan phased over the next two years. The preparation for the first phase has begun with ceilings being removed on the ground floor. Due to the scale of the project, contractors will be on site during the school day to carry out some of the work, as well as working late after school has finished and on weekends. The contractors have been working hard to minimise disruption to lessons.

The first phase will run until March 2025 and, if funding for the second phase is secured, phase two will then start and run until 2026.

During this exciting time, it is of course vitally important pupils remain safe. The contractors have been briefed about times when pupils will be moving along corridors. However, we are relying on pupils to continue to act in a mature and respectful manner at all times to ensure the safety of all people on our site.

A massive thank you has to go to Mrs Whitehouse, Mr Uddin, Miss Carter and Mr Hayward for their hard work. Firstly, they secured the funding and now they are involved in the planning of the works to ensure it goes smoothly. In addition, we are grateful for their flexibility during weekends to allow contractors to perform the noisiest and most disruptive work when pupils are not on site. **By Mr Holder**

Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

We had a very quiet trip today as many of the elderly guests are reluctant to travel in icy weather. There was still plenty to do though, and Dora was the first to volunteer to help decorate the Christmas tree whilst Rhia and Alexcia were kept busy supporting a game of bingo. Some of the guests who love to play bingo struggle to keep up because of their cognitive issues so really appreciate the help.

By Mrs Clayton



Red Wednesday Tasks

My Year 11 class did as some revision around rights of people and religion. This topic has linked really nicely to Health and Social and red Wednesday. Pupils have been able to identify different rights that are impacted and how they link to red Wednesday as well as making suggestions on improving and maintaining the rights.

Pupils worked really hard and found this useful as a revision tool as well as educational around the purpose of red Wednesday. Thank you to Francisca Idemudia 11MCI, Nadia Yentumi 11KIY and Kellianne Levande 11MUH.

By Miss Reynolds

Francisca Idemudia 11MCI

DO NOW- R032 retrieval – Link to **RED WEDNESDAY**

What rights are being affected in this scenario?	How should a health and social care professional respond to ensure the individual's rights are respected?	How does this link to the themes of Red Wednesday (e.g., raising awareness, preventing discrimination, respecting diversity)?	
Scenario 1: A service user in a care home is not being consulted about their views on their care.	Equal and fair treatment	The service provider should ensure that the service user is consulted about their views on their care.	This would ensure that the service user's views are respected and that they are not being discriminated against.
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Nadia Yentumi 11KIY

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Kellianne Levande 11MUH

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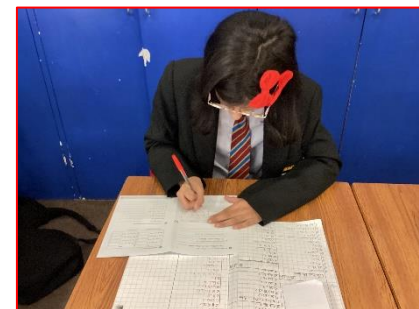
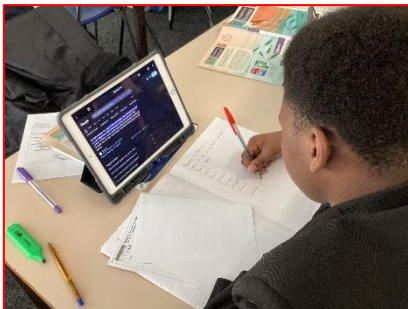
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Red Wednesday

This week, we celebrated Red Wednesday as a school. This is a day where we stand in solidarity with those around the world who are persecuted for their faith. To celebrate Red Wednesday, pupils were able to wear an item of red with their school uniform and write in red pen during their lessons. As well as this, pupils prayed for Red Wednesday at the end of each lesson. A small group of pupils also attended a Red Wednesday Mass in St Chad's Cathedral with other schools from the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Thank you to all pupils and staff for helping to stand with those who suffer for their faith.

By Mr Lysaght



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Values@Day – School workshops

For our Careers Day this year, we welcomed over 40 visiting speakers, external providers and post-16 organisations.

Year 7 worked with:

- Elevate – looking at study skills and preparation for their exams next week
- Med Minds – exploring the life of medical students at university
- Sports4life – discussing their 10 – Year Plan
- Teamwork – working with Matt Franks looking at how to work together now and in the future
- Vocations – a session led by our visiting Novices discussing how they responded to what God is calling them to be

Year 9 welcomed the following visitors into school:

- Tech We Can – looking at the development of technology for cyber security
- NHS Workshops – discussing Best Start of Life Programme
- Sport for Champions – listening to Paralympian Hope Gordon
- Thrive (Everfi) – a workshop looking at financial skills

Year 10 worked with Severn Trent all day looking at CV writing, communication and problem solving.



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Values@Day – Careers Fair

Key Stage 4 pupils attended a Careers Fair as part of our Careers Fair. Pupils were praised for engaging well and maturely with post-16 providers and businesses.



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National Justice Museum Trip – Year 10

On Friday 22 November Ms Levine, Mr Lysaght, Mr Hussain, Mr Mull and I accompanied the Year 10 Historians to The National Justice Museum in Nottingham. Pupils took part in a variety of activities and went on a tour of the museum. The day involved acting out a Mock trial based on a real case linked to social media and cyber bullying. As part of the mock trial pupils took a variety of roles including judge, defence barristers, solicitors, jurors, and witnesses. A huge thanks to Mr Hussain for cross examining the witnesses and inspiring the Year 10 Historians to take their roles seriously. A future prosecutor in the making! This was a great opportunity for pupils to explore how their GCSE History studies link to a variety of future careers in Law.

Pupils also had the chance to go on a tour of the museum, learning about how crime and punishment in Britain has changed throughout time. Pupils were able to look at different historical items such as a pillory, scold's bridle and ducking stool. They also visited the dungeons in which many prisoners would have been kept.

Overall Year 10 Historians had a great day! With staff at the National Justice Museum commenting on their exemplary behaviour! See quotes below from pupils: **By Mr McIntosh**



"I really enjoyed the mock trial because I thought it was very realistic, and it was a good activity to show us different roles in law. It also showed us how one sided a case could be".

By Mateusz Teterycz 10SIM

"I loved my visit to the National Justice Museum. It was great to see how prisons used to be in the past".

By Riya Bains 10ANT

"The mock trial was a fun experience, and I really liked playing the role of a witness".

By Khushdeep Nagra 10SIM



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Year 7 Assessment Week Timetable

Monday 25 November to Friday 29 November

Period	Monday 25 November	Tuesday 26 November	Wednesday 27 November	Thursday 28 November	Friday 29 November
1 09:15	Year 7 RE 1 hour	7YW History Room 24	7YJ Computing Room 2	Year 7 English 1 hour	7YS MFL Room 23
			7YS History Room 24		7YW Geography Room 21
			7YW MFL Room 23		
Break					
2 10:50	7YS Geography Room 24	7XS Geography Room 21	7XS MFL Room 23	7XJ Computing Room 2	7XS Computing Room 2
			7XJ MFL (in English) Room 4		
Lunch					
3 12:35	7XJ History Room 21	7XW Geography Room 32	Year 7 Science (12:35) 1 Hour	7XJ Geography Room 21	7YJ Geography Room 24
	7XW Computing Room 2				7XW MFL Room 23
4 13:50	Year 7 Maths 1 hour	7YW Computing Room 2	7YJ History Room 21	7YJ MFL Room 23	7XS History Room 24
			7YS Computing Room 2		7XW History Room 22





Year 9 Assessment Week Timetable

Monday 25 November to Friday 29 November

Period	Monday 25 November			Tuesday 26 November	Wednesday 27 November	Thursday 28 November	Friday 29 November			
1 09:15	Performing Arts	Music		Y9 Computer Science 1 hour	Y9 Science (Combined) 1 hour Calculators		Y9 RE 1 hour			
				Y9 Sport 1 Hour			Y9 Science Biology			
				Y9 IT 1 Hour	1 hour Calculators					
Break										
2 10:50							Y9 English Lit 1 hour	Y9 History 1 hour		Y9 Catering 50 mins
										Y9 Engineering Design 1 hour
3 12:05			Y9 GCSE Drama 1 hour			Y9 Maths 1 hour Calculator				
	Lunch									
4 13:50				Y9 Spanish Reading 1 hour	GCSE Business 1 Hour	Y9 Geography 1 hour	Y9 Health and SC 1 Hour			





Christmas Card Competition!

Deadline
Wednesday
4 December
2024



Open to all
year groups

Only **ONE** entry per pupil!

You must complete your entry on an A4 sheet of paper.

The theme is Christmas and Nativity.

The designs can be created digitally or hand drawn and coloured using crayons/felt tips or paint.

All entries must be handed in to your Form Tutor.

GOOD LUCK AND MAY THE BEST CARD WIN!

Reward

The person who designs the winning card will receive house points. They will also receive a gift card and be used as the official card for Titan both digital and physical.



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St Augustine Catholic Church Christmas Fayre

The annual Christmas Fayre will take place at
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School on

Saturday 14 December 2024
After 12.00pm

Stalls

Bric-a-brac stall
Raffle stall
Cake stall
Bottle stall
Toy stall

We are in need of: Toys, Chocolates, Bottles,
Cakes, Fancy Goods, Bric-a-Brac and New
electrical items. Your kind help and donations will
be much appreciated.

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