# 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 3

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 20 September 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 our new theme, **Pilgrims of Hope on the Path of Peace**. We listed to a reading from Pope Francis that reminded us of the importance of always having **hope**. We reflected on the **Pilgrim of Hope** logo and thought about what we rely on when we need **hope**. I like weekly worship because it's a time during the week where we can reflect on the weekly topic".

# By Duy Anh Phan 10SIM

#### This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"This week in afternoon prayer we focussed on our termly values. This term we are focussing on our values of being **curious and active**. We can be **active** by always asking questions in our lessons. We also prayed for national respect day which reminds us about the importance of respecting everyone around us. We can show respect by **actively** listening to this around us. I like afternoon prayer because it helps us reflect on the day and is a time of **peace** and prayer".

### By Ryan Kanna 10BRK

#### **Class Mass**

"This week we went to mass as a class, I felt comfortable because being in church is a time to relax and take my mind off things and to focus on God".

### By Alan Adamkowski 9CAL

# **Dates to Note**

# • Remote Learning Practice and Open Evening Tuesday 24 September 2024

Pupils in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will leave school at 12.00pm and should make their way home then log on to lesson 4 via teams 2.15 to 3.00pm.

Year 7 parents, you are invited to attend school at 12.00pm to 12.30pm for a teams remote learning training session, and then Year 7 will leave school at 12.30pm to log on to lesson 4 via teams 2.15 to 3.00pm.

Some Year 7 pupils have been issued with laptop request forms, these need to be returned by Monday 23 September.

You are warmly invited to attend our Open Evening for a tour of the school 4.30pm to 6.00pm.

• Open Mornings

Wednesday 25 September 2024 – 9.30am to 12pm Thursday 26 September 2024 - 9.30am to 12pm

Please ring school reception to book your slot.

• Year 10 Assessment Week Monday 7 October 2024 to Friday 11 October 2024

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# Volunteers

We were delighted to welcome Novice Tim and Novice Jovy to school today. They are members of the Jesuit North West Europe Novitiate who live in Harborne. They are dedicating their lives to serving God, and should become Priests in the future. During their training they volunteer on Fridays and we were very pleased that they chose to volunteer here at Saint John Wall Catholic School.

"My name is Tim, I am 24 years old and from the Netherlands. I came to the UK 1 year ago to start my formation as a Jesuit priest. Jesuits serve in a broad variety of places, often at schools. Therefore, as part of my training I will be sent to Saint John Wall to help in RE and the chaplaincy. I am very happy with this opportunity and looking forward to meeting everyone".

"Hello, my name is Jovy and I am 24 years old and from Bedford. I hope to become a Catholic priest one day. You might see me on Fridays with Tim, if you do please say hi! I am always happy to chat and learn more about the SJW community".





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# **SEND Information**

# Message from Mrs Breslin our SENDCo.

Year 7 pupils have settled in very well to Saint John Wall and we are enjoying getting to know them.

If you have **any** concerns regarding SEND, please do contact the school to discuss this with me regardless of what year group your child is in. Or come and see me at your child's parents afternoon/ evening.

# Supporting learning at home

Use the 'Read Aloud' function on word so your child can hear back what they have written to help them form sentences in standard English. Highlight the text, right click and selected Read Aloud.

# **By Mrs Breslin**

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# Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

It was lovely to be back supporting guests at St Mary's. Today's activity was bingo so pupils were kept busy helping with number cards and clearing mugs and plates. Next week is Macmillan Coffee Morning.

**By Mrs Clayton** 

# **Banned Items**

Vapes are an increasing health concern. These are aimed at young people with inviting colours and a range of flavours. They can contain nicotine and/or THC which is harmful to health. People must be 18 years and over to purchase a Vape. Pupils found in possession of a Vape or any smoking paraphernalia will be suspended from school for a fixed period of time.

# **By Miss Timmins**

# My Child At School Parent APP and ClassCharts 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 and the ClassCharts for Parents App.

MCAS will keep you informed about events, trips, sending lunch money etc.

ClassCharts for Parents will keep you informed about your child's behaviour.

To register for MCAS Parent App and ClassCharts for Parents App, you will need to download the app from your App Store.

**By Miss Timmins** 



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# Macmillan Bake Sale





# Friday 27 September 2024 During break time on the playground!

Get involved and bring in donations! Bring in cakes or sweet treats to Miss Young from Monday 23 September 2024

> All money raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support



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