

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 9

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 8 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 All Saints and All Souls Day. We listened to a piece of scripture that told us how we should love God and love our neighbour. We can love our neighbour by being kind to those around us. All Saints focuses on Saints both known and unknown whilst All Souls remembers those who have died. We were introduced to different Saints who have shown love to their neighbour, for example, Mother Theresa, who served those in need. We spent some time writing down names of those we know who have died and we will remember them this month".

By Alex Dirda 8PAL

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for Diwali. This is a celebration for all Hindus, Sikhs and Jains. We prayed for all members of our community celebrating Diwali, reflecting on what it is and the importance of it. We also prayed for All Saints and All Souls. We took a moment to remember all those in our community who have died, praying for them and their families. We also prayed our school prayer, reflecting on who and what God has called us to be".

By Mariya Miah 8PAL

Class Mass

"This week, we went to Mass as a class. It was a very calming and reflective time. I found the Church fascinating because of the nice designs inside it. Fr Subba spoke about All Saints and the importance of praying for all those who have died".

By Joshua Michael Berhe 9LEV

Dates to Note

- **Year 11 Mock 1 Examinations**
Monday 4 November 2024 – Wednesday 13 November 2024
- **Values@Day**
Friday 22 November 2024
- **History Trip to National Justice Museum – Year 10**
Friday 22 November 2024 – 8.30am to 3.40pm
- **Year 7 and Year 9 Assessment Week**
Monday 25 November 2024 to Friday 29 November 2024

MCAS



As part of the Saint John Wall School's commitment to keep parents/carers informed about your child and events happening in and around school, we send 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, please download the app from your App Store. All parents need to be registered by 1 January 2025.

By Miss Timmins



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk



Year 10 Half Term Work Experience

During half term, two of our Year 10 pupils were fortunate enough to gain work experience working with Weightmans and the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). 15 pupils from St John Wall showed an interest in this work experience alongside hundreds of other pupils across Birmingham. Veer and Kritika were chosen as two pupils from the large group of applicants to complete the work experience. Here is a summary of their experiences:

By Mr Price

"During the half term, I had the great opportunity to do Law based work experience at Weightmans, a top 40 UK law firms. There we experienced how it is to work for a law firm in different types of law such as Real Estate and had the opportunity to interact and ask many questions to a highly experienced Senior Lawyer regarding their job. We were also enlightened on the different pathways we can choose to achieve a career in Law, this helped me decide what career pathway will help me get the best out of my education and me. I had the time to ask current apprentices working at the law firm how life is for them and how I can ensure success in the future by not just being academically successful but also by networking with other people to make contacts in the industry. However, I enjoyed the workshop led by the Crown Prosecution Service the most as in there we were able to do an interactive study on Domestic Abuse and we had been sent some pre-reading that would help us with it. We were given the Code for Prosecutors along with the Domestic Abuse Policy to help us decide what our next steps should be as a Prosecutor. At the end we were able to decide that the suspect was to be charged and sentenced. This section of the work experience was particularly interesting for me as I would like to practise Criminal Law and this workshop enabled me to experience and understand how the career of a Prosecutor looks like who is also practising in that field. This was a very unique and beneficial opportunity for me and I would advise others thinking of a career in Law to experience the opportunity in future as it would help you make key decisions in your education and career".

By Kritika Basra 10SIM

"During the October half term, I went to go do work experience for the CPS (Crown Prosecution Service) and Weightmans, spanning over two days. It was fun because it was filled with people who have similar interests as me and that I was able to have jokes with loads of people. This work experience has helped because I have been wanting to pursue law and work for the CPS and through the work experience, I now know what to do and how to do it. Weightmans has also showed us the different types of lawyers there are and what opportunities they offer like apprenticeships".

By Veer Kaura 10SIM

St Mary's Coffee Club

Yesterday, pupils were helping with Tai Chi. Those guests who have significant mobility issues enjoyed the support and encouragement pupils offered with some of the exercises and activities. Pupils did comment though that it was rather hard work! Next week we will be supporting with bingo.

By Mrs Clayton



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk



Black History Month Competition Winners

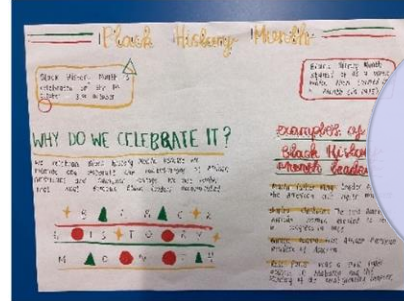
During the month of October pupils had the opportunity to take part in the Black History Month competition by completing some of the tasks below:

- 1 Read and write book reviews written by black authors.
- 2 Write a poem celebrating black history month.
- 3 Write a speech about the importance of Black History Month.
- 4 Create a poster celebrating why this month is important.

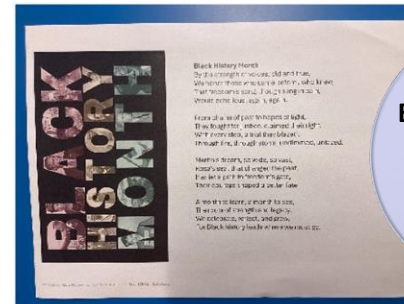
We had many entries and all these pupils will receive 20 house points!

The winners will receive 50 house points! Well done to all the pupils who entered below.

By Mr Mull and Miss Young



By Riya Bains
10ANT
20 house points!



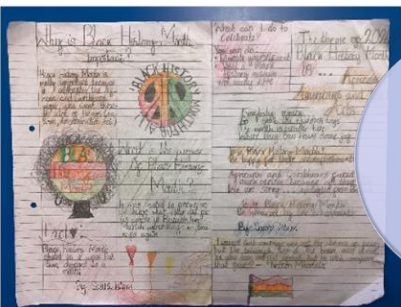
By Alina Mathews
10TOW
20 house points!



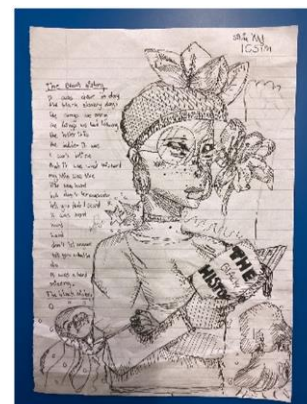
By Sana Rani
7BRK
50 house points!



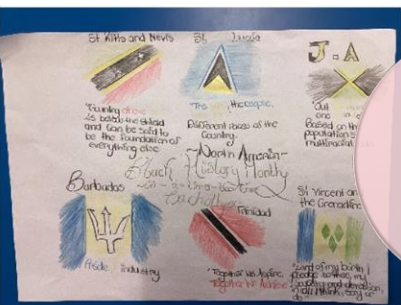
By Liyah Rani 7RES
20 house points!



By Saara Islam 7RES
20 house points!



By Silvia Nah
10SIM
50 house points!



By Monique Smikle
10ANT
50 house points!



Oxhill Road
 Handsworth
 Birmingham
 B21 8HH



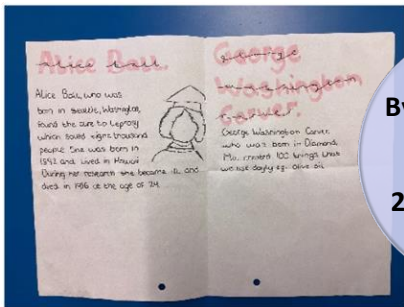
0121 554 1825



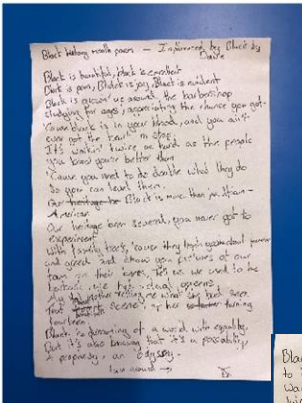
enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
 www.sjw.bham.sch.uk



Black History Month Competition Winners

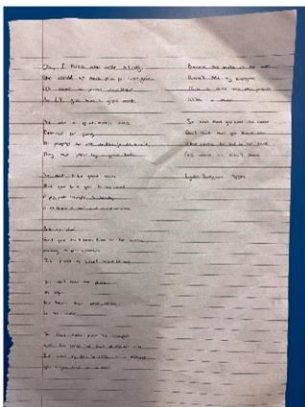


**By David Ohiobor
7MAV
20 house points!**

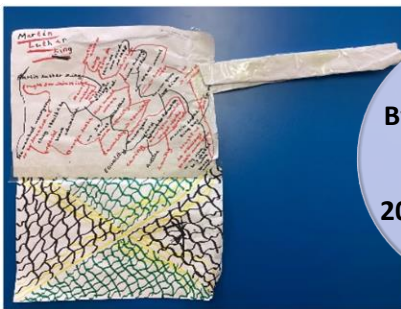


**By Ernesto Breton
Johnson 9CAL
20 house points!**

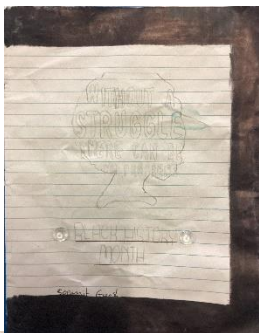
Black ain't just a single colour, there's shades to it. Her hair straight and thick but mine's got waves in it. Black is not divisive, they been hater and I hate that hater. Black has never been a competition, we don't make this bit. Black is the sweetest flavour here's a taste of it. But Black is all I know, there ain't a thing that I would change in it.
Ernesto 9CAL



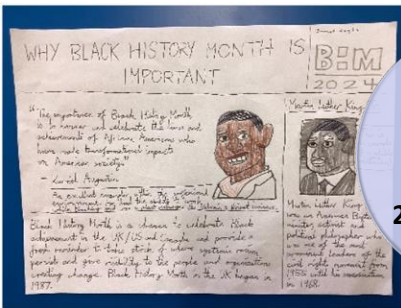
**By Lydia Binyam
9ESM
20 house points!**



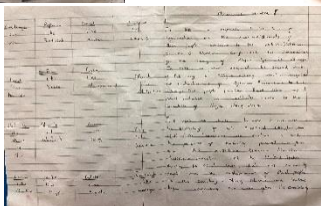
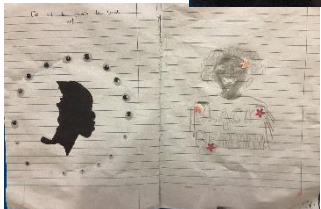
**By Eline Behane
7BRK
20 house points!**



**By Sofanit Guesh
8HEA
50 house points!**



**By James Doyle
9RAH
20 house points!**



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



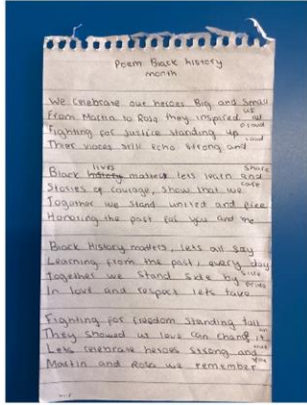
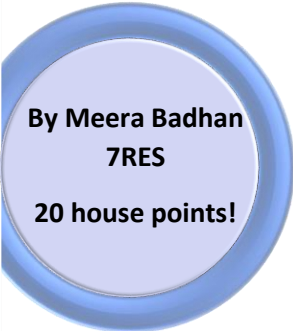
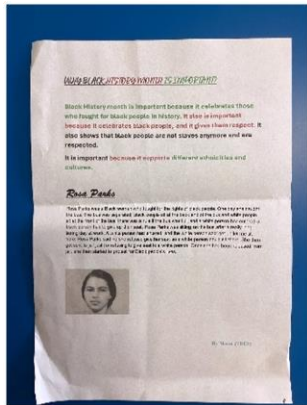
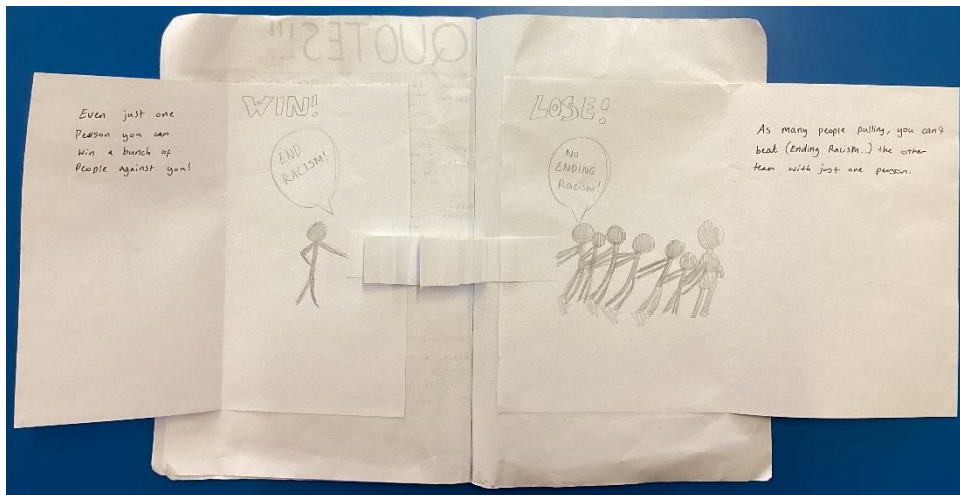
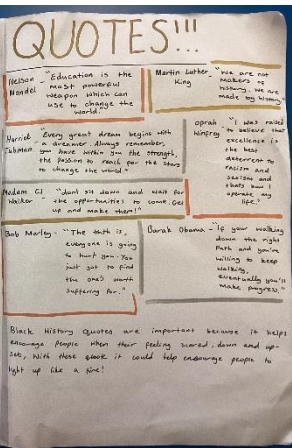
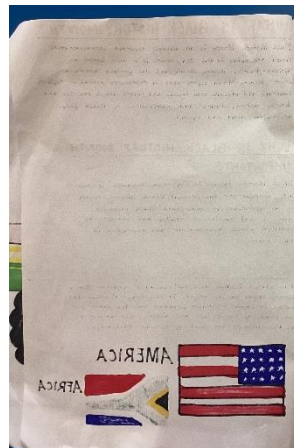
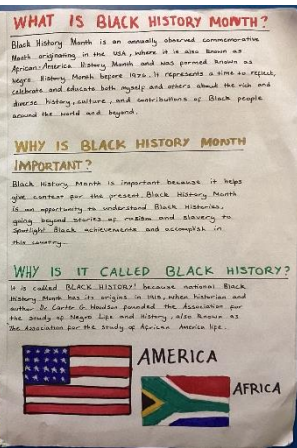
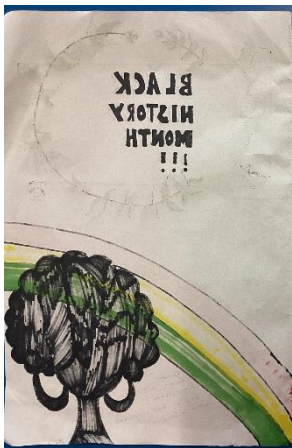
0121 554 1825



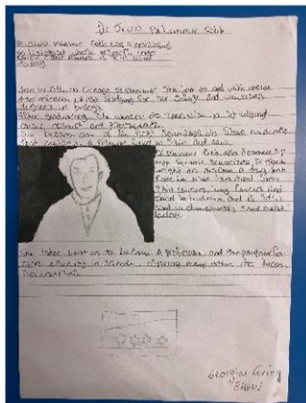
enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk



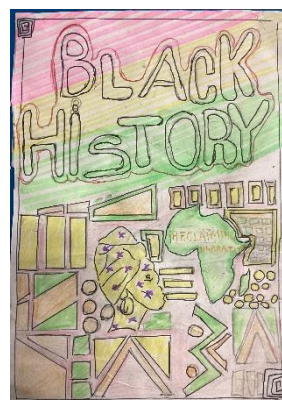
Black History Month Competition Winners



Black History Month Competition Winners



By Georgia Goring
8HEW
20 house points!



By Adunoluwa
Adesola 8HEW
50 house points!



By Sarah Manu
10MCI
20 house points!

Who is Martin Luther King Jr

Martin Luther king at age was a young and was 100% healthy at boy his family called ML-Michal they lived in a two-story church he was pastor of Ebenezer Baptist church in Africa he was born at Atlanta on January 15th 1929 he had a brother called A.D.King and a sister called Christine king Farris his parents were called Martin Luther king sir and mother Alberta William king Luther king had children called:vodanda,Martin III,Dexter and Bernice. The reason Luther King is so famous is he stopped racemizing in America and he also gave people with different skin color more rights like the right to vote civil rights or labor rights. He became the president of Christian leadership [SCLC].he helped organize some of the nonviolent protest .he also got the Nobel peace Award which is the highest honor in America and also the president of freedom Award .in 1964 the FBI mailed king a threatening anonymous letter which in a attempt tried to make king do suicide in 1968 king was planning a national occupation called the poor people campaign. Also, the king went to jail for protesting in 1963. He also gave a fabulous speech called 'I have a dream' -it says this speech is a call for equality and freedom for all American regardless of race.it is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream, that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed .we hold truths to be self-evident: that all men and woman are treated equally. Unfortunately, all good things must come to a stop. At 6:05p.m martin Luther king was on the second floor balcony of the Lorraine motel in Memphis where he and his associates were staying , when a sniper bullet struck him in the neck by the time he had been rushed to a hospital an hour later he was prognosed dead at the age of 39 on the 4th April 1968.

That is all I have all I have learned about Luther king for Black History Month.

Kind regards

Dora-Efe Karahmetoglu.

By Dora-Efe
Karahmetoglu
7HAS
20 house points!





Black History Month Competition Winners

Yes, I am black

Yes, I am black what difference does it make
from white or brown, I am a human.

You always look at me with worry
is there a problem?

We're still humans so let's treat each other equally.
So why do we celebrate black history month?
It is because of what our people had to go through
racism, discrimination and much more.

I am not saying you're not important
and I am not saying that you're not special

But remember it's time to celebrate our culture and
heritage. So, let's get the world to together because it's time
to unite.

By Erica Fosua Agyemang 10ANT

Black History Poem

Black is nice to be. Nice colour, nice skin colour, a lovely
thing to be. The sacrifices, the time people have spent to
show how great it is to be.

The problem in the past can now be solved in the present.

Times are hard to change,
but it's not hard to change now.

It's worth the time to change what has happened in the
past.

Know how many have died for our bad actions, just trying to
make a difference.

Time to help the world and celebrate the black, the brown,
the caramel and mixed race.

It's time to celebrate.

By Renae-Taylor Joseph 7PHA

20
house

20
house

Celebrating Black History Month

In October's glow, we gather near,
To honour stories, voices clear.
From ancient kings to modern dreams,
A tapestry woven with vibrant seams.

We lift our eyes to heroes bold,
Whose tales of courage must be told.
From Rosa Parks to Nelson's fight,
They sparked the flame, igniting light.

With every step, we walk their path,
Their struggles fierce, their love, our wrath.
In art and music, culture shines,
Resilience flows through heart and lines.

Together we stand, united and strong,
In this rich history, we all belong.
Let's celebrate, learn, and take a stand,
For justice, equality, hand in hand.

By Sartaj Singh 9CAL

Celebrating Black History Month

Martin Luther King Jr

He was a hero

A leader

A speaker

A man of courage

Keep walking

He was wise

A coach

A dreamer

A preacher

A man of god

And equal in his eyes.

By Amrit Bhopal 7RES



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk



Black History Month Competition Winners

50
house
points!

Celebrating Black History Month Poem

In October's heart, the stories unfold,
of courage and struggle, a legacy bold.
Black History Month, a time to ignite,
The flames of remembrance, the power of light.

From shadows of silence, their voices arise,
In chapters of triumph, beneath starlit skies.
We honour those journeys, the paths they have trod,
With roots deep in struggle, and faith in a God.

In the streets of the city, so vibrant and loud,
Echoes of ancestors, we carry them proud.
The artists, the leaders, in history's frame,
With dreams and with visions, they carved out their name.

Each tale is a thread in our shared tapestry,
Woven with strength, they inspire you and me.
For knowledge is power, it breaks every chain,
In learning their stories, we grow from their pain.

So let's celebrate loudly, in unity stand,
A chorus of voices across this fair land.
Remember the past, let it guide what is right,
For Black History Month is a beacon of light.

By Sunnah Rafiq 10TOW

50
house
points!

Together we shall overcome

Racial inequality is something that bothers me. People are still stuck in the past with the trepidatious event of black slavery, no matter the piercing arrows of hate and dispute together we shall overcome.

NO ONE deserves to be looked down on because of their skin colour everyone is unique in their own way and should be proud of their shin, no matter the swords of prejudice that try to penetrate our body, together we shall overcome.

Black slavery is no more, and people need to understand that it is over, done and will never happen again. It is a fluke of the past that unfortunately cannot be changed. No matter the bullets of discrimination shot straight to our hearts, together we shall overcome.

Everything has changed, the world is a better place. We stand proud celebrating all the important black citizens and their history, not just in October but all year. We lift our hands high without looking back, no matter the spears of trauma and tragedy of the past, together we shall overcome.

By Favour lfeosame 7PHA

Celebrating Black History Month Poem

In the shadows of Silence, where stories lay raw, voices once muted rise up through the air. October's dawn brings a chance to reclaim the richness of narratives, the struggles, the names.

From the corners of the past, a chorus takes a journey. We weave through our own stories, lighting the night, No longer stopped by the lines that were once drawn and we bop to the rhythm of a new morning.

With every heartbeat, we challenge the lies
Each word a structure, each truth a surprise.

We reclaim the lost chapters, the wisdom we fight.
So let this month be a part of a fire to ignite.

As reclaim our narratives our histories take a step.

By Sidia Saily 9CAL

20 house
points!

Black History Month

In October we pause to remember and learn the stories of heroes, their struggles and yearn.
From ancient kings to the modern fight,
their courage and strength shine ever so bright.

We honour the voices that rose up with pride,
like Rosa Parks, who would not hide.
Martin Luther King, with a dream in his heart,
fighting for justice, he played a big part.

Harriet Tubman, brave and bold,
led many to freedom, her spirit uncontrolled.
Through songs and through stories, their legacy stays,
inspiring us all in so many ways.

So, let's celebrate this month with our voices clear,
learning from history and holding it dear.

Together we stand, united as one,
in the light of the past, our future's begun.

By Dieudonne Nah 8PAL



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



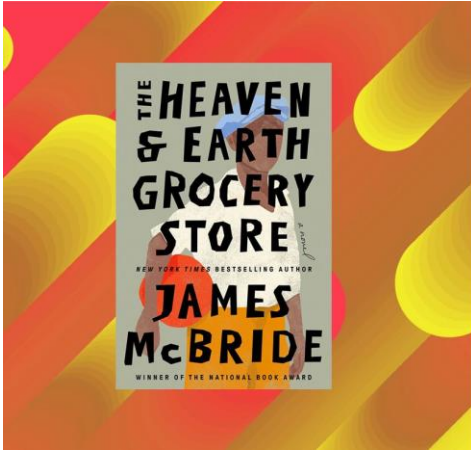
0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk



Black History Month Competition Winners



James McBride – Black History Month

James McBride is an American writer and musician. He is the recipient of the 2013 National Book Award.

He wrote many popular books Deacon King Kong and The Good Lord Bird.

McBride also has a musical background with added talents.

20
house

Well done to Nikia Headley-Clarke 9ESM for creating a powerpoint about John Kent who was Britain's first black police officer.

20
house

Well done to Ashtaz Islam 9LEV who created a video animation about 3 important black people who worked at NASA in 1961, Dorothy Vaughan, Katherine Goble Johnson and Mary Jackson.

20
house

Free Webinars

Would you like to support your child with their Maths? Services for Education are offering a free parental tutorial to empower parents to support their child's learning.

Click the link: [Free Webinars | Services For Education | Birmingham](#)

By Mrs Breslin

Craft Club

Pop along to KS3 Craft club on Mondays which will be starting on 11th November at lunch time with Mrs Clarke from 12:05pm to 12:30pm. Pop in to see what craft's you can make.

We are re starting our Engineers Club on Wednesday 13 November - from 3:10pm to 4:10pm in T6 workshop. Speak to Mrs Clarke as you will need a letter if you are interested.

By Mrs Clarke



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk



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, toolbox 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. 'Let's talk about knife crime' explores the realities of knife crime and the devastating impact it can have on you and your community: [Home - Life Or Knife - The choice is yours](#)

You may wish to contact a member of the Pastoral Team 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



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.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.

Please see more information regarding this, on the Saint John Wall Catholic school website, under the uniform policy.

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 conditional caution, delivered by the Youth Offending Service.

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
Headteacher/Principal
Saint John Wall Catholic School

Richard North
Chief Superintendent
Birmingham Local Policing Area
West Midlands Police

Schools and Colleges in Perry Barr committed to this joint approach include:

Arena Academy
BMeT (James Watt Campus)
Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School
City of Birmingham School
Eden Boys' School
Fortis Foundation Academy
Hamstead Hall Academy
KE VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy
Holyhead School
St John Wall Catholic School



Eden Boys



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk



Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING
14 NOVEMBER
5:00-7:00PM

www.decschool.co.uk
0121 464 4040



Woodbrooke Road,
Birmingham,
West Midlands B30 1UL



Bordesley Green Girls' School

Sixth Form Open Evening
Tuesday 12th November 2024, 5 - 7.30pm

Come and visit our school site. Meet our teachers and students.
A-Levels, AAQs, BTECS and T-Levels available from September 2025

- Outstanding post 16 results
- Brilliant pastoral support
- Students go on to top universities



0121 464 1881 | 6thform@bordgrng.bham.sch.uk | www.bordgrng.bham.sch.uk
Bordesley Green Road, Bordesley Green, Birmingham B9 4TR
@BGGGS_Birmingham #BGGSeffect



Bishop Challoner
Sixth Form College

OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 13th November
6-8pm

A fully comprehensive Sixth Form welcoming
students of all faiths and none

A wide range of knowledge rich A
Level and Vocational courses

Proven track record of academic
excellence

Excellent progression routes

An extensive careers programme

Quality teaching

A nurturing environment

Outstanding extra-curricular and
enrichment opportunities



Scan here to book your tickets



JOIN US FOR OUR SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING



THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024 4-6PM

- Wide variety of career focused courses available
- Record numbers of top grades in 2024 results
- 1 in 5 students gain entrance to Russell Group Universities
- Building on the success of our best ever GCSE results
- Our sixth form is located in a new purpose-built state of the art building



CHARACTER · RESILIENCE · ASPIRATION



Join us for our Open Evening to explore our expanded range of courses designed to prepare students for exciting, in-demand careers! We're thrilled to be one of the first schools to offer the new **Medical Science** qualification, alongside new programs in **Childcare, Uniformed Protective Services, Food Science and Nutrition, Performing Arts, and a new A-Level in Design Technology: Product Design**. Discover how our innovative vocational and academic options can help shape your future. Meet our dedicated staff, tour our facilities, and find out why our school is the right choice for your educational journey.



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk



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.

34 Avenue Road, Handsworth,
Birmingham B21 8ED

Tel: 0121 554 2662

Email: staugustine.bham@rcaob.org.uk



Oxhill Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 8HH



0121 554 1825



enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk