



Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Autumn Term ~ 5th November 2021

This Week's Prayer

O Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship,
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living,
that we may come to those unspeakable joys,
which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amen

Staff Training Dates

Friday 26th November 2021

[School closes to pupils on Monday, 20th December]

Tuesday 21st December 2021

Wednesday 22nd December 2021
[in lieu of Platinum Jubilee]

Thursday 6th January 2022

Monday 25th April 2022

Wednesday 20th July 2022

Calendar Activities

1st – 12th November

Years 7 and 10 First Assessment Weeks

10th November

Distribution of Year 9 Reports

11th November

Year 7 Maths Day
Year 8 Science Day
Year 9 English Day

Years 10 Skills Certificate Challenge Day
Year 11 Skills Certificate Challenge Day

12th November

Distribution of Year 11 Reports

Monday 15th November

Year 9 Information Evening *tbc*

17th November

Distribution of Year 9 Examination
Timetable and Revision Lists

18th November

Distribution of Year 8 Reports

25 November

Distribution of Year 7 Reports

26 November

Staff Development Day
(School closed to pupils)

Changes to COVID Advice

Please see important information
about changes to COVID advice
issued by the Welsh Government
on page 4.



Student Assistance Programme at St Joseph's

Every school in Wrexham is being encouraged to run support groups with specially trained staff, and these groupings are known as "Group".

Group is intended to increase our youngsters' self-esteem and to help them learn how to make decisions and improve their communication skills. Building these personal skills should help our young people cope with the stresses of life both in and out of school.

In this school, Group has a high profile, where teachers see it as a valuable and particularly effective tool in dealing with some of our more challenging pupils; those who exhibit behaviours resultant from emotional or sometimes physical disorder. It is all about supporting them to overcome these barriers.

Group is for listening. Young people feel absolutely secure in the Group environment knowing that no one is going to offer advice or give orders as to how to handle a situation. The self esteem this gives to vulnerable young people is invaluable and manifests itself in visible, demonstrable improvement in demeanour, concentration in class and behaviour. Parents also value Group highly.

Most referrals for children to join Group come from the pupil body, since there is an awareness of what Group is. Some come from teachers who see group as beneficial to children; others come from parents who specifically request that their children be allowed to join the Group.

Group runs over an eight-week period with each session lasting for an hour. Every pupil is responsible for copying up any work that they have missed while attending Group.

If you do not wish your child to attend any of the SAP groups run while they are at St Joseph's please send in a letter addressed Mrs N Ellis, Assistant Headteacher.

If you have any questions concerning SAP please phone Jane Richards, (SAP coordinator), 01978 360310.

Pupil Absence

If your child is too poorly to attend school, it is important that school is made aware of the absence before 9am. Please telephone 01978 360310 or email attendancep6@hwbcymru.net as we appreciate the phone lines can be busy in the mornings.

If you want me back, label me!

Please can parents/carers ensure that all school uniform and especially PE kits are clearly marked with the pupil's name. This will greatly reduce the amount of lost uniform and PE kit and will also help us to return items to their rightful owner.

Shoe Box Appeal

We are taking part in the Shoe Box Appeal again this year which has proved very popular in previous years. Leaflets will be available next week together with shoe boxes if required. There is a tight deadline for receipt of filled boxes which is **Monday, 22nd November**. Thank you for your support.

Mrs S James

Online Library

All pupils now have access to a digital library called MyON. It contains thousands of books and reading materials as well as helpful tools: audio reading, dictionary, highlighting and much more. As pupils use and personalise their account, the site will recommend appropriately challenging and interesting reading materials for them based on their interests, reading level and ratings of books they have read.

The books and texts on this site will be a huge help to pupils' reading and learning across the curriculum as well as reading for pleasure. Login details are the same as pupils' hwb logins and passwords and the site can be used through any device.

Mrs G Samuels

Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is 94%.

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Year Average
7	92.2	95.4	93.1	97.0	97.4 ☺	95.0
8	95.1	92.4	92.2	94.4	92.9	93.4
9	95.2	95.9	97.7 ☺	95.0	89.7	94.7
10	88.2	87.0	97.8 ☺	96.6	91.9	92.3
11	91.9	94.4	94.4	94.6	98.2 ☺	94.7
Family Average	92.5	93.0	95.0	95.5	94.0	

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COP26

To mark the end of COP26, the pupils have decided to organise a simple fundraiser to support the Marine Conservation Society by raising money to clean up our seas. Pupils can take part if they wish by paying £1 to wear something blue or green on **Friday, 12th November**. Pupils can wear jeans or joggers; if girls wish to wear leggings then a long top i.e. knee length must be worn. *Mrs H Roe*

Mandatory Face Masks for Year 11

Please remember that face masks are mandatory for Year 11 pupils during lessons and lesson changeovers.

Important Information

Recent changes to COVID advice issued by the Welsh Government

Welsh Government are advising people to self-isolate if someone in their household has symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of their vaccination status. This is because infections between close contacts have also been partly responsible for the large rise in cases.

Household contacts will now need to self-isolate until they receive a negative PCR test which should be taken as soon as possible. If a pupil has a PCR test and it comes back negative, they should take a lateral flow test daily for seven days to ensure that they remain free of the virus. Pupils who have tested positive within the past 90 days are advised to take a Lateral Flow Test rather than a PCR test and to isolate until they get a negative result.

It is hoped that the above measures will assist us in preventing the spread of the virus in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Vaccination of 12 to 15 year olds



Information for you and your parent/guardian

The COVID-19 vaccine is being offered to all 12-15 year olds in Wales, to help protect your health and well-being.

The decision to have your COVID-19 vaccine is a choice for each individual to make.

If you have questions about the vaccine take time to look up trusted and accurate information - the NHS is always a good starting place - and chat about what you think, with your parent(s) or guardian.

You probably also have family or friends who have had their vaccine and who could chat with you about how they felt, or help answer any questions you may have.

You have to give a clear agreement (called 'consent') before any vaccination can be given - so you are in charge of what happens.

There is a lot of information out there about the COVID-19 vaccine, so please be careful to use only accurate and trusted information to help you answer any questions you may have.

Here are some trusted places for you to find out more about why you are being offered the vaccine, any side effects you might experience. They will also offer you more information about the vaccine or if you can't agree with your parent(s) or guardian on what to do:

**Public Health
Wales**



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BBC



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**Public Health
England**



SCAN ME

**British Society for
Immunology**



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You may still benefit from having the vaccine even if you have previously had COVID-19. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 infection in the last 28 days, you need to wait a bit longer to have your vaccine. Your first dose needs to be at least 28 days away from when you tested positive.

Whether you have the vaccine or not, please keep wearing a face mask in indoor public spaces, staying home and getting tested if you have coronavirus symptoms, and keep washing your hands regularly.

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BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS, OR BAG 2 SCHOOL BAGS
(THERE IS NO LIMIT)

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Tuesday 16th November 21 by 9am

