



St. Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School
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Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol Spring Term ~ 27th January 2023



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This week's theme for our collective worship was **Remembering the Holocaust**

This Week's Prayer

Heavenly Father,

whose many gifts include memory and empathy:

we hold in remembrance before you those many of the Jewish people
who were murdered, harmed, or displaced in the horror of Nazi persecution, and whose
communities were destroyed.

In your mercy, help us to learn to accept our differences
without fear and cleanse our hearts of all hatred.

So may every human community flourish and every home be secure,
to the advancement of your loving purposes and the glory of your name.

Amen

I have been informed that 'The Leader' have published (this afternoon) that St. Joseph's will be closed on February 1st 2023 to all pupils apart from vulnerable children. It is very disappointing that they have chosen to publish this without discussion with the school.

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY NOT THE CASE! The published information has not been provided by the school. **Our position remains the same as it was in last weeks Weekly Bulletin - school will currently be open to ALL PUPILS.** In the unlikely event that this position has to change, I will make contact with you directly. However, as things currently stand I am able to mitigate any potential disruption.

Mr C Wilkinson



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Calendar Activities

30th January

Year 11 *Hitler on Trial* trip

1 February

Year 9 option lines distributed

6 February

Year 9 Parents / Carers Evening
3.45pm-6.30pm

7 – 10 February

Year 10 Soli Retreat

7 February

Year 8 Maths Trip Information Evening
5pm-6pm

8th February

Year 10 *Science Live* Trip

9th February

Iceland trip departs 6.30am

14th February

Year 9 Options Interviews for pupils

Year 10 Mock Timetable
and Revision List distributed

17th February

School closes at 3.30pm

27th February

School opens to pupils

28th February

Suspended timetable for Years 7-11

6th March

Year 7 Parents / Carers Evening
3.45pm-6.30pm

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.

Together Creating Community

Do you want to make a difference in your community?

Then join the TCC club!

TCC (Together Creating Community) is an organisation that uses community organising to empower people to effect change in their local area.

In the past, groups have gotten a homeless shelter put in Wrexham and made Wales the first Fairtrade country, and pupils from St. Joseph's have gotten a defibrillator put in the school and have campaigned for a living wage and to reduce the use of plastics.

Come join us on **Mondays from 12:30-1pm in RE3** to work on the issues that matter to you.

Rev Lara Stroud

Here's what has been happening across the year groups

Year 7

The theme for our prayers this week is "Remembering the Holocaust" and Mrs Roe and the R.E department this week led us in a beautiful assembly. Every week our pupils take part in Morning Prayer. Here is a thoughtful prayer written by Dyla, Kobe and Reuben 7 Cassidy:

*"Lord God,
We thank you that when you remember us, you gaze on us in a way that makes new worlds possible. Help us to remember the horrors others have faced and face.
Help us to remember the people we'd rather forget.
Help us to remember the dark corners of our own lives, for you transfigure everything.
Bringing light and life.
Amen"*

During PSE this week, PC Jane Ellis came to talk to 7 Cassidy about the risks of using social media and Sian Griffiths from Hafan Cymru came to talk to 7 Devereux about the charitable work that they do to support the most vulnerable in our local area.

Mrs Roberts-Thompson

Year 8

On 27th January we commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. This day in 1945 was the day that Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated.

The RE Department prepared and delivered a very moving and thought-provoking assembly on the theme of Holocaust memorial. Many thanks to the staff and pupils involved.

A reminder about the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Library opening times are as follows:

Before school – 8.30am-8.50am.

Break and lunchtime.

Monday- Thursday after school – 3.30-4.30pm.

Please take advantage of this fantastic resource.

Miss J Taylor

Year 9

This week our netballers have taken part in the Ann Smart tournament where two Year 9 girls, Hanna T and Cerys J have joined with Year 10 and 11 pupils in representing St Joseph's. This is an incredible achievement and success will take them through to national championships. Well done, girls! We are all extremely proud of you.

Fund raising has begun with several of our pupils organising themselves into groups and selling food and drinks during their break and lunchtimes. The money raised will be shared between the British Red Cross and, local charity, Teams4U (Shoebox appeal).

Mrs James

Year 10

SCC Enterprise Challenge

Congratulations to every single pupil who absolutely smashed their 'pitch' to the Dragons last week. The reports keep coming in of individual brilliance, great team work, fantastic business acumen that Alan Sugar himself would be impressed with. Da lawn Pawb. Hope House will be coming into school next Tuesday to receive the cheque, when the final fundraising total will be announced.

Good Luck to the GCSE ART students who are embarking on a residential weekend at the Conway centre.

Well done to both our netball and football teams who both played this week. The netball girls played in the NE Wales Ann Smart competition, they won against Glan Clwyd but sadly lost to Mold Alyn after a very tightly contested game. The football team played their hearts out but sadly lost 2-1 to Prestatyn. Just remember, it's the taking part that counts and you represented the school and yourselves extremely well!

Mrs Greenhalgh

Year 11

On Tuesday Year 11 had their Mock Interviews. This was a fantastic morning, which gave the pupils the opportunity to experience what it is like to have an interview with an employer. The feedback was excellent and the interviewers were very impressed with all the pupils they met. Well done!

On Thursday Year 11 received their Mock Exams results. As expected, there was a mix of emotion, seeing some pupils pleased with what they had received and others who were disappointed. All pupils have time to improve; through extra learning, attending revision sessions, personal revision and asking for help.

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” ...

Mrs Davies

Pre-loved School jumpers

We now have a good selection of sizes available in our pre-loved school jumpers which are laundered and packed for anyone wishing to take advantage of these unclaimed items of uniform. These are available free of charge to anyone who would like to replace their child's jumper. If you wish to make a small donation to our school's charitable fund raising that would be warmly accepted but is by no means expected. Please call school on 01978 360310 or e-mail, mailbox@st-joseph.wrexham.sch.uk with the size that you would like.

With this in mind, if anyone has any good quality school jumpers or PE tops that their child has grown out of and would like to donate to our pre-loved supply, this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Mrs James

5 weeks to go!!

There will be a range of special activities celebrating World Book Day during lessons and lunch time as well as the annual 'Best Costume Competition' so start planning your costumes!

World book day 2023

Thursday 2nd March

"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book."

J.K. Rowling



Netball



Well done to the U16's Netball team who played in the North East Wales Ann Smart Tournament on Thursday. The goal was to win the tournament and qualify for the nationals in March. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be this year as they narrowly lost to Mold Alun School in a nail biting, very close, very high quality match.

We were missing two key players due to injury but despite this the girls demonstrated grit and determination and they all played their socks off. The team came back from the narrow defeat to win convincingly against Ysgol Glan Clwyd 25-10.

Congratulations to the whole team, they are runners up in North East Wales. A special mention to Olivia B, Year 11 who captained the team in what may be one of her last competitive fixtures for the school. Best of luck to the Year 11s who played for their netball futures and thank you for being excellent role models for our younger players, the next focus for them is getting excellent marks for their GCSE PE Netball assessment in March.



Thank you to the prefects that came to assist with the running of the tournament on Thursday. Miss Breward was really grateful for their help scorekeeping, timekeeping and filming the matches. Olivia B also umpired one of the matches. Thank you also to local Netball volunteers who came to help umpire and run the tournament. It was very much appreciated!

LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Before School: 8:30-8:50

Break Time: 10:10-10:25

Lunch Time: 12:25-13:30

After School (Mon-Thurs):

15:30-16:30



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BIBLE STUDY CLUB

WITH

Rev. Lara

Every Monday
3.30 PM - 4.30pm

In the Library



Ask Mrs K James or Rev. Lara for details

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