



St. Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School
Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig ac Anglicanaidd Sant Joseff



Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol Spring Term ~ 20th January 2023



This week's theme for our collective worship was **Christian Unity**

This Week's Prayer

Loving God, Your Son Jesus Christ broke bread and shared the cup with His friends.
May we grow in closer communion when we share both joy and suffering.
Encouraged by St Paul and the early Christians, give us strength to build bridges of
compassion, solidarity and harmony across denominations.
In the power of the Holy Spirit, we ask this in the name of Your Son,
who gives His life that we might live.

Amen

Immunisations

All Pupils in Year 9 will be receiving their **DTP & MENACWY Immunisation on Thursday 26th January**. This will also be a catch-up session for those pupils in Years 10 and 11 who missed out on the immunisation when they were in Year 9.

Consent forms and information about the immunisations have been posted directly to parents. If you have not received a form please contact the immunisation team directly on 03000 858599 or via their email address: bcu.immunisationteameast@wales.nhs.uk

The forms should be completed and pupils should **keep them with them to give to the nurse on the day**.



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Calendar Activities

23rd January

Year 11 Parents / Carers Evening
3.45pm-6.30pm

24th January

School Photographs Years 8 – 11

25th – 26th January

Year 11 English assessments

27th January

Year 10 Art residential departs 3.30pm

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 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

17th February

School closes at 3.30pm

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

Teacher Industrial Action

I'm taking this opportunity to give you an update on the proposed industrial action and how it will affect St. Joseph's. Currently, all teacher unions are in dispute with their employers regarding the below inflation pay offer. Last Monday the NEU (National Education Union) announced that they have met the legal threshold for calling their members out on strike. I have received a letter from the NEU confirming this. I am expecting further information from Wrexham County Borough Council early next week. However, I am currently anticipating and working towards the school being open as normal on the dates provided. I will write to you if there is a change to this.

Mr Wilkinson

Here's what has been happening across the year groups

Year 7

The theme for our prayers this week is "Christian Unity" and we were led in a beautiful assembly by Rev. Lara this week. Every week our pupils take part in Morning Prayer. Here are two beautiful prayers written by Jasmine and Rhys 7 King:

"Lord God, We pray to you for the unity of Christians. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by separation and to hope beyond all hope. Amen" Jasmine

"As you Father, are in me, may you also be in us. So that the world may believe, you have sent me the Glory that you have given to me. I have given them so that they may be one, as we are one. Father the world does not know you, but I know you, and they know you have sent me. Amen" Rhys

This week has been an interesting week full of extra-curricular activities. Year 7 enjoyed learning how to podcast for their English Day. Students discussed what a podcast was, decided on a topic and recorded their own podcast. They were shown how to edit and include music bumps. Podcasts ranged from 'What is the best chocolate bar of all time?' to 'Who is your favourite Wrexham FC player?'

On Thursday, Year 7 experienced Crucial Crew where 5 different agencies came to school to speak to pupils about ways to keep themselves safe. We would like to thank the RNLI, Hafan Cumru, Young Carers, Police and the Food Standards Agency who all gave their time (with extremely difficult driving conditions) to visit us. Diolch!

We would like to celebrate Aisling Charlesworth this week who came 8th in the British Cyclo-cross Championships last weekend! Da iawn ti Aisling!

Mrs Roberts-Thompson

Year 8

Thank you to Rev Lara for her assembly based on the theme of Christian Unity.

A reminder of the importance for good attendance.

Year 8 have engaged in two very interesting and exciting suspended timetable days on Tuesday and Thursday of this week. On Tuesday Year 8 participated in a Maths focus day which enhanced the Mathematics curriculum and all pupils thoroughly enjoyed this event. On Thursday Year 8 enjoyed a visit to Catalyst which was a Science based educational trip.

Many thanks to all the staff who organised and planned these enrichment events.

Miss J Taylor

Year 9

On Tuesday, all of Year 9 were involved in an MFL day based around options choices and the importance of foreign languages in the global trading world. Pupils attended activities on a carousel basis and had the opportunity to learn key phrases in Spanish and Swedish and to meet with their French or German teacher to discuss GCSE French and German as an option. Pupils also took part in an online session with Lisa M, who is in charge of all linguists working for GCHQ, where they learnt about security threats to the UK, how to crack a cypher and how languages are vital at GCHQ, but also for MI5 and MI6. The final session was led by Tim Penn who talked about his experiences of learning languages and the importance they have played in his international business. Speaking to a number of pupils, they all had a great time and many are now considering taking French or German at GCSE.

Thursday was the Year 9 Health Day. Each Year 9 form took part in a carousel of sessions presented by five outside organisations including Beatriz and her famous 'Sabor de amor' Spanish food business; Catspaw Theatre Company; The Info Shop presenting youth homelessness; ex-Police Officer Chris Corcoran leading an hour of self-defence and the Young Carers sharing the work that they do to support young people who are caring for members of their families in the home.

The pupils responded with enthusiasm to each session and our visitors were delighted with the response that they received from each form group.

Mrs James

Year 10

It has been a very busy week for Year 10. During the two suspended timetable days they have completed their Enterprise Challenge, pulling together all their group work to present to the 'Dragons'. Tuesday was spent creating presentations and writing scripts and Thursday was 'Pitch Day'.

The aim of the challenge has been to raise money for Hope House Hospice who in return arrange for local business people from around the area to listen to Year 10's fundraising ideas. Our pupils did not disappoint, each and every one of our Year 10 gave amazing presentations, they should be very proud of themselves, da iawn ti.

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

School Meals Account

Please could parents / carers ensure there is sufficient money on their child's school meals account. We are receiving a large number of requests to call home to ask for money to be put on the account. Thank you.

Sparx Maths Achievement

Congratulations to 7 Cassidy who ALL completed their Sparx Maths homework in advance of the deadline. Hope you enjoy your treat!

A quick reminder to Years 7 and 8 - Awards will be given this half term to the pupil with the most XP points, starting from 9th January and also to any class that complete their homework in advance of the deadline.

Pop along on a Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime if you need any help with your Sparx work.

Mrs Jobson

Attendance Matters

From September, our current whole school attendance stands at **93.6%** which is below our stretch target of 96.5%.

Here are this week's figures:-

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Year Average
7	97.9 ☺☺	94.4	96.9	95.4	96.8 ☺	96.3
8	94.4	97.3 ☺☺	94.3	93.3	93.3	94.5
9	95.9	95.2	98.2 ☺☺	91.1	96.5	95.4
10	94.4	90.5	94.4	91.0	86.6	91.4
11	95.6	91.1	91.6	90.6	95.1	92.8
Family Average	95.6	93.7	95.1	92.3	93.7	

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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