



St. Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School
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Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol Spring Term ~ 3rd March 2023



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This week's theme for our collective worship was **St David**

This Week's Prayer

Almighty God, this week we remember Saint David, your servant.

We give thanks for his passion for the Gospel

which helped to spread Christianity, especially in Wales;

we give thanks for his purity and simplicity of life

which enabled his pursuit of Christian perfection;

we give thanks for his gentle, but clear spiritual leadership.

Grant that we may learn from him and respond to his final words:

'Be joyful...and do the little things in life'; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

School Photographs Years 8-11

School photographs taken by Tempest Photography will be distributed early next week.



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Calendar Activities

W/c 6th March

Lenten reconciliation services

6th March

Year 7 Parents / Carers Evening
3.45pm-6.30pm

9th March

Year 9 'Talk the Talk'

10th March

Year 9 Fundraising Day
[Non-uniform for £1 donation]

W/c 13th March

Year 10 Mock Examinations
[2023 summer sitting]

16th March

Year 8 Maths trip departs [returns 17/03]

22nd March

Year 11 Drama Exam

23rd March

Year 9/10 Netball Tournament

29th March

Year 7/8 Netball Tournament

31st March

School closes at 3.30pm

17th April

Staff Development Day
[School closed to pupils]

18th April

School opens to pupils

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 was "St David" and this week Mrs Taylor and Mr Sammons led us in a beautiful assembly. Every week our pupils take part in Morning Prayer. Here is a prayer written by Oliwia P and Martyna R in 7 Cassidy

*"Dear God,
Today, as we remember Saint David, patron Saint of Wales, let us know that Wales was blessed by him and he will always be watching over this wonderful country.
Please let us remember the miracles he performed for his people and for this country.
He will always be remembered in the heart of Wales as a blessed individual.
Amen."*

During PSE this week, PC Jane Ellis came to talk to 7 Kolbe about the risks of using social media.

We had the Eisteddfod this week and so much talent was showcased. Continuing with the theme of music. Jasmine P of 7 King did really well at the Oswestry music festival. Jasmine came in the top 5 in her class and got a Distinction for singing "Somewhere over the Rainbow" – we know who will be representing 7 King next year in the Eisteddfod! Da iawn ti Jasmine!

Mrs Roberts-Thompson

Year 8

We have been celebrating Welsh Week at St Joseph's this week. Many thanks to the Art, Music and Welsh Department for their assembly on the theme of St David. Thank you to Mrs Taylor for delivering the assembly.

On Tuesday Year 8 participated in a fantastic Eisteddfod organised by Mr Roberts and the Welsh Department. There were a number of competitions including singing, music, poetry and drama. All of the cultural traditions were included and the atmosphere and performances were great. Many thanks to Mr Roberts for his hard work planning this event.

On Thursday 2nd March was World Book Day and a number of pupils and staff dressed up as literary characters. Thanks to the English Department for organising the enrichment activities in school. A reminder of the importance of good attendance. There will be more competitions to reward good attendance later this term.

Miss J Taylor

Year 9

Year 9 had a lot to celebrate during the last week before half-term and this continues this week. Attendance was much improved with the year group achieving 96% in the week prior to half-term and special congratulations go to 9 King who achieved 99%.

Fund raising has been a particular pleasure to watch this week and, so far, over £700 has been paid into the fund with two more weeks after half-term to go. Year 9 have really entered into this in a fantastic way and I'm excited to find out what the final figure will be when we are finished.

Options interviews went really well on Tuesday 14th February with many of our pupils being singled out as being brilliantly prepared for their interviews and presenting themselves to our Senior Leadership Team wonderfully - well done to you all.

This week, Year 9 had their Science trip to *Xplore* which was a huge success. All our pupils were praised for their excellent behaviour and the staff at *Xplore* were extremely impressed by the conduct of our year group.

Mrs James

Year 10

On Tuesday Year 10 started the last SCC challenge based on Community. They will be preparing to deliver lessons to Year 6 pupils when they come up to St Joseph's for Rocket week, as part of their induction programme.

Mock Exams start on Monday 13th March, all year 10 pupils should now be revising each evening to fully prepare for their Science and History exams. The exams will take place in the sports hall under strict exam conditions. Please make sure you have all the correct equipment in a clear plastic pencil case or bag.

It was great to see so many pupils support the Eisteddfod by wearing something white, red or green. Fantastig pawb!

Mrs Greenhalgh

Year 11

On Tuesday the Year 11s took part in a Study Skills Day. They were given the opportunity to visit a Career's Fair and were able to speak to different businesses and employers. They also had sessions on: improving their CV, money and finance, exam timetabling and how to effectively revise. The day was a great success, and gave the pupils all the tools they need for their GCSEs and beyond.

Just a reminder that revision sessions are available for all subjects. Pupils must check with their teachers and find out when the revision sessions are.

Lastly, there will be revision sessions taking place in the Easter holidays. In the next couple of weeks pupils will be given a timetable of revision sessions.

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

St Joseph's Turkiye and Syria appeal

As a school we are responding to the tragic earthquake which has happened in Turkiye and Syria.

Along with Year 10 we asked each pupil to be sponsored during half-term by a family member or friend to do a chore / task / job for which they will receive a small payment to be determined by the giver. The money will then be brought into school, or paid on Parentpay, and will be sent, along with the non-uniform payments collected today to the appeal.

Each pupil was been given a sponsor form to complete and to bring back in with their money. If payment is made on Parentpay, please just send the sponsor form back in clearly showing that Parentpay has been used. We have already received over £200.00 in donations which is a fabulous start. There will be a treat for the form group which raises the most money.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support for this important appeal.

Mrs Roe, Mrs James and Year 10 pupils

Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is **94.2%** which is just below our stretch target of 96.5%.

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Year Average
7	98.0	92.7	91.1	96.9☺	99.6☺☺	95.7
8	97.1☺	96.2	92.3	95.2	84.8	93.1
9	91.5	96.1	98.5☺☺	92.9	92.2	94.2
10	94.8	93.7	93.7	91.3	92.7	93.2
11	98.2☺☺	94.4	86.6	91.8	92.6	92.7
Family Average	95.9	94.6	92.4	93.6	92.4	



STAR READERS



Congratulations to the following STAR READERS of Key Stage 3 for the first half term of 2023!

All pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 were challenged to accelerate their independent reading for pleasure by completing as many books and 'Accelerated Reader' quizzes as they could between the beginning of January and end of February. The pupils named below will receive prizes for undertaking the most quizzes with the most success during that period.

TOP 3 STAR READERS: Danielle Ellams, Jessica Odia, Lainey Cattermoul.

OTHER STAR READERS:

Year 7: Ijilee Amarjavkhan, Oscar Thomas, Eric Suckley, Julia Szymala

Year 8: Hugo Bielich, Kai Penman, Carys Siji, Emma Griffiths

Year 9: Cain Denoven, Bliss Heard, Sabrina Popescu, Louisa Roberts, Hugo Lefevre, Francisco Rodrigues, Stefan Mulley-Jones.

The new challenge for reading and quizzing has begun and will run until the Easter holidays. Will you be our next Star Reader?

WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 2nd March 2023

Staff and pupils had the opportunity to dress up in book related character costumes to celebrate World Book Day yesterday with a prize being awarded for the 'Best Costume Competition'. Special activities to mark the occasion also took place during lessons and lunch time. Look out for more details in next week's edition.

GET YOUR £1 BOOK!

All pupils have been sent, on Edulink, an e-ticket which enables them to purchase a book or e-book for £1.

PE does World Book Day!

As a department, we know that reading books is not the main objective of our subject! This does not stop us knowing the importance of reading and supporting the development of literacy skills in our lessons.

This year, all Key Stage 3 classes have taken part in a special World Book Day challenge in their PE lessons which focused on combining reading skills, memory skills and fitness all in a fun competitive environment. The pupils enjoyed an orienteering type activity which included reading passages from famous sports peoples autobiographies and also an anagram fitness challenge. The pupils were able to choose their own team names and work in teams to complete the challenges.

A lot of fun was had by all! Thank you to year 9 Cassidy and Romero pupils, Hatty, Isla and Izzy who helped Miss Breward with the score keeping and marking of the challenges in the afternoon, they did an outstanding job! Here are some photos of the fun we had! Gwych pawb!





Netball Captains

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been named as the netball captains for the upcoming Wrexham Schools Netball tournaments. These pupils will have leadership roles to get their teams ready for the tournaments and will be helping Miss Breward and Miss Greenhalgh organise the teams. Da iawn pawb!

Year 10 = Phoebe S and Zoja B (with Lydia G assisting)
Year 9 = Cerys J and Tamsin G (with Lily H assisting)
Year 7 = Hannah C and Megan H (With Ava M assisting)
Year 8 = Daisy M and Ava P (with Sofia W assisting)

Welcome to the PE Department!

We have recently welcomed two associate teachers from Bangor University to work with us until the end of June. Miss Birks and Mr Zucovic have settled in excellently to life at St Joseph's and will be teaching a range of lessons as well as helping with extra curricular activities. Croeso i'r ysgol!