



St. Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School
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Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

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This week's theme for our collective worship was **Lent: Prayer**

This Week's Prayer

*Almighty and eternal God,
so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds,
so fill our imaginations, so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you;
and then use us, we pray, as you will,
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Amen

Whole School Eucharist

Our whole school liturgy for our school Feast of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary took place today, which this year falls on St. Patrick's day. Our very own Bishop of St. Asaph – the Rt. Rev. Gregory Cameron presided at our Anglican Eucharist. He spoke of the power we have to do good and to make a difference. You can read more about this in our end of term bumper bulletin.



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Calendar Activities

20th March

Year 9 College Course Selection

23rd March

Year 9 / 10 Netball Tournament

24th March [Revised date]

Year 9 Fundraising

[Non-uniform for £1 donation]

29th March

Year 7/8 Netball Tournament

31st March

Year 11 Drama Examination [Revised date]

School closes at 3.30pm

17th April

Staff Development Day

[School closed to pupils]

18th April

School opens to pupils

27th April

Year 8 Exam Timetable and Revision Lists
to be distributed

1st May

May Day Bank Holiday

[School closed]

5th May

Year 7 Exam Timetable and Revision Lists
to be distributed

*****8th May*****

Bank Holiday in lieu of
Coronation of King Charles III

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 “Lent – Prayer” and this week 7 Cassidy and Mrs Samuels led us in a beautiful assembly. Every week our pupils take part in Morning Prayer.

During PSE this week the topic of Study Skills was addressed. We looked at strategies to use to improve our learning power. Pupils were given a booklet to take home to read at leisure. On Google Classroom, additional resources have been placed for pupils to use to help work out the type of learner they are, as well, as a great online resource, which is useful for creating a revision timetable.

Mrs Roberts-Thompson

Year 8

I hope everyone managed to access the work set on GC due to the snow.

Many thanks to Mrs Williams and 8 Cassidy for their lovely assembly this week on the theme of prayer.

There were a number of pupils who entered the draw for our latest 100% attendance reward trip. The prize for the winners will be a visit to McDonalds during the last week.

A number of Year 8 pupils have participated in a Maths Trip to London this week. Many thanks to Mrs Jobson for planning and organising the event. More information to follow.

Miss J Taylor

Year 9

This Tuesday we took 40 Year 9 pupils to Coleg Cambria for a day entitled 'Justice in a Day.'

The day was aimed to inform pupils of the workings of the Criminal Justice System and focussed on a true case where a young man became involved in the criminal world and how each stage of his arrest and conviction was played out. During the afternoon we visited the Magistrates Court and pupils were able to meet a serving Magistrate and ask questions about the workings of the court. Each part of the day provided interesting insights into Police operations and those serving in the Legal system.

The day was hosted by actors from Theatre Clwyd in association with North Wales Police and our pupils, as they usually do, were excellent ambassadors for our school. All those taking part in hosting the day were extremely impressed with the engagement and conduct of our pupils and Mrs Sparks and myself were incredibly proud of each one.

Mrs James

Year 10

Diolch yn fawr to all the year 10 pupils who helped celebrate the Anglican Eucharist today and to everyone else for your singing and reverence. It was such a wonderful experience, I am very proud of you all.

The mock exams went very well, thank you again for your good behaviour and patience. It is not easy but a very important practice for your real GCSEs in just 8 weeks. Please make any necessary changes you need, to ensure you turn those areas of weaknesses you discovered into strengths.

Mrs Greenhalgh

Year 11

This week the Yearbook was launched for Year 11. The pupils are now invited to add comments, photos and memories about their time here at St Joseph's. The deadline for items to be uploaded is 12th May.

Thank you to all the Head prefects who have worked so hard so far this year. They are a credit to the school and to you, their parents and carers.

Just a reminder that there will be revision classes available to all Year 11 pupils over the Easter break. A timetable will go out shortly, so keep an eye out for that on Edulink in the coming weeks.

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

German Trip 2023

Please could all parents and carers check their child's Germany 2023 Google Classroom. Please upload a picture of the information section of your passport into the Passport Assignment on Google Classroom, or alternatively, your child can bring it into school for me to photocopy, whichever is easier.

Mrs Roberts took a trip to Bruges at the start of December and some pupils who are not British Citizens had to have their passports checked to make sure they contained an endorsement that they have permission to enter or remain in the UK. This will be the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure this is valid prior to departure. I've attached a link from the British Council, but then please click on the section 'Visas' for more information <https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/exchanges/travel-guidance>

Just a reminder to all that the final balance for the trip needs to be paid by 31st March on ParentPay. Any issues with payment, please contact Mr Trueman via mailbox@st-joseph.wrexham.sch.uk or by phone.

Mrs Large

Maths Parent Revision Night

Tuesday 21st March

Mr Donlon will be hosting a Year 11 Revision night from 6:30 - 7:00pm. The session is designed for parents and pupils together and will include strategies and revision tips for the GCSE exams.

Supporting your child in Mathematics could make a real difference to final grades and this session will inform you of how to do it. You can attend the session by following the link in your child's google classroom.

Study Plus

This is a reminder that Study Plus provides an opportunity for pupils to catch up on homework or revision.

When: Monday to Friday
Lunch 12.25pm-1pm
After school 3.30pm-4.30pm

Where: Key Stage 3 Geography 2 (Mrs Devine's Room)
Key Stage 4 Maths 4 (Mr Tait's Room)

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	92.1	97.7 ☺	98.5 ☺	96.5	99.2 ☺☺	96.8
8	94.9	96.1	97.3	99.3 ☺☺	97.1	96.9 ☺
9	97.4	91.4	97.5	92.9	98.2 ☺	95.5
10	94.1	92.3	90.0	94.8	91.9	92.6
11	97.8 ☺☺	90.4	91.6	96.2	95.9	94.4
Family Average	95.3	93.6	95.0	95.9	96.5	

International School Meals Day

The 9th March was International School Meals Day. We believe that no child should go hungry because we understand the impact of hunger on young people; how it affects their ability to focus and perform well in school.

The TCC (Together Creating Community) Club is collecting data within our school to see how great a need there is in our community during this cost-of-living crisis. We are campaigning to ensure that no pupil has to go hungry and are attempting to fill the gap of school hunger. We in TCC Club are trying to help those in need and make sure everybody receives a good meal.

Please could you help us by filling out the short survey, and if anyone would like to join us in our campaign, please speak to me or one of the members. The link to the survey can be found at <https://forms.gle/aigHR4zPNGe235dC9> or through the QR code provided. Thank you in advance for your help!

Rev. L Stroud



TCC Food at School

A WONDERFUL WORLD BOOK DAY AGAIN!

Pupils and staff had a great time marking World Book Day on 2nd March. There were special book-related activities within some lessons, a 'find the missing word' scavenger hunt at lunch time and, of course, the annual costume competition.

As always, many pupils and staff put a lot of effort and imagination into recreating a wide range of characters through incredible clothing, makeup and props. All that took part were able to claim a bookmark and reward slip in the library but there could only be one winner and this year that title went to **Roa Elmagarbi, 8 Devereux**, for her superb costume as the character Anya from the Japanese Manga book 'Spy Family.'

Many thanks to all pupils and staff who took part in the day and shared their love of reading.

Mrs G Samuels



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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