



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



## Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Summer Term ~ 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023



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This week's theme for our collective worship was **Helping Others**

### This Week's Prayer

*Gracious Lord,  
you are present in the weakest of the weak,  
the poorest of the poor, and in the sinner.  
Help us to diligently seek you out  
in each and every person we encounter, especially those in most need.  
As we find you, may we love you  
and serve you faithfully with our whole heart.  
We ask this in your holy Name.  
Amen*

### Lost Property

Lost property will be on display in the social court for **pupils** to view on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Parents and carers** can view lost property on **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July** between 3:30pm and 3.45m.



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### Calendar Activities

**11<sup>th</sup> July**

Theatre Group Visit for  
AM – Year 8  
PM – Year 9

**12<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 9 Skills Challenge Certificate  
National Athletics Finals  
Year 10 Drama trip  
(*A Midsummer Night's Dream*)

**13<sup>th</sup> July**

Suspended Timetable  
Year 7 - Science Trip

Year 8 – ICT Day

Year 9 – Skills Challenge Certificate  
[Enterprise]

Year 10 – Skills Challenge Certificate  
[Project]

**15<sup>th</sup> July**

MFL trip to Germany departs

**20<sup>th</sup> July**

School closes at 3.30pm

**School opens**

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September

### 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](mailto: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 highlight of the week was our annual Sports Day! We had so much fun – even if the weather tried to spoil our fun! Many of our pupils took part in 6 or more events but our Year 7 Victor Ludorum is David I (7 Kolbe) and our Victrix Ludorum (Latin for "**the winner of the games**") is Aisling C (7 Devereux)

We've had musical success as well as sporting success this week. The Wrexham Music Cooperative held a Music Gala extravaganza on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July where different musical ensembles performed pieces to a full crowd at the William Aston Hall. Megan H (7 Kolbe) and William H (7 Devereux) were part of the Junior Strings and William showcased his musical skills by performing a solo. Da iawn i chi'ch dau!.

Long days of Summer ahead? Why not try this free opportunity to join in some TCC (Together Creating Communities) activities over the summer? Besides being a great cause, it includes a free hot meal (and transportation if that is required).

*Mrs Roberts-Thompson*



The poster features a central sun with rays, surrounded by colorful leaves and the text 'Summer of TCC'. Below this, it says 'Youth Craftivism' and 'A craftivist is anyone who uses their craft to help the greater good'. A red box highlights 'AUG' and lists course details: 'Course Duration: 4 Weeks (1 session per week)', 'Bellevue Community Centre. Tues 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - 12-2pm', and 'Plas Madoc Leisure Centre. Fri 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th 12-2pm'. A stack of papers lists 'FREE!', 'Suitable for ages 11-15', 'Member groups and the public are welcome', 'Food & travel available on request', and 'Enquiries - yaco@tcc-wales.org.uk'. Logos for '100 Years of Wales', 'Paul Hamlyn Foundation', and 'Esmée Fairbairn' are at the bottom.

**Summer of TCC**  
- in partnership with Sophia Leadill, Creative Practitioner.

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## Year 8

Thank you to Mr Wilkinson for his lovely assembly this week.

On 6<sup>th</sup> July Year 8 attended the International Eisteddfod in Llangollen. Pupils were treated to a great celebration of Welsh culture and heritage. Year 8 proved to be fantastic ambassadors for St Joseph's.

The BBQ/disco event takes place today as a reward activity for all Year 8 pupils who have applied good effort and behaved appropriately during the year.

*Miss J Taylor*

## Year 9

This week a large group of Year 9 pupils who have chosen to study GCSE Geography enjoyed a field trip to Anglesey where they conducted a sand dune study at Aberffraw.

On Wednesday, the year group also enjoyed the company of Levi Tafari, a Rastafarian poet, who worked with our pupils on the topic of identity and culture. All the pupils were fully engaged all day, and many performed their own, often very moving, poems to the rest of the group.

*Mrs James*

## Year 10

Congratulations to all those pupils who took part on Sport Day this week! The weather was not the best but it did not put some of you off running your socks off, taking part and enjoying your last sports day at St Joseph's.

Huge congratulations to 10 King girls and boys for winning the team events. Mrs Jones is a very happy form tutor. Whilst everyone who took part is a 'winner', we must acknowledge the talent of the Oliver K Victor ledorum and Zoja B who won the Victrix ledorum. They accumulated the most points in the events they took part in on the day, a great achievement.

On Wednesday, a group of Year 10 pupils went to St Anne's Primary school to help with their sports day. I have received a lovely message from the Headteacher thanking you all for your enthusiasm and help.

Next Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July is another suspended timetable day dedicated to your Skills Challenge Certificate Individual project.

ATTENDANCE is still vitally important, please make sure you attend every day right up to the end of term which is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Diolch.

*Mrs Greenhalgh*

## Dystopian workshops

Groups from Year 7, 8 and 9 took part in a Dystopian workshop with PhD student Kam Meakin, a researcher into dystopian fiction and its influence on political activism. Students analysed extracts from 'The Hunger Games' and discussed whether dystopian elements in fiction can be seen in the real world.

## Year 10 Creative Writing workshop

A group of Year 10 students participated in a workshop lead by Mrs Hatfield and Mrs Russell which focused on the use of vignettes (a descriptive snapshot of a character or place) in fiction. Students were given the task of writing and editing a vignette based on a selected photo and delivered feedback after sharing their finished piece of work.

*Mrs Hatfield*

## Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is 95%.

Congratulations to 7 Cassidy and 7 Devereux having the best attendances this week. This has obviously contributed greatly to Year 7 being the best year group.

Keep going everyone, still 2 weeks of important learning to go!

*Mrs Ellis*

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Year Average
<b>7</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>96.9</b>	96.4	95.9	96.1	<b>96.5</b>
<b>8</b>	94.9	96.1	94.1	95.3	95.7	95.2
<b>9</b>	95.0	94.9	95.5	92.5	93.2	94.2
<b>10</b>	91.7	93.3	92.5	95.1	91.9	92.9
<b>Family Average</b>	94.7	95.3	94.6	94.7	94.2	

We are delighted to report that our recent Sports Day was a resounding success, despite the unpredictable weather conditions. The determination and resilience displayed by our pupils, along with the unwavering support of our dedicated staff, made this event truly memorable. Despite the rain and occasional downpour, our pupils coped admirably with the challenging weather conditions, showing their commitment and enthusiasm for the sporting events. They braved the elements, giving their best efforts in each competition and making us proud of their unwavering spirit.

The athletics events showcased some exceptional performances that left us in awe. Our young athletes displayed remarkable skills, speed, and agility, truly embodying the spirit of healthy competition. The cheers and applause from the spectators resonated through the air and Mr Truman's DJing combined with the work of Mr Griffiths and Mr Long led to an electric atmosphere to the event. We must express our heartfelt appreciation to our incredible staff members who remained undeterred even when soaked to the bone. Their dedication and unwavering support for our students were truly commendable. Their efforts in organising and coordinating the events ensured that Sports Day ran smoothly, despite the challenging conditions.



Sports Day is not only about individual achievements but also about fostering a sense of camaraderie and healthy competition among the students. We are thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of our students in the various categories. In Year 7, Aisling C and David I were crowned Victrix and Victor Ludorum respectively, highlighting their exceptional performances. Moving on to Year 8, Isabella B and Sion O claimed the titles of Victrix and Victor, showcasing their outstanding sporting abilities. In Year 9, Jess O and Faris R emerged as the Victrix and Victor, demonstrating their exceptional talent and dedication to their chosen disciplines. Lastly, in Year 10, Lydia G and Oliver K excelled and were crowned Victrix and Victor, proving their incredible athleticism. Congratulations also to the winning forms in each year

group who have not only made the PE staff very proud but also their Heads of Year and Form Teachers.

Sports Day was not just about competitive events. We provided a range of non-competitive off-field activities to ensure that every student had the opportunity to participate and enjoy the day fully. From engaging in 'The Cube' challenges to exploring bushcraft skills with staff from the Urdd, practicing ju-jitsu, showcasing street dance moves, and experiencing the thrill of inflatable sports activities, there was something for everyone! We introduced a raffle system for these off-field activities, where each student earned a raffle ticket for their house for every activity they participated in. It gives us immense pleasure to announce that the overall winning forms, based on the raffle ticket count, was Deveraux! Congratulations to all the members of Deveraux forms for your enthusiastic participation and support of the extra activities on Sports Day!

Once again, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of Sports Day. The dedication of our students, the unwavering support of our staff, and the encouragement from parents and guardians were instrumental in making this event a truly memorable one. Since Monday, many staff have commented on the resilience and truly remarkable attitude that all pupils showed during what can only be described as a very damp morning! Thankfully, in the afternoon we had a bit of fine weather just in time for the relays which were an exciting end to a very successful day.





On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, William E (10KG) travelled down to Cardiff to represent North East Wales at the National Schools Athletics Finals. He claimed the bronze medal convincingly against tough competition who were both a year older than him! The winner of the competition is the current UK champion. Well done William, we are very proud and look forward to you representing North East Wales again in the National Team finals that we have qualified for on 12<sup>th</sup> July in Aberdare!

