



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 **Giving**

This Week's Prayer

*Gracious Lord, we thank you for the gifts in our lives,
chiefly the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.*

*Create in us cheerful, generous, and giving hearts so that your Name may
be glorified in all that we do.*

Grant us the wisdom to know what, to whom, and when to give.

*All things come of you, O Lord, so it is from the abundance of your love
that we are able to give back to others.*

Amen

Message from the School Nurse

I have been reviewing the care plans for children with allergies. Could I ask that all parents whose children are prescribed adrenaline auto injector pens to make contact with me by email please – sarah.miers@wales.nhs.uk

All children who have asthma should have an asthma card in school, please could you ask your child to collect one from main reception. Children with asthma should also have a spare reliever inhaler to be kept in school reception. This should have the **pharmacy** label attached with the child's name on. Thank you.

Sarah Miers



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Calendar Activities

20th November

Year 11 History Non-exam assessment [NEA]
AM

Year 7 Football Tournament
[1.30pm-4.30pm]

22nd November

Year 7-11 Flu Vaccinations

23rd November

'Here Comes Christmas Fair'
[3.30pm-5.30pm]

24th November

Year 11 History NEA [AM]

GCSE MFL trip to Bruges departs
[returns 26th Nov]

27th November

Year 11 Drama NEA
Year 11 Geography NEA
Year 11 History NEA

28th November

Year 7 Humanities field trip to Erddig

28th – 30th November

Year 11 Welsh Speaking Mock Examinations

29th November

Year 11 Geography NEA

1st December

Staff Development Day

4th – 20th December

Year 11 Mock Examinations

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 "Giving" and we have been led in prayer this by 7 Cassidy and Mrs Samuels. I would like to thank the pupils who read beautifully – it was such a moving assembly.

As part of our prayers this week, we are intending to give gifts to children in Wrexham who are less fortunate than ourselves. To do this, we are asking pupils to give 50p so that each form are able to buy 1 child a Christmas present.

What a fantastically sporty group of children we have in Year 7! All pupils who were asked to represent the school at the Cross Country competition this week were amazing! Mr McComb was so impressed by their attitude and effort! Da iawn to everyone who ran!

We have had a fantastic first term and as a reward for such positive behaviour and effort, we are going to the cinema on Thursday 21st December. The visit will cost £5 per child. I will send further information through Edulink.

Mrs Roberts-Thompson

Year 8

On Thursday 9th November Year 8 visited Liverpool as part of the work that they will do in St Joseph's on places of worship. We visited The Metropolitan Cathedral, The Anglican Cathedral, The Orthodox Church of St Nicholas and the synagogue. The pupils were given tours and given the opportunity to ask questions. We were so proud of the whole Year group as they engaged so well wherever we went and their behaviour was exemplary.

Well done Year 8!

Mrs M Davies

Year 9

Thank you to Mrs Williams and 9 Cassidy for their lovely assembly on Thursday.

Year 9 have received their revision lists and exam timetable this week. Please ensure that your child is prepared for these exams in December and encourage them to revise thoroughly.

On 17th November Year 9 enjoyed a production about anti-bullying performed by 'Hope'. This was an excellent, thought-provoking event which we hope pupils found useful.

During the afternoon of the collapsed timetable day Year 9 participated in a study skills session which will help them prepare for their examinations.

Well done to the Year 9 football team who played Argoed in the Welsh Cup this week. Even though the result went against us the pupils gave a great performance.

Miss J Taylor

Year 10

Year 10 have spent time this week furthering their Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate which will form their fundraising efforts at our 'Here Comes Christmas' Fair next Thursday, 23rd November. They have been busy planning how they intend to maximise their profits in aid of Hope House and Nightingale House.

In addition to this, several of our year group have completed their Sports Leadership qualifications and certificates were given this week to Toby W, Evelyn L, Tamzin G, Samuel C, Lily H, Eve C, Leo F, Viktoria T, Jessica O, Vivienne W. Well done to each one on a fantastic achievement.

Mrs James

Year 11

I had the pleasure in accompanying our head boys and girls to the Remembrance Day service in Wrexham last Sunday. It was a very moving occasion with lots of pupils from St Joseph's representing different groups.

Well done to the whole year group for completing their GCSE Maths exams this week. You could not have worked harder. Thank you to all the Maths teachers for putting on extra revision classes at lunchtime, after school and even on Saturday mornings!

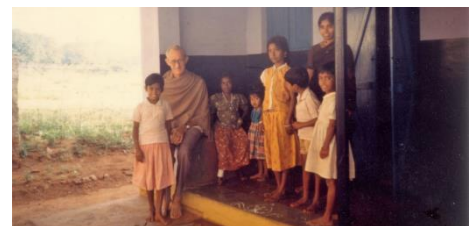
Non-examination assessment work is now in full swing for GCSE all Geography and History classes. Geography drop in classes every lunchtime and afterschool on a Tuesday and a Thursday until 4.30pm.

Mock examinations start on Monday 4th December and finish on Wednesday 20th December.

Congratulations to the U16 Anne Smart Netball Team who won the Wrexham schools tournament this week. We will now go on to represent Wrexham in the North East round. Da lawn to Phoebe Zoja, Lydia, Hannah and Megan for playing so well and representing Year 11 and St Joseph's in a wonderful way.

A couple of weeks ago we continued raising money for our Charity 'Reaching the Unreached' (RTU). Here is a little bit about the charity.

RTU was founded in 1974 by [James Kimpton](#) (a relative of Mrs Davies in school) with the aim of empowering some of the most marginalised and destitute people in rural South India. It is a far-reaching grassroots organisation that has already achieved an enormous amount in empowering the most marginalised and disadvantaged people, especially children and their families, in rural South India.



Each form organised a way to raise money that would be donated to this charity. 11 Cassidy made the most of the hot weather at the beginning of the month by selling ice cream; 11 Devereux organised a badminton tournament; 11 King sold bags of sweets; 11 Romero organised a movie lunch, and 11 Kolbe ran a 'Kolbe fest!' just before half-term.

All the proceeds taken from the non-uniform day were donated to this charity as well. DIOLCH YN FAWR! You have raised **approximately £1,700.**

Thank you to all of you and your form teachers for your incredible efforts. The money raised will make a huge difference to people and families less fortunate than ourselves. £120 will sponsor a whole family for a month. £25 will provide medicines and health care to people in rural villages. £50 will sponsor a school starter pack to give a child the best start in life. £125 will provide education materials for the children in school or your money will be used to drill wells to provide clean water, train nurses or help build a simple house for families. Your kindness and generosity has shone and is a wonderful example to other year groups in school.

Mrs Greenhalgh

PE Update

Last week, our combined Year 9/10/11 Netball team were crowned Wrexham Ann Smart Netball Champions for the second year running! It was a great tournament with very close games for the 3 top schools. Our girls played their hearts out and left nothing on the courts. They battled each ball to gain crucial turnovers and were not rattled when things weren't going their way. The PE staff at the tournament agreed that we had witnessed the best school netball of our careers that afternoon and we were all blown away by the standard. Miss Breward is incredibly proud of the whole team who are not only excellent netball players but they are also excellent team mates supporting each other, motivating each other and celebrating each others excellent play in games. The girls will now go on to represent Wrexham against Flintshire and Derbyshire in a triangular tournament with the aim of winning that tournament too and gaining a place at the national finals in March.

Teams 4U Shoebox Appeal

This week we have launched the 2023 Shoebox Appeal where we support the Wrexham based charity Teams 4U in collecting filled shoeboxes to send to children in other countries who will, otherwise, receive very little, or nothing this Christmas.

This year, in addition to taking boxes to Romania, Georgia and Bosnia, Teams 4U will be taking boxes into Ukraine and Moldova and distributing them amongst children who are living in the most horrendous conditions imaginable.



Each form has been given a supply of leaflets which, if pupils wish, can be brought home and which explain exactly what gifts are appropriate and which are not. The transportation cost of each box is £3.00 and must be paid either on-line at teams4U.com or in cash in an envelope inside the shoebox. If you pay on-line, please print the receipt and put that inside the shoebox instead of the cash.

Please help us in supporting this amazing charity by either filling a shoebox and sending it in with your child, or joining together with others to supply one.

The deadline for shoeboxes to be sent in is Friday 8th December.

Thank you.
Mrs James

PLEASE NOTE

Please could Parents / Carers use the Erddig Road entrance (back of school).
When parking please be considerate to local residents and note that buses will
need access to the bus bay. Thank you in advance.



St Joseph's Year 10 Christmas Fair



Thursday 23rd November

Sports Hall

1.30pm - 4:30pm

Families are welcome from 3:40pm

£1 per adult (children free)

Stalls Include:

Sweet Stalls

Hair Glitter

Candy Canes Secrets

Name the Teddy

Reindeer Food

Ice Cones

Santa's Grotto and more to see on the day!



hope house
we're here for children



Lost Property

Lost property will be on display in the social court for **pupils** to view on **Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th November.**

Parents and carers can view lost property on **Wednesday, 29th November** between 3:30pm and 3.45m.

Jewellery - If you have lost an item of jewellery, please contact reception as there are a number of items in lost property waiting to find their rightful owner.

Pre-loved uniform

If you would like to take advantage of our stock of pre-loved jumpers, please contact the school with the size that you require.

All pre-loved items are free of charge and have been laundered, ready to wear.



Mrs James



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Being in school on time, every day, ready to learn

