ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

27 NOVEMBER 2023 WEEK B



We were incredibly privileged to welcome The Mizen Foundation into school last week to talk to Years 8, 10 and 11. Barry and Margaret Mizen lost their 16 year old son Jimmy in 2008 to a brutal attack from another teenager. They now work tirelessly to keep Jimmy's name alive by telling his and their story and sharing the importance of forgiveness, peace and hope. Their talk was incredibly powerful and inspiring, focusing on topics of anger, bullying, consequences and, most importantly, faith and forgiveness. Well done to all of our students who showed such engagement and respect throughout

the talks and workshop.

Despite the poor weather in recent weeks, there was finally some rugby played last week. The Sixth Form team travelled to Egglescliffe to play in a round robin tournament along with Egglescliffe School and Park View Academy. The boys played some excellent rugby in difficult conditions and secured two narrow victories. It is hoped that recently cancelled games will be rescheduled before Christmas.







A huge well done to our Year 7 girls who came runners-up out of ten teams in the District 5-a-side competition. The girls showed excellent determination and teamwork but were just pipped to the post in the final.

A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

This week, with the special visit from Barry and Margaret Mizen, we have been thinking about the importance of forgiveness. When someone wrongs us or upsets us, it can be so hard to move on and not hold onto anger or hate, but as we heard from the Mizens, holding onto these negative feelings will only end with us punishing ourselves. We cannot control the actions of others, all we can control is the way in which we respond to these actions, and an act of forgiveness can help bring more light into the world.

Last week we began our brand new 'Bring and Brag' initiative, where we encourage students to bring along a piece of work they are proud of to show to a member of the Leadership Team. We loved seeing some of the excellent work produced and look forward to seeing what is on show this week. Bring and Brag takes place outside of the Main Hall every Tuesday during the first half of first lunch and from 1.45pm second lunch.



St John's School have been invited to attend the National Schools Badminton Championships on Wednesday 6 December. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone with interest or previous experience playing badminton. Please come along to either the Enrichment clubs on Wednesday and Friday lunchtime or to the after school Badminton Club on a Wednesday (3-4pm) to be considered for selection - the girls team in particular need players! Please see Mr Turnbull for more details

THE COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 27- Year 11 students will be receiving their mock exam results in a special Results Assembly. **Monday 27-** Nasal Flu Vaccinations. Students in Years 7-11 who have been given parental consent will be receiving their vaccinations during the course of the day in the LRC.

Wednesday 29- Full cast rehearsal for Les Miserables. If any students would still like to be involved but did not attend auditions or any previous rehearsals, there is still time to be involved, just come along 3.20-4.30pm. **Thursday 30-** Year 11 Progress Evening. We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students and their parents and carers into school to discuss their recent mock exam results and progress. Appointments are still able to be made via SchoolCloud.

Be in to win!

This week, we begin a new initiative called 'Be in to win!'. Each week, in assembly, three lucky students will have their names drawn out of a hat and will win a small prize. Those same students will also be put forward for a bigger prize at the end of each term. The only criteria for getting their name in the hat is to have had full attendance the week before. We want as many names in those hats as possible so please support us in encouraging excellent attendance at St John's.



Please be mindful and courteous when dropping and collecting your child. The road outside of school has yellow 'Keep Clear' markings around the entrances, markings which are there for the safety of pedestrians and school buses. Please do not park on these markings as this poses a serious safety risk and is against the Highway Code. Please also be courteous of our neighbours and do not park across driveways.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS









Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Noah H 7A Alexis B 7J Katie-Anna W 7A Neve R 7H Eli F 70

Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Lewis G 80 Macey A 8J Viva-Rose P 8R Connor A 8Y Miylee A 8Y

Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Harry G 9R Jack B 9Y Ali C 9M Kaela H 9R William G 90

Year 10 Top **Achievers**

April G 10A Niamh C 10Y Evie W 10Y Sapphire S 10N Poppy W 10R

Year 11 Top **Achievers**

Aimee C 11M Neve R 11M Beatrice M 11R Charlie M 11H Gabrielle F 11A

Artist of

the Week

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 5 December- Year 10 Information Eve Sunday 10 December- Sixth Form Dinner Dance.
- Monday 11 December- Year 8 Retreat

- Thursday 14 December- Year 10 Progress Eve
- Friday 15 December- Careers Day

Tickets on MCAS.

- Monday 18 December- Christmas Concert
- Friday 22 December- Last day of term before Christmas. School reopens for all students on Monday 8 January
- Monday 8 January- Year 13 mock exams begin
- Thursday 1 February- Year 9 Progress Eve
- Tuesday 6 February- Options Evening, 4-6pm
- Friday 9 February- Last day before Half Term
- Thursday 22 February- Sixth Form Progress Eve

I Heard a Whisper...

Last week's I Heard a Whisper was dedicated to our wonderful admin staff, all of whom work so hard behind the scenes to support students, staff and parents and carers. Their friendliness, patience and efficiency help to keep everything running smoothly, and it is lovely to see them being recognised for the vital role they play.All eleven of them received a sweet to thank them for their hard work. If you would like to give a shout-out to a member of staff who has gone above and beyond, drop us an email at



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