ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

6 MARCH 2023 WEEK B



LAST WEEK'S EVENTS

On Thursday afternoon, members of our Vocal Ensemble and MADD from Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 visited Sunderland Empire to watch the National Theatre's production of The Ocean at the End of the Lane; a very fitting trip for World Book Day! Thanks to generous funding from Arts Council England, we received these tickets free of charge and were therefore able to reward these students for their contributions to the extra-curricular life of the school. The show was absolutely fantastic and, as always, the students were a real credit to the school and themselves. Members of the public even commented on how well behaved and polite the students were.





On Thursday, nine Year 10 students, accompanied by Miss Heads and Thomas, were welcomed as volunteers for the day to Angel Trust, a registered charity in our local area. After hearing about how Angel Trust has helped people in our area, the group then got stuck in with helping to stack shelves for the pantry, selecting and bagging essential items needed for families using the food bank, preparing the meal deal baskets for this week, peeling and chopping potatoes for corned beef pies, hoovering and one student even assembled 11 new kitchen stools! The group agreed that it was a truly humbling experience and the work carried out by all Angel Trust staff and volunteers is not only inspirational, but much needed in our local community. We were extremely proud of our students who were amazing ambassadors for our school and, although tired, all asked if they could return to help in the near future. We are now a food donation point for Angel Trust, with a drop off box located in Main Reception, for anyone wishing to donate items to this amazing charity.

On Saturday, a group of staff and students had a very early start as they headed down to London to attend Flame 2023, the largest Catholic youth gathering in the UK, at Wembley Arena. The group listened to inspiring speakers, live music and prayed and sang together. As always, our students did us proud and were fantastic ambassadors for St John's.



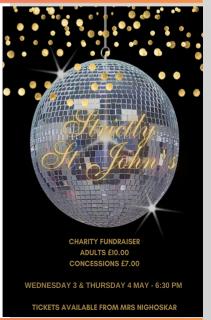
Our Wind Band received a warm welcome last week as they took part in a recording session, facilitated by the students at Bishop Auckland College and their tutor Tim. They were conducted by local composer, Duncan Brown, who has written a brand new suite of music as part of The Butterfly, an outdoor performance by Daisy Arts.



March

COMING UP THIS WEEK

- Monday 6- Friday 10- National Careers Week. Students will be completing various tasks and activities during the course of the week to help them consider future pathways, careers and employability skills.
- **Wednesday 8-** Students in 8R and 7H are helping to plant some trees on the school grounds. Students can wear their own clothes or PE kit that day. Please bring warm clothes and a spare pair of boots/old trainers.
- Wednesday 8- Year 11 Photography exhibition as part of the 'Missing Women' project, No. 42 and Auckland Castle, 6pm.
- Friday 10 19- British Science Week. More details to follow of the activities and competitions running as part of this week.
- Saturday 11- The Butterfly, outdoor performance at Bishop Auckland Market Place, 7-7.45pm, featuring our very own Vocal Ensemble.
- ★ Any students who want to perform in the Gym and Dance Show need to be at a rehearsal in the next two weeks to ensure it can go ahead.
- ★ Easter Ski Trip 2023 please can all students bring in their passports and GHIC/EHICs and pass to Mr McIntyre or Ms Hillyard as soon as possible.



LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS









DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 12 Criminology (LBT & RCA & NPA)
Year 12 Sociology (LBT & MDU)

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Monday 20 March- Year 13 mocks begin Wednesday 22 March- The Performing

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- Arts Competition Concert, 6pm Thursday 23 March- Year 11 Progress Eve
- ☐ Thursday 30 March- Year 10 Progress Eve
- Friday 31 March- Last Day of Term before Easter break (school reopens Monday 17)
- ☐ Thursday 20 April- Year 7 Progress Eve (rearranged date)
- Thursday 27 April- Year 8 Progress Eve
- Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 May-Strictly St John's (see poster for details)

FOCUS ON...

We are extremely proud of the care and support our staff offer students both in and out of the classroom, and we have received even more wonderful 'I Heard a Whisper' nominations over the past couple of weeks which prove just that.

Well done to Michael

Stephenson (Learning Mentor), Miss Hankey (Assistant Head of Year 7 and English/Music Teacher) and Miss Somers (Assistant Head and PE teacher) who all received a card and sweet treat last week.









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Has a member of staff at St John's gone

above and beyond in their role or gone out

of their way to help or support?

iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk to notify us of the staff who you think

deserve a special shout out and a sweet

Each week we will share a selection and

celebrate those members of staff.

