ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

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🔗 A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

Sadly, the cost-of-living crisis is affecting many families within our local community. More than ever, our food banks are in desperate need of help. Throughout Lent we have been collecting as many items as possible to show our support and appreciation for our local food banks and this appeal is still open until Friday 31 March. Thank you to everyone who has donated items so far; as always, we appreciate your continued support.



I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students, families and staff a very happy and restful Easter.



LAST WEEK'S EVENTS

On Wednesday we held our first Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts, and what an evening it was! Every single student who performed, whether as part of the competition or as one of our amazing ensembles, was absolutely incredible and blew the audience and the judges away!

Well done to all of our performers who competed and showed such courage and talent on the stage, but a special well done goes to our winners who all scooped a cash prize:

First prize- Aaron, Year 8 (Piano) Second prize- Zachary, Year 7 (Dance) Third prize- Jak. Year 12 (Euphonium)



Well done to our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Girls Rugby teams who competed in friendly fixtures against Durham Johnston on Wednesday and were a credit to the school, as always.

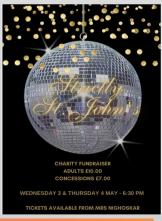


On Sunday, our Strictly cast were in school for their dress rehearsal to prepare for this fantastic fundraising event. Tickets are now sold out for the Thursday evening, and there is limited availability for the Wednesday evening. If you would like to come along to what promises to be a highly entertaining evening, then please contact Mrs Nighoskar. Please note that there will be no tickets available on the evening, all tickets must be reserved and paid for in advance.



A special thanks also to our guest judges, Jane Crawford from Daisy Arts and Michael Summers, Head of Durham Music Service. And of course, an extra special thank you to Miss Bell who coordinated the whole event and allowed our students the chance to shine once again. We look forward to doing it all again next year!





COMING UP THIS WEE

March

- Monday 27- March Pre-Loved Uniform Shop, 3.15-5pm in the Sixth Form Bistro. All are welcome to come along and pick up some free uniform items in great condition.
- Thursday 30- Our final CAFOD Soup Lunch across both lunchtimes-£1.
- Thursday 30- Year 10 Progress Evening. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their GCSE courses and preparations for their first set of mock exams at the end of the year. Appointments are still available to be made on School Cloud.
- Friday 31- All students will be participating in Lenten Liturgies held at St Mary's Church during the course of the day. During Pastoral on Tuesday they will be preparing for this and given more details.
- Friday 31- School closes for Easter holidays, 3pm
 - There will be some GCSE and A Level revision and coursework sessions running over Easter in various subjects- details to follow for the relevant students.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS







DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 20 April- Year 7 Progress Eve Thursday 27 April- Year 8 Progress Eve
- Monday 1 May- Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 May- Strictly St John's, 6.30pm.
- Monday 8 May- Bank Holiday- Coronation
- Monday 15 May- Summer exams begin Friday 26 May- School closes for Half Term
- Thursday 29 June- Year 11 Prom Celebration (details to follow)
- ☐ Thursday 13 and Thursday 14 July- Addams Family the Musical. Tickets will be on sale in the Summer term.

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very busy term, but our staff continue to go above and beyond for our students, and for each other. Well done to Mrs Kreczak, SENDCO, Mr Palmer, PE and Irene one

of our catering team who all received nominations and were chosen for last week's

sweet treat. Thank you to all of the parents who have continued to send us nominations- it makes such a difference for staff to receive an extra special thanks.

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