

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

9 OCTOBER 2023

WEEK B



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Recently we have celebrated World Teachers' Day and National Teaching Assistants' Day, both of which acknowledge the hard work that goes into teaching and supporting our young people. We are incredibly lucky to have amazing teaching and support staff at St John's who guide, challenge and inspire our students each and every day, and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank them for their wonderful efforts and for always ensuring our students become the best version of themselves.

It's important that we give our staff, as well as our students, the opportunity to take time out from their busy lives and connect with their spirituality and inner selves. On Friday evening, around 30 of our staff headed to the Emmaus Youth Village for our annual staff retreat where they spent time reflecting and socialising together. It was a wonderful event which focused on the importance of making time for ourselves and finding calm in the chaos of everyday life. A special thank you to Emma, our Chaplain, for organising it.



Our students have been taking part in a Trust-wide Languagegenut competition over the past month. Points were awarded for the amount of exercises the students completed online. We are delighted to announce that we came out on top and won the competition! The top 3 linguists within school were Katie Lee, Isaac Curry and Aidan Crick who will all receive a prize from the Trust. This fantastic achievement also motivated students to learn a lot of words, phrases and grammar to benefit them in the future. Well done to the MFL team and all involved and a special mention to Miss Richardson who was instrumental in driving this with our students.

Wednesday was an exciting evening as we "dreamed a dream" and held our launch session for this year's school production, officially announcing it to be Les Miserables! Almost 80 students signed-up to be involved and enjoyed a sing-a-long. Any students who weren't able to attend but would still like to be involved should see Mrs Rose. Auditions will take place on Wednesday 1 November and the show will be in July.



On Friday, Year 9 took part in sessions led by the charity Prison, Me? No Way! focused on making positive choices, staying safe and realising their full potential. Students got to see inside a prison cell, listen to prison officers and those who have been to prison themselves talk about making the right choices in life and discussed how to spot potential dangers and temptations within society. Thank you to the PMNW team for such a thought-provoking day which we know our students will benefit from.



Well done to our St John's Choir students who sang beautifully at Daisy Arts outdoor light installation, The Butterfly on Saturday evening in Bishop Auckland Market Place. The students were fantastic ambassadors for St John's and had a wonderful evening performing.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10- World Mental Health Day. We will be raising money for the Mental Health Foundation with a bake sale across both break times in the Link Corridor. Cakes will be priced from 50p and students will need cash if they would like to purchase a sweet treat.

Tuesday 10- Year 9, 10 and 11 Netball teams have league fixtures, leaving school at 3pm and returning at approximately 5.45pm. Students will need to change into their kit at lunchtime so that the bus can leave promptly at 3pm. Good luck, girls! All lunchtime enrichment for Netball this week will act as U14 and U16 county tournament squad trials.

Wednesday 11- Our Sixth Form Netball team have a friendly at home against Carmel from 3.20-4.20pm. We wish them lots of luck.

Thursday 12- Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30-7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming students from Years 10 and 11 and their families into school to explore our Sixth Form facilities and find out more about the exciting courses and wonderful opportunities on offer post-16. There will also be the chance to chat to our staff and current Sixth Form students.

Friday 13- Year 12 Retreat. Our Year 12 students will be off timetable all day for their Retreat Day. They will be hearing from inspiring guest speaker Stuart Myers on the morning and will be completing a sponsored walk on the afternoon, so will require sensible footwear and a coat. Sponsorship details will be sent out shortly. The theme of the day will be 'No Limits', focusing on how our students can reach their full potential and thrive academically, personally and spiritually.

Bake Sale

Tuesday 10th October
Break Time
Link Corridor

Cakes from 50p



Mental Health Foundation Visit mentalhealth.org.uk StJohn's
Good mental health for all.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



We love to celebrate and share our students' achievements, both in and out of school. If your child has a success they would like to share with us and we are happy for it to be posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages, please email it, along with a photo, to Mrs Rose, Assistant Headteacher, at nrose@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Virtues
(Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Self-Belief, Confidence, Resilience, Justice, Compassion)

High Five Friday
6th October

Lucy C 7Y (SGO) Respect Lucy M 12E (LBT) Confidence Joshua Y 11O (VNI & HHA) Honesty Abbie P 11A (HHA) Self Belief Natalia OC 11N (VNI) Responsibility Katie S 11H (VNI) Responsibility Laksh S 11J (HHA) Honesty Jack N 11J (HHA) Honesty Ollie F 11N (HHA) Honesty Katie R 11H (HHA) Honesty Macey D 11J (HHA) Honesty Eva R 11H (HHA & VNI) Honesty Danny W 11J (HHA) Honesty Lily H 11O (HHA) Honesty	Amelia W 11J (HHA) Honesty Jack B 7A (ARI) Responsibility and Honesty Lily W 11O (HHA) Honesty Francesca B 12R (VNI) Responsibility Erin W 10M (VNI) Resilience Katie BS 12E (LBT) Responsibility Maya W 8O (ARI) Responsibility Imogen M 10J (ARI) Resilience Willow H 9J (NRO) Responsibility Stephanie W 7O (BGJ) Compassion Nancy T 7R (NRO) Confidence Adam L 10M (NRO) Respect and Responsibility
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Year 7

High Five Friday
6th October

Evie P 7A (LMA) Antonia-Jane H 7H (LMA) Bokani N 7O (LMA & ATO) Ella H 7O (LMA) Ruby M 7H (LMA) Holly T 7M (LMA) Jayden W 7M (LMA) Lorna B 7R (DAT) Isaac B 7M (DAT) Harriet D 7M (DAT) Ellie R 7M (DAT) Mollie S 7R (DAT) Olivia W 7Y (DAT) Isla C 7A (LMA) Chloe A 7A (LMA) Rowan N 7A (LMA)	Heidi D 7R (EEL & ATO) Grace R 7R (EEL & ATO) Holly H 7R (EEL & ATO) Vito M 7R (EEL) Isla S 7M (SGO & JVI) Ivy W 7M (RST) Stephanie W 7O (DDE) Leo W 7H (LCU) Sam E 7O (LCU) Luke I 7O (PCL) Ashleen B 7R (PCL) Elena W 7A (PCL) Lucy D 7M (JVI) Lexi K 7M (JVI) Ella H 7M (JVI) Riley T-W 7M (JVI)	Persia R 7H (ARI) Lydia H 7W (ATO) Pippa H 7R (ATO) Abigail H 7R (ATO) Emily M 7R (ATO) Harriet S 7R (ATO) Mollie S 7R (ATO) Lucy E 7O (ATO) Connor H 7O (ATO) Laila K 7O (ATO) Oli K 7O (ATO) Zi Kuan L 7O (ATO) Maaty R 7O (ATO) Aimee Lee R 7O (ATO) Summer W 7O (ATO) Eliza B-M 7M (JVI) Queenmercy A 7J (PCL & HHA)
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Year 8

High Five Friday
6th October

Vivva-Rose P 8R (EST) Molly N 8J (EST) Elpida B 8H (EEL) Grace J 8N (EEL & NRO) Kodi S 8N (EEL) Logan C 8A (EEL) Raine N 8M (EEL) Kate T 8Y (EEL) Nicholas RO 8Y (SEB) Robina K 8M (SEB) Mason G 8Y (SEB) Oscar K 8M (SEB)	Matthew W 8R (NRO) Thomas K 8R (NRO) Amber W 8R (NRO) Esther L 8J (NRO) Mina S-E 8J (NRO) Ruby S 8J (DMI) William L 8Y (DMI) Clara J 8R (DMI) Lucy N 8A (ARI) Yu Tao Z 8Y (AWR) Evangeline E 8J (DDE) Kai W 8J (SGO)	Sam N 8H (LCU) Milly H 8N (LCU) Alex M 8A (LCU) James D 8M (LCU & CHA) Gracie B 8M (LCU) Bridie Leigh R 8M (ATO) Alexi P 8R (ATO) Madison R 8N (ATO) Madison S 8A (ATO) Connor A 8Y (ATO) Eve B 8R (ATO) Daisy L 8R (ATO & NRO) Yu Xuan L 8M (ATO) Silver N 8M (ATO)
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Year 9

High Five Friday
6th October

Chloe H 9N (SGO) Tarryn N 9H (SGO) Molly C 9Y (DDE) Josh S 9J (DDE) Posi A 9N (DDE & LCU) Thomas T 9N (DDE) George E 9M (LCU) Robert B 9R (LCU) Hannah S 9J (LCU) Olivia W 9N (LCU) Monica M 9O (AWR) Zuzanna W 9J (AWR) Eve N 9H (AWR) Danae H 9H (ARI) Hannah B 9R (ARI)	Evian B 9A (LWI) Molly C 9Y (LWI) George E 9M (LWI) Seb G 9M (LWI) Spencer S 9R (LWI) Owen V 9M (LWI) Monica M 9O (CHA) Jack T 9A (CHA) Eve B 9O (AWR) Olivia B 9J (DAT) George H 9H (DAT) Jack S 9O (DAT) Jacob C 9H (DAT) Hannah S 9J (DAT) Izzy P 9Y (NRO)
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Year 10

High Five Friday
6th October

Amy S 10M (SGO) Jake C 10Y (SGO) Ellie O 10H (SGO) Isaac C 10J (SGO) Eleanor B 10A (HRO) Chelsea H 10N (HRO) Shamara M 10N (HRO) Mia D 10J (HRO) Vincent T 10A (RST) Amelia O 10M (DQU) Niamh G 10Y (DQU) Lewis L-W 10H (DQU) Alexandra Z 10M (DQU) Jasper W 10 H (DQU) Connah R 10H (DQU) Anna T 10A (AHA & VNI & RCA) Jayden B (AHA & NRO) Aimee S 10M (AHA)	Lucy O 10M (AHA) Isobel O 10A (AHA) Finley Y 10A (AHA) Jake C 10Y (DDE) Kiera B 10S (DDE) Spencer V 10A (LCU) Levi H 10J (LCU) Nevie B 10R (LWI) Olivia E (RCA) Amy May H (RCA) Daisy J 10A (LWI & NRO) Jess B 10R (LWI) Lucy O 10M (LWI & NRO) Ella A 10R (NRO) Isla D 10A (NRO) Chrimi M 10A (NRO) April G 10A (NRO)	George B 10Y (NRO) Erin W 10M (NRO) Emily C 10S (NRO) Jenny S 10Y (NRO) Samara W 10A (NRO) Maison R 10R (NRO) Rhyes L 10A (HHA) Blake L R 10M (HHA) Adam L 10M (HHA) Erin W 10M (VNI) Olivia P 10J (LDV & ATO) Kate M 10Y (DAT) Lucy O 10M (AWR) Lexi W 10J (AWR) Kaden C 10A (AWR) Lilith U 10R (AWR) Mrs Sturdy's RE Class: 10Y2 (EST)
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Year 11

High Five Friday
6th October

Ellie B 11N (NRO & ESM) Mia G 11H (NRO) Jack R 11H (NRO) Lily D 11N (NRO & ESM) Lily H 11O (NRO) Ezri H 11O (NRO) Lily W 11O (NRO) Lacey R 11N (NRO) Kaylie B 11N (NRO) Oliver K 11O (NRO) Jack N 11J (NRO) Abbie B 11H (NRO) Faith S 11Y (EST) Mika M 11M (EST) Isabel M 11M (EST & AWR) Nina H 11R (EST) Amelia K 11M (SGO & ESM & NRO & HRO) Natalia O-C 11N (SGO & VNI & HRO)	Lucie P 11A (HRO) Spencer H 11R (HRO & EST) Reece S 11M (DMI) Ryan W 11H (DMI) Leah B-D 11A (DDE) Eva T 11Y (LCU) Dylan C 11H (LCU & EST) Ella P 11J (VNI) Beatrice M 11R (VNI & AWR) Hannah M 11R (VNI) Chloe M 11R (VNI) Finlay H 11M (LDV) Jack L 11J (LDV) Aiden M 11H (AWR)	Katie C 11O (EST) Evie L 11H (EST) Sarah L 11H (EST) Isabelle M 11J (EST) Laksh S 11J (EST & ATO) Ella H 11Y (EST) Adam W 11H (EST) Joseph B 11Y (EST) Gabi F 11A (EST) Nicola H 11Y (EST) Efrie H 11Y (EST) Jonny L 11Y (EST) Neve R 11R (EST) Hannah S 11M (EST) Ruby W 11M (EST) George B 11J (ATO & NRO) RS'T's Writing Intervention Group Mr Athey's Maths class
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Year 12

High Five Friday
6th October

Reece E-M 12R (NRO) Cameron L 12R (NRO & JVI) Evan M 12R (NRO & JVI) Bethany T 12C (NRO) Bodie D 12R (EST & HTH) Lucy S 12R (EST & LBT) Ruby J 12A (EST) Isabelle C 12A (HTH & NRO) Molly H 12E (HTH & NRO) Katie M 12E (HTH & NRO) Megan M 12E (HTH & NRO) Chloe C 12E (HTH) Maia S 12R (LBT) Katie T 12A (LBT) Amelie T 12C (LBT) Jaimie W 12A (LBT) Tess J 12C (NRO) Eleanor P 12E (NRO)	James B 12A (LBT) Danirel J 12A (LBT) Robyn D 12C (LBT) Katie B S 12E (LBT) Lucy M 12E (LBT) Ben A 12C (LBT) Molly A 12C (LBT & NRO) Colby B 12A (LBT) Phebe B 12E (LBT) Francesca B 12R (LBT) Grace C 12E (LBT) Daria M 12E (LBT) Mr Minton's Computer Science Class Morgan M 12C (SMC) Josh S 12C (SMC) Lucy W 12C (LBT) Elsa J 12C (NRO) Sophie C 12E (NRO)
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Year 13

High Five Friday
6th October

Emily W 13O (LBT) Neve W 13E (LBT) Josh B 13H (LBT) Amelia M 13H (LBT) Emilia C 13P (LBT & EST) Evie C 13E (LBT & EST) Emily D 13H (LBT & NRO) Eve H 13P (LBT & NRO) Mia L 13P (LBT) Neve W 13E (DDE) Amelia W 13H (RCA) Mr Minton's Computer Science Class	Katelyn P 13H (LBT & EST & NRO) Max P 13E (LBT) Anna T 13H (LBT) Maja B 13H (LBT) Ruby H-D 13P (EST) Mia R 13E (EST & NRO) Hannah F-S 13E (EST & NRO) Zach E 13H (NRO) Eleanor T 13E (NRO) Jake C 13E (SMC) John M 13O (SMC)
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- **Wednesday 18 October**- Bishop Stephen visit
- **Thursday 19 October**- SEND Parent Info Session- Autism, 4-5.30pm
- **Thursday 19 October**- Year 7 Welcome Mass. Details to follow.
- **Friday 20 October**- School Closed to students for INSET. Half Term begins
- **Monday 30 October**- School reopens after Half Term
- **Monday 30 October**- Year 11 Mocks
- **Friday 3 November**- Lourdes Family Quiz
- **Friday 24 November**- Disaggregated INSET Day, school closed.
- **Thursday 30 November**- Year 11 Progress Eve
- **Sunday 10 December**- Sixth Form Dinner Dance. Tickets on MCAS.

I Heard a Whisper...

Well done this week to Miss Heads (LRC Manager), Miss Liddle (Performing Arts), Jayne Summerbell (Admin) and Mrs Kreczak (SENDCO) who have all received some lovely nominations from parents and staff recently and received a sweet treat to acknowledge their work. If you would like to nominate a member of staff for going above and beyond in their role, drop us an email at iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk as we love receiving, reading and sharing your nominations.

I Heard a Whisper...

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?

Please email iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk to notify us of the staff who you think deserve a special shout out and a sweet treat.

Each week we will share a selection and celebrate those members of staff.