ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

This week's newsletter is once again jam-packed with exciting events, achievements and opportunities. In particular, some of our staff and students this week have really demonstrated the Catholic Social Teaching Principles of Solidarity, Common Good and Option for the Poor through their fantastic fundraising efforts in our Charity Fashion Show. It is events like this in particular which demonstrate what a fantastic community we are, working together to help those in need.

This week's attendance figures are:

Year 7- 91.9%

Year 8- 92.5%

Year 9- 92.3%

Year 10- 91.1%

Year 11- 91.7%

Well done to 10M who were last week's most improved tutor group.

On Friday, six of our Year 8 students along with Miss Heads and Mr Smith travelled to Toronto, Canada for a special Literacy Experience Trip

through the
Turing Scheme.
The group have
had a fantastic
start to the trip
including a
walking tour to
the library, visiting
a local bookstore,
St Lawrence Food
Market for world



famous Montreal bagels, a visit to Tim Hortons for a frozen lemonade, and after walking nearly 15,000 steps, rounding off the day with games.

Six of our Year 8 students have been selected to participate in the Bronze Level Industrial Cadets Award. The award involves a 12-week STEM project working alongside a GSK mentor. Well done to



Matthew Wherry, Joel Hardy, Miylee Allison, Sam Nergaard, Thomas Keddilty and Kai Merritt. In sporting news, the Year 11
Football team won their County
Cup semi-final against
Hurworth last week. The game
finished 2-2 and St John's won
5-4 on penalties. The final will
take place on Monday 25 March
at Maiden Castle.

On Wednesday, a mixed team

of Year 9 and 10 students played at Bishop Auckland Rugby Club against students from Bishop Barrington and Woodham. Despite some great rugby on display from all players, St John's were triumphant. Well done, boys!

On Thursday we concluded our week-long World Book Day celebrations with a special Reading Relay across all lessons for students in Years 7-10, and then the big reveal of our competition winners. Congratulations to Lara, Charlotte and Olivia for their winning entries of Cat in the Hat, The Gruffalo and The Queen of Hearts for our Booked Potato competition. Also last week, all of Year 7 entered a national 'Design a Book Token' competition. The standard of entries was fantastic and the three winners will now have their designs submitted for the national round of the competition. Well done to Nancy, Emme and Lydia-Rose for their very creative entries.





What a wonderful evening we had on Friday for our Charity Fashion Show. Our wonderful Sixth Form students and staff took to the catwalk to strut their stuff for two fantastic causes, and what a fabulous evening of entertainment it was. Along with our marvellous models, our very own Marco from Year 11 entertained our crowds. A huge thank you to The Key for their funding for this evening, and to our fabulous Sixth Form girls: Isabelle, Layla, Molly and Elsa who organised the event. Thanks to everyone's efforts and donations, we raised an incredible £1500 for Cancer Research and a van full of pre-loved clothing for Angel Trust.









Monday 11- Friday 15 This week is British Science Week and students will be taking part in various activities and competitions in their Science lessons. **REMINDERS**

Yearbook preparations are now under way for our Year 11 students and we need our students to send their comments, stories, anecdotes and photos of their school memories to Mrs Carter as soon as possible.

Appointments are now available on SchoolCloud for our Year 8 Progress Evening next Thursday.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS









Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Emme R 7M Maisy N-H 7N Constance C 7N Imogen K 7J Grace N 7N

Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Yu Xuan L 8M Miylee A 8Y Jessica M 8N Millie W 80 Dylis B-T 8Y

Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Hassan S 9J Megan D 90 Oscar B 9J Thomas S 90 Paige A 9N

Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Daniel D 10S Thomas G 10J Aaliyah-Louise R 100 April G 10A Lucas E 10N

Year 11 Top **Achievers**

Rhianna S 11N Marco H 11J Lilv D 11N Logan M 11N McKensie K 11J

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 21 March- Year 8 Progress Eve
- Wednesday 27 March- Jaquie Holloway Performing Arts Prize Concert Thursday 28 March- Last day before Easter
- Monday 15 April - School reopens
- Thursday 2 May- Year 7 Progress Evening
- Monday 6 May- Bank Holiday
- Thursday 9 May- A Level/ GCSE Exams
- Monday 20 May- Year 10 Work Experience
- Thursday 20 June- Year 11 Leavers' Celebration
- Monday 8 July- Year 12 Work Experience
- Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 July- Les Miserables (tickets available after Easter)

🦃 I Heard a Whisper...

We have been spoilt for choice recently with our Whisper nominations, with lots of wonderful emails coming from parents and staff and daily nominations from students also. A huge thank you to anyone who takes the time to send these nominations. Well done to last week's nominees: Mr Walker (LSA), Mrs Rose (Assistant Headteacher), Miss Robinson (Head of Year 8), Mrs Nighoskar (Health and Social Care/Psychology), Danielle Dowson (Admin), Miss Crawford (MFL), Jayne Summerbell (Admin) and Susie Denning (Parent Support Advisor). Head over to our Facebook or

Instagram pages to read the nominations, and email us at iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk with your nominations.



Artist of the Week

Lucy Galloway, 10N











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