ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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Last week we introduced a new rewards system in school, focused on catching our students being 'good eggs' and upholding our expectations and values. Our Leadership Team and Heads of Year have awarded postcards and creme eggs to students for their excellent manners, honesty, improved behaviour, for doing the right thing and for showing responsibility in the Dining Hall and around school. We look forward to catching some more 'good eggs' this week!

Our Environmental Awareness Club members have been taking part in the Big Plastic Count and would like to share the following message:

We are the Environmental Awareness Club,, Robyn, Jessica, Hollie, Maddison, Isabella and Carla. Our group is led by Mrs Harding and we meet every Tuesday to discuss world issues like climate change and the plastic crisis. Last week we took part in The Big Plastic Count which involves counting



every piece of plastic that we throw away, for example plastic bottles, snack wrappers, pots, tubs and tubes. We found out that each of our households throw away an average of 20 plastic food wrappers per week. How crazy is that! The evidence we gathered will help convince UK politicians and big brands to lead the way at the global talks. We are always looking for new members to join the club and hope that we have helped you consider a bit more about your own plastic use at home. Thank you!





Congratulations to our students in Years 10 and 11 who have successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

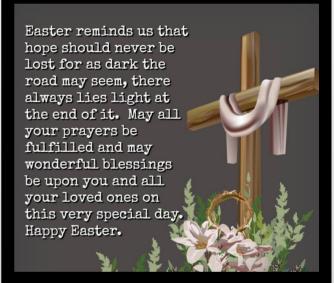




Our Performing Arts students enjoyed another fantastic theatre trip on Wednesday, this time to see Bonnie and Clyde the Musical. Everyone loved the show and students were fantastic ambassadors for St John's, as always.

A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

As we enter the last week of our Spring term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for their continued support, our students for their hard work and positive attitudes and our staff for their incredible dedication and passion. It has been another very busy term filled with amazing opportunities and achievements, and I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break with your loved ones. Our return in the Summer term will see the final countdown to our GCSE and A Level exams and the culmination of a great deal of hard work, as well as more exciting events, trips and opportunities which we look forward to sharing with you.



Last week's attendance figures were:

Year 7- 93.1%

Year 8-92.7%

Year 9- 90.9%

Year 10- 91.1%

Year 11- 93.9%

Well done to 11J who were last week's most improved tutor group with an improvement of 10%!

On Tuesday our Year 8 netballers won the South West Durham Netball tournament at Whitworth Park. The team won all their games without conceding any goals. They are very talented players and their effective team cohesion certainly shows in every game! Well done, girls!

TOMING UP THIS WEEK

Wednesday 27- Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts, 6pm. Tickets are still available for this fantastic event which celebrates excellence in Performing Arts and features 12 competition soloists as well as performances from our wonderful ensembles and a sneak preview of this year's musical, Les Miserables. This is an event not to be missed; tickets can be purchased from www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-catholic-school or on the door.

Thursday 28- Lenten Liturgies. Students in all year groups will be travelling down to St Mary's Church with their tutors during the course of the day to take part in Lenten liturgies to honour Maundy Thursday and Holy Week.

Thursday 28- School finishes for the Easter holidays; we wish you all a wonderful Easter break. School reopens on Monday 15 April.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS







Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Neve R 7H John O 7H Mollie S 7R Emily E 7A Milana D 7J

Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Harrison M 8O Yu Xuan Lin 8M Macey A 8J Connor A 8Y Silver N 8M

Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Jayden-James D 90 Freddie C 9A Chloe D 9A Hassan S 9J Jack R 90

Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Anna T 10A April G 10A Evie W 10Y Yasmin W 10A Chrimi M 10A

Year 11 Top **Achievers**

George B 11J Dominic M 110 Jack R 11H Katie-Grace C 110 Lily D 11N

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 15 April- School reopens
- Friday 26 April- Tunes and Chat Cafe, 1.30-2.30pm
- Thursday 2 May- Year 7 Progress Evening
- Monday 6 May- Bank Holiday
- Thursday 9 May- A Level/ GCSE Exams begin
- Monday 20 May- Year 10 Work Experience
- Friday 24 May- Last day before Half Term
- Monday 3 June- School reopens
- 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)
- Friday 19 July- School's out for Summer!

I Heard a Whisper...

Wednesday was International Happiness Day, and what better way to spread happiness than by saying thank you and giving recognition. Well done this week to Mr Johnson (Maths), Mrs Deverell (Art), Mrs Nighoskar (Assistant Head of Year 10) and Mrs Rose (Assistant Headteacher), Miss Johnston (English), Miss Heads (LRC Manager), Mandy Allen (Admin), Miss Aisbitt (Maths), Miss Hayes (Assistant Headteacher/ Head of English) and Mr McIntyre (Deputy Headteacher) who all received some lovely nominations which earned them a sweet treat! Email us at iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk to nominate a member of staff for a shout-out and treat. Students can also nominate via the form in their emails.



Artist of the Week



Aimee Carville, 11M







