ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

25 NOVEMBER 2024 Week B



A huge well done to our Under 14 Girls who were truly exceptional on Saturday and won the North Durham County Schools Netball Tournament. They were undefeated in every game, victorious against the

following teams: Easington 16-4, Durham School 14-5, Whitburn 10-8, Durham High 16-5. This team had never played or trained together before but were outstanding in their individual efforts, their teamwork and reading the game play. A huge thank you to Mrs Widdowson for



giving up her Saturday morning to enable the girls to compete, and a special shout-out to the parents who battled the poor weather conditions to get them to the competition safely. Fantastic commitment all round! The team now progress to the next stage of the competition and we look forward to sharing details of that soon.



Last week, some of our Year 8 girls took part in a Futsal competition, securing a 2-1 win against Parkside and a 7-0 victory against Bishop Barrington. These girls show incredible commitment to the sporting life of St John's and we are ery proud of their sportsmanship and success.

On Friday evening, Mrs Widdowson and Ms Somers went along to Darlington Hippodrome to support our students involved in the Sandra Welsh School of Dance show, If We Can Dream. Over 40 of our students were involved in the show which showcased their fantastic talent and commitment. A huge well done to all of our students involved, as well as some of our staff's own children and former students. We look forward to seeing and sharing more photos in the coming days.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

Throughout the month of November we remember those we have lost and dedicate our thoughts and prayers to loved ones who have passed away, Along with our beautiful poppy wall which remains in our foyer, our Remembrance Tree is also a poignant feature outside of the Main Hall, adorned with leaves filled in by students and staff of loved ones they would like to remember. Students are still welcome to add leaves to the tree this week.



We know there are a lot of bugs going around at the moment, but appreciate your support in ensuring good attendance for your children. Last week's attendance: Year 7: 93.1% Year 7: 93.1% Year 8: 89.7% Year 9: 90% Year 10: 89.3% Year 11: 88.5%

On Tuesday we held interviews for new members of our Student Leadership Team. Following some fantastic applications, applicants from every year group were invited along for a mock meeting to share their ideas of how to improve life at St John's on topics such as mental health, school facilities and rewards. Mrs Rose was very impressed with students' confidence, respect and ideas and details of who has been successful in joining the Student Leadership Team will be shared this week.

Tuesday 26- Show Racism the Red Card. We are welcoming back the people from Show Racism the Red Card to talk to our students in Years 8-13 on this important topic. **Wednesday 27-** Frozen Rehearsals for all cast until 4.30pm.

Friday 29- Disaggregated Inset Day- School Closed. Wishing everyone an enjoyable long weekend.

REMINDERS

Appointments are now available via School Cloud for Year 11 Progress Evening on Thursday, 5 December

Students are not allowed their mobile phones out in school. Those students who bring their phones with them for the journey to/from school should ensure they are switched off and remain in their bags throughout the day. Students found using their phones in school will have them confiscated until the end of the day and will be issued with a detention. We appreciate your support with reinforcing this message with your child.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

□ Thursday 5 December- Year 11 Progress Eve (Appointments available now via SchoolCloud)

Monday 16 December- Christmas Celebration (tickets available soon)

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- □ Friday 20 December- School closes for Christmas. (Please note this will be a half day with students finishing at 1.30pm)
- □ Monday 6 January- School reopens
- Tuesday 14 January- Careers Day
- Tuesday 28 January- Year 9 Options Eve
- Thursday 30 January- Year 12 and 13 Progress Eve
- **Thursday 13 February-** Year 9 Progress Eve
- Friday 21 February- Staff Inset, school closed to students. Half term begins
- Monday 3 March- School reopens

I Heard a Whisper... Amongst the mock marking,

planning, Christmas event organising, duties, meetings and general busyness of school life, our staff continue to go above and beyond to support each other, our students and our families.

Well done this week to Miss Robinson (Head of Year 9), Emma Ramsey (School Chaplain), Miss Hayes (Assistant Headteacher/Head of English), Mr Minton (Head of Computing), Miss Allaway (LSA), Mrs Martin (Business Studies) and Sharon Foster (Catering) who have all received well-deserved nominations. If you would like to acknowledge the hard work of a member of staff, email: iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk

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Artist of the Week



ClassCharts

Year 7 Top

Achievers Noah R 7J

Daniel W 70

Pola K 7N

Claudia M 7J

Luke D 7Y

Year 8 Top

Achievers

Ellie R 8M

Eliza B-M 8M

Sienna J 8H

Milana D 8J

Harry M 8J

Year 9 Top

Achievers

Grace M 9J

Nathan A9H

Ryan D 9A

Harvey M 9R

Thomas K 9R

Year 10 Top

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Lily J 10H

Isabelle G 10N

Jack R 100

Nicole S 100

Ethan W 10R

Year 11 Top

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Niamh C 11Y

April G 11A

Daniel D 11S

Sofia A 110

Imogen M 11J



Daisy Johnson 11A



