



All Saints Catholic College NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

Welcome to our November/December Newsletter.

As the winter weather approaches I would like to take the opportunity to remind you about how we deal with any severe weather, especially snow, which may affect the school. Each day of any severe weather I, and fellow colleagues, will make an assessment about whether it is safe and practical to open the school to pupils. This decision will be made early in the morning, in enough time to inform you if we are to close.

You will be informed by text if this is the case. If you do not hear anything from us, the school will be open. You can also visit our school website www.aschc.com which will have the latest updates from us direct, or the council website www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures.

Please be assured that we only decide to close our school in exceptional circumstances where the safety of your child is the primary concern. On occasion, this may be due to the availability of teaching staff who travel some distance to reach school, rather than purely conditions for pupils getting to school. There may also be issues concerning school buses. If you have recently changed your mobile or landline phone number then please let us know as a matter of urgency, otherwise you will not receive the messages we send out for your information.

Thank you for continuing to support our college in every way, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year when they arrive!

Ms Colligan

Important Dates:

Friends Christmas Craft Fair

Thursday 6th December
6-8pm

Advent service

Thursday 13th December
6-8pm

KS3 disco

Wednesday 19th December
7-9pm

Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 20th December

Last day of term

Thursday 20th December

College reopens

Monday 7th January



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WWI Centenary and Remembrance

On Friday 9th November 2018, the All Saints community came together to mark the WWI Armistice Centenary with a two minute silence and remembrance activity around the Armistice. This marked the end of the four year programme we have run over the course of the WWI Centenary, which included the five Remembrance days of the Centenary.



Remembrance Day and Monthly Prayers

For each Remembrance Day during the Centenary, All Saints have come together as a community to mark Armistice Day, before the students have completed a form time programme relating to WWI. The November programmes have covered the outbreak of the war; Harry Patch (the last British Tommy) and forgiveness; personal battles looking at PTSD and disabilities and how treatment and perceptions have changed since WWI; the Christmas Truce of 1914; the Armistice and post war attitudes.

We have also looked at WWI as part of the form prayers, with one session a month dedicated to WWI. We have covered songs and poems, battle, countries, and developments during and after the war, including the roles of women and animals, and some of the charities that developed in response to the war.

National Remembrance



We have linked some national initiatives into our Remembrance, including acquiring both a 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' poppy from the Tower of London, and a 'There but Not There' Tommy, both of which are used in our November Remembrance Display.



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Year 8 students created a wonderful display of poppies which was situated in Reception during remembrance and WW1 centenary events. From Monday 12th November the poppies are being sold in school for a minimum suggested donation of £1, which will be collected for the Royal British Legion fund. Well done year 8!



Poppy Art

Brogan in 8T exceeded all expectations with this fabulous piece of art homework. He made this fantastic cake and decorated it with a poppy design. He



kindly donated the cake and it was enjoyed by staff in exchange for donations to the Royal British Legion fund. Thank you Brogan, it was delicious!

Future stars!

The All Saints Under 13 girls football team have made a fantastic start in The English Schools Cup, scoring an amazing 19 goals in their first two games. The first game, against Blue Coats, finished All Saints 10 Blue Coats 1 with team captain Grace Micklethwaite scoring 5 goals! The team's second match, against Penistone Grammar School, ended 9-1, with Courtney Simpson named player of the match.



U13 girls team:

Catherine, Megan, Grace, Laura, Eden

Mazie, Ella, Courtney, Samantha



Well Done Millie!



Millie received her certificate from the Mayor in a presentation at the careers office.

Y11 student Millie took part in the Kirklees internship programme over the summer, in conjunction with C&K careers. Her first week was spent in the careers centre doing group work and employability skills, followed by a week's work placement at a Co-op store. Millie received exceptional feedback from both C&K careers and the Co-op store.

Many thanks to our careers advisor Claire for organising this.

WW1 Commemoration Evening

On Thursday 8th November we celebrated our fifth and final WW1 commemoration evening. It was wonderful to welcome back Roger Davies, who performed his song 'Wear your poppy with pride' on our first commemoration evening in 2014. This year, he worked with a group of our key stage 3 students and performed his song with them. We also enjoyed listening to our students share some of the key events of the war, from the causes through to the armistice. It is always a pleasure to see our students volunteer to take part in our community events. Thank you to everyone who attended to commemorate the sacrifices made by those who walked before us.

Voluntary Aided School Funds

Thank you to those who have already contributed their £5.00 for this half term. As a Voluntary Aided school, we rely on your family contributions, to enable us to enrich the lives of our students. This term's contributions have been put towards the picnic area canopies and the installation of floodlighting to the Multi Use Games Area.



Safeguarding Updates

Here at All Saints Catholic College all our staff are committed to safeguarding. Should you or your child have any concerns we are happy to offer support/help where possible.

Our Safeguarding leads in College are:



Mrs T Logan DSL



Ms A O'Grady Deputy DSL



Mrs E Balach Deputy DSL

Anti-bullying week 'Choose Respect' was held between 12th and 16th November and during 19th –25th November College participated in Road Safety Week Organised by 'Brake'.

Kirklees Knife Awareness:

Years 7 – 11 took part in a Kirklees wide initiative to ensure our students keep themselves safe & are aware of the dangers knives pose.

As part of this, the Police Youth Intervention Team organised for Paul Hannaford to speak about his life & the choices he made. Students were then given the opportunity to ask questions.

This programme will now be implemented through PSCHE.

Prevent Team

Prevent team visited school on 13th November to run workshops with year 8, this included a 30 minute assembly led by the Prevent team, followed by a 45 minute performance and a Q&A session.

In addition all staff received their PREVENT training on the training day in line with Kirklees statutory guidance.





Ask The Scientists

7C1 and 7H1 had the opportunity to talk with scientists during the most recent “I’m a Scientist” event; an online event where students can converse with groups of scientists. Once again, our students asked a range of interesting questions, which challenged the scientists on a wide variety of topics. Below are a few quotes from 7C1 on what they thought about the experience.

“The scientists were fun to talk to and I got to ask them if they travelled a lot and why they wanted to become scientists. I voted for Danny because his answers were interesting.”

“I liked that you got to talk to scientists and they answered your questions. I got to speak to them about animal testing and got 10 replies. I voted for Raquel because she answered most of my questions.”

“The scientists were friendly and replied to almost everyone. I asked what diseases they would cure if they could; all of them said cancer because it causes too much harm. I voted for Danny because he gave information packed answers.”

“I enjoyed learning about what the scientists really thought. I asked who their scientific idol was and found out it was Marie Curie. Verity got my vote because she answered most of my questions”.

The class thought that Danny was the most engaging scientist because he answered the questions honestly and in a way that the students could understand.

MEET THE SCIENTISTS!



Verity



Trystan



Raquel



Danny



Catherine



Andy



Chaplaincy

In November, we remember

During November, students have been visiting the Chapel to remember our loved ones who have died and are now with God. In some of the services, the story of 'Waterbugs and Dragonflies' has been used to illustrate the Christian belief in resurrection and our hope that we will be reunited with all our loved ones forever in God's embrace. Students have had the opportunity to name those they would like to remember and light a candle as a symbol of the light that continues to shine in their lives with the memory of their loved ones. Our services conclude with the prayer of the Church for those who have died:

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shone upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Mass for deceased students and staff was held on Monday November 26 at 5.00 pm in the school chapel. All staff, students, and families were invited to attend this, very moving service.

The Friends of All Saints

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Thursday 6th December

6PM-8PM

- Craft Stalls
- Christmas Tuck Shop

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Bradley Bar, Bradley, HD2 2JT

If you'd like a stall please contact Ms O'Grady or Ms O'Neill
01484 426466 // office@aschc.com

Friends Of All Saints are pleased to announce the Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Thursday 6th December 6-8pm.

Students can book a table for free so if there any budding crafters in school, or anyone else wishing to book a table please contact Ms O'Neill or Ms O'Grady.

There will be no charge for admission on the night.



Shoebox Appeal



Staff and students contributed to a collection of Christmas gift shoeboxes on behalf of Operation Christmas Child. The gifts will be distributed across the world to children who otherwise would not receive a Christmas gift. A fantastic 53 shoeboxes were filled and donated from college, with 7E winning the form prize for the most shoeboxes collected. Well done everybody!

New arrivals

Congratulations to Geography teacher Ms Sharp who recently welcomed her new son, Seth Peter.

Art & Photography teacher Ms Charles will be beginning maternity leave shortly as she prepares for the arrival of her first child.

Music Teacher Mrs Sidwell will also be taking maternity leave early in the new year.

We send congratulations and best wishes to all three families.

Black History month

During October we celebrated our annual Black History evening. We were overwhelmed by the number of people that came to join us in celebrating the achievements of black people in history through some amazing performances from our students. We were entertained by music and dance performances, as well as readings from students. The highlight of the evening was the inspirational speech from our guest speaker, Jason Robinson, OBE. He shared his experiences of growing up in a disadvantaged area of Leeds and how sport gave him the opportunity to thrive. A huge thank you to all the members of our community that came to support the evening.