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St. Joseph's RC High School

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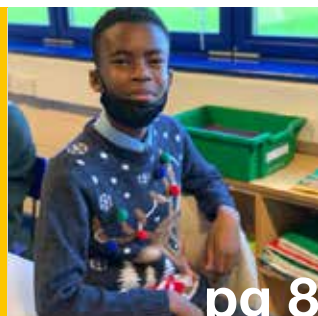
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Headteacher's Message

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Mrs J Jarrett Headteacher

A very warm welcome to the Autumn edition of Insight for 2021.

Firstly, may I express my thanks to the team of staff and students who produce such insightful articles, and of course, to Mrs Kent, who creatively edits and produces the newsletter into its

electronic format. I hope you enjoy reading about events at the school this term.

Advent is a wonderful time of the year. It reminds us that God comes to be with us. Every time the students and staff of this school community work together whether in the learning that goes on in our classrooms every day, the preparation for our Advent service or through

the extensive charity raising events that so many students contribute to, I know that this promise continues to be real through them.

Parental support is a very important and essential element of any good school and I am very grateful to all of our families who support the everyday work of St Joseph's RC High School. Together we can ensure each child

achieves their full potential. Together we can live out our school's mission statement of "Serving God Through Learning Together." Thank you for your support this term.

On behalf of all at St Joseph's RC High School High, may you experience the promise and love of Christmas and have a blessed New Year.

“I was just always on the streets playing football and stuff, so I never saw reading as something to do,” he says. “But now that I have read, I want to make sure that the next generation have the opportunity.” **Marcus Rashford**



<https://www.book-ish.co.uk>

Champion of Champions

A huge thank you goes out to Mrs Burn and Bookish, an independent book company in Crickhowell, as every student in Year 7 is about to receive a copy of Marcus Rashford's new book: "You are a Champion".

To coincide with this, the school is about to embark on a set of PSHE and cross-curricular lessons inspired by Marcus Rashford's key messages. Watch this space for updates on the progress of our pupil champions and please do all you can to support independent bookshops like Bookish.

#greatpresentidea and support the fantastic work of role model, Marcus Rashford.





REMEMBRANCE DAY



Year 7 spent time with Mrs Burke and Mr Nunn reflecting on loved ones; people who have inspired them or are important to them that had sadly lost their lives. They created some beautiful thoughts on small wooden crosses in memoriam.

On the 11th of November, our school was silent as we gave thanks and paid our respects to service men and women that have died and been injured in conflicts since 1914.

Mrs Burke read a bible passage, Head Girl, Tasiane read 'Flanders Field's' by John McCrae and Libby Doverman played the Last Post, and we were honoured to be in the company of three ex-soldiers for the 2-minute silence.

Our special thanks go to:

Stephen 'Dicky' Bird, Royal Welch Fusiliers

Paul 'Enri' Robertson, Royal Welch Fusiliers

Harry 'H' Williams, Prince of Wales own Royal Lancers.

for visiting our school and paying their respects with us.

A huge thanks as well to everyone that donated via our [Just-Giving page](#) and donated cash. A fantastic £1,328 has been donated to the British Royal

Royal Welch Fusiliers by Offa Community Councillor David Jones

It originated on 16 March 1689 when Henry, 4th Lord Herbert of Chirbury, raised a volunteer regiment that was soon designated the 23rd Regiment of Foot. On 15 December 1702 they became The Welsh Regiment of Fusiliers - a reference both to their recruitment area and their use of the then state-of-the-art firearm, the fusil. As a reward for gallantry - a trait so often exhibited by the RWF throughout its history - George I conferred on them (9 November 1714) the title the 'Prince of Wales's Own Royal Regiment of Welsh Fusiliers'. Later in the century (1771) they were referred to as 'The Royal Regiment of Welsh Fusiliers'.

By that date the tradition of the Regimental Goat, was long-established. A full member of the regiment - not a mascot - he holds the official rank of Lance Corporal - and is the responsibility of a junior NCO with the honorary title of Goat Major. Royal Goats were first presented by the monarch in 1844.

Another tradition is the use of 'Welch' in the regiment's name. Whatever the evidence of the earliest official titles, 'Welch' was the preferred spelling as early as 1707 and was in common use until the 1850s. There followed a period when 'Welsh' became more prevalent giving rise to both spellings being used in different periods. The matter was only resolved in 1920 when permission was granted for the regiment to retain the old spelling - and it has been 'Welch' ever since.

The RWF's association with Wrexham dates back to at least 1729 when a company was billeted in the town, and although a barracks was opened in Regent Street in 1857 for the Denbighshire Militia (it later became the police station and Magistrates' Court and is now the County Museum and Archives), it was not until the Brigade Depots system was introduced in 1876 that work began on a new site for the RWF.

The new barracks cost £30,000 and housed two companies from each of the two battalions. They arrived on 17 August 1877 and were greeted by the Mayor, James Charles Owen of Alma House, Madeira Hill. Wrexham has long been a place of recruitment for the RWF. This was especially true for The Great War when 40 battalions were raised. Sadly, 17 almost 10,000 officers and men were lost in the ensuing conflict. One notable casualty was the poet Ellis Humphrey Evans ('Hedd Wyn').

Following the Second World War, the RWF received the Freedom of Wrexham on 15 June 1946, a privilege repeated at Wrexham on 17 September 1983 for the Borough of Wrexham Maelor. Another venue in Offa, Drill Hall, Poyser Street, opened in 1902, had been home to the 4th Bn RWF until they moved to Hightown barracks on 9 October 1948.

The Depot system at Wrexham survived until 31 March 1960. The next day Wrexham was established as the Regimental Headquarters, a position it held until 10 September 1968 when the honour was transferred to Caernarfon, but the headquarters moved back to Wrexham on 1 December 1982. The current Colonel-in-Chief is Her Majesty The Queen, and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this role, Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh visited Hightown Barracks on 4 June 2003.

Without doubt, the RWF is one of the most remarkable and distinguished of any part of the armed forces. Some of the colours are on display in St Giles' Parish Church which also has a dedicated Regimental Chapel. Many of the streets surrounding the barracks bear the names of those awarded the Victoria Cross. It has also been commemorated in a lively military march 'The Royal Welch Fusiliers' by American composer John Philip Sousa (1854-1932) in memory of its work alongside the US Marine Corps in China (1900) and LMS Royal Scot class locomotive number 6118 was named 'Royal Welch Fusilier'.

As an independent corps the regiment existed for 317 years until 2006 when 'rationalisation' caused it to be merged with the Royal Welsh Regiment. When he reviewed the regiment in the summer of 1739, George II described it as 'the finest Regiment He had seen'. Fortunately its name lives on as 1st Battalion The Royal Welsh (The Royal Welch Fusiliers). The Keep at the barracks is a Grade II listed building and the hope for the future is that the traditions of such a distinguished regiment will continue on this historic site.



Stephen 'Dicky' Bird was full of knowledge and information about his time in service. He has very kindly sent the letter above explaining some of the facts about the Royal Welch Fusiliers.



Advent 21

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.” Isaiah 9:2

We all need something to look forward to. Often, we find the energy to get through today because of something that’s on the horizon for tomorrow. Perhaps we’re looking forward to a special event, like the birth of a child, a birthday or anniversary celebration, a much-needed holiday, or a reunion with an old friend or family members.

Maybe we are looking forward to attending a major sporting event or a concert or theatre performance. Or maybe a special package we ordered is finally being delivered! Whatever the case may be, it is the hope and anticipation of something on the horizon that often fuels us in the present moment. Such is the season of Advent, that time in the Church’s liturgical calendar when we remind ourselves that, in Christ, we have a future! The season of Advent reminds us of the importance of having something to which we can look forward.

As we come to the end of our season of Advent for 2021, we are mindful of how short it has been but there remains time for us to contemplate the great mystery of this season. As Pope Francis reminds us, Advent is a time to be ‘mindful and pray.’

In 2020, many of us experienced a Christmas when so many of the ways we traditionally mark the season were suddenly denied to us. This year, of course, we hope and pray that many of the familiar experiences that help Christmas come alive return to our homes, our churches and communities. But whatever else December brings, it will offer us an opportunity to enter more deeply into the joyful mystery that lies at its heart: God becoming human in the birth of Jesus Christ.

The incarnation – when God became man, is the heart of Christmas. It is an invitation to everyone to discover – or rediscover – the good news of God’s saving love as revealed in the birth of Jesus. It is also a challenge to each of us to ponder in our hearts – as Mary did – what the extraordinary events of the first Christmas might mean for us now and in the years ahead.

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

*o you we say, “Come Lord Jesus!”
Amen*

SJHS Virtual Advent Service

www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3TN5_mHT6w

This term, pupils in the music department have been working incredibly hard to prepare and rehearse for musical items for the 2021 Advent Service. For the last few weeks, the pupils have been most excited about coming together in early December to perform and record the musical items as a large ensemble, ready for the Virtual Launch in the last week of this term. The music department would like to thank all pupils involved for their sustained efforts this term, and to Mr Webb and Mr Davies from Gwent music for their work with the Jazz and Brass Bands.

Click the above link to go to the SJHS YouTube channel to watch the full service from Wednesday 16th at 6pm.

Starring

Lucia Boggiani-Lloyd
Noah Bradshaw
Evangeline Davies
Gwen Aderyn
Leanne Fernandes
Daniel Jones
Isabella Poskitt-Jones
Sophie Bellia
Alvin Binoy
Elena Gladwin Rubio
Joaquin Gonzalez
Sofia Chicken
Sophie Doverman
Javier Gonzalez
Keisha Ortega
Lucy Graham
Cormac Wiltshire
Dylan Fernandes
Delalorm Kunutsor
Jonty Beales

Cael Maher

Phoebe Lynch
Cedrik Nunez
Cassandra Ruasa
Trishtan Labid
Eve Lewis
Holly Morgan
Megan Davies
Libby Doverman
Sean Linton
Sophie Parselle
Elin Jones
Oliver Meakin
Niall Burrell
Alexandra Castellari
Christopher Ashwell-Lewis
Francesca Barton
William Thompson
Kate Catalla
Niamh Jones
Joab Pelling

Staff Choir

Miss B Doyle
Mr L Green
Mr M Rowland
Mrs C Reese
Mrs J Morgan
Mrs L Kent
Mrs M Edwards
Miss N Adams

Producers

Mrs K Burke
Miss B Doyle
Mr L Green
Mr C Testa
Mrs L Kent

Thanks to all the staff and parents that supported our wonderful pupils performers.



CHRISTMAS JUMPERS21

We loved wearing a festive, brightly coloured jumper this year. On Friday 10th of December (National day) and Wednesday 15th (Christmas dinner day), some pupils and staff really brought out their fashion creativity flair!

Our hope is that every pupil and teacher will try to donate a £1 or more on the School Comms page - the same place you add funds to your child's account or pay for a trip - look out for the payment called 'Christmas Jumper Day'.

All money will be split evenly across 6 deserving charities and so far, the following charities have been chosen:

Year 7 White Ribbon

Year 8 British Red Cross

Year 9 UNICEF

Year 10 Breast Cancer Research

Year 11 Newport Foodbank

Sixth Form Water Aid



10S looking festive!



Loving Christmas jumper day No.1



Thank you 8V



Chritmas carols 10E?



Christmas hug with 70



Festive fun with Year 7



...maybe too much fun!



Santa...I know him!!!!



Christmas style



LOVE this jumper!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND SCHOOL COUNCIL



At St Joseph's RC High School, we expect all our students to be leaders of their own learning and promote positive change in our school community.

Leading student voice in the school, we have 28 democratically elected Year leaders. These students have demonstrated commitment to the school community, being active participants in the academic and cultural life of the school and role models for others. The Year leaders meet regularly with members of the leadership team to discuss how together we achieve our vision for our school.

These 28 Year leaders together form the student council. Year leaders are also assigned to a ministry: teaching and learning, health and wellbeing, community and equality. Each ministry works closely with a member of the leadership team, ensuring pupil voice is at the heart of school improvement at St Joseph's RC High School. Choosing priorities, and working corroboratively with pupils, staff, parents and members of the community to ensure they are achieved.

Working with our Year leaders are our form leaders who play a vital role in our student leadership team. These students are positive role models, exemplifying the best behaviour and commitment to learning; leading by example with their smart appearance and excellent attendance and punctuality. These students undertake planned roles and responsibilities around the school as well as acting as spokespeople for their forms, ensuring every students' voice is heard, and in doing so developing their leadership skills.

All of our students regularly take part in the democratic process, voting for their form and year leaders, as well as working with them during designated tutor time. Through this, every student

is given the opportunity to have their voice heard on issues around school. Students and teachers can see the results of all initiatives through a display at the bottom of stairwell one and soon through displays in their form rooms also. In addition, students are able to form action teams on the issues that matter most to them.

Action teams can be proposed / created around a diverse range of issues; a few priorities our actions teams are currently working on are removing single use plastics in the canteen, producing wellbeing podcasts, improving students' recall strategies and increasing awareness of race equality throughout the community.

At St Joseph's RC High School, we have a fantastic culture of student leadership and we offer all students the chance to become a leader, be this a leader of their own education, their form, their year or the entire school. Using the medium of the school council, students learn the essential skills of leadership including communication, organisation and how to motivate and inspire others. In so doing, students grow in confidence and self-belief, preparing them for future careers and life itself.



Your School Council
has four Ministry's:

Teaching & Learning

Community

Equality

Health & Wellbeing



Introducing your representatives. Please chat to them about any issues you think may be relevant or need a student voice.

There is no better way to spread Christmas cheer other than a Christmas Fayre. Our Year 7 welcomed St Joseph's to their very own Innovative Christmas Fayre on the 13th and 14th December.

Throughout the Autumn term, Year 7 have been planning and crafting Christmas products to help raise awareness of Poverty in Wales with all proceeds going to our beloved CAFOD charity donating money to those in need. The fantastic Year 7 Welsh Bacallaureate team have led this process supporting students to develop their skills in creativity and innovation.

St Joseph's thoroughly enjoyed purchasing hand crafted items from Year 7 ranging from rice snowmen, Christmas cards and Christmas facemasks, to an exciting sweet filled Pinata. We are

eagerly awaiting the final total for money raised for CAFOD but no matter the value, in the words of Tesco - Every Little Helps. The Innovative Christmas Fayre was a huge success, and we are very grateful to our Year 7 Welsh Bacallaureate team, staff and sixth form students for their support and contribution to ensure the safe operation of this special event.

Congratulations to our creative and enterprising Year 7 contributors and thank you to everyone for their support. Miss Wilcox.



Amazing bags of goodies made by Year 7



All for a good cause...CAFOD



Creativity at its best!



Learning about fundraising, and cake!



Great team work Year 7



Choices, choices?

CHRISTMAS WBOQ FAYRE



Crackers, cards and Christmas



Reindeer bowling anyone?



Amazing effort Year 7, thank you.

IT-TASTIC!

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT



CODING CLUB

You asked and we answered!

Students @SJHS requested a coding club that would help them develop their computational thinking, creative and problem-solving skills.

The club has been a great success growing from 50 pupils to over 80 in just one month and the numbers keep growing. After speaking with pupils, we have started with Minecraft and we are intending to develop our cyber security, gaming and robotics.

If you are interested in joining then please come along to S1 every Wednesday until 4:30pm. There is no sign up required and no commitment.





ASTRO PI PROJECT SUCCESS

Astro Pi is an ESA (European Space Agency) education project run in collaboration with the Raspberry Pi Foundation. The project offers young people the amazing opportunity to conduct scientific investigations in space by writing computer programs that run on Raspberry Pi computers aboard the International Space Station (ISS).

With over 15,500 young people from 25 countries taking part in 2020, we had to get involved to offer our students a piece of the action.

This year, we had over 20 pupils taking part and submitting their project proposal. We are currently waiting for the phase 1 results for our groups and wish them all the best. Their efforts, creativity and team work have been fantastic.



CYBERFIRST GIRLS

Over the past 3 years, we have successfully taken part in the CyberFirst girls' competition and partnered with the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) – a part of GCHQ – to launch a new campaign with one aim: getting more girls to start their careers in cyber security. The world of technology is ever-changing and so are the online threats facing us. The NCSC is committed to making the UK the safest place to live and work online. That's why they created the CyberFirst Girls Competition, designed to help girls between the ages of 12-13 understand what a career in cyber security looks like, why it matters and where it could take them.

This year we have 20 young women representing SJHS in the Welsh heat. These women have been working hard as a team to practise their computational thinking, coding and logic, cryptography and general cyber security skills and knowledge. In previous years, we have reached the semi finals and we hope this year we can be crowned Welsh champions.

Good Luck to Mrs Mansoor



The end of term is often tinged with a little sadness as we see some staff move on to take up new opportunities elsewhere. Mrs Mansoor, our ICT teacher and Assistant Head of Sixth Form, is leaving to take up a very exciting position at Cardiff and Vale College.

Mrs Mansoor has been a highly successful teacher at St Joseph's since November 2011, when she joined us as a Business Studies and Law teacher. Mrs Mansoor's determination to ensure that all children experience the best possible conditions in which to realise their potential has made her a much loved and respected member of staff. **We wish her every happiness and success in her new role.**

Christmas Hampers 2021



A huge thank you to everyone...

With the help of our generous pupils, we are following the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel. Thank you to all pupils, parents/ carers and staff that have donated items to the hampers for our community members that need a little extra help this year.

ART GALLERY



Bright Faces
by Sophie Cridland

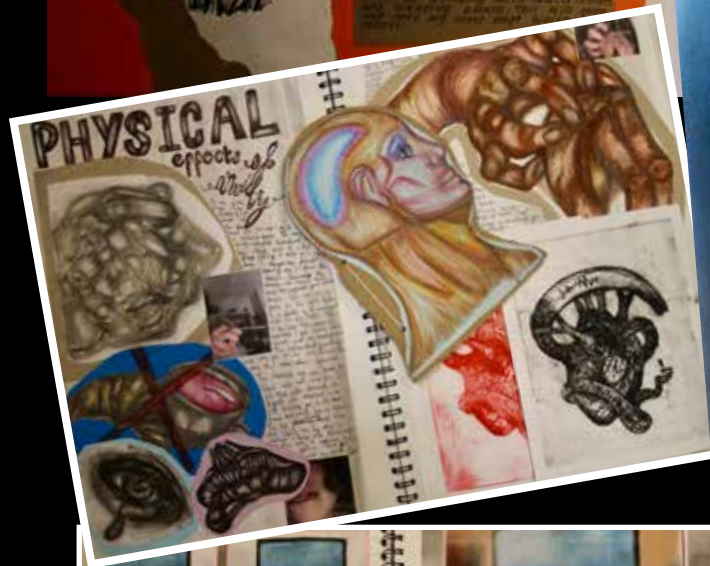
Parrot
by Fatima Falsal

Butterfly
by Sophia Jenkins

Flower studies
by Oliver Rocke

Spider
by Megan Clee

& SOME AMAZING SKETCHBOOKS



Nature Sketchbook
by Marcus Barrington

Year 12 and 13
Sketchbook pages



Diwrnod SCHWMAE

Dathlwyd Diwrnod Shwmae llwyddianus gan yr Adran Gymraeg ar Hydref 15fed gydag athrawon a disgyblion y gofynnwyd iddynt wisgo coch am y dydd a dathlu siarad Cymraeg. Cawson ni lawer o ddisgyblion creadigol gan gynnwys lliwio'u gwallt yn goch a gwisgo gogls nofio coch!

At ei gilydd, siaradwyd llawer o Gymraeg a mwynheodd pawb. Da iawn Ysgol Gyfun Joseff Sant!



The Welsh department celebrated another successful Diwrnod Shwmae on October 15th with staff and pupils who were asked to wear red for the day and celebrate speaking Welsh. We had lots of very creative pupils including colouring their hair red and wearing red goggles!



All in all lots of Welsh was spoken and enjoyed by all. Da iawn Ysgol Gyfun Joseff Sant!





WWWW

Wednesday Wellbeing Walk!

8P were the lucky form last week to trial a new Wellbeing walk in Tredegar House grounds.

The purpose of the walk was to teach the pupils about methods which help people develop and retain positive mental health.

To start the walk, it was made clear that there was a complete mobile ban. Pupils then took time to appreciate the sounds and colours of nature, enjoy moments of silence, hug a huge tree as well as chat ten to the dozen with their friends! The plan is to roll the Wellbeing Walk out to lots more forms - teachers and First aiders please feel free volunteer; it is definitely worth it.

We also hope it will be a bit sunnier next time with the chance as well to buy a snack at the cafe shop! Thanks 8P and Miss O'Keefe, you were great company.

Keep Walking! Mr Nunn



PRETENDERS



So much talent...

We love celebrating our pupils achievements inside and outside of school...



Deano: Welsh Waterpolo

Deano had a great time representing Wales men's juniors at Waterpolo this weekend, 2 wins and 2 losses only losing by one point to the winners Scotland.



Ollie: Welsh Hockey

Ollie has been picked for the Welsh Hockey NAGs U16s. With two (probably very cold) session camps in December and January, we wish him luck. #playingforthedragon



Jess: British Champion

Jess continues her domination of the British Cross Fit community. Smashed it Jess! We are all so proud of you.



Zayn: Welsh Boxing

A huge well done to Zayne who has been competing in amateur boxing across the UK over the past couple of months. He has competed in the Welsh box cup club shows and most recently the Welsh national championships. Zayne is a very talented boxer with a very bright future ahead of him. Well done Zayne, keep up the good work!



Callum: Welsh Athletics

Callum represented Wales on behalf of St Joseph's RC High School in the SIAB 2021 Welsh Schools. It was a great end to the season at the international, hosted by England in Derby. Callum achieved 100m Silver 10.81 (PB) and 4x100m Relay Gold 41.60, with a new Welsh U17 and U20 relay record.

He is very proud to wear the welsh vest!

<https://www.welshathletics.org/en/blog/post/siab-track-field-international>



Leo: Newport County

Big congratulations to Leo Ingles who is currently playing for Newport County Academy!



Ruby: SE Wales Netball

A huge congratulations to Ruby, she has been selected SEWales Netball squad!



SJHS Year 10 Boys' Football



SJHS Year 10 Hockey



SJHS Year 7 Hockey



SJHS Year 7 and 8 Girls' Football



SJHS Year 11 Hockey



SJHS Year 9 Boys' Football

Dates for your diary 2022

Spring Term TYMOR Y GWANWYN

January	
4	First day of Spring Term
20	Year 11 Parents' Evening
27	Year 11 Pathways Evening
28	Inset Day
February	
3	Year 11 Collaboration Evening
12	Year 12 UCAS Evening
21-25	Half Term

Please be aware that if there are any unforeseen circumstances, these dates might change.

March	
1	SJHS Eisteddfod
2	Ash Wednesday
17	Year 9 Parents' Evening
24	Year 9 Pathways Evening
25	Inset Day
25-26	Art/Music Trip to Liverpool
April	
7	Passiontide Service for Families
11-22	Easter Holidays
23	PE/History Trip to Manchester & Etihad Stadium
25	Summer Term begins
28	Year 10 Parents' Evening

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