

Insight

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St. Joseph's RC High School

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Headteacher's Message

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Mrs J Jarrett Headteacher

A warm welcome to our Autumn Term Insight

As this term draws to a close and we approach the Christmas holiday, we can reflect on our developments and achievements over the last six months.

I am sure for many of you, just like me, life since March 20th, when we heard schools were closing, has been quite a surreal experience and one that will be spoken about for many years to come. However, in the face of these

unprecedented challenges, the spirit of our St Joseph's community, as a collective group, has been outstanding. Thank you to our pupils, their families and staff for the resilience and trust you have shown and for helping us to be the best we possibly can.

I would like to leave you with a message of love, peace and hope...My hope for you is that you have a wonderful Christmas filled with love,

joy and peace and that you will experience the good will towards human beings on whom God's favour rests. My prayer too is that blessed as we may be, we will be given grace to remember the vulnerable and those less fortunate than ourselves.

On behalf of all at St Joseph's RC High School High, we wish each and every family a merry Christmas and hope for a blessed New Year to come.

“My hope is that the corona crisis will help bring us into a new age of cooperation and solidarity and a realisation that we’re in this together”

Rutger Bregman



Red Card!

Show Racism the Red Card

This term pupils wore red to show their support for the anti-racism educational charity, Show Racism The Red Card. The aim to combat racism through enabling role models and to present an anti-racist message to young people, peers and their community. Donations were made for this worthy charity, and pupils raised awareness with different events and discussions during their form periods. Thank you to all the pupil, parents and staff that took part.





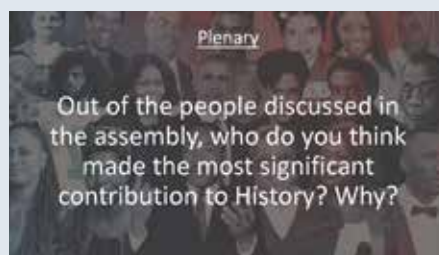
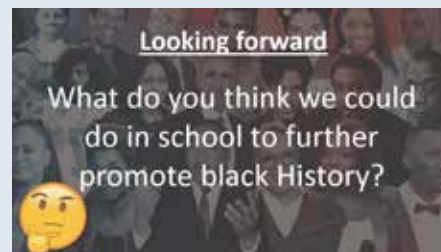
BLACK HISTORY MONTH : OCTOBER 2020



Black History Month always provides a great opportunity for us to recognise the outstanding contributions people of African and Caribbean descent have made to our country and the world over many generations.

At St Joseph's, we spent our PSHE sessions in October recognising the importance of studying Black History. As well as discussing significant figures from our History, we considered important questions such as 'why is it important that we celebrate Black History?', 'Does Black History Month go far enough?' and 'what could we do in school to further promote Black History?'. This led to some great ideas and some passionate discussions during our PSHE sessions.

This would not have been possible without the hard work of four excellent students who are passionate about celebrating Black History. Nat Gebrehiwot, Max John, Josephine Grist and Zara Jones. These students led an inspiring assembly to introduce the purpose of Black History Month.



Some of the slides from Black History Month presentations that all pupils discussed and completed with their teachers during class.

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

At St Joseph's we are committed to ensuring black history is recognised and celebrated throughout the school year. To ensure this is done we have formed a working party with students and teachers passionate about Black History who will meet monthly in 2021 to discuss their ideas about embedding Black History within the new curriculum.

As well as recognising Black History Month during PSHE sessions, several of our sixth form students attended an informative discussion on race & learning by panellist's Foluke Adebisi and Abu-Bakr Madden Al-Shabazz. This event was organised by an ex student, Andrew Ogun. The focus of this event was the Power of Education which highlighted the importance of schools in bringing about racial equality.

At the start of term, 10 St Joseph's teachers attended a training session with Race Equality First.

The focus was on the equality Act of 2019, types of discrimination in society, hate crimes and good practice preventing discrimination.

Clear advice was also provided about ways to promote anti-racism in society and education. We all benefitted from the well-run sessions and intend to work with Race Equality First more in the near future.



Advent

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone... For there is a child born for us, a son given to us, and authority is laid on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

For me the phrase of this year has to be ‘we are living in unprecedented times’ which is all too true and no doubt we will continue to do so for some to come, and at the end of this year we will look back and reflect on this very different and difficult year.

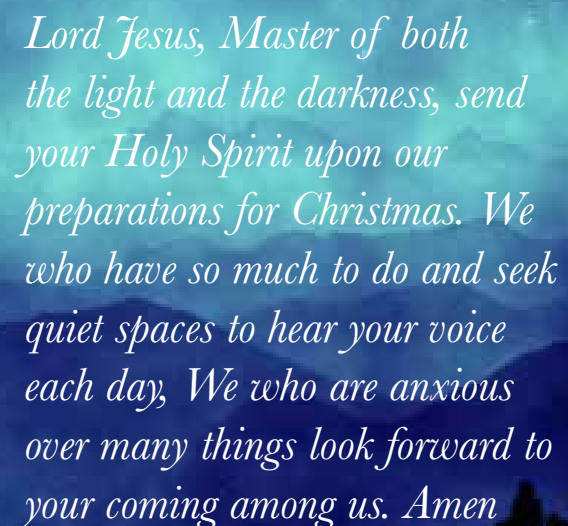
For Christians, the four weeks before Christmas are known as Advent, and the Bible readings we hear in the season of Advent also encourage us to look back and reflect on another ‘unprecedented’ event. An event which happened 2000 years ago, during a time of challenge when – the Bible tells us – people walked in darkness, longing for signs of light and hope. This has also been a year when people have needed signs of hope. Perhaps the most obvious were the rainbows that displayed our gratitude for the courage and compassion of our NHS and key workers. We’ve needed these signs because 2020 has not been easy for any of us. For many it’s been incredibly difficult. Some people went through lockdown feeling terribly lonely. Some have experienced illness and loss. Some have known the sadness of family conflict. Some continue to feel anxious about the months ahead. Now as a very different Christmas approaches, with us distanced from loved ones and unable to take part in our usual Christmas traditions, there’s a risk these feelings may once again revisit. So, it’s really important we remember the things that helped us stay hopeful over the worst months of 2020. Things like music, exercise, playing, talking, writing, reading, volunteering, prayer and faith.

Soon we’ll remember the beginnings of another unlikely saviour. A small baby, born in a poor stable, to unknown parents from an ordinary town, who from his birth became the greatest sign of hope the world had ever seen. Whose arrival, or advent, had been dreamed about for centuries, as revealed in this Bible reading by prophet Isaiah, written 700 years before the first Christmas.

This unlikely sign of hope has, for over 2000 years, inspired billions of others to bring light to the world too. Like the many missionaries, providing practical and spiritual help in places of conflict and poverty; like the staff here in this school, who have worked so hard this year to help our pupils grow in knowledge; like our key workers and NHS staff, whose courage and compassion we remembered with rainbows. What about you?

Will you be inspired to be a sign of hope to others this Advent and Christmas season? Will you use the lessons learned in lockdown, the things that helped you to cope, to support others this Christmas and beyond?

I want to return to the theme of hope, and I want to return to the good news that Christmas gives us; of a God who loves us and a God who is on our side. I want to return to the message of Christmas, that says when the baby was born in Bethlehem God came to live amongst us and that He promised that He would remain amongst us to encourage, to inspire, to build a future. And that means that as a Church, as the people of God, as those who believe and follow Jesus, that we want to be this Christmas, people of light. People who in the midst of the darkness will bring hope and love and joy and peace to those whom we encounter. And yes, we won’t be able to do it in the usual way. We won’t just be able to invite people in and sing with them or preach to them. We shall have to find new ways of getting our message across, of going out of our way to deliver goodness to people’s homes even those we can’t spend time with them. We shall have to find new ways of passing on the gift of peace that comes at Christmas through the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



*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. Amen*

SJHS Virtual Advent Service

<https://youtu.be/nrliW-V0rfE>

As you watch our Advent service, you will witness such fantastic talent, as our pupils retell the greatest love story ever told through words, music and drama. Click the above link to go to the SJHS YouTube channel to watch the full service from Wednesday 16th at 6pm.



Starring

Year 7 Choir

Mia Wagstaff
Eden-Jade Sullivan
Tom Jones
Thea Perry
Megan Mignore
Yianis Muscat
Daisy Smith
Nial Yunus
Aleksander Gil
Stephanie Andrews-French
Ashton Holyoake
Summer Weston
Emma Dunsova
Lelya
Aryam Sium

Year 9 Choir

Jins Joseph
Oliver Rocke
Sophie Morrison
Destiny Laida
Mike Gumsley
Jithin Joseph
Georgina Hale-Jones
Maimh Griffiths
Luc Champs
Jack Griffiths
Keisha Ortega
Jasmine Robinson
Raffael Shepherd
Hannah Wakeham
Harriet Grist
Amber Couldrey-May
Alicia Kosiacka
Cody-Lee Morgan
Emma Sambou
Daniel Rodziewicz
Carla Brice
Charlotte Burton
Sofia Carr

Elyssa-Mae Green
Riya John
Rodge Escouita
Sofia Jenkins
Jorja Mees
Kaylee Price
Sohia Chua
Lucy Graham
Charlotte Hayes
Lucy Hurley
James Boyle
Zaac McDonald
Ruby Baghurst
Tessa Vellachalil
Jake Brice
Helena Abraham
Neha Basil
Mia Grant
Erica Oseil
Dylan Fernandes
Aidam Merhawi

Head Students

Wilfred Joloza
Niya Joseph

Year 12 Choir

Kate Catalla
Niamh Jones
Sheyla McDonald
Alexandra Castellari
Shannon Sheean
William Thompson
Jeanette Pastuszak

Orchestra

Christopher Ashwell-Lewis
Francesca Barton
Niall Burrell
Olivia Clarke
Megan Davies
Rhys Delegencia
Libby Doverman

Jasmine Gibson
Maria Gladwin-Rubio
Javier Gonzalez
Lucy Graham
Mateusz Kuczynski
Eve Lewis
Alex Linton
Sean Linton
Phoebe Lynch
Elisabeth Ounsworth
Jeanette Pastuszak
Juan Pastuszak
Madison Paul
Joab Pelling
Max Phillips
Poppy Sparrow
William Thompson
Cormac Wiltshire

Staff Choir

Miss B Doyle
Mr L Green
Mr M Rowland
Mr C Clements
Mrs C Reese
Mrs K Read
Mrs J Morgan
Mr B Ham
Mrs L Kent
Mrs J Moriarty

Producers

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

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

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS20

Friday 11th was Christmas Jumper day and despite the lower number of pupils in school we still managed to raise over £200 for three very worthwhile charities; HCT for vulnerable people in the Newport area; Smile with Libby and Fashion Act Now.

Fashion Act Now campaigns to reduce environment damage caused by the clothing industry. As a consequence of this environmental focus we actively encouraged everyone to refrain from buying a new jumper and instead to re-use or upcycle an old jumper.

I don't wish to be boastful but my 5 year old jumper with lights added and 9 Christmas sound effects was pretty good! but our pupil winners of the SJHS Christmas Eco Jumper challenge were...

Year 7: Aryam, 7S

Year 8: Makayla, 8S

Congratulations to these imaginative pupils and thank you to everyone for their support. Mr Nunn and all ESDGC reps.



Loving the little elf legs!!!



All the boys!!!



Giggles in the hall



Here come the girls...



Mrs Moriarty last jumper at SJHS



Admin Angels and Mr Guest!



Just brilliant - Mr Nunn will be proud.



Fantastic jumpers...



Love the self-made decorations



Form Christmas Bubbles



Guess the santa...?



Ok Mr Testa...?



Frame that shot



Mrs Anthony checking the tree



Jumper/hat...hat/jumper?



Festive stroll through the zone



Outside festive Bubbles



Bubble trouble



Whoo Hoo Mrs Neale



Always still room for pud Mr Nunn



Merry Christmas Mrs Jarrett



Staff room banter



Thumbs up year 7.



Mrs Price's festive mask was fab



Like this jumper



Mrs Evans rocking Rudolf

YEAR 7-TASTIC!

WHAT A YEAR!

Since the start of Year 7, pupils have been spending their mornings before school reading a book that they have brought in from home.

This has allowed them time to reflect and improve on their reading skills in preparation for their lessons to begin. It has been lovely to see all pupils engaging in this activity and to see the vast array of choices that they're bringing in.

The main author of choice for Year 7 seems to be David Walliams but also shorter stories and comics are popular. The silent reading has now progressed into their English lessons, allowing them to develop character and plot ideas and discuss their stories with their peers.

Seeing the pupils come into school and open a book quietly helps them to settle in for the day in a way which is peaceful and meaningful and will inevitably help them to become competent readers.

I can't wait to see their choices for 2021...





Thank you to Mr James,
our Head of Year 7 for the
fantastic photos!

CHRISTMAS DINNER...





Global Social Leaders

Over the lockdown period our pupils were given the opportunity to participate in the Global Social Leaders Summer Catalyst @ Home programme.

We would like to thank and celebrate the 49 participants of the Global Social Leaders from our school. Our heartfelt congratulations to these pupils who demonstrated such passion, energy and creativity with the aim to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals and help bring about a transformational social change.

The students took part in three different phases over the duration of the four-week programme. Phase one consisted of a 5-day morning course, delivered live by Future Foundations expert facilitators and guest speakers including Vicky Carter, a BBC Reporter who taught the young participants how to create their own podcasts.

Following the course, in phase two, the participants took part in independent challenges from home and in their local community such as:

- Ellen MacArthur Foundation - Challenged participants to learn about the circular economy and apply learning to

rethink how chocolate bars are packaged and delivered to help reduce ocean plastics

- Small Robot Company - Challenged participants to design a farm machine of the future
- The Eden Project - Challenged participants to say #iwill4nature

This phase identified that to support impactful organisations moving forward, the participants were to volunteer their time to pledge (fund raise), publish (raise awareness) or power (create a campaign). Once they had completed a challenge, they were invited to record a podcast about an issue they are passionate about utilising all their skills they picked up on during phase one of the programme.

Phase three is all about reflection and graduating from the GSL Summer Catalyst, which saw young people support 187 different organisations and raise over £16,000 for local charities.

We are very proud of our socially conscious pupils who are speaking up and taking action. Achieving noble goals both globally and in our communities. A special congratulations to Angelica Winterflood, Angelica completed the programme and raised a massive £244 for the Wallich, a Welsh Homelessness and rough sleeping Charity. Well done.

Congratulations

ICT IDEA Awards

Congratulations to:

Alicia, Year 8
Namitha, Year 9
Evan, Year 8
Zohaib, Year 8

For achieving the Bronze IDEA (International Digital Enterprise and Employability) Award

And Alexa, Year 9 for achieving the very impressive Silver Award.

An inspiration to others and some future Computer Scientists perhaps?



Christmas Hampers



Christmas Hampers

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.



Astroturf Raffle



The School Council has been extremely busy fund raising with its latest fund raising venture - a Christmas Raffle - to raise funds towards a project which was their number one priority for the school. Funds will contribute towards the installation of an Astroturf / 3G surface in the caged sports area at the back of school.

The pupils collectively felt that this would benefit the current school population and future pupils who have not yet joined our St Joseph's family. When complete, pupils will be able to play games such as football, basketball, netball hockey, safely before school, during breaks and after school. So far the response has been excellent with representatives of the school council taking an active lead, encouraging their forms to sell tickets. The project has been one beacon of light in what has been a very challenging year for our students and has undoubtedly lifted spirits and been a positive and motivating factor for pupil wellbeing. The drawer was made on the 11th December 2020. Well done to all those involved and all the lucky winners!! We hope that 2021 will be a much more positive year and that the hard work of the School Council and indeed the whole School Community will see this project come to fruition.

**Mr Seghiri Assistant Headteacher
and Mr Rowland Business Manager**

YEAR 7&8 GALLERY



DIY Colour Wheel by Bailey



Flower Study by Seren Humphries

Study by Jemimah Mitchell



Flower Study by Sophia Moore-Siles



YEAR 9 GALLERY



Landscape Design by Oliver Rocke



Portrait by Sophia Chua

Let's just celebrate some of the creative pieces by some of our talented art students.

ART

YEAR 10 GALLERY



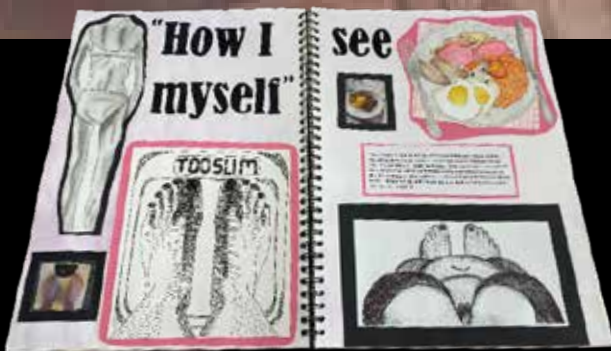
Eye Study
by Amna Faisal

Sketchbook page
'How I See Myself'
by Mia Howells

Sketchbook page
'Indulge'
by Grace Warren

Sketchbook page
'Eyes are the Window
to the Soul'
by Ella Burley

Portrait
by Amna Faisal



YEAR 11 GALLERY



Digital Art by Carys



Portrait by Louise Castillo

Sea Life by Sophia Urgosikova



SIXTH FORM GALLERY



Print by Kaicie Hogan, Year 12



Portrait by Bayley Greenaway, Year 12



Sketchbook by Charlotte Jones, Year 12

PE

3K for £3K

We have an opportunity to come together, spread some joy and support a local charity!

Miss Bignall and the PE Department is reaching out to people of all ages, backgrounds, and ability to walk, jog or run 3k to help try and raise £3000 for Newport Foodbank (3k for 3k!) We are aware COVID-19 has had a detrimental effect on families all over South Wales this year, and truly believe everyone deserves the opportunity to enjoy Christmas this year!

This challenge links closely to our current PE lessons, where learners have been exploring the health triangle. Our lessons also inform and

encourage citizenship and therefore highlight the importance of the four purposes within the new curriculum.

We feel this is a great way to not only become physically active and contribute to our wider community but also give families the opportunity to celebrate Christmas the right way - the St Joe's way!

This challenge has been shared on our PE twitter @StJoesRCpe.

**TAG US ON TWITTER
OR POST A PHOTO
OF YOU TAKING
PART WITH FRIENDS
AND FAMILY...**

**@STJOESRCPE
#3KFOR3K #JOESFAMILY**

3K for £3K

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PLEASE HELP ST JOSEPH'S RC HIGH SCHOOL RAISE 3K FOR FOODBANKS IN NEWPORT?

CAN YOU DONATE A LITTLE CHANGE TO HELP US GIVE THOSE IN NEED A HOT MEAL THIS CHRISTMAS?



Fond farewell to Mrs Moriarty

At the end of this term, we are saying goodbye to an absolutely fabulous colleague and great friend to all.

Mrs Moriarty has devoted the last 20 years of her professional career to making our community the best it can possibly be. She is a passionate teacher and leader whose vocation to teaching has driven her to being relentless in her mission to ensure pupils flourish not just in Welsh Baccalaureate but in all aspects of their life. Building a hugely successful department and forging brilliant relationships with pupils, staff, parents, carers and governors has made Mrs Moriarty one of the most well respected and loved teachers and leaders I have ever had the privilege to work with. We will miss her greatly. However, knowing that in her new role she will be helping to shape qualifications in Wales fills me with great hope for our future curriculum. Goodbye and good luck from all the St Joseph's RC High School community.



ST JOE'S NEWS

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