



Making a Positive Contribution

One of the government's key projects for young people is called Every Child Matters. This features five separate areas that should be addressed for children from birth to the age of 16 and it is now the framework around which inspection reports are written. The five areas are Being Healthy, Staying Safe, Enjoying and Achieving, Achieving Economic Wellbeing, and Making A Positive Contribution. Achieving Economic Wellbeing was the focus of lessons for Year 11 on Wednesday of last week and assemblies last week focussed on Making a Positive Contribution. I suggested to the students that there were three ways in which they could make a positive contribution to the school, explaining that the thinking behind this concept is that it benefits the whole school community when students do this as well as giving the individual some special experience which will distinguish them from others, always useful on CVs and job applications.

The first way that students can contribute is through a named role in the school. I gave them examples of reading buddies, prefects, sports leaders and school council member, acknowledging that often these roles are more available to older students. The second suggestion was to take part in an organised extra-curricular event: sports teams, drama and music clubs, fundraising, chaplaincy work – the list changes all the time. These two are the more obvious ways to contribute but I suggested a third that is just as effective: quietly contributing. I said that this could be in picking up litter that was noticed, opening doors for others, being an ambassador for the school when not on the premises, clearing the dining table before leaving it, and so on. I hope that all of the students will find at least one item in the three sets that they can use to make a positive contribution to the school and there is no limit to the number that could be attempted. In the same assemblies the new prefects introduced themselves and outlined their different roles, in particular the two prefects that are now attached to each year group. This new arrangement is intended to increase the number of people that younger students have that they can approach if they have a problem and I look forward to seeing how effective it is as the year progresses.

Friday next is Children in Need day and this will be a non-uniform day. Students who wish to take part should bring £1 on the day. Please remember to bring your books and equipment as usual.

Sean Hayes

Interfaith Celebration of UN Day

This year's interfaith celebration takes place at Peterborough Cathedral on Friday 20 November from 7.00 - 9.00 pm. Insights will be shared on the theme of peace and children from the various communities will play a leading part. The choirs of St John Fisher and St Thomas More are representing the Catholic community and would appreciate some support in the congregation. All are welcome to attend. *Ms Vivash*

Head Boy and Head Girl

We are very privileged to be Head Boy and Head Girl at St John Fisher School and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted for us. We hope the prefect team will be able to make a difference so that St John Fisher is praised for the improvements it has made. As a new prefect system has been introduced, we hope that we will be able to work together with the rest of the prefects and pupils to make the school a better place to be.

Saman Din (Head Girl) and Tiago Varela (Head Boy)

Under 16 Boys' Basketball:

The boys played their opening 2 games in the Peterborough School's Tournament hosted by the Ormiston Academy. The team played exceptionally well in their games beating Orton Longueville 6-4 and Sir Harry Smith 15-2. They now go on to play in the tournament finals next Monday at Werrington Sports Centre. The Team were: Pawel Falkowski, Maciej Kubiak, Luis Santos, Aaron Knighton, Judd Delgado, Jasper Largado, James Ventura and Zygantas Pukas.

Drama Officers

Our congratulations go to sixth form students Siobhan Lakey and Shaunagh McClean who have recently been elected as Drama Officers. As Drama Officers they will support the department with school productions, liturgies, run drama clubs or any other drama activity in school. We wish them every success.

Inclusion Drop-In

Miss Wilson will be available to talk to parents and answer questions at a casual drop-in session on Thursday 19 November from 3.30 – 4.30.

Shoebox Appeal

Deadline for shoeboxes in school is this Friday please. Thank you for all the filled shoeboxes. So far Year 7 have filled the most boxes with Year 10 a close second. Well done.

Medical Issues

Please could parents please ensure that if there are any changes in their child's health, including being put on any form of medication, the school is notified in writing. It is essential that we keep our records up to date in case of any medical emergency.

Please could we also ask that if students have an injury that necessitates special arrangements in school, such as a broken arm or sprained ankle requiring crutches, that he or she returns to school with either a letter from parents detailing the injuries and actions taken, or that a parent accompanies them. Students with injuries of this nature require a care plan and will not be permitted into school unless an interim arrangement has been made, pending an appointment with the School Nurse. It is also essential that on the first day back in school with an injury of this kind, students go to reception before registration so that the appropriate members of staff can be informed and deal with the issue.

Miss Wilson

Form Representatives

Our congratulations go to the following students on being elected Form Representatives. They will be the Year Council for their year group and also support their form tutors in leading the form. They will also be the nominations for the School Council elections where 3 students from each year group will form the School Council. Hustings and elections for the School Council will take place during w/c 23 November 2009.

7MS	D Larham	S Szapajko
7WD	H Bidwell	K O'Reilly
7AK	P Kuc	S Fonseca
7KI	T Chapman	Z Menzies
7VY	V Kelly Gobuiwang	P Bunczik
8VE	T Nkobi	G Azevedo
8JO	A Tetnowski	H Ishfaq
8BE	K Hussain	A Pragnell
8AD	F Fumicello	J Garrido
8WK	G Murfitt	P Brazina
9DR	C Phillips-Clarke	A Moradi
9VV	D Meggo	J McCormack
9PL	M Baker	E Memaj
9CB	A Godleman	E Cickova
9WM	R Eric	M Bulka
10HD	E Strycek	G Baca
10CK	R De Passos	E Kerrigan
10QU	S Figueiredo	K O'Sullivan
10GW	K Macintosh	U Hussain
10BY	R Davis	C Marques
11GR	Z Awan	J Tahir
11AN	Z Pukas	A Gilbert
11HA	G O'Hara	I Vitkauskaite
11PC	R Coombe-Boxall	M Strbak
11BT	S Thompson	H Bidwell

Fame for Girls' Football at SJF

Our girl footballers had a little taste of fame when they had their photo in the POSH programme at the end of October. Pictures of the group in action can be found on the POSH website and can be accessed by copying this link into your web browser: (<http://www.theposh.com/page/InTheCommunity/0..10427~1835184.00.html>)

Our sessions at school run on a Wednesday from 3.45 to 4.45 and are open to all girls in Years 7 to 11. The sessions are well attended and girls are enjoying the team work and interaction with other year groups. The team is coached by a Peterborough United coach who has been very impressed by the enthusiastic approach all the girls have shown. Future plans for the coaching include taking part in tournaments and a visit to the Peterborough United ground. All girls are welcome and we would really like to see some Year 7 pupils.

PCSO Reid

Post 16 Open Evening

We would like to invite all Year 11 students and their parents to the Post 16 Open Evening on Tuesday 24 November. The evening will begin at 7.00 pm and students and parents will have an opportunity to meet with subject staff and Sixth Formers who will answer questions and provide information about courses and life in the Sixth Form. We are also hoping to have representatives from Team Peterborough, Work Based Learning and Young Apprenticeships.

Achieving Economic Wellbeing

As Mr Hayes has already mentioned, last week Year 11 took part in an Economic Awareness and Financial Capability day. The focus was "Save cash and save the planet". Students were given opportunities to review their attitude towards money, learn about money management and consider social and moral dilemmas about how money is spent eg the difference between a need and a want. There were many opportunities for students to develop their personal, learning and thinking skills, communication, numeracy, literacy and team working skills.

Mrs Pereira

Remembrance Day

This week we marked Remembrance Day by holding a 1 minute silence at 11.00 am on 11 November. The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month marks the signing of the Armistice 1918, to signal the end of World War I. November is the time of year in the church when we pray for those who have died. As a school community we have been remembering our loved ones who have died by writing their names in our Book of Remembrance which has been displayed in the chapel this week. Our assemblies, thoughts and daily prayers have also been around the theme of remembrance.