



Spiritual Renewal 1

This week is a good time to talk about recharging our spiritual batteries. We have been doing this in school by means of our Mission which has run all week. The Mission Team has done a wonderful job of inspiring one year group each day through a variety of activities. Missions are not something that we have very often but they give us the opportunity to pause and reflect, and to take time out of busy schedules to make space for each other. The students have responded well to the activities and I hope that they have been coming home with positive stories about the days.

It was appropriate that this was the week when we celebrated the Feast of St Peter and St Paul as mission was their contribution to the early church, and without them the story of Jesus would not have spread. We marked the feast with Mass celebrated by Father John Warrington and were pleased that the mission team were able to be part of this by providing the music. The applause they received at the end suggested that this was a welcome addition.

Spiritual Renewal 2

The headteachers from across the diocese renewed their own spiritual batteries last week at our annual conference which this year was in Rome. As well as having Evening Prayer in the oldest chapel in the Vatican, and renewing our Baptismal Vows in the Basilica of St John Lateran, we were able to celebrate Mass in St Peter's itself. Father David had obtained special permission for us to use the beautiful Lithuanian Chapel which is below the main altar and not generally open to the public. This modern chapel was created in the 1960s and features images of Lithuanian saints etched into the stone walls. Further along from this chapel are the tombs of Pope John Paul II and of St Peter himself. It was quite fitting that we were in St Peter's only days before his Feast Day.

Our Chapel

When we moved into the new school buildings last year we did not order furniture for the chapel. This was because we wanted to take our time about it and live with the chapel for a period to see how we would use it best. Last term we finally placed an order for an altar, a lectern, a table and 30 chairs, all hand carved from oak. The chairs have our school rose carved into them. This furniture arrived last week just in time for our mission and it has changed the chapel in a very positive way, clearly indicating that this is a special place. It also means our building fund has now been exhausted.

A new world Record?

On Tuesday of this week students took part in an attempt at the world record for the most people hula-hooping at the same time. The attempt took place at midday and was a welcome distraction for a few minutes. 14 students out of over 60 participants managed to hula hoop non-stop for 2 minutes.

Further sporting activity this week took place in the form of a football competition run during lunchtimes, planned to coincide with the World Cup. Although the England team had already crashed out the students' enthusiasm was still there and in some very hot weather a lively competition took place. These events were organised as part of the school's participation in National School Sport Week.

Parent Governors

Thank you to those parents who have expressed an interest in being a governor on our new governing body. If there is anyone else that is interested could you please let me know in the next week as we need to allow time for elections in case they are needed. Our Shadow Governing Body will meet for the last time on 14 July when they will confirm the arrangements for their replacement and also examine our new Strategic Plan. Once this has been approved I will make it available to parents.

Student Induction

Although it seems at times that Year 7 students have not been here very long, it is already a year since their induction and so time for the next group to come in for their induction day. This is on Wednesday of next week and is the same day for all schools in the City. We are looking forward to meeting the new students and their parents. Yesterday and today we also welcomed our 'new' Year 12 Students as they had their Induction Days in preparation for September. This is another large group and means that our Sixth Form is now almost full. All the other year groups will be full from September and we now have a waiting list of applications in several year groups. This is another positive reflection that the school is moving forward.

Recent Survey

Recently students and parents were surveyed to obtain their opinions about the school. We have received the results and are doing some analysis of what they tell us. I shall endeavour to find a way of including some of the results in forthcoming newsletters as I am sure that they will be of interest.

Sean Hayes

Success in Learning Support and ICT Departments

This week we are celebrating the achievement of students in the Learning Support and ICT departments.

These students are making excellent progress in Learning Support and deserve a huge congratulations and well done!

Cherise Betts (7VY)
Bohuslav Horvath (7WD)
Nataniel Tomaszewski (7VY)

The following students are working very hard in ICT and also deserve congratulations:

Effort

Year 7 Corey Buckley, Chelsie Fitzjohn, Alison Lloyd
Year 8 Lucy Cawston
Year 9 Michalina Klupiec, Dario Maddalo
Year 10 Mohammad Umar, Sigita Kazenaite
Year 12 Dawid Wiecek, Afredite Dani

Achievement

Year 7 Sidne Reeve, Shaun Szapajko, Danae Larham
Year 8 Aleksandra Tetnowski
Year 9 Emily Doherty, Matthew Wright
Year 10 Frank Cook, Tabarik Zuljalaal
Year 12 Farhat Sultana, Iram Tahir



RU SORTED?
Are you in Yr 10 or Yr 11 and want to come along and try some new stuff for free...
or just left school with no plans in September?

Why not come along to the:

Saxon Rd Community Centre
Norman Rd, Eastfield
Saturday 7th August 1-4pm

Charteris Centre
off Normanton Rd, Welland
Tuesday 10th August 1-4pm

It's a great chance to meet staff and talk about your options when leaving school and other stuff that will help you reach your goals in the future. Some of the activities you can also get involved with on the day include:

- Graffiti
- Team Challenges
- Free Stuff on the day!!
- 5-a-Side Football Tournaments
- Refreshments
- Film Production opportunities
- Outdoor Area and Marquee

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Overdue Library Loans

As we approach the end of the year we need to encourage all students to return any books or DVDs to the library. We do not impose penalties for late returns so many students do not regard this as a priority. However, all library loans are the property of the school and should be returned in good time so that they can be available for other borrowers. Thank you.

Ms Stack

Peer Mentoring

This year in 6th Form we were given options for enrichment opportunities. Along with around 20 others, I decided to participate in a course called 'Peer Mentoring', run by ASDAN. This course has given us the opportunity to help younger students in both this school and St Thomas More Primary School. We have gone to classes and helped out as much as we can, with either a group or a single student. As well as the practical aspect, we also had the chance to research topics that interested us for written assignments that we selected from several options; for example we could complete research on Special Educational Needs.

During the course, I feel that I have developed skills such as time keeping, patience and confidence when helping others. After completing the required 60 hours I will receive a certificate confirming that I have completed the course which will be beneficial on any applications for jobs or universities in the future.

Michael Harding, Year 13



St John Fisher catholic High School presents...

Summer Showcase

Thursday 15th July at 7.00pm
In the School Hall

WEST SIDE STORY
SWEENEY TODD
hairspray
glee
Music from Stage and Screen
Tickets available from Student Services
Mamma Mia!
WICKED
JOSEPH THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT