



Congratulations Joanna!

Joanna Rodrigues in Year 10 was honoured at an Awards ceremony last Thursday for her work as a young leader with our partners the Youth Dreams Project. Joanna has been regularly volunteering with the project, coaching young children during school holidays and being a role model and mentor. She has also demonstrated these leadership skills in school, as a CCF NCO, outstanding sportswoman, diligent student and responsible prefect. Joanna was placed third in this category out of over 1000 nominations - she is an inspiration to us all and thoroughly deserves this accolade. Well done Joanna - we are immensely proud of you.



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Advent



We are now in the season of Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas and our assemblies this week have been about this. We have lit the first candle on our Advent wreath which represents Hope. Over the next two weeks we will be lighting the other candles of Love, Joy and Peace. Our

Chaplaincy ambassadors have been busy leading the blessing of the wreath and helping with other Advent activities. Our new Nativity scene is on display in the Chapel so do have a look if you are passing. During Advent students are being asked to do special acts of kindness across school which helps us to help others. We also have Reconciliation services in school next Tuesday with an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation taking place throughout the rest of the morning. Again, my thanks to Mrs Goodfellow, our Chaplaincy team, Chaplaincy Ambassadors and local priests who all work so hard to support the Catholic life of our school. We will be having our Advent Fayre after school today starting at 3.30 which I hope you will support and the Peterborough Catholic schools carol service will take place next Thursday 12 December at 6pm here at school which you are all invited to, it is free to attend so please just turn up.

Kate Pereira

Leadership Weekend

Last weekend three of our students, Jenae Holton, Joanna Rodrigues and Isabel Cuenca went on a Young Leaders weekend, organised by the Local Authority. They joined Student Leaders from across Peterborough and spent the weekend at Wyboston Lakes, developing their leadership, communication and team working skills. They all had the chance to practice their public speaking skills and also made new friends from schools in the city. The girls really enjoyed themselves and were also introduced to other opportunities for them to lead in Peterborough, for example as members of the local Youth Council. We are pleased that our students want to become more active in the local community and are taking responsibility as young citizens.



New Catholic Primary School

You are probably aware that the final consultation with the city council regarding the new Catholic primary school is now taking place. The East Anglia Diocesan consultation showed **10-1 in favour** of the new Catholic school which just shows how much support there is for the new Catholic school. Thank you for your support but we now need one last push and show of support again, this time to the City Council.

The Diocese is asking as many people as possible to write to Peterborough City Council to show their support for the proposed new school in Hampton East, Peterborough. Helen Bates, Assistant Director of the Diocesan Schools' Service explains: -

"A detailed proposal has been submitted and there now follows a consultation period when anyone can write to the City Council about the proposal. Even if you have shown your support before for this proposal, **we would urge you to do so again directly to Peterborough City Council by 19 December.**"

Comments and letters of support can be emailed to consultations@peterborough.gov.uk using the title: **Response to Proposed New Catholic Primary School**" in the **subject** section of the e mail.

Or by writing to:

Schools Admissions Team,
People & Communities,
Peterborough City Council,
Sand Martin House,
Bittern Way,
Fletton Quays,
Peterborough,
PE2 8TY.

Again with the title: **"Response to Proposed New Catholic Primary School"**.



St John Fisher School
Advent Fayre
Friday 6 December
3:30 - 5:00pm

Games and Prizes to suit all ages:

- ❖ Winter Raffle
- ❖ Chocolate Tombola
- ❖ Pin the Horn on the Winter Unicorn
- ❖ Football Darts
- ❖ Bottle Roulette
- ❖ Hoopla
- ❖ Colouring Competition
- ❖ Build your own Marshmallow Snowman

A Range of Stalls to get your Christmas Shopping:

- ❖ Cakes
- ❖ Crafts
- ❖ Bric - a - Brac
- ❖ Plants
- ❖ Children's Toys, Books and Games
- ❖ Refreshments

St John Fisher
Catholic High School
Park Lane
Peterborough PE1 5JN
Raising money for our Sensory Garden Appeal

Peterborough Schools Cross Country

Last Friday students from school competed in the Peterborough Schools Cross Country competition at Ferry Meadows. All the students performed to the best of their ability and we had some real successes:

Minor Girls:

India-Li Yorath = 30th

Minor Boys :

Oskar Ciach – 5th

Junior Boys :

Luke Cumbridge – 13th

Issac Heppell – 26th

Inter Girls:

Andreia Oliveria - 11th

Camila Santos Teixeira -23rd

Inter Boys :

Adrian Bilicz- 13th

Hassan Ravji – 15th

Well done to Adrian, Oskar, Luke and Andreia who have been selected to represent Peterborough in the next stage of the competition.

Cambridge University Research

We are pleased to be supporting a researcher from the Department of Criminology at Cambridge University. She is researching social behaviour and peer relations in young people and a group of our year 9 students worked with her this week. Laura will be returning next week to conduct some further interviews. Research like this is important because it helps us understand positive and negative factors that can affect young people's behaviour and helps us put in place strategies to support them so they can live life to the full.

Academic Tutoring Year 8: 9 - 19 December

Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service with St Thomas More and Sacred Heart primary schools is next Thursday evening, 12 December, at 6pm. Please come and join us as we continue the countdown to Christmas. Refreshments and mince pies will be served afterwards.

