



The Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis has declared this year as the Year of St Joseph. To help students understand the significance of St Joseph, our Chaplain Mrs Goodfellow prepared a reflection for students, which was shared this morning in form time. This coincided with a virtual Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan for students across the diocese in honour of St Joseph. Thank you to all involved.

Reconciliation

Due to the COVID restrictions in place, we are unable to have the sacrament of Reconciliation in school as we would normally during Lent. Instead, this week we held a virtual Reconciliation service in form groups. Thank you to IGNITE for their input and support.

Making sleeping bags from crisp packets

Thank you to our school Eco Team led by Ms Moins for arranging the project across school to collect crisp packets to support the homeless. The green bins placed around school are just for empty crisp packets, which will be used and recycled to make sleeping bags to support people who are sleeping rough on the streets. Not only is this project helping those in need but it is also helping to reduce our school environmental footprint.

COVID reminders

Please remember not to allow your child to come into school if they are unwell, even if you are not sure if it is COVID or not. One person who tests positive for COVID who has been at school means that we then have to trace all close contacts and students will need to be sent home to self-isolate. Please also continue to remind your children about good hand hygiene and the importance of wearing their mask properly. Even though children are now back at school it is still not possible for them to meet up with their friends in the evenings and at weekends.

Year 6 applications:

Accepting a place for your child

If you have a child who has been offered a place at St John Fisher for September 2021, please remember to accept the place as soon as possible. This stage is crucial and if the place is not accepted, another child on the waiting list will be offered the place instead.

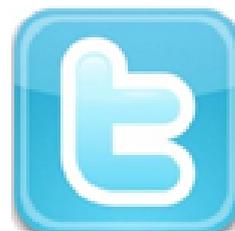
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Wellbeing

During our time of remote learning, the wellbeing group set students and staff the challenge of reducing their screen time to do something good for their wellbeing. Our first challenge was a bake off competition, where many of you took to the kitchen to make some amazing bakes. Our competition winner was Joseph Cole (Year 7), who received his prize for his amazing efforts. A huge well done to him and to all our students and staff who took part! You are all so talented.

Remember to keep doing things that help your wellbeing and relieve stress.

Miss James



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World Book Day

World Book Day celebrations were a little different this year due to the national lockdown, however that didn't dampen the spirits of our staff and students who celebrated all week! The celebrations offered lots of choice for students who wanted to participate, whether you were a reader, writer or budding artist. The week took off with a bang, a Y.D.P short story competition where students had a choice of topics to write about: 'A Day in the Life of...', 'Life After Lockdown', and 'Youth Dreams Project'.

Y.D.P.
WE BELIEVE IN YOUTH

We would like you to write a story about 1 of these things:

- A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...
- LIFE AFTER LOCKDOWN
- YOUTH DREAMS PROJECT

There will be a prize for KS1, KS2 and Secondary School. Plus, part of your story will be featured in our new book.

Please submit your entry to your teacher by 2nd March.
Happy writing!

The celebrations continued with a range of activities, including: word searches, a Roald Dahl character crossword and a Shakespeare speed solver quiz and a chance to design a bookmark. We had lots of entries during the week.

Due to the fact the celebrations were online lots of information could be given to students about reading and how to access books, audiobooks and reviews. The World Book Day site, www.worldbookday.com, has an array of free audiobooks to listen to, and these change every 1 - 6 months depending on the publisher. Some of the books on offer now are: A Sprinkle of Sorcery by Michelle Harrison, Cloudburst by Wilbur Smith, The Ship of Shadows by Maria Kuzniar.

Over the week, creative writing workshops were held for KS3 students. They explored what it takes to create an effective hero or villain and were guided by the famous author, Derek Landy (author of the Skulduggery Pleasant book series). Students were given the option to create a hero or villain as part of a competition. The winners were as follows:

Year 7: 1st Paddy Payne's hero 'Cosmo the Incredible',
2nd Joseph Cole's hero 'Red X',
3rd Fiza Iqbal's hero 'Miranda'.

Year 8: 1st Shelly Azevedo's hero 'Iris',



2nd Kajus Rackys' hero 'Kiko',
3rd Ogaga Ehwerhemupha's villain 'Dahila'.

Year 9: 1st Tracy Azevedo's villain 'Angelika Bludluzdt'
2nd James Taylor's hero 'The Hawk',
3rd Luke Cumbridge's villain 'Lorenzo'.

Study Centre

The Study Centre is available for years 7 and 8 on a rota basis. It is open after school between 3.15pm and 4.15pm for supervised study. We would particularly encourage any students struggling to organise their homework to attend.



Students will need to book a slot with their tutor or at Student Services. It will be operated on a first come first served basis with a maximum of 20 students per day.

Day	Year
Monday	7
Tuesday	8
Wednesday	7
Thursday	8
Friday	7