



All Saints' Roman Catholic High School Newsletter

May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our penultimate Newsletter for this academic year; despite it being a short term we have certainly managed to fit an awful lot in, including an Ofsted visit! I will of course share with you the full report once it has been published, but I would like to once again say how proud I was during both days seeing staff and students demonstrate our values and ethos with such joy and passion.

Over the past year All Saints' has been working towards the Anti-Bullying Alliance's United Against Bullying programme and we are pleased to announce that we have achieved their Silver Award. The programme enables schools to reduce bullying and support the wellbeing of its pupils, especially those who are most vulnerable. We carried out pupil voice questionnaires and a student panel which enabled us to make changes within our school. The student leadership team were instrumental in achieving this award as they were trained as Peer Mentors, supported year 7 transition and delivered anti-bullying assemblies.



Today we celebrated with our Year 11's and their 5-year journey with us, and as I shared with them today, they will always be a part of the All Saints' family. We will continue to pray for them during the remaining three weeks of their GCSE's.

When we return from the half term, we have a number of exciting sporting and cultural events planned, including the ever-popular Sports Day, weather and building work permitting! Year 10 have got their work experience week, this is a fantastic opportunity for them to not only experience a week at work and all the fun that brings(!) but also to develop key life skills.

I hope that you all have a lovely, restful holiday and we get some nice weather to enjoy and I look forward to welcoming students back for the final half term on Monday 3rd June at 8.30am.

Mrs Lord



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News from the RE Department

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the 19th May, the Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to us to serve the community, in the same way the Apostles were given the strength and courage to serve their community and support their Mission of spreading the Good News. From our fears and our sadness, the Spirit gives us strength to build up the community. This new beginning is the foundation of our faith.

Even while the Apostles were locked in a room in fear, Jesus has called his Apostles to go and share the news of God's peace to a broken world. We, as Catholics, should be inspired to go out to our community and spread the Good News as best we can, in whichever way we can. The breath of God's Spirit sends us forth. We can still be generous with our time, money and love. In Galatians chapter six, St Paul makes a statement which seems particularly appropriate and apt for the strange and sometimes difficult times we find ourselves living in. He says 'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'

It is interesting that God sends us out in the midst of our fears. Pentecost is often called the 'birthday of the Church'. As we remember this great event, we must not be afraid. We must rejoice because of the reconciling presence of God's love.

As I write about 'going into the world', on Friday 24th we say goodbye to our Year 11 pupils. School have organised a Liturgy for the last day. Pope Francis, when addressing an audience of school leavers in Rome in 2017 told them to 'not fear walls'. He urged them to look to the horizon beyond the wall, to go out into the world and experience life to the full. We wish Year 11 all the best for their future as they head off into the world and encourage them to 'not fear walls', but climb over them. As a department, we are very impressed at how the students have prepared for their exams, and continue to do so – Paper 3 for RE is Philosophy and Ethics and is on Fri 7th June. We look forward to celebrating with Year 11 on results day in August.

Our new faith leadership group (Shine Ambassadors) is growing. If any pupil would like to join, we have our meetings on a Monday lunchtime in room 8. Our Eco Leaders are collecting items to make bird feeders after half term; they also want to launch a paper recycling initiative and a clothes donations drive. More details to follow after half term. We also have our Catholic Social Teaching (CST) leaders who focus on fundraising and catholic life, plus our Chaplains who lead on worship and liturgy in school. Any pupil can join any one or all of these groups.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Castlerigg is booked and pupils are looking forward to visiting on 2nd-4th October. More information will be sent to parents closer to the time, but please could payments be made according to letters sent out by Miss Kenwright.

On 17th June, the RE Department and English Department will be hosting a 'refugee week' for Years 7-8.

"To me, a home is where you feel loved, safe, and cherished." - Malala Yousafzai

The theme for Refugee Week 2024 is 'Our Home'. From the places we gather to share meals to our collective home, planet earth. The aim is to follow the journey of a refugee family and reflect on the challenges faced in today's world. Home can be a place of refuge, a feeling or a state of mind. It can be found in smells, tastes and sounds. From the clothes we wear to the words we grew up with. It's in food, music and arts. It's in our cultures and in our landscapes.

Home can be more than one place and finding it can be a journey, as it is for so many of us who have to leave our countries and rebuild our lives. Sometimes we can find home in a single person. Other times it's in a whole community. And often, it's in a single gesture of care and welcome. How can we demonstrate the Catholic Social Principle of Solidarity – of working and helping people alongside us, our neighbour? – simple acts like having a chat, taking a walk with someone or sending a kind message are all examples that everyone can do. During Refugee Week, let's practice our solidarity and make Our Common Home a more welcoming and safe place for all. Many thanks to Miss Kenwright and Miss Schofield for organising this.

With every good wish,

Mr A Sidlow
Head of RE.





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News on the new School Build

The School Rebuilding Project

After several years of planning, in January building work commenced on our new school building. We've had a busy few months, with the old tarmacked netball courts and playground being stripped back to bare earth. There was a short delay over Easter, due to the wet Rossendale weather, but the pile driving has now been completed and the new school is slowly starting to appear.



The View From My Window – Mrs Schofield



It's an exciting time to return to All Saints' - as a former pupil, and as a teacher who has worked here previously, it's been interesting to see the school at different stages in its life, and it's fascinating to see the next stage of this school's life unfold. Based in Room 18, in the far corner of the top floor of the school, I have a pretty unique perspective of the building work which is taking shape on the playground below. Where once there was the peaceful picture of fresh green grass stretching out towards the Rossendale hills in the distance, now I see a hive of activity!

Just five short months ago, it was hard to imagine where the new school would be, never mind what it would look like. Now, however, things are changing quickly. There was a real buzz a couple of months ago when everyone seemed to believe the material for the school had arrived, almost like it was going to be a flat-pack construction. The pile-driving put an end to that hope, though, and very loudly made the point that there was still a lot to do to build strong foundations for our future school. Thankfully, it's a much quieter site now, which everyone is grateful for - not least our Year 11s in the midst of their GCSEs!

Our pupils are remarkably understanding of the building work and the necessary changes that have been made to their environment... and the construction team have been remarkably patient with the number of footballs they need to throw back over the fences! Coming to school on a building site can't be easy but how many people can say they watched their school being made?! Sometimes, it's hard to believe that by this time next year, the building will be in its final stages of construction, but none of us can wait to explore our new school and to recreate the warm and friendly atmosphere we're so well known for in a brand new setting. Exciting times lie ahead for All Saints' and we can't wait to greet them!



News from the PE Department

This Girl Can - Glow in the Dark Dodgeball

For the past three years, along with Haslingden High School, All Saints' has been involved with the 'This Girl Can Project' which aims to get more females taking part in physical activity across the country. This half term All Saints' joined with Haslingden High School to lead a Glow in the Dark Dodgeball Competition. All Saints' took 25 very excited girls from across years 7 and 8 to the competition. The year 9 'This Girl Can' project ambassadors who are; Tilly Fletcher, Alesha Miah, Andrea Herbert, Miley Rowell, Hollie McGuire, Nola Lucking, Charlotte Hanson, Emily Thornton, Lydia Jones and Aimee Townend planned, supervised and help support the girls during the competition. The ambassadors represented All Saints' and were absolutely amazing. They were organised, mature, helpful and fantastic all-round leaders for this project making it a more comfortable and fun event for the girls. The girls took part in a rotating glow in the dark dodgeball competition, playing in mixed teams of All Saints' and Haslingden pupils which looked at building their confidence. The evening was extremely fun, lots of glow in the dark paints, glowsticks, equipment and music. All the girls who went laughed a lot, played very competitively in dodgeball and had a great time. We can't wait to run this again next year with hopefully more pupils being invited and new project ambassadors.

Miss C Hill
PE Teacher



News from the PE Department

Rossendale Schools Year 7 Orienteering Competition

On Thursday 18th April 2024, All Saints' entered a team of eight year 7 pupils into the Rossendale Schools' Orienteering Competition. The team was made up of four girls and four boys.

Despite the weather being a complete down pour of rain for the full evening the team were extremely enthusiastic and excited to get out onto the course. They worked extremely hard running around the course in pairs making sure they tagged in at each check point even though it was a very tough, wet and messy course.

Well done to all pupils who represented All Saints' exceptionally and made it such an very enjoyable competition.

Miss C Hill
PE Teacher



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News from the library

Crochet and Amigurumi Club

With crochet recently coming out of the dark ages of grannie's wool basket and somehow morphing into amigurumi, it seems that everyone wants to get involved. Students at All Saints' are no different it seems. After several requests, it has been decided that a Crochet/Amigurumi Club will be held in the school Library every Tuesday lunchtime starting after half term. Students will learn the basics of crocheting and tackle their first project – a worry worm. When the basics are conquered, the sky's the limit!



Places are limited so interested students need to see Mrs. Bennett as soon as possible. Hooks and wool will be provided but if anyone out there would like to donate any – and I mean *any* hooks or unwanted wool, it would be very much appreciated and put to good use.

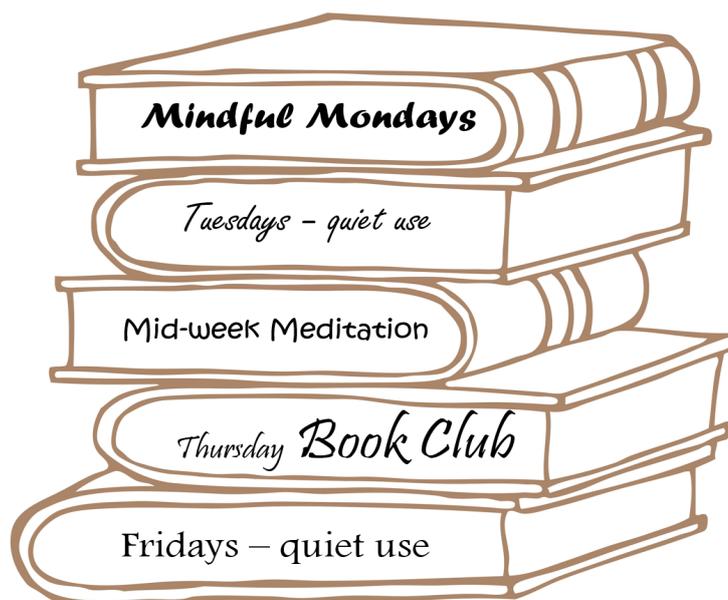
Mrs Bennett, Librarian



News from the library

What's on
this morning
in the
library?

Mornings	7.50 – 8.30
Break	10.45 – 11.00
Lunch	1.00 – 1.35



On Tuesday lunch times, Mrs Bennett will be starting a Crochet Club. If you have an idea for a club, please speak to Mrs Bennett or Miss Schofield - let's work together to make it happen!



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News from the Music Department



Congratulations to Holly Southworth who achieved distinction in her Grade 1 piano exam! Holly has weekly lessons with our fantastic piano teacher Mr Cudworth. She also performed one of her grade pieces at Creative Arts Evening in March.



Year 10 band news:

Stanley Lumb, Stanley Udo, Bella Culbert, Louis Freemont

Year 10 band have been working hard with our singing teacher Dave Rowbothan to prepare for several upcoming gigs and writing their own music. They will be live on air on Rossendale Radio on Friday 21st June between 10-11am playing music and discussing their favourite tracks. They are hoping to perform at Ninja coffee at the Ski Slope on Saturday 13th July at around 11am and will also be making an appearance at Relay for Life! You may have also seen the lead singer, Stanley, performing at local open mic nights.

Watch this Space - soon to land a record deal and be in the charts!



News from the Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh

Twenty eight of our Year 10 pupils completed the Duke of Edinburgh bronze practice expedition on the 26th and 27th of April at Whitehough activity centre. Despite some cold over night conditions, the pupils did very well hiking, navigating and camping. They are all looking forward to the assessment expedition on the 29th and 30th of June.





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News from Performing Arts

COMING SOON -Our school show for 2024 - 2025 will be the amazing musical 'Oliver'.



This award winning show is jam packed with unforgettable songs such as "Consider Yourself" and "You've got to Pick a Pocket or Two" alongside huge dance numbers. We will begin auditions and rehearsals in September and are looking forward to as many of you as possible being involved. As always, there will be some guest appearances from staff...

We can't wait to get started!

Mrs Hindley and Mrs Padwell

News from the English Department

Attention current Year 9 and Year 10 parents!

Letters have gone out this week regarding the *Blood Brothers* theatre trip on the afternoon of 21st November this year. This is a very exciting opportunity for pupils to witness Bill Kenwright's exhilarating and award-winning show at the stunning Palace Theatre in Manchester. As this is one of the key texts we study at GCSE, this will also be an invaluable revision tool, securing pupil's knowledge of the play. Tickets for this highly rated show are normally expensive, but we have managed to secure a fixed number of tickets at a low, more affordable price. To give them priority, this will be open to next year's Year 10 and Year 11 pupils in the first instance who will have both already studied the play. The **deadline for the £10 deposit** to be received is **Friday 7th June** via Parent Pay. There are a limited number of tickets so it will be on a **first come first served** basis. If anybody has any questions, please contact Miss Broderick, preferably via email:

k.broderick@allsaintshigh.lancs.sch.uk





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News from the Catering Team

"A huge well done to Mrs Niven and the catering team, who not only passed their Dukefields quali-catering audit in early May; they received a whopping 98% which is amazing!"



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On top of this, the catering team achieved a five star food standards hygiene rating from Rossendale Borough Council.



News from Girls PE

Football Success - Lily Edmondson

For those of you who don't know, Lily Edmondson has had an absolutely fantastic football season this year and, on top of all the other amazing sporting successes both in and out of school, we feel it is well deserved that she is celebrated for how talented, committed and hard-working she has been with her football.

This season Lily has gone from strength to strength as a football player. Her season with Accrington Stanley has finished with them winning the U18's Greater Manchester League, U18's Chairman's Cup and U18's Lancashire cup. On top of this win after win after win, Lily also plays for the county team (Lancashire) which is not only an amazing achievement in itself, but the Lancashire team finished the season as National Champions and are playing in the Northern County League Cup next Monday - we wish the team all the best for this!!!

To round this amazing season off, Lily also received the coach's player of the year for the Lancashire County Girls Football Team.

We are very proud of all your achievements Lily and wish you luck for the future.

Miss C Hill
PE Teacher





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News from the Girls PE

This Girl Can Rewards Event

On Thursday 16th May the ten 'This Girl Can' Ambassadors were taken to the annual This Girl Can Event held at Roefield Leisure Centre in Clitheroe. The girls were invited as a reward for planning and organising a glow dodgeball event for years 7 and 8 pupils from All Saints and Haslingden High, with the aim to encourage them to be physically active. The ambassadors got the afternoon out of school where they took part in Cardio Tennis, Beach Sports (which included frisbee, volleyball and cricket) and glow benchball. The girls had a very fun afternoon and were particularly surprised at how much they enjoyed cardio tennis.

Miss C Hill
PE Teacher



News from the PE Department

ACCRINGTON COLLEGE

Last week I delivered a guest lecture at Accrington College for a group of Level 4/5 university PE students on life as a PE Teacher. It came about through a former pupil - Jack Allan is now lecturing there. Nice to keep it in the All Saints' family!



Mr Parkes
PE CL





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News from Boys PE

This has been another action-packed and successful half-term for our extra-curricular sports teams and clubs. Here is an update from boys PE;

Year 7 - The footballers suffered another narrow league defeat, going down 5-3 in an exciting game. Centre back Henry Templar scored two and Louie Edmondson kept up his impressive record of scoring in every game for school this year. The Y7s have also enjoyed the return of Thursday night table tennis club this half term and have been honing their skills with Mr. Young.



Year 8 - The 8-football team have had a win and a loss in their football games this half term. They had an impressive 7-1 victory over Haslingden HS with Jack Grogan scoring the pick of the goals with a long-range thunderbolt! They then lost 6-2 to a strong Whitworth team - Hussain Webster scored both goals for the Saints'.

A group of Y8 lads had a great afternoon at the East Lancs schools skate event held in Darwen. All Saints' were invited to represent Rossendale due to our continued involvement in inclusion events. The lads participated in scootering, BMX biking and skateboarding and all had a brilliant experience.



Year 9 - The football team have had a very successful term by winning the Rossendale Small Schools' League. This was helped by a brilliant 10-1 victory away to TVLA. The lads found themselves 7-0 up after just 12 minutes thanks to some clinical finishing. Shay Moran and Oscar Barker scored three each, McKenzie Cashinella, Elliot Clements and George Sadler also bagged one each and an own goal rounded off the scoring. The team then had a much tighter game against league title rivals Whitworth in a game that also doubled up as the cup semi-final. Josh Crabtree scored the only goal in a tense game where the back three of Jack Tunstall, Elliot Clements and James Griffiths were rock solid.



This set up a Rossendale Cup Final against BRGS which was played at Whitworth Valley FC. After soaking up some early pressure, Shay Moran fired the Saints' into a lead that they held until second half stoppage time when BRGS equalised. Our opponents went on to win 2-1 after extra time to deny the team a famous double. The lads will be looking forward to going one better next year!

Year 10 - The football team lost their only league game this half term 1-0 away to TVLA and will be looking to bounce back against Haslingden next half term.

Year 11 - The Y11 team were also crowned Rossendale Small Schools League Champions this half term - a fantastic achievement for a team that has stuck together throughout their time at All Saints'. The team lost 4-1 to Haslingden before sealing the title with a 5-3 win over TVLA thanks to goals from Lincoln McFadden, Harry Hinchliffe, Sean McManus and a Tristan Harrison brace. The lads couldn't back up the league success as they lost 3-0 to Alder Grange in the Rossendale Cup semi-final.

Mr Parkes
CL PE





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News from Girls PE

This half term Girl's PE have focused on striking and fielding skills for both cricket and rounders. Due to the building work the classes have adapted to learning these sports inside. They have looked at fielding skills including: throwing underarm and over arm; catching two-handed and one-handed; one-handed pick up; long barrier batting and bowling. They have also looked at the similarities and differences between cricket and rounders.

Miss Hockett has also been teaching on a Wednesday in PE to develop her experience; her goal to become a PE Teacher. She has been doing fielding skills, overarm bowling in cricket and the tactics of rounders. Her lessons have been engaging and innovative. The girls have loved her lessons and her passion to learn. We are excited to have her carry-on teaching after half term with a focus on athletics.

Well Done to every pupil for putting in hard work in PE this half term. We look forward to being outside after half term for athletics.

Miss Hill
PE Teacher



News from FOAS

FOAS - Friends Of All Saints'

Bonus Ball



£50 monthly prize

Sign up: Only £1 per week

Ask at the school office or email contactfoas@gmail.com for details

All profit is used to fund extra-curricular activities & projects for your children.

Projects funded by FOAS

- Duke of Edinburgh Award subsidy
- School minibus
- Sound equipment and after show party for annual school show
- School camera
- Redecoration of school hall
- Earth Day - seeds/compost/trowels



Donate - your old uniform to help struggling families and the environment. Drop off at school office, parent's evening or school events. Please wash before donating.

Pre-Loved Uniform



Buy - A small selection will be available to buy at very low prices, from FOAS at parent's evenings and other school events. Or please email contactfoas@gmail.com



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Water Safety News

DO YOU KNOW...

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

WHAT LIES BENEATH?

The only safe place to swim is in a swimming pool where the water is clean, safe and warm and there are lifeguards on hand if something goes wrong.

DON'T TAKE THE RISK, DON'T SWIM IN OPEN WATER.

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STOP & THINK!

IT'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN IT LOOKS

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HEED THE WARNINGS

COLD WATER SHOCK HAS SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES

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