



All Saints' Roman Catholic High School

Newsletter

October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful half term it has been! I have been overwhelmed by the support I have received from yourselves, staff and pupils at the school. It has been a real pleasure and privilege to spend this half term getting to know everyone and getting to see what our fantastic pupils can achieve. We have celebrated this week in our reward assemblies with pupils receiving certificates and prizes for points they have received, clean uniform cards and having over 95% attendance – congratulations to all the students that qualified for the draw! Overall, students have achieved 17, 801 points – a brilliant score, but I am certain that they can do even better next half term!

Celebrating Valley Mass, with our feeder primary schools was a particularly special moment. To see the school hall, full to bursting with pupils, parents and staff, coming together as one Catholic community was a truly joyous occasion.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the parent survey, it has provided me with some clear areas to target and improve and I will follow this up with you next half term.

We have another busy half term coming up which includes the school production of 'Guys and Dolls', our Key Stage 4 Year 11 evening, our All Saints' Remembrance event and Year 8 Parent's evening to name but a few.

Therefore, I wish you all a happy and safe half term and look forward to welcoming the pupils back on Monday 30th October at 8.20am.

Mrs Lord
Headteacher

News from the RE Department

Dear Parent' and Carers,

Welcome to another busy term in the RE Department. We are delighted to welcome Mr Swarbrick and Ms Williams to the RE Department this year.

It was lovely to welcome so many prospective pupils and parents to the Department as part of Open Evening. Being a Catholic school, RE is the core of the curriculum. Miss Kenwright and I were impressed at the religious knowledge and questions that some of the pupils were asking us.

We began our school year with wonderful Key Stage Masses, led by Fr Chris, on 14th September. Pupils were excellent in their conduct and behaviour and it was a lovely start to the school year.

We look forward to welcoming our Catholic feeder primary schools to All Saints' on Wednesday 18th October. Pupils will be completing a Chaplaincy training afternoon as part of their becoming a part of their Chaplaincy Team/GIFT Team. At 4.30, we will be having our Valley Mass where our new members will be commissioned across the Catholic cluster of schools. Faith Leadership is important at All Saints', and we will be working to develop our GIFT team over the next term. As members of a Catholic community, we should follow the teaching of St Francis of Assisi when he said to "follow the Gospel, use words if you have to"; essentially, our actions are equally as important, if not more important in contributing to the Christian faith. To that end, thank you for your support with our active charity work and fundraising—pupils have a penny box sent home from Rossendale Hospice—please do fill these with loose change and return to school by 3rd November—all the money raised goes to this local charity. During the next half term we hope to make our usual Christmas Food Hampers for RAFT, our local food-bank. Examples of this kind of charity work that pupils at All Saints' carry out demonstrate the basic principle of Catholic Social Teaching, which is to show love of neighbour. Our actions demonstrate love to people in our local community and across our Rossendale Valley.



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On Wednesday 1st November we will be celebrating our school Feast Day. All Saints' Day is also a Holy Day of Obligations in the Catholic Church. Key Stage Masses will take place to celebrate this Feast Day.

At 4.30pm on 1 November, we will be having a memorial Mass to remember my predecessor as Head of RE—Clare Atherton—who passed away suddenly in June 2023. We are looking forward to celebrating the life of a valued and missed member of staff.

As ever, please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

Mr A Sidlow
Head of RE





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News from the English Department

BOOKBUZZ 2023

Once again there has been a buzz around the years 7s as they start their All Saints' reading journey with a FREE book! Every year the Book Trust allows schools to purchase books for students for a mere £3.00 each from an amazing choice of 16. The books are completely free to students with the cost being made up from last years World Book Day contributions. So, a massive thank you to Mrs Keeble for organising it all.

As you can see from this photo, students were thrilled with their new reading material. 'Dread Wood' was by far the most popular with 'Our Sister Again' coming a close second.

After half term, students will be able to join in the '**Bookbuzz Swap Shop**' which will take place in the library. This will give students the opportunity to read all of the books and maybe even participate in the **Bookbuzz Reading Challenge**.

You can check out the Book Trust website yourself at this address –

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>



News from the Library

Library News

Year 8 students have been working hard helping to get the library ready for an extra spooky Halloween. So apologies in advance if some of your children have sleepless nights because the book they are reading is too scary; better still, it's so exciting that they can't put it down! The 'Five Nights at Freddy's' series of books is proving popular as a means of scaring yourself silly, with some of the more classic 'Goosebumps' stories helping to make students too scared to turn out the light.

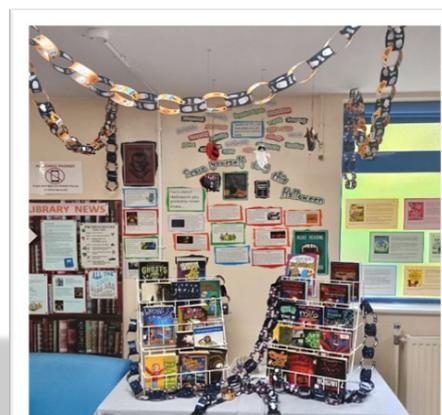
Year 7 & 8 students have been particularly busy this half term doing their reading tests, learning how to use the library, choosing their free Bookbuzz book, attending paired reading sessions (along with year 10 volunteers) and starting their library lessons.

During library lessons students are encouraged to find a book suitable for their reading ability. They can either choose to sit and read or do one of the many activities in their Reading Journals. While some students still have to embrace the joy of reading, the majority are happy to sit and read and understand the many, many benefits of sitting down with a good book.

"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, Go throw your TV set away, And in its place you can install, A lovely bookshelf on the wall."

— Roald Dahl, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

Mrs Bennett
Librarian





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News from the Science Department



On 2nd October, BAE systems in collaboration with the RAF and the Royal Navy presented their roadshow on 'From the depths of the oceans to the far reaches of outer space'.

The show is designed to inspire excitement for STEM subjects. It captivated the enthusiasm through an engaging and interactive presentation to all year 7 and 8 at All Saints' where students gained knowledge on how engineering allows us to explore uncharted areas of science and technology needed to survive in oceans, on Earth and in space. They participated in communication challenges.

For the finale, Earth and the Sun's relative sizes were compared with a marble and a 5m diameter inflatable model of the Sun.



News from the Art Department

Art Department news.

An excellent start from all year groups to Art so far this year! Pupils in Year 7 have been looking at colour theory, Year 8 have been focusing on drawing techniques, Year 9 have been exploring Textures, Year 10 Essential GCSE Art skills (grid drawing and Mixed media cakes) and Year 11 Skulls and Bones.

Here is a selection of some of the wonderful artistic talent shown so far. Keep up the excellent work!

Remember Year 11 there is Art Improvement time available every Thursday after school! 2.50-3.30pm.

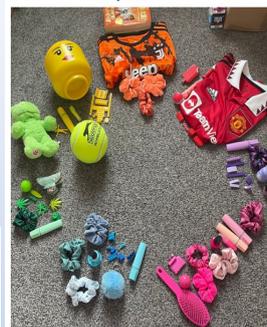
Yr11- Emma Lucking



Yr11- Evie- Grace Ashworth



Yr7 Colour wheel photos.
Katy-Rose Heaton



Yr7 Colour wheel photos.

Nikolaos Feresiadis



Yr10- Honey Rawstron



Yr10- Annabel Krafft



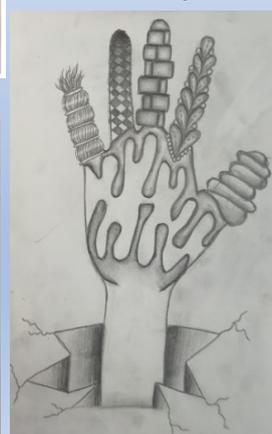
Yr11-Libby Melia- Miller



Yr8- Zara Renton



Yr9- Charlotte McGregor Hanson



Yr10- Chloe Collins



Yr11-Mathilda Stopford



Yr9- Erin Bewley





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News from the PE Department—Girls

To start the academic year girls PE have practiced four weeks of netball. Years 7 and 8 have focused on learning the passes used in netball, positions, rules and an introduction to footwork. Years 9,10 and 11 have focused on how to tactically use different passes in a game, 'free passes' and 'penalty passes'. We have also studied fitness that is needed for different positions and selecting a position to meet their personal strengths.

Across KS3 and KS4, pupils have also experienced handball to further develop the co-ordination skills they have learnt during the first half term in netball. As handball is a relatively new sport to the school pupils in Year 7,8 and 9 focused on ball control and basic rules and in Years 10 and 11 they focused on shooting, locking and speeding up the game.



News from the PE Department—Girls

KS3 Netball Club

Every Monday after school various pupils from Years 7,8 and 9 attend the Netball Club, which has been run by the Year 11 Sports Leaders since September. Over the course of the weeks, we have covered many different rules, positions and skills. Some of these include footwork, driving into receive the ball, shooting techniques, defending and much more. Usually, on a Monday after school the children will take part in a range of activities including drills, shooting games and matches. Every student that has attended has shown great enthusiasm for the sport and has improved massively since September. Everyone is also great at listening, following instructions and is very willing to play and try out positions they are less comfortable with. This club will continue until Christmas; all are welcome to attend.

Miss C Hill
PE Teacher

KS4 Netball Club

Every Wednesday has been the year 10 and 11 netball club with Miss Hockett. In these sessions we work on targeted drills requested by the children, specifically what they want to work on as a team or as individuals. We often play matches and work on positioning; enabling players to try different positions and adapt to a game situation with games all being properly umpired so they are prepared for future matches and tournaments. The session is fun and children that come every week have developed and benefitted from the sessions. Soon the session will change to Badminton, and everyone is more than welcome to join us!

Miss Hockett
Trainee PE Teacher



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Year 9 Rossendale Netball Champions

On Monday 9th October the Year 9 Netball Team competed in a tournament against the other high schools in the Valley. The first match was against BRGS which was extremely close and competitive which showed in the end score being 2-2. The All Saints' team then went on to play Whitworth and won 1-0; it was a great performance from the team who kept pushing for a goal. Following this, came a game against the Valley and the All Saints' team went from strength to strength winning 7-0. The last match was against Alder Grange which All Saints' won 3-1. This was a close game and the girls worked really well as a team. Over all, the Year 9 team came first in the tournament which is a fantastic result and one they really deserve. Well done to all the girls; Faye Hawke, Ava Lynch, Lois Cowking, Annabel Butterworth, Erin Bewley, Emily Thornton, Leia Webb, Ellie Brieley, Romily Ashworth and Lilly-May Ashworth.

Written by
Grace Bewley



News from the PE Department

Ex-Olympian Holly Lam Moores comes to All Saints'

On Thursday 12th October All Saints' were extremely lucky to have ex-Olympian Holly Lam Moores visit for the afternoon to teach some of the Year 9 and 10's Handball. Holly has an amazing level of experience in Handball. After being recognised at school in Year 8 as a talented pupil she was recommended to join Haslingden Handball Club. Holly went on to be awarded 'Handball player of the year' in 2010 by the British Handball Association and from there was selected for the first Handball Olympics team in London 2012 representing Team GB and scoring 2 goals in the Olympics against Russia.

We were extremely excited to have Holly visit All Saints' with such amazing experience and for her to run some handball sessions in our PE lessons. Holly taught the girls how to grip, handle and control a Handball. She showed them how to do a jump shot and the importance of a defender's role to protect the keeper.

We are so grateful that Holly gave up her time and led these fun sessions; I am sure the pupils will never forget the experience.

Miss Cat Hill
PE Teacher





News from the PE Department—Girls

Year 10 Rossendale Schools Netball Tournament

On Monday 2nd October the Year 10's competed in the Rossendale Schools Netball Tournament. The team started off well, winning against Whitworth 4-1 but unfortunately lost their next 3 matches coming 4th over all. The team showed excellent resilience and teamwork and were a credit to the school. The team consisted of; Lexi Sarker, Bella Culbert, Freya Culbert, Corey Collins, Summer Prince, Tilly Duffy, and Elena Heatley.

Miss Hill
PE Teacher



News from the PE Department—Girls

Year 9 County Netball Trials

On Thursday 12th October All Saints' held trials for the U14's County Netball Tournament which will be in November at Stonyhurst College. There was a lot of talent on show in the session, so much so that a team has not yet been selected. The squad of netballers will continue to practice with extra nights after school. They will learn more tactics about different positions and refine their passing, movement and footwork. From this a team will then be selected.

A big thanks to our Headteacher Mrs Lord who gave up her evening to help run the trials and give great advice to the players. Keep working hard as it will pay off.

Miss Hill
PE Teacher





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News from the PE Department—Girls

Netball Tournament

On Monday 2nd October, the year 11 netball team competed against other schools in the Valley in a tournament at BRGS. Our first match was against BRGS which we narrowly lost 6-8. This game was extremely close, being level in the first half. The second game was against Alder Grange, which we won 16-0. In this game the team worked hard to increase the goal difference and maintain a clean sheet. Thirdly, we played The Valley leadership academy where we won 11-0. Again, we kept up consistent pressure and dominated the play. Finally, we played Haslingden and lost 1-3. We were un-lucky in this game as the weather worsened during this close match.

Overall, we were placed third. The team really enjoyed the tournament, and we look forward to playing more netball together throughout the course of the year.

Gracie Bewley
Team Captain



News from the PE Department

Fell Runners

Five All Saints' pupils raced in this year's English Schools Fell Running Race in Giggleswick and performed admirably in tough conditions. A huge well done to Alice Carr, Lyla Duffy, Tilly Duffy, Rosie Bacon and Theo Ormrod.



Key Stage 3

In KS3, the boys' classes have been developing their skills in football and rugby union and have shown great attitudes towards their learning.

Key Stage 4

In KS4, the Yr 10 and Yr 11 Sport Studies classes are working on their Performance and Leadership in Sports Activities module and are progressing well.

Next half term, basketball will take centre stage, both in boys PE and on the extra-curricular programme. This year All Saints' have four entries into the Lancashire Cup—our highest ever number of entries, good luck to all players selected to represent school!



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News from the PE Department - Boys

Year 7

The team was selected after trials, training sessions and performances in PE lessons. The first game was a 2-1 friendly victory over Whitworth thanks to goals from Louie Edmondson and Bentley Davis. The team's first Rossendale League game ended in a narrow defeat away to Alder Grange. After going 2-0 behind early on, the team rallied before eventually going down 3-2. Louie Edmondson scored a brace—including a half volley from close to the halfway line. Goalkeeper Albert Barker saved a penalty and Poppy Jones was player of the match on her debut.

A group of Yr 7 lads took part in a Yr6/7 transition football event at TVLA where they enjoyed an afternoon of skill development and friendly matches. The team represented school brilliantly!



Year 8

The mixed team of Y8/9 are gelling well together and enjoyed a friendly victory over a mixed team from Whitworth. All Saints' won the game 2-0 thanks to goals from Junior Smith and Alex Lasek. The team showed great heart and resilience despite losing 7-3 to Alder Grange in their first league match. Hussain Webster, Jayden Suproniuk and Junior Smith were on the scoresheet.



News from the PE Department—boys

Year 9

The Year 9 team have had a positive start to the football season with two strong league performances. They were unfortunate to lose to a last-minute goal that made it 3-2 to BRGS. Oscar Barker scored both the teams' goals. The lads bounced back with an emphatic 5-1 victory at home to Alder Grange. After trailing to an early wonder-strike, the lads went 1-1 at half time thanks to an equaliser from captain George Sadler. In the second half the team stepped on the gas and romped to a 5-1 victory thanks to a McKenzie Cashinella hat-trick and a third goal of the season from Oscar Barker.



Year 10

Unfortunately, both of the Year 10 fixtures have fallen foul of the Rossendale weather but the team will be looking for a positive start to the season after half term when they catch up with their fixtures.

Year 11

The Year 11 team suffered a 4-0 defeat away to Alder Grange in their opening game of the season and will be looking to bounce back next half term.

Lily Edmondson

Huge congratulations to our football superstar Lily, who has once again been selected to play for Lancashire Schools U16's this season. We wish her well and are so proud of her! We will update the newsletter with her progress throughout the season.



Safety Notice

Firework Code



Always supervise young children

Light sparklers one at a time

Keep pets indoors

Keep them in a closed box

Follow all instructions carefully

Stand well back

DO's

&

Don'ts

Never return to a lit firework

Don't give sparklers to under 5's

Don't set fireworks off after 11pm

Never put them in your pocket

Never throw them

For more information visit:
www.lancfirerescue.org.uk/bonfires-and-fireworks.aspx



Fireworks, The Law and You



Fireworks can only be purchased from registered sellers for private use between:

15th October - 10th November

26th December - 31st December

3 days before Diwali or Chinese New Year

It is illegal to sell fireworks or sparklers to anyone under 18

It is illegal for anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in public

If you are caught with fireworks in public you could be given an on the spot fine of £80

It is an offence to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am

It is also an offence to obstruct emergency workers

If you are caught committing any of these offences you could be given an on the spot fine or be taken to court where you can be given a heavier fine or prison sentence.



THINK ABOUT IT.



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School Show 22nd and 23rd November—Tickets on sale at the school shop



Based on a Story and Characters by Damon Runyon

**MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
Frank Loesser**

**BOOK BY
Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows**

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