



All Saints' Roman Catholic High School

Newsletter

March 2023

Dear Parent, Guardian, Carer,

WOW! I cannot believe that we break for Easter on Friday, the days and weeks just seem to go so fast. Please can I remind you all that on Friday 31st March we have an early school closure (1pm). This is to ensure we can gather as a staff to reflect on the events of Holy Week and remember that we are all asked to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world we live in today. We also have a non-uniform day to raise money for our Lent 2023 charity which is the Earthquake disaster fund in Syria and Turkey! We are asking all pupils to pay £1 and all staff £2. Please make payments online using the school shop.



I want to thank all the staff, pupils, parents and governors for making Mr Wilson feel so welcome since he took on the role as Head of School at the start of January. We were very fortunate to be able to have such an experienced, hardworking, kind and effective headteacher working at All Saints', even if he is only with us until the end of this academic year!

As you are all hopefully aware, the governors of All Saints' and RCAT board and trustees have appointed Mrs Frankie Lord as the next Headteacher. She will officially start on 1st September. Mr Wilson and I will do as much as we can to make the hand over as smooth as possible. We are already organising and planning for next academic year but we will include Mrs Lord in all key decisions. The interview for the new deputy headteacher will take place soon. What an exciting time for the school community and what a fantastic opportunity for the school to have a newly appointed headteacher and deputy headteacher.

The planning permission application has been finally submitted to Rossendale Borough Council for the new school building. We have had numerous site visits and meetings with the various professionals involved in the design and build of the new school. As soon as we can share with you the plans and architects' drawings we will do so. I can honestly tell you that it looks amazing! Mr Wilson and I are very jealous that we will not be working in this beautiful brand-new building!

As a whole school community, I believe we have achieved much in this term. Our drive to improve all aspects of the school is showing 'green shoots' but we cannot afford to be complacent and there is much to do. Rapidly improving, behavior, attendance, punctuality and all aspects of the quality of education, especially reading, remains the key focus.

It was so lovely to see the whole school community pull together on the 'Creative Arts Evening' last week. What amazing talent we have at All Saints' and what committed hard working staff we have to give pupils' such a fantastic opportunity to showcase their talents. Congratulations also to the girls who won the Rossendale dance competition and will now go on to represent Rossendale in the next stage of the competition at Blackpool in May.

Many thanks for your continued support with school uniform standards, including make up, false nails, false tan and false eyelashes. We expect all girls to wear their skirts at a full length and not roll them up. During the first week of the summer term there will be no assemblies so form tutors can check that all pupils are wearing the correct uniform, there are no false nails, tan or eye lashes and all pupils have a school bag and basic equipment. (at least 1 pen, pencil, and ruler). Thank you in advance for your support on these important issues.

If you wish to speak to any member of school staff please make an appointment via reception. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate you without an appointment unless it is an emergency.

Have a happy and holy Easter 2023.

Mr Bowers
Executive Headteacher

Mr Wilson
Head of School



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News from the R.E. Department

Dear Parents and Carers,

We approach the end of our term and will be shortly entering Holy Week – beginning on Palm Sunday; 2nd April.

During that important week we remember the events leading to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Easter is the most important Festival in the Liturgical Year; one which reminds us of salvation and new starts.

Pope Francis has reflected on the words from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians; "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (Gal 6:9-10). The Pope encourages us to help all in whatever way we can do. If we help others, we receive a reward – our harvest is ultimately a place with Him in Heaven.

Our Year 11 pupils are preparing for their examinations, which begin on May 15th. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their final journey at All Saints'.

As we enter this Holiest of seasons, we must remember those who are suffering, in any way, and keep them in our prayers. We remember, particularly, those who have been affected by the crisis in Ukraine and the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. May God keep them safe and secure.

We all took part in the Easter Liturgy during the last week of term, particular thanks to the Pupil Chaplains who helped lead on these. Thanks to all the feeder primary schools who gathered on 29th March to help celebrate our Valley Mass. It is always lovely to celebrate together as a Catholic cluster of schools

I hope you all have a happy and Holy Easter.

Mr A Sidlow, CL Religious Studies



Change Ambassadors

'Our Change Ambassadors launched their new initiative in February with a very successful cake sale. The aim of their club is to focus on the language used around school, peer mentoring and to provide a safe space for any pupils to turn to if they are feeling bullied in school'.

Mrs Haworth
SENDCo





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News from the P.E. Department—Girls

Girls U16s Rossendale Schools Badminton

On Tuesday 14th March All Saints' hosted the U16s Girls Badminton competition which consisted of All Saints', BRGS and Haslingden High School entered. Representing All Saints' from year 11 were Zoe Johnson, Libby Cowking, Gracie Wilson and Zara Fleming. The girls were ranked in order 1-4 on player ability and then played a variety of singles and doubles games depending on their ranking. The singles matches were played by Libby and Zoe to begin with. Libby won both her singles games against Haslingden and BRGS. Zoe won her second singles match against BRGS but unfortunately lost out on her game to Haslingden (who then went on to win on match scores overall). Zoe and Gracie won both their double games against BRGS and Haslingden, Gracie and Zara just lost out on both their doubles games with a very close score of 19-21 to Haslingden in one of their matches. Over all the team played brilliantly, they really enjoyed the evening and represented All Saints' fantastically. Each school won one round: All Saints' beat BRGS, Haslingden beat All Saints' and BRGS beat Haslingden which made for an excellent close competition.



Netball

Year 7 & 8 Netball against Haslingden High School and Whitworth Community High School

On Tuesday the 21st March, the year 8 girls netball team played in some friendlies against Haslingden High and Whitworth High. We played two games against Haslingden High, the first one being against the year 7's, where we won 12-0, this game allowed us to get used to playing with each other again as they haven't played an opposing school for quite a while. The second the game was against Haslingden High's year 8's where all the girls showed great teamwork and resilience, we ended this game with a 4-4 draw. Our final game was against the year 8's of Whitworth High, the game ended with a 4-1 win for us. Throughout all of their matches, the girls showed great sportsmanship and willingness as some of the girls were to play in positions they are less familiar with. Each and everyone one of them took to their role perfectly and did so with sheer determination.

By Libby Cowking





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News from the P.E. Department—Table Tennis

This half term has seen table tennis take centre stage on the extra-curricular programme. All Saints' hosted both the boys and girls Rossendale Schools' Primary Table Tennis competitions over two nights in March. This saw over 90 pupils from 12 primary schools playing to an extremely high standard. Over 30 All Saints' Sports Studies pupils and Sports Captains helped with the organisation of the events and umpired the tables superbly.

In the secondary school competition, again hosted at All Saints' the U14s boys' team - made up of four Y8 pupils, performed admirably - eventually claiming 2nd place overall. The team worked together to defeat TVLA, Whitworth and Haslingden before losing narrowly - 9-7 to the overall winners BRGS. A huge well done to Adam lee, Oscar Barker, George Sadler and Shay Moran.



On Tuesday 21st March four girls competed in the U14s Table Tennis Tournament. Unfortunately, only BRGS and All Saints entered the tournament. The All Saints team consisted of, Summer Prince, Bella Culbert, Freya Culbert and Rosie Bacon. Each pupil played 2 matches against each of the BRGS girl's. The BRGS team had four very strong table tennis players and which meant that our team only won one of their games. Our girls played brilliantly and represented school very well. With a special shout out to Rosie Bacon who was the only year 7 in the competition playing against all year 9 pupils.

News from the P.E. Department— Boys

The U14s basketball team participated in the inaugural Lancashire Cup 3v3 basketball competition at Haslingden High School. They claimed second place overall after competing in six close fought matches against the hosts, as well as Whitworth and BRGS. Well played Joseph Richardson, Milo Hampson, Kai Lloyd, Carson van der Merwe and Lucas Hamer.



The U14s badminton team were also runners-up in the Rossendale Schools Competition, which again was hosted at All Saints'. The team were victorious against BRS and Whitworth before being narrowly edged out by eventual winners TVLA. Congratulations to Louis Fremont, Max Sullivan, Milo Hampson and Joseph Richardson.

The Y9 football team worked hard in their 7-a-side competition at TVLA - earning credible draws against the hosts and Whitworth.





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News from the P.E. Department—Boys

Across KS3 this half term, all pupils have been taking part in the All Saints' tradition of 'Inter-Group' Lessons. Pupils are in the same teams for 12 PE lessons and compete in a range of sporting competitions. Teams win points for the quality of their PE kit, getting changed quickly, warm-ups, performance in lessons and their ability to follow the theme of the lessons. The themes are designed to promote wider sporting values for our pupils such as sportsmanship, respect, co-operation, perseverance and teamwork.



The Y8 basketball team played brilliantly in defeating Whitworth 21-11 in a friendly match hosted at All Saints'. For some of the team, this was their first-time playing basketball for school. Well done lads!

Y10 Sport Studies - the classes are continuing to work on their Performance and Leadership in Sports Activities module and have begun teaching their planned PE sessions. Pupils perform the role of the

teacher and deliver a PE session to their peers in a sport of their choice. The standard of teaching and coaching so far has been excellent! Keep up the good work Y10.

Y11 Sport Studies - Y11 are now on the final stretch of their Sport Studies course. Pupils have worked well on their final course-work module - 'Sport and the Media' and will be fully focused on the exam module after Easter. The date for the Sport Studies exam is Wednesday 17th May.

Mr Parkes
CL PE Department



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News from School

Thank you TESCO Haslingden who donated Easter Eggs to Friends of All Saints' so that pupils can hold an Easter Egg raffle to raise funds for FOAS which will be used to support pupils in school - eg supporting school show, Prom, new camera for pupils to use etc .

Would you like to get involved with the Friends of All Saints'?

For more information please visit the school website on how support and how to become involved.



TEN PIN BOWLING COMPETITION

On Wednesday 8th March, Tilly-Raine took part in the North-West Regional Deaf/ Hard of Hearing Ten Pin Bowling Competition.

Tilly-Raine represented All Saints' fabulously and her team came second, she even managed to get a spare! Tilly-Raine came third in her individual competition. Well done Tilly-Raine!

Mrs Haworth
SENDCo

A Trip To Halle St Peter's, Manchester

On the 2nd of March 2023, my friends and I were lucky enough to visit Manchester with our school to take part in a vocal workshop for boys at Halle St Peter's. We walked in to be greeted by a fancy, churchlike interior and the two men who organised the workshop. Their job with this workshop was to get young boys into singing and I think they succeeded with that. We started by mixing the pupils into groups that depended on what pitch we all sang at such as Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone and Bass. After that, we learned each of our pitches parts in the song made for vocal warm up what helped us create the overall song. Then we began learning a sea shanty inspired song that sounded amazing followed by the final task where we sang a traditional Zulu song called Aya Ngena. Overall, this experience improved my singing vastly and everyone enjoyed their selves which is great to see.

By Stanley Lumb
Year 9





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Rossendale Schools Dance Competition

On Thursday 23rd of February, All Saints' entered the Rossendale Schools Dance Competition which was held at King Georges Hall in Blackburn. The team of 20 girls assisted by two Year 11 pupils along with Miss Hill and Miss Padwell travelled over to represent the school. After weeks of rehearsing 3-4 times a week, the team performed their Eco themed dance to a large audience of parents, other schools and even some All Saints' teachers who came to watch.

All the hard work paid off when All Saints' won in the Secondary school competition and were selected to represent Rossendale at the Lancashire School Dance Festival in Blackpool later this year.

Everyone worked really hard and all gave 100% in every rehearsal and run-through.

By Gracie Wilson



News from the Art Department—Creative Arts Evening

KS3 pupils were invited to take part in an "Art workshop" via zoom with the Brighton Artist, James Parsons producing artwork on the theme of Comic Art/Manga/Anime style drawing. James was really inspiring, helpful and the session was a lot of fun. Pupils learnt how to draw three different Comic style faces in different profiles working towards a final Anthropomorphic character in a full body pose.

To celebrate the wonderful talent and creativity of the pupils in our school and to celebrate Creative Arts Day pupils in KS3 took part in an Art competition to showcase skills they have learnt in lessons.

Some of the excellent winners & runners up are shown next.
Well done everyone

Mrs Kight,

CL of Art and Technology.

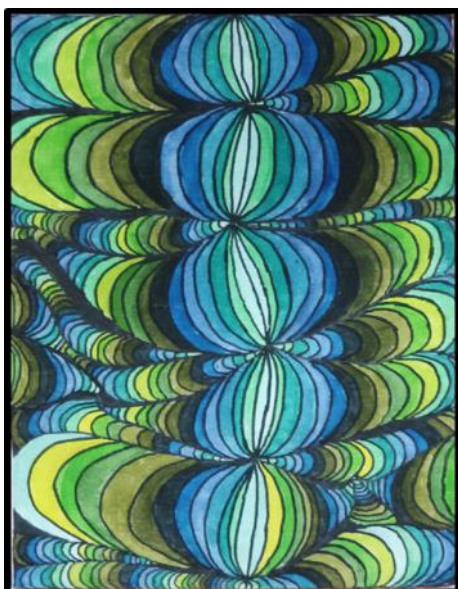




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News from the Art Department—Creative Arts Competition—Winners

First Prize – Molly Buxton 7A



First Prize – George Heaton 8MT



First Prize – Honey Rawstron 9R

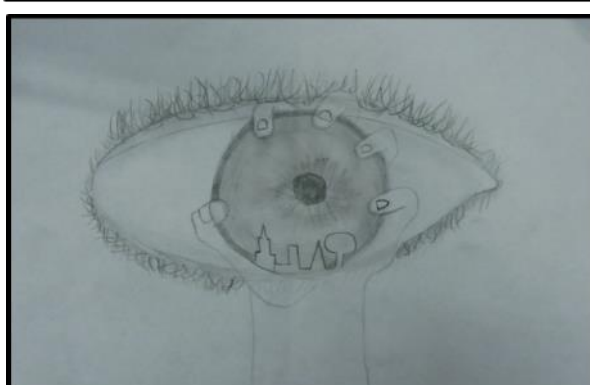


News from the Art Department—Creative Arts Competition—Runners Up

Runner up- Olya Holovko 7T



Runner up- Ethan Fletcher 8T



Runner up- Lillimae Taylor 9T

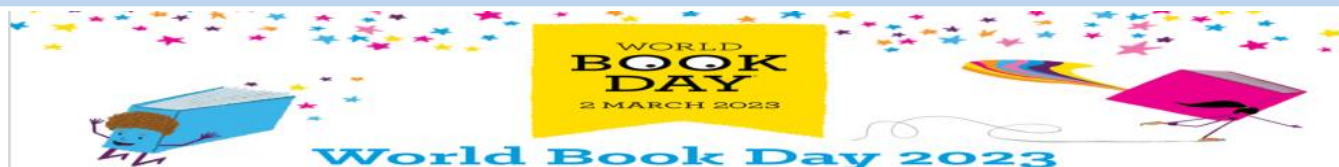




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News from the English Department—World Book Day



World Book Day was an enormous success this year with more students than ever before getting involved.

Students were invited to attend school in comfy pyjamas, onesies and dressing gowns to illustrate our theme of Bedtime Reading, and the first 15 minutes of every lesson was devoted to reading for pleasure. To enhance the day, we also ran a writing competition for all year groups with prizes for the winning entries. Our Quote Quest ran for the entire week with inspirational and famous quotes from 25 well known texts displayed around school. Hopefully, these activities will have encouraged even the most reluctant readers to put away their phones and pick up a book.

The bake sale raised much needed funds which will go towards a wide range of reading materials to supplement students reading for pleasure opportunities, and we even had a local company 'We Buy Books' come to school to donate lots of new reading materials for our school library.

£1 book tokens were emailed home to parents for the first time as they were issued digitally, so every student in school should now be the proud owner of a new book!

Have a look at the pictures which show what an amazing event this was and whet your appetite for next year's celebration.





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News from the Science Department—British Science Week



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

10-19 March 2023

Pupils at all Saints have been enjoying taking part in activities for British Science Week. This year's theme this year was 'CONNECTIONS'. Pupils have taken part in lunchtime experiment clubs all week and had chance to get involved in some hands-on science experiments.

In Biology Stem Club, Mrs Lakeland carried out the 'Messy Digestion' demo and took a look at all the connections in the digestive system. It was rather messy! In Physics Stem Club, we built 'Brookland Gliders'. Mr Briggs looked at forces of flight that allow aircrafts to soar – you can't have one force without the others! In Chemistry Stem Club, we took part in the 'Global Battery Experiment'. Developing better batteries is one way that scientists are tackling climate change and helping to create a sustainable future. Mr Charnley looked at different materials involved in batteries and investigated which electrolyte had the best performance.

We also took part in the British Science Week Poster Competition. The theme was 'Connections', so there were lots of STEM topics that could be explored, from how our body parts are all connected and work together, the connection between our actions and the impact on our environment, or even how internet connection has changed the world. We had over one hundred entries all of a very high standard and judging was very difficult.

The winners of the poster competition is; Isla Hampson.

Runners up: Alfie Bramwell, Emily Clarkson, Maisie Lewis, Olya Holovko

Well done to everyone that entered!

Mr Briggs
Science Curriculum Leader

