



All Saints' Roman Catholic High School

Newsletter

February 2023

Dear Parent, Guardian, Carer,

Since January Mr Wilson and I have settled into a new rhythm of working together, always with the best interests of All Saints' school community in mind.

We hope that you have had chance to read our recently published Ofsted report. We keep reminding staff and pupils how proud we are, but also how important it is for us to all keep working together to ensure that the school is as good as it was during the 2-day Ofsted inspection, every day of every week.

A new Headteacher has been appointed but sadly I am unable to inform you of the successful candidate at this stage. The appointment of a new Deputy Headteacher is already underway and hopefully both will be appointed before we break for Easter. This is a fantastic opportunity for All Saints' to build on all that is good about the school under new leadership.

Mr Wilson has held another meeting with local residents regarding the arrangements of the next phase of development for the new school building. Many thanks for your support in dropping off and picking up on the main road away from the local residents properties and not driving down the entrance lane to the school car park, unless you have a school pass to do so. Please see the letter from Mr Wilson with more details on this matter. We also plan to make some more operational changes after half term.

Many thanks also for your help with the following issues. We will remain focused on these after half-term.

1. Girls' make up, false tan, false nails and false eye lashes.
2. Pupils needing to be on site at 8.25 so they arrive at registration at 8.30.
3. Improving pupil attendance in school.

I would also like to remind a small number of parents that think it is acceptable to be verbally abusive and aggressive on the telephone or in person on site or on social media. We will not tolerate this behaviour and we will be addressing this issue with a new school communications policy and code of conduct in the near future.

Please do not hesitate to contact school with any concerns regarding these and other matters.

Best wishes to Miss Broderick who will be going on maternity leave shortly. Mr Farley will be taking over her Progress Leader responsibilities whilst she is away from school.

We are working as hard as we can to ensure All Saints' is a school we can all be proud of! We are confident that we made significant improvements in the Autumn Term in many aspects of school life, but we also know that there is still much to do. Many thanks for your support.

Mr Bowers
Executive Headteacher

Mr Wilson
Head of School





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News from R.E Department....

This half term has been another busy one within the Department

On Thursday 12th January, we welcomed pupils from our feeder primary schools to an RE taster day. The pupils really enjoyed themselves and had lots of fun. We began our day talking about what makes us unique and individual. We reflected on the theme of being made in the 'image of God'. We then discussed and explored what we imagine God to be like and made our own images of God out of modelling clay. We also learnt about important objects and artefacts from other world religions and enjoyed working out how these objects might be used. Mr Bowers came and spoke to us in the morning and welcomed the Year 5 pupils to the school. The pupils were outstanding and a credit to their schools - it was an absolute pleasure to have taught them. The pupils were presented with a certificate at the end of the day as a memento of their taster day. Thank you to all the staff who popped in to meet the pupils. Thankyou, Year 5 for an excellent day!



Blessed Trinity RCC @BTRCCinfo · 7h ...
We loved having All Saints' Roman Catholic High School in Rawtenstall with us.



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Year 10 pupil chaplains also attended a Romero Day at Blessed Trinity RC College. The aim was to celebrate the life of St Oscar Romero, whom our Trust is named after. Many thanks to Miss White who accompanied the pupils. They had a wonderful day and they represented our school brilliantly.

As a Catholic community, we approach Lent soon. It begins on Ash Wednesday which is 22nd February. It is important to remind ourselves of the importance of this time - it is a time when we prepare to celebrate Easter, the most important festival in the Church Liturgical year. We will be raising money for our usual Lenten charities in school.

Year 11 are preparing for their examinations. Their mock examinations begin on 20th February. Then they begin their final journey at All Saints' in preparation for their GCSE examinations. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for these.

We look forward to celebrating our Valley Mass in March and welcoming all of our Catholic feeder primary schools to All Saints' to celebrate as a Catholic cluster of schools.

With every good wish,
Mr A Sidlow
CL Religious Studies



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News From the PE Department:

Year 7 - A team of Y7 pupils thoroughly enjoyed a 'Glow Dodgeball' event held at Alder Grange. The team competed against a range of primary and secondary schools in the transition event. Well done to: Joshua Keenan, Declan Gibbons, Amelia Stuart, Emily Careswell, Maya Mankiewicz and Zara Renton. A separate Y7 team also entered the Rossendale Schools Dodgeball event at Whitworth and finished 4th overall. The mixed team was Charlie Meeks, Oliver Riding, Charlie Rea, Jack Wall, Alivia Barnes, Mad-die Court, Keevi Clawson and Chloe Wadsworth



News From the PE Department:

The U14s basketball team topped their Lancashire Cup group with a 100% record - winning all four matches. This set up a home quarter final against Park High School from Colne. The teams were evenly matched in a tight contest that saw All Saints' four points up at one time in the fourth quarter, before eventually losing 36-31 after a strong comeback from our visitors. The game was played in great spirit and the lads did school proud throughout the cup run.

The U16s boys' basketballers exited the Lancashire Cup at the group stage after losing a thrilling final group game 34-31 to Alder Grange. The Saints' rallied late on and missed a buzzer beating 3-point shot to send the game into overtime. Leo English top scored on the night.

In PE lessons this half term, the lads have completed units of work on fitness and badminton. In fitness, classes have completed a range of fitness tests and participated in fitness training sessions. The Team Bleep Test proved very popular again this year and was completed by 30 of the boys. A special mention to six Year 8 pupils who completed the gruelling 21 levels.

Congratulations to;

- * Jacob Coyle
- * George Heaton
- * Jack Tunstall
- * Oscar Barker
- * Archie Willis
- * James Griffiths



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The Year 11 Sport Studies cohort have made great progress in their Sport and the Media module and will start studying for their final exam module next half term. Keep going Year 11 - almost there!

The Year 10 Sport Studies classes are undertaking the roles of PE teachers and planning sessions that they will deliver next half term as part of their Performance and Leadership module.

On Saturday 4th February - three All Saints' pupils represented Rossendale at the Lancashire Schools Cross Country event at Witton Park, Blackburn. A huge well done to Alice Carr, Lyla Duffy and Tilly Duffy who all ran superbly. Alice made the podium with a second placed finish - an amazing achievement - we are very proud of you Alice

All Saints' have been nominated by Rossendale School Sports Partnership to gain the School Games Mark Silver Award for the high quality extra-curricular provision our pupils receive in PE. We have previously achieved the Bronze Award and Virtual Award for our work during Lockdowns and next year we will be pushing to achieve the Gold Award. Massive thanks to all pupils who regularly attend clubs and represent school.

On Thursday 2nd February the PE Department (supported by our fantastic Y8 Sport Captains) welcomed 21 Year 5 pupils from our seven feeder Catholic Schools. The Year 5s were amazing and got really involved in their activities of team building, problem solving, basketball and dodgeball. Mr. Wilson presented the pupils with certificates to mark their brilliant efforts. We are already looking forward to welcoming more primary pupils to our Y4/5 Sports Day in June.



Year 7 Dodgeball Team

Next half term All Saints' will be hosting table tennis competitions for primary and secondary pupils as well as the U14s and U16s Rossendale Schools badminton competitions.

Mr Parkes
Curriculum Leader —PE



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Girls PE Continued.....

Year 8 Dodgeball Competition

On Tuesday 7th February the eight year 8 pupils competed in a year 8 mixed teams dodgeball competition at Whitworth. All Saints' took four boys and four girls to make up the mixed team: Oscar Barker, George Sadler, Annabel Butterworth, Hollie McGuire, Maddie Smith, Faye Hawke and James Griffiths. The tournament consisted of 4 schools: All Saints', Whitworth, The Valley and Alder Grange. Six pupils had to be on the court at once and each school played each other for 3 two minute games (pupils could rotate on and off at the end of each 2 minutes). Our first game was against Whitworth, as Whitworth was the host school they had done a lot of practise running up to the tournament and this showed as they beat us in 3 out of 3 games. One of our teams got the hang of the different type of rules/area to what they were used to; they soon stepped up their game. Their next round was against Alder Grange where both schools had a decider match as they were tying. Unfortunately for us, Alder Grange won, with one last player in. Our last round was against The Valley where we won all 3 out of 3 games which meant we came third overall. Well done to the pupils who showed excellent competitiveness and really learnt some good tactics to the game throughout playing.



Basketball Match Report – 25/01/2023

On Wednesday the 25th of January, the Girls Under 16's Basketball Team competed in the semi-finals of the U16's Lancashire Cup against Garstang Community Academy. The first quarter was close and both teams were strong and made some great shots, it ended 12-7 to Garstang. In the second quarter, our defending improved a lot and this meant Garstang were unable to make as many shots. Unfortunately, we didn't score any in the second quarter and it ended 20-7. The last two quarters were the strongest of the game and saw great team spirit in a physical match. Everyone supported each other throughout the entire game.



The third quarter saw a three-pointer from Zoe Johnson and the final quarter saw another three-pointer from Demi Dunleavy.

The team were unfortunate in the end result, after playing an extremely hard game, the game finished 41-14. Well done to everyone who played: Lydia Jowett, Leeoni Batey, Maddie McFadden, Zara Fleming, Demi Dunleavy, Florrie Butterworth, Gracie Wilson, Zoe Johnson, Gracie Bewley, Isobel Willis, Libby Cowking and Shaznay Hartley.



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News From the PE Department

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 willing to play and try out positions they are less comfortable with. Due to their hard work in training, the pupils have been able to represent school in matches and competitions against local schools, where in many cases they have won and shown great teamwork. *Written by Libby Cowking (year 11 Sports Leader)*

In lessons.....

This half term pupils have covered three different sports in PE: Badminton, Fitness and Table Tennis. In badminton KS3 pupils looked at the different serves in badminton and the rules of serving; how to do an overhead clear shot and an introduction to the importance of adjusting power and the rules of a game. The year 9s also looked at the drop shot and the tactics of using this shot. In KS4 pupils looked at the serves and recapped the rules, recapped the drop shot, overhead clear and net shot and began to work on the power in their smash shots. Both KS3 and 4 looked at these elements through singles and doubles and the difference between the two

We then moved on to fitness and looked at various fitness tests and why they are used. Each class started off with the individual bleep test and everyone tried really hard. A big well done to the top three students in Girls PE

1. Lyla Duffy = Level 12.1
2. Tilly Duffy = Level 11.6
3. Alice Carr = Level 10.9

After this each class went on to do the group bleep test where pupils then work in groups to try complete the full test. The rule is that as long as someone from the group is running to the beep pupils can split the beeps/levels between them and work as a team. Well done again to all pupils as everybody worked really hard at this. In particular the year 11 group who did not miss any beeps and they managed to run each beep in time - Libby Cowking, Maddie McFadden, Gracie Wilson and Zoe Johnson.

For the last two fitness sessions each class performed a lesson on circuit training which they enjoy as it is to the music. Year 7, 8 and core PE did a set circuit whilst year 9 and Cambridge National students could use their creativity and adapt each station to an exercise they created. The last fitness session consisted of completing the 12 minute cooper run with a big 'well done' to Alice Carr who achieved the furthest distance ran in 12 minutes out of all the girls.

For the last week of the term Girls PE finished with table tennis where we looked at the serving rules and technique, the fore hand and back hand, and rules of singles and doubles.

Miss Hill
PE Teacher



Pupil Review of WAITRESS

My Review Of : 'Waitress'

This is my review of 'Waitress'. I went to see it on Saturday 14th May 2022 in Liverpool and I enjoyed it as well as critiquing it. The story follows the life of a Waitress called Jenna.

The reasons I liked the musical were:

- * Harmonies in some songs (vocal and instrumental)
- * Singing
- * Choreography
- * Style of music
- * How the difficult scenes were choreographed
- * Jenna and Earl having their own musical motifs
- * Comedy
- * Facial expressions and body language immersed the audience into the fantasy world
- * The acting in general



What I didn't like about it:

- * The song 'Me And You' because of how the characters sang, the split/staccato sound between the words 'me' and 'and' wasn't articulated properly so it sounded like they were singing 'meand' which doesn't make any sense
- * Articulation from the character of the owner who was the old man, the microphone lost a few words of dialogue so I didn't fully understand what was going on sometimes.
- * No vibratos from Jenna where there should have been to make it more interesting
- * People not keeping characters while heading offstage (in the dark, near the wings, sometimes rushing which ruined the atmosphere)
- * Café was too consistent (the same people were sat in the same outfits in the same places, occasionally moving for leads and supports and it was always full)

She Used To Be Mine –

It's one of my favourite musical theatre songs, and the performance and vocals were excellent because she portrayed the emotion so well through acting. The first line of the first chorus was delayed (which I wasn't expecting) and it might have been used for the emotion and initially I found it annoying, weird, and different but later I realised that it's good that I got to experience a different version of it. During the song, someone laughed but Jenna just ignored it and it made me realise that she is truly committed to performing like so many others, and for me, I love it because I feel passion and get a certain feeling when I'm onstage doing what I love, which leads me onto the thing I'm going to talk about next.

When I was really young, I remember seeing Amanda Seyfried playing Sophie in 'Mamma Mia' multiple times, and for years she was my favourite actress. As I got older, I decided I wanted to go into acting as a hobby, dream, and possible career path and so when Christmas was coming up in 2016 one of the items I wanted was acting classes and that's how I joined Valley Academy. We do quite a lot of shows and concerts and we performed 'West Side Story' in March; I'd forgotten how much I love being onstage because nothing compares to the feeling I get, and 'Waitress' made me love acting even more because it reminded me of the adrenaline rush just before the opening curtain lifts.

All in all, it was a brilliant production with good quality acting, marvellous music and singing, and a fantastic storyline. It was a memorable night for me because it gave me a chance to escape reality but also giving me an opportunity to use it for this review. I preferred it to 'And Juliet' because it was more laidback with more realistic issues. I also liked the fact that it was all original songs. Although I did find things that could be improved with 'Waitress', I'm glad I got to go and see it because it was on a list of shows I want to go and see and that was one of them. However, it wasn't just a case of ticking it off a list, it was more than that. People act for different reasons, and the truly committed ones never do it for the money, there's always some authenticity woven between the threads.

Written by Meabh Crowley 11R



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News from the music department



CHRISTMAS CAROLING-AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT ORGANISED BY MISS PADWELL

We arrived at Rawtenstall Market at 10 O'Clock on a very cold December morning. The choir walked around before greeting parents and by-standers with our high and low pitched voices. We sang Christmas classics like: 'We three kings' and 'Away in a manger'. In addition, we sang songs by Brenda Lee ('Rocking around the Christmas tree'). This was an experience that I will never forget. This was a festive event with parents and stall owners singing with us all. I would love to do this again next year!

Maddie Abrahams 7A

Christmas carolling was such a great experience. We sang beautifully, heavenly Christmas songs including 'Silent Night' and 'Winter Wonderland'. This unforgettable event made the choir elated from start to finish. We even got to look around the market to buy things but putting all of that aside, this event should definitely happen again next Christmas. All kinds of voices and people joined in and we are all hoping more people will join next year. Even the bus back to school was really fun. What really made us keep going were the bystanders who cheered us on after every song. This was brilliant.

Madeline McManus 7A

Thank you for your support - we had a great time and collected £40.

The pupils were a credit to us.

Everyone commented on how cheerful our pupils were and how much fun we were having! Jodee even had a dance and did the splits!

Miss Padwell

Music Teacher

Other news

All Saints' Roman Catholic High School have recently invested in some highly visible and exceedingly heavy, traffic cones. This is due to the number of vehicles presenting significant challenges and potentially compromising safety. These cones have been placed on the footpath down to the school to discourage vehicles from parking in this area. This is to ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors; the lane is rather narrow.

Parents have been asked politely to not access the school car park to drop off or collect students. There are a very small number of parents of pupils who have particular reasons to enter the school car park. These vehicles will need to display a prominent sign on their front window screen, that indicate that they have the required permission to enter. If you do not

have a parking permits, please do not come down to the car park, before or after school.

If you believe your child has a medical condition that means you would need to drop your child on the school car park, you can apply for a 'PERMISSION TO ENTER THE SCHOOL CAR PARK PASS' from the school office/SENDCo giving your child name and the car registration number.



PERMISSION TO ENTER SCHOOL CAR PARK!

STUDENT NAME: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

CAR REGISTRATION: _____

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History writing competition

HISTORY WRITING COMPETITION

TIME TO GET CREATIVE

Write your own historical fiction story of 400 - 3500 words and send to Mrs Kershaw. The theme is coronation but can be set in any time period. Prizes to be won. See Mrs Kershaw for more information. Closing date: End of May 2023.



ALL THE DETAILS FOR THE HISTORY WRITING COMPETITION
CAN BE FOUND ON SACHEL-ONE

Thank you, Mrs Kershaw



Creative Arts Evening

Thursday March 23rd 7pm
School Hall



Tickets available on the school shop
Adults £3.00
Concessions: £1.00