

Get REading

A Club for those who love to READ

A Club for those who love RE

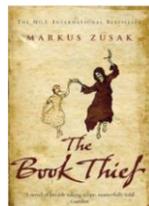
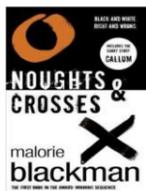
We will read/explore a variety of books with themes related to topics covered and related to RE including:

Ethics, World Events, Philosophy & Morality etc.

For pupils at KS4 and those ready for a more challenging course of reading and thinking.

Friday lunch time.

Room 2 with Miss Monk



WHY?? Club

Ever thought about...some of life's **BIG QUESTIONS?**

Why it all started?

Why bad things happen to good people?

What is happiness really?

Can we ever really trust our sense?

What happens when we die? Why?

If you've answered yes to any of the above, then this is the group for you. Open to KS3 (7-9s)

Monday Room 2 with Miss Monk 1st half of lunch.

For more information ask any member of the **RE Department.**



St Joseph's News

Roman Catholic High School & Sports College

ISSUE 56 – w/c 8th May 2017

Regular Information from the St Joseph's Community

Our theme this week is...

WITH GOD



Up & Coming Events:

11th May

- GCSE Drama Exam, 1:30 - 6:30pm, School Hall

PARKING

Please may we ask consideration be given to our neighbours on Sefton Lane and to other road users on Chorley New Road when dropping off or collecting pupils at St Joseph's.

Parking or waiting on Double Yellow Lines not only causes inconvenience to other motorists, but can easily become a health and safety danger to pupil pedestrians.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS - The whole school attendance for the week commencing 24th April was **94.3%**. Congratulations to **Year 11 Miss Walsh** for achieving the highest attendance percentage out of all year groups and also for 3 out of the 6 Year 11 forms achieving **100%**. Also, 'a big well done' this week goes to Vincent for the highest house attendance...**99.3%**. All year groups need to take special note of the attendance summary as research shows low attendance can lead to a drop in GCSE grade.

| Year | Bernadette | Devereux | King | Kolbe | Romero | Teresa | Vincent | Yr.Average |
|----------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 7 | 90.7 | 93.5 | 94.6 | 98.8 | 96.4 | 92.0 | | 94.3 |
| 8 | 94.1 | 86.4 | 99.4 | 97.7 | 92.9 | 88.3 | | 93.1 |
| 9 | 91.0 | 91.1 | 96.3 | 92.8 | 96.2 | 95.4 | | 93.8 |
| 10 | 88.7 | 92.9 | 89.4 | 93.5 | 97.3 | 95.5 | 98.6 | 93.7 |
| 11 | 96.4 | 100 | 96.2 | 92.0 | 92.1 | 100 | 100 | 96.6 |
| Family Average | 92.1 | 92.7 | 95.1 | 94.9 | 94.9 | 94.2 | 99.3 | |

| | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Attendance | 95% | 90% | 85% | 80% |
| Number of days lost learning in an academic year | 9.5 | 19 | 28.5 | 38 |
| Number of lessons lost learning for a 6 period day | 57 | 114 | 171 | 228 |

Is 95% attendance good? This means that your child has still missed nearly 10 school days in one year. Over five years that would be nearly 50 days, this is almost a school term. Research suggests that '17 missed school days a year equals a drop in a grade in GCSE achievement' - DfE

Many thanks to the entire community for the very warm welcome you have extended to me since I arrived on Tuesday as headteacher. I have been overwhelmed with the kind messages and the hopes and aspirations shared by governors, staff, parents, students and supporters of our wonderful community. I would also like to pay tribute to Mr Woods, the outgoing headteacher, for providing such a strong leadership legacy on which to build.

I began this week by meeting staff and sharing a prayer time together. We reflected on the last Sunday's Gospel where Jesus walked alongside his disciples on the Emmaus Road. It was through his words and actions that his disciples recognised him as the risen Christ. As we begin our time together as a school community Bishop John's prayer, 'Stay with us Lord, on our Journey', becomes more poignant than ever.

I believe that St Joseph's is truly the Kingdom of God here on earth. In the assemblies this week we explored what it is to be a 'Kingdom builder' and as we move from strength to strength we will be challenging each other to reflect on whether our actions are building the Kingdom of God here at St Joseph's or destroying it. We have all made the commitment to be 'Kingdom builders'. I look forward to working with you all to further improve the lives of the young people at St Joseph's.

Mr McCabe



SVP Good Friday Sponsored Walk

Once again on Good Friday, our Youth SVP took part in a Sponsored Walk up Rivington Pike. This is a local tradition which we enjoy being a part of. This year we had 17 people supporting our walk including members of our SVP, family, friends, staff and governors. We began the walk from Rivington Lower Barn at 10am and despite this year's wet weather, we walked together to the top of the Rivington Pike - in record time! After a short break, we walked back to the Barn. We are looking forward to seeing how much we have raised for St Joseph's Penny.

Thank you to all those who gave up their time to attend the walk - an enjoyable morning by all!



Welcome to the New Prefects

The school is very pleased to welcome the new prefects. They started their duties on 26 April following a very moving Commissioning Service at which they received their certificates and badges and a blessing to help them in their responsibilities. This year group is, without doubt, one of the most impressive we've seen with 106 prefects being appointed. The quality of the pupils meant that it was extremely difficult to appoint the senior posts and it took a long and exacting interview process to do so.

Our congratulations go to the **Head Girl and Boy - Georgia Markland-Sharples and Nathan Kellie**, to the **Deputies - Amber Walker, Emily Slack, Ben Ivory and Dermot Graham**, the **Senior Prefects Minha Asghar, Laura Barrett, Charlotte Gleaves, Daniel Holt, Emma Howcroft, Elias Hughes, Sam Hulme, Jack Morris, Lydia Thomson, Laura Tickle and Zoe Walsh** and to all the **Prefects**.

Special note needs taking that due to the quality of the pupils, for the first time we were able to appoint **Peer Mediator Leaders** who are **Millie Cain, India Callow, Monique Casey, Tom Freakley, Billy Malone, Nirin Rindo, Katie Turner and Ellie Yates**. The job of the Prefects is carried out away from the limelight and can often feel thankless and unnoticed but they make a fantastic contribution to the life of St Joseph's and typify what it means to 'be a Joey'.

Well done and best wishes to all.



SUNDAY 4TH JUNE
2017

8am till 1pm
ST JOSEPH'S RC HIGH SCHOOL
HORWICH, BL6 6HW
FREE Entry & Refreshments Available
FREE Parking
Indoor Pitch: £12 Outdoor Pitch £10
Sellers arrive from 7am
To book call 01204697456 and ask for Linda Davies