

Bolton Secondary Schools Cross Country

On Wednesday 12th October 2016 a number of our students represented the school in the annual Bolton Secondary Schools Cross Country event held at Smithills High School. The following students took part, with many outstanding performances being recorded. Well done to all involved!

Year 7 Boys: Chris Ball, Jack Foy, Alistair Gent, Cian Healy, Jacob Pasquill, Christopher Sharrock.

Cian Healy won this event by some distance, he is ranked 1st in the region and has previously been ranked 1st nationally for his age group.

Year 7 Girls: Anya Baron-Toubas, Helena Flanagan, Emily Hawkridge, Faith Jolley, Darcy Pendlebury

Year 8 Boys: Owen Brown (finished 19th overall), Louis Greenhalgh, Joseph Ramwell

Year 8 Girls: Niamh Bowen, Sophie Clark, Erin Corrigan, Jessica Jackson, McKenna Parkinson, Melissa Walker

Year 9 Boys: Lewis O'Sullivan, Adam Sharrock, Callum Stridgeon

Year 9 Girls: Niamh Speakman (finished 5th overall)

Year 10 Boys: Jack Morris (finished 5th overall), Lucas Vose (finished 24th overall)

Year 11 Boys: Callum Crosby



Football Results

Bolton Schools Town Cup:

Year 8

St Joseph's 1 - Westhoughton 3

Year 10

St Joseph's 3 - St James' - 2

Year 11

St Joseph's 4 - Mount St Josephs - 3

Hockey Results

This week saw both Year 7 & 8 lose to Thornleigh, however, both games were amazing with **McKenna Parkinson** & **Darcy Pendlebury** pulling off some amazing saves in net and **Helena Flanagan, Emily Hawkridge, Demi-Leigh Moran** & **Melissa Walker** standing out as superstar players! Well done!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS - The whole school attendance for last week was **94.5%**. Congratulations to **Year 7 and Mrs Horridge** for achieving the highest attendance percentage out of all year groups for the **3rd week running!** Congratulations '**Teresa**' for achieving the highest house attendance. Also a big 'well done' to **11Kolbe, Mr Higham and Miss Walsh** for the individual highest attendance form with an impressive **99.5%**!
As we move into colder/wetter/windy weather, can pupils please bring coats to school to avoid getting ill and therefore not attending. Managers of Learning can always send children home if they are too ill to be in school.

Year	Bernadette	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent	Yr.Average
7	92.3	99.3	97.9	98.6	97.2	95.9		96.8
8	91.0	92.1	90.7	94.0	95.7	94.0		92.9
9	95.8	96.1	93.8	90.9	85.9	91.3		92.3
10	97.2	95.8	91.8	91.7	98.0	98.3	88.1	94.4
11	95.7	93.0	97.6	99.5	97.1	98.1	89.6	95.8
Family Average	94.4	95.2	94.3	94.9	94.7	95.5	88.8	

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



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Our theme this week is...

Our Lady & The Rosary

Heavenly Mother, Pray for us

"One day there was a Pharisee and a tax collector. Both went to the Temple to pray. The Pharisee stood alone, away from the tax collector. When the Pharisee prayed, he said, 'God, I thank you that I am not as bad as other people. I am not like men who steal, cheat, or take part in adultery. I thank you that I am better than this tax collector. I give up eating twice a week, and I give one-tenth of everything I earn!'

The tax collector stood at a distance. When he prayed, he would not even look up to heaven. He beat on his chest because he was so sad. He said, 'God, have mercy on me. I am a sinner!' I tell you, when this man went home, he was right with God. But the Pharisee was not right with God. Everyone who makes himself great will be made humble. But everyone who makes himself humble will be made great."

This week's Gospel ends with a warning! Twice already this term we have seen Jesus warn us against having a big ego. He makes it very clear that arrogance and self-centredness are out and humility and kindness are in!

Jesus makes this point by telling this story. To his audience, these two men were pretty much the classic good guy (the Pharisee) and the bad guy (the tax collector) but Jesus turned the stereotypes upside down. The Pharisee goes into the temple and thanks God for the fact he is so great but the tax collector goes in asking for God's mercy and forgiveness.

It may well have been that the Pharisee was living a far better life than the tax collector. The problem with having a big ego, however, is that it leaves no room for God. The tax collector may have been involved in all sorts of dodgy dealings, but, by showing humility, he at least left room for God to work in his life.

This week ... Grow! Pope Francis refers to himself as "a sinner" and realising this about ourselves is a key part of Christian life. Remember that you aren't perfect and allow God to help you grow into the amazing person he created you to be. The theme this week is Our Lady, so asking for her intercession and guidance in our lives we pray:

Heavenly Mother and God, Our Father. Even though you need nothing, you chose to create us and to love us. Help me to put you at the centre of all that I do. Help me to leave room for you in my heart, in my mind and in my daily life. Amen.



Harvest Fast Day

On Friday 7th October we celebrated Harvest Fast Day here at St Joseph's. Homemade soup was available for staff and pupils to buy at lunchtime with all donations going to our Cafod Harvest Fast Collection.

Thanks to everyone who bought soup, we raised a huge £83.67 which is fantastic!

Thank you to Mrs Beckford (Hannah's mum), Mrs Fielding and Mrs Hancock for making the soups, they were all lovely.



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On Friday 30th September staff at St Joseph's joined in the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Staff brought in cakes and biscuits which were available at break and lunchtime in exchange for a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Alisha Flynn, Year 9, also held an SVP Cake Bake with all profits going to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Both events were a great success and enjoyed by all. An amazing £164 was raised - a massive thank you to everyone involved!

Headteacher's Drop in Day

Monday 7th November 2016

Everyone welcome - if you are interested please contact school to confirm a time.

Thank you.

Mr Woods

HINDUISM

A huge thank you to Dhrunal Pindoria and his family for sharing some traditional Hindu clothes with us. In RE, 7 Kolbe have been studying the religion of Hinduism. Dhrunal brought in a suitcase full of beautifully crafted clothes, many of which have been made by members of his family, and shared them with his form during their RE lesson with Mrs Pepperday this week. He explained what each of the garments is worn for and explained other aspects of tradition within Hinduism. 7 Kolbe enjoyed learning about some of the festivals celebrated by Hindus such as Raksha Bandhan which celebrates the love between brothers and sisters. The pupils of 7 Kolbe found it all very interesting and loved trying everything on.

Thank you again to the Pindoria family.



Year 11 Mock Interviews



On Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th October all Year 11 pupils are invited to attend St Joseph's mock interviews. The mock interview scheme here at St Joseph's has been going for over 25 years, providing our students with an invaluable opportunity to get to grips with their CV writing and to practise their interview technique.

The interviews will take place in the School Hall between the hours of 6.15pm-7.55pm.

We are immensely grateful to members of our local community and to local businesses for giving up their time to come in and help our students prepare for future interviews either at College, University or in the world of work.

4 benefits of mock interviews

1. They help you reduce stress and anxiety about interviewing.
2. They help boost their confidence.
3. They provide pupils with constructive feedback.
4. They can help pupils to prepare for behavioural-based interview questions. in a low-stress environment.

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