



'epraise' is the new whole school reward system which has been introduced to St Joseph's. A letter has been sent home introducing the system with instructions on how parents can login and register. If you have any problems, please email school using the dedicated email address epraise@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk.

The system works by staff awarding pupils points for a wide range of everyday activities. These include being on time to lessons, having the correct equipment, having homework completed, effort and achievement in lessons, attendance in school, wearing uniform correctly and extra things such as sporting activities, helping out and taking part in masses and celebrations.

The pupils can redeem the points they receive in the associated shop which will contain functional items for use in school such as stationary items and calculators, but also items to reward the pupil such as early lunch passes, pizza lunches and various activities as offered by staff.

There is also a prize draw in the system and the pupils can choose to use the points they receive to enter these draws for larger items such as a tablet or a TV. School is providing all the items that are available in both the shop and the prize draw areas of the site.

As school only have limited funds to source the rewards for the pupils, if you feel that you may be able to offer anything, or know of anyone who may be able to offer anything which we could use to reward the pupils, either in the shop or as a prize draw item it would be gratefully received. Please contact school to discuss this further.

If you have any queries regarding the use of the system, please feel free to contact Mr Higham in school.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS - The whole school attendance for last week was **94.2%**. Congratulations again goes to **Year 7 and Mrs Horridge** for achieving the highest attendance percentage out of all year groups especially **7 Devereux** who gained the highest attendance in the school with 99.2%. Congratulations also goes to **'Teresa'** for achieving the highest house attendance with 3 out of the 5 houses achieving this goal. **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	93.3	99.2	94.6	96.1	97.1	95.8		96.0
8	97.1	96.3	97.2	94.6	96.7	91.7		95.6
9	94.7	87.8	96.2	93.5	87.5	97.5		92.8
10	91.5	97.1	94.9	89.1	96.5	97.8	85.6	93.2
11	92.9	91.9	92.0	95.7	91.7	98.1	92.0	93.4
Family Average	93.9	94.4	94.9	93.8	93.9	96.1	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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Regular Information from the St Joseph's Community

Our theme this week is...



All Saints

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Up & Coming Events:

31st October

- English Exam Practice

1st November

- All Saints Feast Day

- PSA Christmas Fair Planning Meeting, 6:45pm

2nd November

- All Souls Feast Day

- Year 11 Savio Retreat

3rd November

- Year 11 Savio Retreat

4th November

- Year 11 Savio Retreat

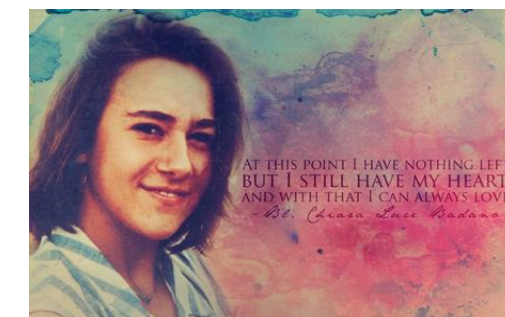
Tuesday 1st November is All Saints day. A day to reflect on the lives of the great Saints of the Catholic Church. One of my favourite saints is Blessed Chiara Luce Badano. Born in Italy in 1971, Chiara, even at a very young age, invited less fortunate people into the family's home for holidays and visited the elderly at a retirement centre. She chose her newest and most beautiful toys for the poor children. She collected in a small box the pocket money that she received and she set it aside for less fortunate children. When other children were sick and confined to bed, Chiara visited them. Chiara had many friends, played sports, and loved to sing and dance. One day she was out walking in the town with her mum and they walked past some drug addicts she said, "you cannot judge them: they are today's poor". She saw the good in everything and everyone.

When Chiara was just 17, during a tennis match, a shooting pain to her left shoulder forced her to drop the racket to the ground. Medical tests revealed she had a very serious form of bone cancer. Treatments were painful and unsuccessful and left her paralyzed. Despite her illness and being confined to bed, Chiara wrote letters and sent messages to others. She inspired everyone who she encountered with her faith and love for others. In particular she sent a message to the school she had been too: "I would like to pass on the torch at the Olympics, because we only have one life and it's worth living it well".

She was a brave girl too, she does not ask for a miracle but instead writes a letter to Our Lady "Heavenly Mother, you know how much I desire to be healed but if it's not God's will I ask you for the strength to never give up. Humbly yours, Chiara".

After saying goodbye to her mum: "Ciao, be happy, I am" Chiara died on 7th October 1990. Then nine years later, the bishop of her diocese began to speak to Pope Benedict XVI about making her a saint. She was declared 'blessed' in 2010.

She was a normal, everyday girl, simple and humble and now she is a normal, everyday saint. She didn't die for her faith, there was no big miracle. She didn't have any visions or experience Jesus in a very different way. She was just a happy girl who did what she could to bring light and happiness to the people she met. Let us pray this week to be like Blessed Chiara and all the Saints, doing what we can do to love one another.





Christmas Fair



Christmas Fair Sunday 11th December 12 noon to 2 pm

This year the PSA will be holding the school annual Christmas Fair on Sunday 11th December between 12 noon and 2 pm.

As in previous years we will be holding a 'Grand Raffle'. The raffle generates a substantial amount of money. Most of the prizes are donated, last year some parents/carers who work for or have links with companies were able to donate prizes. We are asking if any parent/carer is able to offer a prize this year. If so, please contact Mrs Moore at school as soon as possible.

The PSA will be holding a meeting at 6.45 pm on Tuesday 1st November to discuss the Christmas Fair preparations. Please come along and see what we do and see how you can get involved.

Parental involvement and support is always welcome and very much appreciated, if any parents would like to or can help on the day or in the run up please contact Mrs Moore at school.

Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 26th - Friday 30th June 2017

All Key Stage 4 students are offered the opportunity of completing one week of work experience, allowing students to spend a week outside of the classroom with a local employer. For many students, these are their first steps into the working environment.

The launch of St Joseph's Work Experience Program was this Wednesday in their assembly. All pupils in Year 10 will be given a pack containing information for parents/guardians & pupils, together with the Tailored Education database log in details for pupils' to view, select and add choices to their application form. The Username & Password is in the pack to access the system.

If a pupil would like to make their own arrangements for the work experience week, parents/carers and employers are required to complete a Visit Request Form. No pupil will be allowed on placement if the employers cannot produce EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE.

Mrs Hancock

Payment of School Dinners

Please note that the revalue machines in school now accept the new £5 notes.

Also - please ensure that all cheques for school dinners are made payable to "Mellor's Catering Services".



Girls Netball

This week saw the Year 8 Netball Team play three matches at Smithills School - Won 2, Lost 1

All girls played extremely well showing outstanding team spirit.

Well done!



Year 7 Trip to Conway

On Tuesday the 18th of October, 152 Year 7 pupils visited the Conway Centre in Anglesey. When we got there we went straight into the hall, we had our lunch and then we had a tour of the Centre.

As soon as we had the tour, 3 forms got to choose their activities, we chose canoeing. It was really fun. Some other groups did high ropes, mountain biking, rock climbing, low ropes and bush craft. The other 3 forms did activities with the teachers, there was pond dipping, map skills, outdoor challenges and a night-line. We worked together in all these activities and enjoyed toasting our own marshmallows and building dens.

After tea, we made examples of a true Joey using recycled items, we had a quiz and played bingo. After evening prayer and reflection, we went to bed. The next day, we swapped activities and got to work together again in our chosen activities. Overall, the trip was awesome!

By Ben, Muhaimin and Luke - Year 7.



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