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MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On Thursday 10th October, staff and students at St Joseph's raised awareness for World mental health day. In an effort to promote the emotional well being of pupils and to encourage a positive attitude towards their mental health and education, Miss Oliver and the mental health ambassadors participated in a variety of events to show their commitment to this important cause.

On Thursday break time they set up a bake sale in aid of Young Minds mental health charity, where they sold yellow cupcakes and biscuits to staff and pupils across all year groups. Staff also wore yellow as a sign of their support to the cause. On Thursday's open evening, Miss Oliver and some of the sixth form mental health ambassadors (Megan Hastry, Josh Mitchell and Chris Cameron) set up a stand to raise further awareness and money for the Young Minds charity. They engaged with the prospective students using puzzles relating to mental health, sold yellow ribbons and distributed leaflets.

Many thanks to the mental health ambassadors for all of their hard work and all of the donations from staff, students and parents, which totalled an amazing £203.87. All donations went to the Young Minds charity.

SHOEBOXES

This year, St Joseph's will be taking part in Operation Christmas Child involving each tutor group gathering items to fill a shoebox which will be sent to a less fortunate child in need this Christmas. The mission of operation Christmas child is 'to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world'. In order to do so, we suggest including items such as: dolls, stuffed toys, pens, colouring books, a hairbrush, a hat or gloves. We ask you bring all items to school by November 11th.



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Lead in school is: Mrs Hammill, Deputy Headteacher Pastoral:
0191 428 2700



Governor linked to Safeguarding:
Mrs Kilgour, Chair of Governors: 0191 427 1717



You can find further information about safeguarding including our Safeguarding policy and our Safeguarding team on our school website.



MEET OUR STAFF

Name: Miss Pywell (MFL teacher and anti bullying lead)

Why did you come to St Joseph's? I picked St Joseph's because I already knew some people who work here and I was told how amazing the students are.

What have you done in the past? I have previously worked for the European Union and spent some time in countries such as France, Belgium and Estonia. Before St Joseph's I worked for seven years in a school in Middlesbrough.

Why did you decide to become a teacher? I loved school, my favourite subject was History and I would love to give some students the same experience as I had.



SIXTH FORM SPONSORED WALK

On Friday 27th of September, year 12 and 13 completed a sponsored walk from Mill Lane, Hebburn to the Baltic. During the walk there was frequent showers however this didn't stop the determined students or bring the mood down. It was a lovely afternoon which gave the students the chance to bond with their friends and to push themselves physically, as there were some aspects to the walk which were quite challenging e.g. the steep uphill banks, the muddy walk-ways (that gave you no option but to jump over if you didn't want to ruin your white coloured trainers) and the horrible weather!

Every student involved did themselves and the school proud as money was raised for lots of different charities that they picked. The walk gave students the chance to relax and unwind at the end of the school week, which would've been a relief for many! As these two years of sixth form can be extremely stressful, opportunities like the walk should grabbed onto.

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SCHOOL LIBRARY



In St Joseph's the LRC/Library is open to all students across all years.

The teacher who runs the library is Mrs. Holtham, along with a selection of students who go by the name library monitors. The library monitors are a dozen of helpful students who aid Mrs. Holtham with running the library. These students maintain a supportive watch over the pupils to see if they can assist with homework or some research. Pupils have access to computers for homework and research purposes only. A gentle reminder to pupils that no food or drink should be consumed in the library.

Mrs. Holtham gives out prizes, of credits, to a selection of students which results in their name being shown on the wall to all pupils and teachers. The library is very useful for all staff and pupils in the school thanks to the work of Mrs. Holtham and all of the library monitors.

PASTORAL FOCUS

During the next half term our pastoral focuses will be:

- Homework
- Attendance
- Credits and Debits
- How to revise

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

On Thursday 10th October, the staff and current students of St Joseph's welcomed our prospective year 6 students from their primary schools. The evening was filled with laughter, excitement and various different activities to take part in. There was live experiments in science, which included; making slime, magic moving water, static electricity, burning sugar and even dissecting an animal heart! We also hosted different activities in all of the other subjects so that the Year 6's could get a feel for how it would be when they join us next year. The PE department showed off all of the different sporting talents as St Joseph's which included; trampolining and a dance performance on stage in the hall. All of the parents and students were thoroughly impressed! Parents also commented on how good the art work was and on all of the work which was up on classroom walls. Overall it was a very successful evening and we can't wait for the Year 6's to join us next year.



YEAR 7 WELCOME MASS

This year we had our annual year 7 welcome mass, however this year we invited parents, carers and our tutors. It was a truly great opportunity to show our parents/carers the work we have been doing around faith, learning and respect. It was also fantastic for our parents to meet our tutors who look after us in school each day. The welcome mass took place in church and it was amazing to come together as a community.



This Newspaper has been brought to you by our school reporters:

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FREE EVENT



The Event

LIVE MUSIC - PRAISE AND WORSHIP - INVITED SPEAKERS - REFRESHMENTS - SOCIAL TIME

St Joseph's Catholic Academy | Year 5, 6, 7, and 8
Wednesdays | 6.00 - 7.30pm

16th October 2019
20th November 2019
18th December 2019
15th January 2020
12th February 2020
18th March 2020
22nd April 2020
17th June 2020

ROADSHOW EVENTS

Escomb Partnership - 6th November 2019
St Cuthbert's Crook
Pontop Partnership - 11th March 2020
St Mary's RC Primary, South Moor

All are welcome. Please reserve a place for your group by contacting Andrew Young at: young@stjosephs.uk.net or 0191 428 2700

St Joseph's Catholic Academy
Mill Lane, Hebburn, NE31 2ET

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

FOOTBALL

The U13 girls football team kicked off their season in the Durham County Cup with a victory of 14-0 over Longfield Academy. Skill, Sportsmanship and maturity was shown by the girls throughout the entire match!



TABLE TENNIS

On the 1st October, two of our talented girls' table tennis teams attended the South Tyneside Table Tennis competition. Our U13 team (Olivia Merrifield, Grace Scott, Amelia Kirkup and Ellen Kirkup) placed 2nd and our U16 team (Lucy Furniss, Olivia Hall, Sophie Perry and Emily Reay) placed 4th.

Continuing the sporting success of St Joseph's, the boys under 16 team also made great achievements in their competition. The year 11 team (Matthew Robinson, Thomas Archibald, James Robinson and Niall Docherty) came in 2nd place and the year 10 team (Lewis Rutherford, Ben Mitford, Ben Anderson and Matthew Strophair) came 4th place. The year 11 boys qualify for the Tyne and Wear final which will be held at the Beacon of Light on December 3rd.



Well done to all of the students who have represented St Joseph's and who have done the school proud in various sporting events. Another big congratulations to all students who have achieved individual awards for sports activities in their own free time and outside of school!