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ST JOSEPH'S GOT TALENT

On 5th December, St Joseph's held a talent contest called "St Joseph's Got Talent" and it was spectacular! I would go as far to say that St Joseph's Got Talent has acts far superior to the acts on a lot of the other "Got Talent" shows as we had only the best of performers, ranging from singers to dancers and even dinosaurs (nobody is left out at St Joseph's). We had a very excited crowd, eagerly anticipating the talent that St Joseph's had to offer.

The show kicked off with the St Joseph's Rock Band who performed Don't Stop Believing by Journey. The two singers were amazing, showing immense passion and sang in perfect time with each other which translated into a beautifully sung cover of a classic song. The band accompanied these fantastic vocals with hard hitting drums and guitars which further immersed the audience into the performance.

After a hard hitting opening act we were graced with the presence of the funniest talent show group I've ever seen and a group who I believe are just as good as the dancing stormtroopers. Never in my life did I think I'd see a group of students dressed as dinosaurs dancing on a stage but I'm glad I was there to witness it. I also never thought I'd see these dinosaurs dancing to a Christmas banger but it was ferociously funny.

Next, we saw a pair of vocalists step towards the mic to face the music. Apart from a technical difficulty with one of the microphones, Adele and Libby were an amazing duo! They performed a cover of Valerie by Amy Winehouse which was a great song choice for them.

Gymnastics lovers, this section is the one you'll want to pay attention to. The best way I can sum up Olivia and Alana's performance is by saying it was filled with pure energy, passion and fantastic chemistry. Some classic gymnastic moves such as cartwheels and lifts were performed beautifully.

To conclude what was a masterclass in talent, we had the St Joseph's Dance Troupe who delivered a dance spreading awareness of mental health. Mental health awareness has been a crucial part of a number of activities in St Joseph's this year and they added to this in the way only they know how, with a well choreographed and moving performance. I wasn't expecting to experience so many shifts in emotions but our Key Stage 3 students were so talented that my already scrambled brain exploded.

Congratulations to Jessica Hagan in Year 8 who moved staff members to tears during her amazing solo performance, singing A Million Dreams. Thank you to everyone who took part, you all knocked it out of the park!

Chris Cameron, Y12



SHOE BOX APPEAL 2019

As a school community we have focused on giving to those in need this half term. As part of this tutor groups donated 126 shoe boxes to children who may otherwise have woken on Christmas morning without any presents this year.

We are extremely proud of how we worked together as a school community.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

From the 11th until the 15th November, students at St Joseph's took part in anti-bullying week to take a stand against bullying in schools. Students and teachers took part in various activities to spread the important message around the school that bullying is not tolerated and that we should never make anyone feel uncomfortable or upset in school. Students also helped to raise money for the Anti-bullying alliance charity.

Throughout the week students wrote cards with positive and friendly messages on, which were placed on tables around the school canteen at lunch time for their peers to read as they ate their lunch. Similarly, pupils made cards for teachers to show their appreciation for their help and support in school. Lastly, on the Friday, the everyone was encouraged to wear odd socks as a symbol of their support for the cause. The pupils also set up a bake sale at break time in aid of the charity, where they sold cupcakes to staff and students. A total of £50 was raised. Students across years 7-11 took part in a lesson during PSHE dedicated to educating them on the consequences of bullying and enforcing that there is zero tolerance towards bullying.

Even after the school week was over, students continued to be ambassadors against bullying, reposting and sharing messages reminding everyone to be kind on their social media platforms.

Faye Shanley, Y12



SCIENCE CLUB

This year, science club is better than ever! There are a lot of exciting things happening and as Christmas is coming the range of activities continues to grow. If you are interested in science then this is the club for you!

Currently in science club we are undertaking Christmas experiments such as, making copper plate keyrings and taking scents out of Christmas. Over the next couple of weeks we are going to make bath bombs and complete other fun experiments.

Science club takes place in A214 with Mr Tunnicliffe for all KS3 students.

Lewis Hillis, Y7



MEET THE STAFF

NAME: Mr Gardner (an English teacher)

WHY DID YOU COME TO ST. JOSEPH'S?

I knew St. Joseph's from earlier years of my life and the school had a good reputation!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE IN THE PAST?

I have been a teacher for 15 years; I have also worked as an assistant headteacher. I have worked in several shops and universities.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A TEACHER?

I have a strong passion for English and have completed my master's degree in it. That is why I am willing to share my knowledge with others.

WHAT SCHOOL WERE YOU AT BEFORE YOU CAME HERE?

I have previously worked in Benfield Primary School & Joseph Swan School.

Ruth Nwokobia, Y10 & Thompson Nyirenda, Y8



ST JOSEPH'S ELECTION: 12th Dec 2019

As members of the British public gave their vote in the general election this year, students at St Joseph's were given the opportunity to voice their opinions on the politics of the country. Representatives from year 12 and year 13 politics students chose a party and campaigned on behalf of that party around the school. The Labour party was represented by Alex Craig and Molly McIvor, the Conservative party by James Athley and Cade Kirtley, Brexit Party was represented by Oran McGinness and Connor Sinclair and lastly the Liberal Democrats by Niamh Ennis and Reece Balai. For the election campaigns, the students were required to make a 2 minute video in which they explain the policies of their chosen party and aimed to convince the rest of the school to give them their vote. These videos were shown to all pupils in a tutor session.

On Thursday 12th December, a polling station was set up opposite the juice bar with the help of many sixth form students and classes were brought down to hand in their votes. As the pupils queued up to vote, the candidates took this as a last chance to talk to some classes about politics and to convince them to vote for their party.

The results of the election showed that the overall turnout of the election was 93%. Easily in the lead was the Labour party with a massive 59% of votes, followed by the Liberal Democrats with 19% of votes, Brexit Party with 12% and finally the Conservatives with 10% of votes.

REVISION TIPS

- **MATHS**- Videos and examples followed by practice exam questions. Good sites include **Maths Genie**, **Corbett Maths** and **Maths Made Easy**.
- **ENGLISH**- Character and theme summaries, quotation banks for each section of the text along with analysis. **Stacey Reay** and **Mr Bruff** are helpful for quote analysis and example essays.
- **SCIENCES**- Condensed notes and as many past papers as possible. Repeatedly do past papers multiple times in order to remember specific points wanted by the mark scheme to pick up marks. The website **Physics And Maths Tutor** has past papers for all exam boards and individual units for each science.
- **LANGUAGES**- Learn as much vocabulary as possible. By using **Quizlet**, you can make lists of vocab to quiz yourself and make online flash cards. For listening practice, try listening to videos on **YouTube** in the language you are studying to get used to the sound of it. The website **1jour1actu** has short videos and articles to help with reading and listening.

SOCIAL ACTION: Christmas 2019

This Advent students at St. Joseph's have been working hard on different social action projects to support those most in need in our parish communities.

Yesterday, students worked with the SVP to donate many of these care parcels and



spread Christian love to members of our parish communities. More care parcels will be distributed to Hebburn Helps food bank.

Advent Nativity Art Work



Ink, wax, and mix media on cartridge.
130cm by 200cm



Created and Painted By
Mrs Crombie, Miss H Walker
Year 12 Fine Art A Level students
Milli Blyth
Charlie Cavanagh
Charlotte Collinson
Stan Dunn
Grace Maher
November 2019

YOUNG ROLE MODEL AWARD



Thomas Wallace, From Year 11 came to the aid of a pensioner in January of this year and has recently been awarded the Young Role Model of 2019.

On the coldest night of the year in January

2019 Thomas rescued Joan Fearon an 86-year-old woman who had ventured out to simply admire the stars. She slipped on the ice outside of her door and broke her femur. Thankfully, Thomas was there to save her from this potentially fateful predicament. Without hesitation, Thomas who was passing by immediately phoned for an ambulance. Whilst waiting for the emergency services, he covered her in a duvet and a blanket. He stayed by her side and called Joan's daughter to inform her of the situation. Joan believes Thomas saved her life and nominated him for the Chronicle Champion Award.

Well Done Thomas, we are all so proud of you!

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL

Our school has had many generations of outstanding football players. On Friday the 29th November I was given the opportunity to interview; Oliver Bainbridge (captain), Louis Powell, Luke Duffy (top goal scorer for the team since year 7) and Daniel Potts, who has performed amazingly so far this season.

Last year the team were victors in a tense 2-1 win in the final of the County Cup and took the trophy (pictured). Dillon Cummins and Joseph Adams were the goal scorers in this match. This was a significant achievement as the Cup has not been won by St Joseph's many times before. After the triumph of the county cup the boys are now competing in the District League and are unbeaten in the District Cup, where they endeavour to reach the final. Game after game the boys strive to be the best. During my interview with them they highlighted some inspirational player from whom they strive to emulate, such as current and former football players who include, Jordan Henderson (captain of Premier League Club Liverpool and midfielder for his country) and also Chris Joyce, born 31 January 1982. These players have had an impact on the boys performance because they are their idols and give them motivation to follow in their footsteps.



The school football team is rewarding because it is 'a confidence builder and helps to establish friendships' as the boys are regularly playing and training together. Daniel Potts informed us that "it is an honour to play for the school team and a great opportunity to build football and teamwork skills." Coach, Mr Obee, stated "the boys are a great team and they work exceptionally hard". Captain Oliver Bainbridge has to take on many roles including discussions with Mr Obee and leading team talks before and during games. Oliver told us that "the school football team gives you many memories you will never forget".

Anna Ridge, Y10

KEEP IN TOUCH

We have the following ways for parents to keep in touch with what is happening in school:

Website: <http://www.stjosephs.uk.net/>

Facebook: @stjosephsca

Instagram: st.josephscatholicacademy

Twitter:@PEntusiast

DANCING

St Joseph's has many extra curricular activities, one which is dancing. On Wednesday the 11th December, I interviewed a great asset to the 2019-2020 dance team Katie Whyte.

In the past 2 years the dance team have taken part in many shows and festivals, including The Customs House and Middlesbrough Festival, which all of the team excelled in. Recently they performed for some schools across the school district for Year 4 and 5 pupils in a Christmas event hosted at our school which included a disco and dances taught by the schools team.

Not only is there a dance team at our school, but also a dance leaders course run by Miss Craggs. This includes participating in different leadership events to get qualifications for the future. Katie said: "It is a great chance to make new friends and develop communication and leadership skills."

Some inspiration from many of the dancers was Briar Nolet, a finalist in the television series World of Dance. Briar Nolet has a great impact on the dancer's performance as she is many of their idols and gives them all the motivation to achieve the things she has. Without inspiration these dancers would not be where they are now. Thankfully the dancers have the support they need to become remarkable dancers in the future and represent St Joseph's.

Anna Ridge, Y10



FURTHER SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

BADMINTON

Our talented KS3 and KS4 badminton team took part in a tournament at St Wilfrid's on the 12th December. The KS3 A team took the prize for 1st place and the B team for 4th place. The KS4 A team took 3rd place and the B team took 4th place!

Well done everyone!



ATHLETICS

On the 6th December, the year 7 and 8 St Joseph's Sportshall teams travelled to Temple Park to compete against other teams in South Tyneside for a place in the finals. The gold prize was taken by the year 7 boys, followed by the year 8 boys taking silver and year 8 girls achieving bronze. Some year 10 sports leaders helped out with organising and running the event throughout the day.

