



Christmas Services

*All Day Confessions
St Andrew's Cathedral
Thursday 20th December
7.30am - 5.30pm*

*St Aloysius Parish
Christmas Eve Carol Service 8pm tbc
Vigil Mass 9pm tbc
Christmas Day 11.00am
Stobhill Hospital 1pm tbc*

*St Augustine's
Christmas Eve Confessions 8pm Carols 8.40pm
First Mass of Christmas 9pm
Christmas Day 11.00am*

*St Catherine's
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 5pm
Christmas Eve Carol Service 11.30pm
followed by Midnight Mass 12.00 Midnight
Christmas Day 10.30am*

*Immaculate Heart
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 4.30pm & 6.00pm tbc
Christmas Eve Carol Service 11.30pm tbc
Midnight Mass 12.00 Midnight tbc
Christmas Day 9.30am & 11.30am*

*St Philomena's
Christmas Day 10.30am*

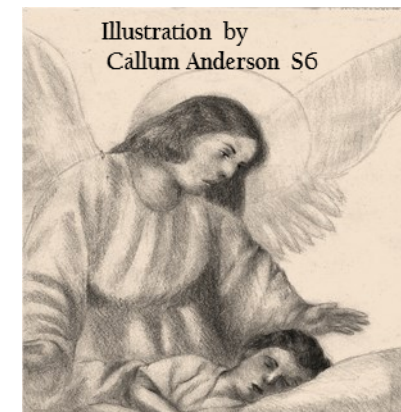


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All Saints RC Secondary School Christmas Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families enjoy a peaceful and happy Christmas season.

We have been very busy in All Saints and we hope to capture some of the many excellent activities and events going on in this festive edition.

As always, thank you for your support which is crucial to the continued improvement of All Saints RC Secondary School.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and successful 2017.

P Holmes
Head Teacher

Please note the Christmas service times for our Parishes on the back of this newsletter. Please support them.

Important dates for your diary:

Wednesday 21st December 2016 - School closure 2.30pm - Christmas Holidays

Thursday 5th January 2017 - School re-opens

Monday 9th January 2017 - Senior Phase Prelims begin

Wednesday 11th Jan 2017 - S3 Parents Evening

Prelim Timetable

| WEEK 1 | Date | Subject | Level | Paper | Time | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|--------|-----------------|--------------|
| Monday | 9th Jan | History | N5 | | 9:00am-10:45am | GYM |
| | | ESOL | N5 | Listen | 9:00am-9:25am | CLASS |
| | | ESOL | N5 | Write | 9:45am-11:20am | CLASS |
| | | ESOL | H | Listen | 9:00am-9:30am | CLASS |
| | | ESOL | H | Write | 9:50am-12:00pm | CLASS |
| | | English | H | 1 | 11:20-12:50pm | GYM |
| | | English | H | 2 | 1:30pm-3:00pm | GYM |
| Tuesday | 10th Jan | Geography | H | | 9:00am-11:20am | ASSEMBLY |
| | | Maths | N5 | 2 | 11:35am-1:05pm | GYM/Assembly |
| | | Maths | N5 | 1 | 1:50pm-2:50pm | GYM/Assembly |
| Wednesday | 11th Jan | Business | N5 | | 9:00am-10:00am | GYM |
| | | Business | H | | 9:00am-10:00am | GYM |
| | | Music | N5 | | 9:00am-9:45am | CLASS |
| | | Music | H | | 10:15am-11:15am | CLASS |
| | | English | N5 | 1 | 11:35am-12:35pm | GYM/Assembly |
| | | English | N5 | 2 | 1:15pm-2:45pm | GYM/Assembly |
| Thursday | 12th Jan | Biology | N5 | | 9:00am-11:00am | GYM |
| | | Biology | H | | 9:00am-11:30am | ASSEMBLY |
| | | P.E. | N5 | | 2:00pm-3:00pm | GYM |
| | | P.E. | H | | 1:30pm-3:00pm | ASSEMBLY |
| Friday | 13th Jan | History | H | | 9:00am-11:20am | ASSEMBLY |
| | | Geography | N5 | | 1:00pm-3:00pm | ASSEMBLY |

School Clothing Grant - updated information on new policy

More than 25,000 envelopes with vouchers for school clothing grants are being delivered this week.

This follows the announcement made earlier in October that 5000 low income families were in line to automatically receive their unclaimed £52 school clothing grant (SCG).

Under plans revealed as part of the city's new anti-poverty strategy – People Make Glasgow Fairer – the annual SCG award has also been increased by £5 to £52 per child, per year.

This means that more than 20,000 parents will also receive a backdated payment of £5 to reflect this increase.

Councillor Frank McAveety said: “This is one of the first outcomes from People Make Glasgow Fairer backed by the Poverty Leadership Panel. I’m pleased that we’ve managed to get the money out to those who need it and are entitled to it as quickly as possible.

“Hopefully it means the money can be used to buy new uniform items for the start of the new term in January. And although not a huge sum the £5 could be used towards vests, tights, hats and gloves to keep out the cold to and from school.”

To identify recipients of the unclaimed benefit the project matched data of those who receive housing benefit and council tax reduction and with details of all children living and attending school in Glasgow.

The results mean that the SCG payment can now be automatically sent to those who are entitled to it. The council will now also now pay this sum routinely each year to those that are entitled, without people having to apply for it separately.

The vouchers will be released in several batches over a **two week period** that people will start to receive from 6th December.

More information at www.povertyleadershippanel.org.uk

School Clothing Grant information telephone - 0141 287 3110
Or Email the Financial Inclusion Partnership (Finance) on
FinancialInclusionPartnership@glasgow.gov.uk **if you have any queries**

Asda Food Collection

Wrapped up for winter last Friday learners in S3 braved the cold to support our annual food collection at Asda Robroyston. As well as trolleys full of food they also raised £600.

The following day S5/6 learners continued their good work raising a further £700. A special thank you to staff who volunteered their time over the two days to support our collection. This Saturday S5/6 learners will be unpacking/sorting the food collected ready for distribution from 9.30am onwards in St Catherine's Parish hall. All welcome - hot drinks and home baking (Mrs Milwain) are guaranteed.



The Advent season invites us to remember that Christ is with us now as he said he would be: where we gather, in our homes, in the Eucharist and in our hearts too. His coming first and last is a revelation of love.

In our school community that love is revealed when we pray, when we act and when we share the good news. Our daily prayer had helped us through our Advent journey. Our service to the community through fundraising and by sharing the Good News with our senior citizens brings the real meaning of Christmas back to life.



| WEEK 2 | Date | Subject | Level | Paper | Time | Location |
|-----------|----------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Monday | 16th Jan | Chemistry | N5 | | 9:00am-11:00am | ASSEMBLY |
| | | Maths | H | 1 | 11:50-1:00pm | ASSEMBLY |
| | | Maths | H | 2 | 1:45pm-3:15pm | ASSEMBLY |
| Tuesday | 17th Jan | French | N5 | Listen | 9:00am-9:30am | CLASS |
| | | French | N5 | Writing | 10:00am-11:30am | CLASS |
| | | French | H | Listen | 8:50am-9:50am | CLASS |
| | | French | H | Writing | 10:00am-11:40am | CLASS |
| | | Physics | N5 | | 9:00am-11:00am | ASSEMBLY |
| | | Physics | H | | 9:00am-11:30am | ASSEMBLY |
| Wednesday | 18th Jan | Spanish | N5 | Listen | 9:00am-9:30am | CLASS |
| | | Spanish | N5 | Writing | 10:00am-11:30am | CLASS |
| | | Spanish | H | Listen | 8:50am-9:50am | CLASS |
| | | Spanish | H | Writing | 10:00am-11:40am | CLASS |
| | | Computing | N5 | | 1:50pm-2:50pm | ASSEMBLY |
| | | Computing | H | | 1:50pm-2:50pm | LIBRARY |
| | | RMPS | N5 | | 9:00am-10:30am | CLASS |
| Thursday | 19th Jan | Modern Studies | N5 | | 9:00am-10:45am | LIBRARY |
| | | Modern Studies | H | | 9:00am-11:20am | ASSEMBLY |
| | | Chemistry | H | | 9:00am-11:30am | CLASS (non-Science) |
| | | Art & Design | N5 | | 1:50pm-3:00pm | ASSEMBLY |
| | | Art & Design | H | | 1:00pm-3:00pm | CLASS |
| Friday | 20th Jan | Admin | N5 | Practical | 9:00am-10:30am | CLASS |
| | | Admin | H | Practical | 9:00am-10:00am | CLASS |
| | | Admin | H | Theory | 1:50pm-2:50pm | ASSEMBLY |
| | | Media | H | | 9:00am-10:00am | CLASS |
| | | Drama | N5 | | 11:00am-12:30pm | CLASS |
| | | Drama | H | | 11:00am-1:00pm | CLASS |
| | | D&M | N5 | | 11:00am-12:30pm | ASSEMBLY |
| D&M | H | | 11:00am-1:00pm | ASSEMBLY | | |

Faculty of English and Media

This has been an extremely exciting term for learners in the Faculty of English and Media.

In the last week of November, all learners celebrated **Book Week Scotland** by participating in an extravaganza of activities. The theme for **Book Week Scotland** was Secrets and Confessions and also explored what everyone - across the entire school- was reading.

S3 learners had the chance of meet **River City and Gary Tank Commander Actress** Leah McCrae. Leah discussed the importance of reading, literacy and lifelong learning. She talked with learners and conveyed how vital reading and understanding characters was to her own job.

Learners had a superb time and discussed texts choices and how to enjoy reading more. All learners left knowing that reading was vital to any career and asked thought-provoking questions.

Our S1 cohort also had the great opportunity to discuss why Reading is important in the Science world. Doctor of Molecular Genetics: Rachael, came in to school and explained that reading different papers and experiments is what her job entails. Her work with *Merc and The Beatson Institute* revolved around continual reading and writing. Learners explored how to improve reading skills and also carried out some experiments that included extracting DNA from a banana with pipettes! It was great fun and really made everyone reflect on the importance of reading, writing, talking and listening. Skills we all need in life!



Staff also enjoyed a **Book Brunch Café**.

All Saints transformed into Waterstones for the day and became a little haven... where everyone could read, relax and discuss their favourite stories. There were many cakes too.

Lunchtime! We meet with our local MP, Anne McLaughlin and were escorted to the ‘Terrace’ overlooking the Thames. This was a great opportunity for photographs and selfies. Here, by chance, we met Dennis Skinner, one of our oldest MPs. In a somewhat surreal moment, we all sang a rendition of ‘I belong to Glasgow’, with Mr Skinner leading the chorus.



After this excitement, we headed back to the House of Commons for a debate on Brexit. Among the speakers were Ken Clarke and Ed Miliband.

Parliament tour over it was off to Oxford Street for some retail therapy – especially exciting for the girls/ladies in group.

Back to the hotel for a while, we packed our bags and headed for Euston Station. We arrived back in Glasgow at around 11.15pm on Wednesday.

Everyone, including staff and learners had fantastic time and are hoping to re visit London again next year.

Big thanks to Miss Brady and Miss McManus who accompanied the group and also to Mr McGarry, who organised the excursion.

A final thanks to our MP Anne McLaughlin and our learners, who were absolutely brilliant at all times and indeed a credit to themselves, their families and to All Saints.

Visit to Palace of Westminster

Tuesday 6th & Wed 7th December



Our S5/S6 Senior Modern Studies learners visited London on the 6th & 7th December. Primarily, this was to visit the Houses of Parliament, in relation to and also to enhance their educational studies in this area. However, we managed to achieve much more than this!

The group travelled down on Tuesday morning, arriving in London early afternoon. After relaxing in our hotel for a couple of hours, we went for a Pre-Theatre dinner to Bella Italia, on Shaftsbury Avenue. After this, we walked a short distance to the Queens Theatre, where we took in a wonderful performance of Les Miserable. This was to be the highlight of our day!

Day two saw an early start for breakfast at eight. We then visited the Parliamentary Education Centre. Our learners were involved in a workshop/debate and also a general information session. We then had a tour of the Palace of Westminster, including a visit to the Chamber of the House of Lords.

Book Week Replies

What I'm reading...

By Ms Edwards—English

I am reading...Marilyn: The Passion and the Paradox by Lois Banner



Why did you choose this book?

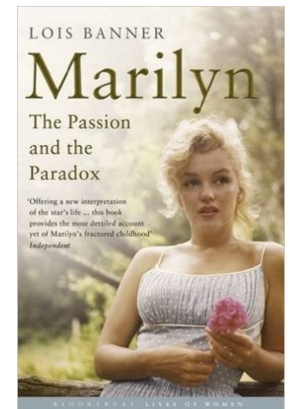
I have been working on a poem called "The Death of Marilyn Monroe" with one of my National 5 classes and became very interested in finding out more about Marilyn Monroe's fascinating life, and the conspiracy theories about her death. I chose this particular biography because the author spent over ten years researching the book and so it seemed like a good one to read. I was also convinced by excellent reviews included on the cover.

What do you think so far?

I love this book so far! The author has spoken to so many people who played a big part in Marilyn Monroe's life and has therefore included many fascinating details about Marilyn's childhood and her life in the Hollywood film industry.

What have you learned from this book?

I have learned so much about Marilyn's childhood: her mother suffered from mental health problems and so Marilyn grew up in children's homes and with foster parents. She was determined to succeed in the film industry, and despite lacking money, she used to spend every spare cent she had on acting lessons until she achieved success in Hollywood. However, even when she was the most famous actress in the world, she still could not overcome her own insecurities.



Update from the Floral Artistry Group

We have been very busy this term arranging flowers to beautify the desks of staff here at All Saints; carving pumpkins for Halloween and most recently, creating great gift ideas for our Christmas Craft Fayre! Happy Christmas everyone!!!



Battle of the Bands



In November this year, two bands from All Saints took part in a competition for young musicians. The “Battle of the Bands” was set to take place in the Old Fruit Market in Glasgow’s Merchant City. It would feature bands from schools all across Glasgow and the winning band would receive the opportunity to record in a professional recording studio.

Michael Gracie, Connor Watson, Reece Goudie, Lewis Rankin and Demi Nichol, who are known as “Shattered Conclusion” were the winning band. They “beat off!!!” their rivals with what the judges described as a fabulous performance of two classic songs. They performed Michael Jackson upbeat song “Beat It! Followed by Dire Straits vintage song “The Sultans of Swing”.

Michael Gracie (Guitar and Vocals) said, “This was a great opportunity for us to play to such a big crowd. We really enjoyed it.” Connor Watson was commended for his excellent guitar solos.

All members of the band were delighted with their win against what they described as really tough opposition. They hope to be in the

recording studios in the near future and who knows, they may be hitting the big time sometime soon!

