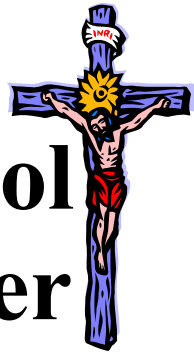


All Saints RC Secondary School Easter Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach our break for Easter we have put together this newsletter to bring to you a flavour of what has been another very successful term at All Saints.

I hope you enjoy the read and take this opportunity to wish everyone a very holy and joyful Easter.

P Holmes
Head Teacher

Important dates for your diary:

Monday 5th May - May Day

Wednesday 7th May - S2 Parent Evening 4.15 - 6.15pm

Wednesday 21st May - S1 Parent Evening 4.15 - 6.15pm

Thursday 22nd May - In-service Day (School closed to learners)

Friday 23rd May - Monday 26th May - (inclusive) - May Weekend



Learners Food Pilot Scheme serves up helping hand



The school learners have sent food packages to struggling local people

The young team at All Saints Secondary School, Glasgow run a community food initiative which collects and distributes necessary goods to the elderly and young families living in the Springburn area.

Since the project began in October, they have handed out more than 100 winter essentials bags to senior citizens, around 50 Christmas parcels to the homeless and 150 jars of baby food.

Praise for the project has gone all the way to Parliament after local MSP Paul Martin, a former pupil, raised a motion congratulating the school for its good work.

The food initiative is a pilot scheme, run by the school and led by the learners. They identified the people who they thought were most in need in the area and organised food collections and distribution points.

All 950 learners at the school have been involved in the project which is co-ordinated by a core group of around 60 youngsters, led by History teacher Amanda Madden.

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Hundreds of food items have been donated so far and learners from other departments, including media and drama have produced adverts and films following the work of the project.

From December to February they were running a 'winter outreach programme' to support vulnerable people through the cold weather.

The group has teamed up with local charitable organisations and run distribution centres at local church and community halls.



Councillor Gerry Boyle and Humza Yousaf MSP attended to help hand out the goodies.

Ms Madden said the learners efforts were "tremendous".

She is hopeful that they will be able to expand the project. She said: " I am proud of the way in which the young people have engaged with the project".

"Poverty is a sensitive and an emotive issue and all the learners involved have been mature and sensible in their approach to talking about poverty."

Head Teacher Peter Holmes said he was proud of the efforts the learners were making in the community.

He added: "Sustain-ability is the big challenge of the project but I think we have a group of young people who are well up for that challenge and have relished it."

For more information about food donations visit:

www.allsaints-sec.glasgow.sch.uk

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All Saints Sleep out for the homeless



The Homeless Sleepout



A core group of 25 learners in S5/6 have been helping Mrs. Campbell-Thow on the Glasgow Soup Kitchen every Sunday evening. As part of the experience of working with the more vulnerable in society, the learners decided to do a sleep out to try and get some kind of idea of what it would be like to be homeless. On Friday the 21st of March, we celebrated mass in St Catherine's with

Father Anthony and then had our own take on night fever – evening prayer with music and meditations.

We moved into the church hall where everyone was able to have soup, sandwiches and food donated by friends and our local business partner Le Bistro Beaumartin.

After a lot of great chat, it was lights out at midnight till 6.30am, although there was a serious game of monopoly that went on till the wee small hours.

Father Anthony came to the rescue with rolls and sausage at 7am!

After morning prayer, everyone was able to go home to their bed – and we talked about how we were lucky to be able to do that unlike our friends in the soup kitchen.

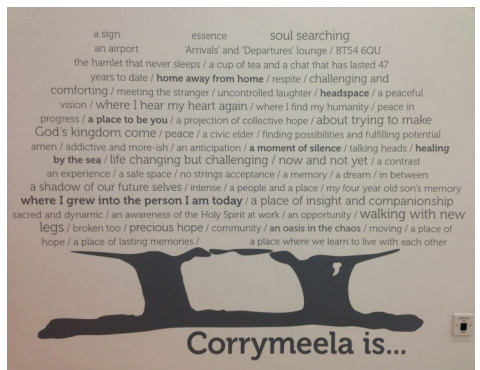
G Campbell-Thow

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Corrymeela

This year 12 of our S2 learners took part in a 4 day trip to Northern Ireland where they visited the Corrymeela Peace Centre and participated in a tour of the peace walls in Belfast. Learners took part in various activities which explored the causes of sectarianism and discussed what they as young people could do to try and change this situation. Since taking part in the week learners have been involved in delivering assemblies to other year groups about what they learned and are currently working on an art project and presentation which they will deliver in our local primaries.

M Morrison



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Mardi Gras – on Pancake Tuesday all S1 learners took part in an IDL project with Modern Languages, Music and Art.

Learners were involved in finding out all about different mardi gras traditions all over the world and had the chance to look at the art involved and music as well as the language in French and Spanish speaking countries. S1 learners made their own mardi gras masks and were involved in a parade with the school samba band!



The Ladies from the Modern Languages Department spent the day in their Mardi Gras Masks and provided breakfast for staff and crepes at break!

G Campbell-Thow

St Mungo’s Museum

60 S1 learners took part in a trip to St Mungo’s Museum where they took part in workshops exploring the causes of sectarianism and what they as young people could do to tackle it. Learners were very engaged in the discussion and their good behaviour and conduct was remarked upon by the staff at the museum.

M Morrison/A Milwain



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Determined to Make Movies



The photo shows all the actors who took part in the film: Chloe Reid, Shannon Sheridan, Daniel Maher, Anna Nelson, Billy Jay Scott and Emma Cunningham (missing from photo is Jodie Martin who also starred in the film).

On Friday 7th March 2014 a group of S2 and S3 learners attended an Awards Ceremony at the GFT for a film they had made that showcased how schools in Glasgow are encouraging learners to be Responsible Citizens. The All Saints film highlighted the important work done by staff and learners in the school to establish the All Saints Food Initiative. The resulting film was entitled “On The Breadline”.

At the ceremony, “On The Breadline” won Best Drama and also won awards for Best Actor – Daniel Maher; and Highly Commended for Best Actress – Anna Nelson.

Very many thanks to the learners for their hard work and giving up time out of school also in order to make such a great film. Thanks also to everyone involved in the All Saints Food Initiative for their hard work with such a worthwhile cause and support with the film.

J Harris

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On Friday, March 14th...

Portez vos baskets pour SCIAF

Wear your trainers for SCIAF

Money collected upon entrance – minimum donation 50p



Bonjour to the baskets

The Higher French and Spanish class (the *lingoninjas*) arranged a wear your trainers day to raise money for SCIAF. £300 was made through donations from learners and staff who were wearing their trainers.

They had buckets labelled in different languages and were in school from 8am to wait on everyone!

G Campbell-Thow



Visits from Guest Speakers

Lord Ian Livingston - Minister for Trade and Investment, former BT chief executive and current celtic director came into All Saints to talk to learners about his life in business, politics and sport. Lord Livingston was particularly impressed with the questions posed by learners at the end of the talk.

Nick Barley the Director of the Edinburgh International book festival came to All Saints with award winning children's author - Keith Gray to hold a debate with senior learners. Nick and Keith were extremely impressed with the level of knowledge and oratory skills of our young people.

R Carroll



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Milton Food Initiative Allotments.

Working with Glasgow Life, the Int. 2 Personal Development class are working with Youth Gardeners and local volunteers up at the Milton Allotments, to construct 4 wormeries for local primary schools. The senior learners will then present the wormeries and deliver information days to the learners and try and engage them with the importance of worms in our ecosystem. The learners hope to use the knowledge and experience gained to their advantage next year and begin some Personal Development projects in the beautification and self sufficiency of All Saints' school grounds.



F Campbell



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Visit to St Andrew's Cathedral to meet with the Archbishop



Our S6 Caritas group joined with others from across the city to attend an afternoon of reflection and to discuss how the course has allowed them to develop and grow as people. Learners worked in groups with other schools from across the city to think about what they had gained most from the experience and to compare the different activities that they had undertaken. Learners then had the chance to meet with the Archbishop to reflect upon how they can continue to grow in God's love and

on what this means for them as they think ahead at this key stage in their lives. We wish them every success and pray for them at this important time.

M Morrison

Congratulations!

Fantastic news – Hayleigh Calvert and Carol Rafferty chosen to be batonbearers!



We are delighted to advise that Hayleigh Calvert S6 and Mrs Carol Rafferty (PT Pupil Support/PE) are going to be batonbearers representing All Saints RC Secondary School in Glasgow City on the Queen's Baton Relay (QBR) for the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

They will have the honour of carrying the Queen's Baton on part of its journey as it travels the length and breadth of Scotland on the way to its final destination at the opening ceremony of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. By the time it arrives in Scotland, the baton will have been on an epic 248 day journey around all the nations and territories of the Commonwealth.

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BASLA Project

Last year two of our S6 language superstars were represented to go to London on behalf of the authority to take part in the BASLA competition (British Academy Schools Languages Awards)

Glasgow City Council ML Team and Strathclyde University were one of the winning finalists with their project “Parliamo Glasgow”.

This is a project of several events to encourage senior learners from targeted schools to look at taking their language learning further.

The events consist of meeting with the language ambassadors from Strathclyde University, study sessions in the University and careers events as well.

The first event took part in Le Bistro Beaumartin where the Higher French and Spanish learners as well as some S4 learners interviewed current students doing languages.

They also had a presentation from Iain Mitchell from the Summer school project and quite a few of them will be going to that to study languages in the summer!

G Campbell-Thow



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Stations of the Cross



The Caritas group will be leading the Stations of the Cross in Robroyston Park on the 3rd April at 12.00pm and 12.30pm. If you are available please come along and join in with the local parishes and primary schools.

Church Services over Easter:

The young people of All Saints have been preparing during Holy Week for Easter. Please encourage them to participate in the Parish services as outlined below.

Church	Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
All Saints	7pm	3pm	9pm	10.30am
St. Aloysius	10am 7pm 9pm	10am 3pm	10am 9pm	11am 1pm Stobhill Hospital
St. Augustine's	9.30am 7pm 10pm Night Prayer	10am 11am Walk of Witness 3pm 7pm	10am 9pm	10am 12pm
St. Catherine's	9.30am morning prayer 7pm 10pm night prayer	3pm 7pm	8pm	9am 12pm
St. Philomena's	7pm	3pm	8pm	10.45am 5pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary	7pm	12pm Children 3pm 6.30pm	7pm	9.30am 11.30am Children's Easter Egg hunt in parish gardens after mass