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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

*Come to me, all who are weary and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. - Matthew 11:28*

Dear Parents and Carers

Since our last newsletter, there has been a profound change in global politics with the outbreak of war in Ukraine. Our community here at St Joseph's, alongside our Lasallian worldwide family, is holding all those suffering because of the violence in our thoughts and prayers. We pray for peace and a return to negotiations. As a college we will be fundraising for the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) which, through many charities including CAFOD, have set up an appeal to support the estimated 18 million people affected by the conflict. We hope that through this act of charity we can make a difference to those in need.

On Ash Wednesday, Year 8 students participated in our Ash Wednesday Mass service. This act of collective worship provided students with an opportunity to reflect on repentance and sacrifice. We know many students have made plans to take on acts of kindness or to give up something for the period of Lent and we wish them luck with this!

On Tuesday March 8th, the college celebrated International Women's Day (IWD) with the theme of Breaking the Bias. In Sixth Form Assembly, we heard an empowering speech, written and delivered by Queenie and Joyce, focusing on the importance of our core Lasallian value of respect. Students in Year 7 to 11 also received a Headteacher's assembly focused on IWD and students were asked to consider making a pledge to contribute to #BreakingTheBias in our society.

Thursday March 3rd celebrated World Book Day. It was lovely to see so many students take part in the Harry Potter Scavenger Hunt around the school site. Students in Key Stage 3 also benefitted from a read along and many staff shared their love for reading with students through a video describing their favourite book.

Another highlight of mine over the past two weeks has been the swimming gala House event. Seeing students of all abilities take part with resilience, enthusiasm, and witnessing the support of their House team exemplifies the care and respect our students demonstrate to one another. Last week, our Year 10 triple Science class also enjoyed a visit to Science Live where Scientists inspired them in a range of fields.

Finally, it was with great sadness that staff attended the funeral service of Mrs Wells on Tuesday. This service reflected upon her life and what a caring, nurturing, life-loving person she was. She will always hold a special place in the hearts of all who knew her.

Mrs Catherine Kane

CHAPLAINCY REFLECTION

Mr T Arthur

Let us remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God
And let us adore him!

Lent 2022

“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all”

(Gal 6:9-10)

Pope Francis reminds us that Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Pope Francis tells us that Lent is our ‘opportune’ time for sowing goodness in view of a future harvest. Pope Francis invites us to cultivate fraternal love towards everyone.

Br Christ visits St Joseph’s College!

On Monday, 28th February, we welcomed Br Chris to our College. Br Chris had a very busy day, which included taking questions from a Year 7 RE class and from our Student Council too. He had lunch with our altar servers and gave a talk to our teachers. Br Chris reminded us that the Lasallian mission is about community and association. Your child is part of a very large Lasallian network, which boasts over 1 million students!



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, 2nd March saw the start of the Christian religious festival of Lent. A period of 40 days before Easter. Our Year 8s had the Ash Wednesday Service. Their behaviour was impeccable! We thank Fr Anthony Cassidy, of St Matthew’s Church, South Norwood for leading the Service.

CALLING ALL FORMER STUDENTS

If you're a former student of St Joseph's College, we want to hear from you!

Your experiences since leaving could help to motivate and inspire our current students to feel more confident in making decisions about their future. We'd love you to join our alumni network and stay connected with the school.

We've partnered with the national education charity **Future First**, who specialise in helping schools like ours to stay connected with their former students.

You can choose how and when you help – perhaps you can act as a career and education role model, provide work experience, become a mentor in person or online, or help with donations, fundraising or even apply to become a governor.

It doesn't matter when you left us, whether you're in further education or employment, whether you still live nearby or have moved further away, there are still ways you can help.

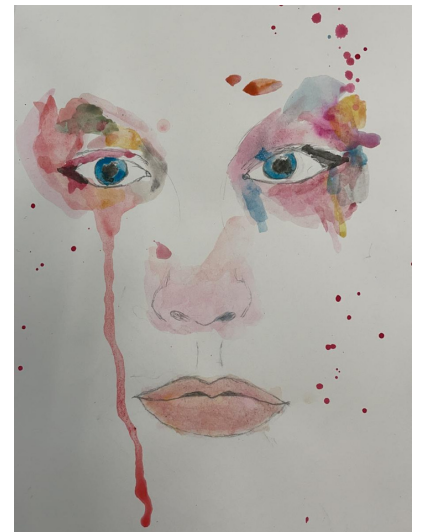
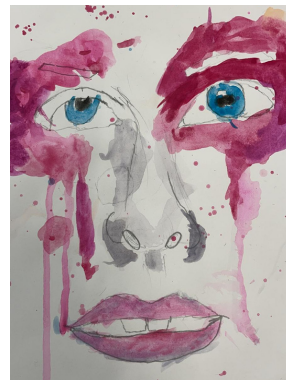
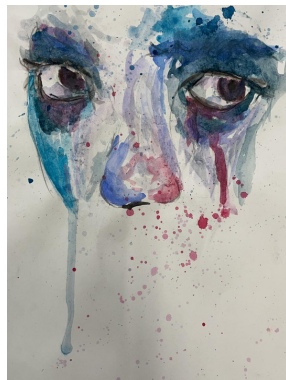
To sign up, just follow this link and fill in the online form – we promise it will only take a couple of minutes.

<https://futurefirsthub.org.uk/register/sjcollege>



ART SHOWCASE

Year 8 Portraits - Marion Bolgnesi



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1ST BEULAH 7997

HOUSE STANDINGS

2ND BROOKLANDS 6982

UPCOMING EVENTS

3RD GRANGE 6719

LANGUAGES

4TH DANE 6426

SWIMMING GALA (YR9)

5TH NETHERTON 6076

FRIDAY QUIZ

6TH HILL 5805

COMMUNITY WEEK

Football

As we get to the business end of the football season, we have had some big wins, and some big losses. Our year 10 and year 8 teams crashed out of the Croydon Cups at the semi-finals stage, both of them away to Trinity School. The year 8s have given themselves a great chance of winning the league though, so all is not lost. Our year 7 and 9 teams have both reached the semi-finals of the Surrey County Cup, which is a huge achievement on both parts, those games will be played in the next 2 weeks, so keep an eye on our Twitter page for those results.



Handball

Our year 8 handball team picked up some respectable results in the Croydon League last week, and a special shout out to David Osagie, who is a very consistent performer! We still have more handball fixtures to come later in the term.



Basketball

Basketball has continued to flourish this term. Our year 8 team current sit top of the Croydon League, along with our year 9 team. Our Under 16 team have their final league game next week, and are also in the mix for a top 2 finish in their league.



Indoor Cricket

As we approach the summer season, indoor cricket has made a return. We have built up quite a rivalry with Harris Crystal Palace in the last couple of years, and once again though, we have taken the annual victory, with Noman Ahmed the pick of our players.



Swimming Gala

This week saw 4 out of our 5 swimming galas take place (Y9 on Tuesday 15th March). All of our events were a great success, all students who took part performed very well.



Date	Fixture	Result	Goalscorers/Try Scorers	Man of the Match
Friday 25 th February	U15 Football vs Trinity – Croydon Cup Semi-Final (Away)	0-2		Rae-Shepherd
Monday 28 th February	U14 Football vs Harris Crystal Palace – Croydon League	2-2	Owusu, Tshiwaka	Owusu
Tuesday 1 st March	U13 Handball vs Harris Crystal Palace – Croydon League (Away) U13 Handball vs Woodcote – Croydon League (Away)	3-3 1-2	Osagie x 2, Crossdale, Rhone	Osagie
Thursday 3 rd March	U12 Basketball vs Harris Invictus – Croydon League (Away)	10-12	Top scorer: Renner-Dapaa	Renner-Dapaa
Friday 4 th March	U12 Football vs John Fisher – Surrey Cup Quarter Final (Home) U13 Rugby vs BTG – Friendly (Home) U14 Indoor Cricket vs Harris Crystal Palace – Friendly (Home) U13 Football vs Trinity – Croydon Cup Semi Final (Away)	8-4 40-40 Won by 6 wickets 0-4	Ekpenyong D x 3, Ekpenyong I x 3, Marques, OG	Ekpenyong D Ahmed
Monday 7 th March	U12 Football vs Whitgift – Croydon Cup Quarter Final (Away)	1-3	Koah	Koah
Tuesday 8 th March	U13 Basketball vs Shirley High – Croydon League (Home) U13 Basketball vs Oasis Shirley Park – Croydon League (Home)	26-3 31-8	Top Scorer: Umoru	Osagie Crossdale

GCSE SCIENCE LIVE!

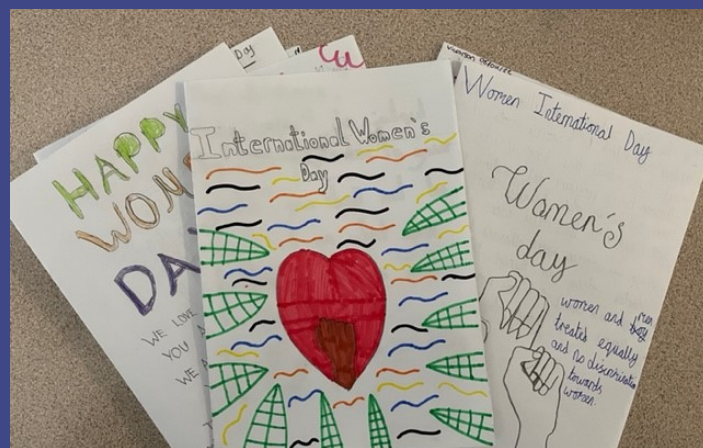
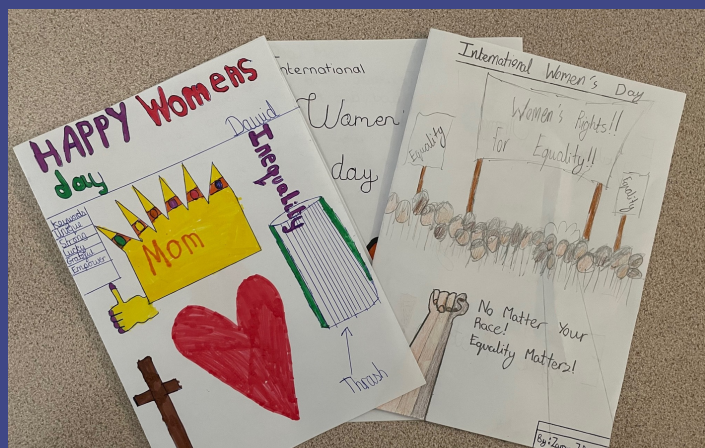
Miss M Wilkins

On Friday 4th March Y10 Triple students took a trip to the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster to watch the GCSE Science Live! event. This involves hearing from scientists about their current research and ideas as well as handy hints from an examiner. Memorable talks included how ice in drinks has brainwashed us about the normal properties of solids (and how we should be careful about the messages we get from the media and their effect) and an explanation of the effect genes can have on our diet and weight. The boys showed exemplary behaviour and really enjoyed their day out of school.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Mrs E Owen



On 8th March we celebrated International Women's Day. On this day we raise awareness of the inequality facing many women around the world even today. We also use this day as an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women and the amazing women that we know. In English, Year 7 students have been creating leaflets and posters to celebrate the wonderful women in their lives as well as spreading the message of this year's International Women's Day theme of 'Break the Bias'. I think you'll agree that their work is creative and colourful but most importantly sends an important message about equality.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Information
Monday 14 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Life Skills• Sixth form trip to the UCAS Exhibition
Monday 14 th - Friday 25 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 7-9 low stake quiz
Tuesday 15 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 9 Swimming Gala• PE Charlton Athletic Game
Wednesday 16 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 12 and 13 trip to UCL University
Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 13 Mocks
Friday 18 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 5 & 6 Futsal Festival
Monday 21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 12 class tests

WORLD BOOK DAY

Mr H Henry

Last week we celebrate World Book Day and the school were engaged in the following events:

- 'Lamb to the Slaughter' - KS3 Read-Along
- Scavenger Hunt
- Tutor Time World Book Day Quiz

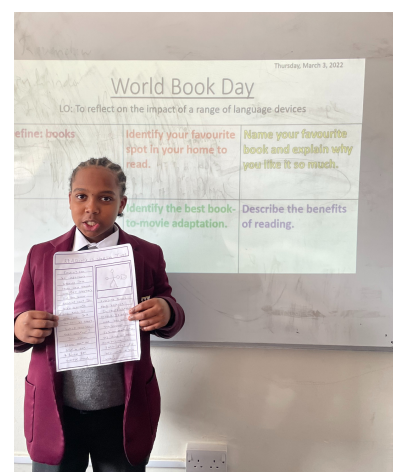
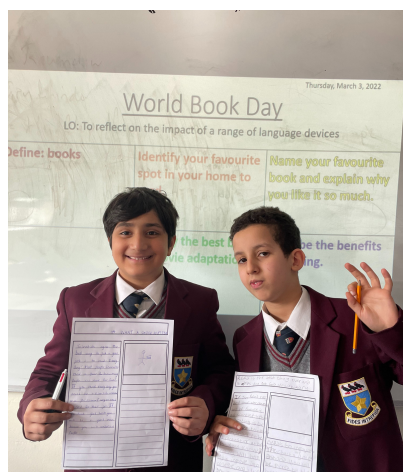
We also created a video of some staff sharing their favourite books with the students that you can view on YouTube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXx57grSAVY>

We had loads of fun on the day and all students loved getting involved in the events throughout the day. Our students do truly show a love of reading and long may this continue!

The Year 7 Transition class had fun celebrating World Book Day.

They decided that reading is fundamental to everything they need to do in school to be successful so they had to spread the word. They worked very hard to write some newspaper articles about the importance of reading and how all of our lives would improve if we spent more time reading.

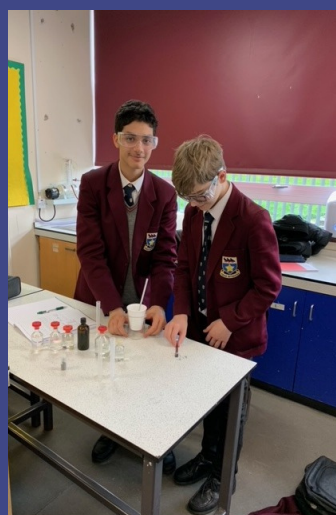


YEAR 10 SCIENCE

Miss M Wilkins

10Y2 finished making their soluble salt this week - they worked excellently as to heat their filtrate over a water bath. It was quite time consuming but students were really conscientious.

Y10 Triple Chemistry measured energy changes looking for exothermic and endothermic reactions. Normally we have a few accidental spillages but students worked really carefully, collected accurate results and didn't give Miss Wilkins anything to clean up!



SJC HAS PUBLISHED AUTHORS

Miss S Acheng

The students below entered our Young Writer's competition and their work has been chosen for publication in 'Twisted Tales - UK Adventures'.

The boys were given bookmarks and certificates and are very proud of their work.

Ahamd-Masi Nazari, Faraan Asim, Nirbhay Valand, Brian Appau, Jayden Bilson, Ali Hassan, Pedro Cruz, Umair Begani, Sofyaan Reklaoui El Hadri, Tristan Mattan, Yash Thapliyal, Utkarsha Shankar



WORD OF THE WEEK



sanction

Definition: a threatened penalty for disobeying a law or rule.

Word class: noun (also a verb when put to use e.g. 'they sanctioned him').

Context: The noun 'sanction' entered English first, in the 15th century, and originally referred to a formal decree or law, especially a religious decree. Any ancient use of the word has also been agreed to mainly revolve around breaking sacred religious beliefs or laws. In a modern context, the word has been seen all over the news recently due to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. This has seen NATO countries and other global powers choosing to 'sanction' Putin and his connected associates, such as Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich. Other companies such as McDonalds and Coca-Cola have chosen to not allow their products to be sold on the Russian shelves.

Synonyms: penalty, punishment, deterrent, ban, restriction, tariff.

GCSE POD TOP 3

Year 11

- 1 – Abdul Rehman Husnain
- 2 – Rohan Morris
- 3 – Jovaughny Clarke

Year 10

- 1 – Dylan Pintor
- 2 – Kieron Ofori-Boakye
- 3 - Alvin Kodjo Baafi Okyere



LITERACY CORNER

A massive shout-out from Literacy goes to Harman, Dylan, Khalil and Dillon (all Year 10) who have been working as librarians in the school library over the past few weeks. Harman – an experienced student librarian – and his team have been ensuring that any misplaced books and resources are carefully placed in the right area. Second to that, they have also been remodelling how some of the larger collections of books have been presented.

Fantastic work, boys! Long may it continue.

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03

Socialise

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04

Guest Speakers

We will invite speakers in, to talk about careers, revision strategies, mental health etc

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