



FAMILY MATTERS

The Holy Family Technology College

A Catholic Secondary School & Specialist Technology College

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Friday 15th. February 2008

Lost Property – Wiseman Site

At this time of year large numbers of coats and jackets are handed in to the school office. Unfortunately, if there is no name attached it is impossible to return the item. Please make sure that coats, bags etc. have a label with your child's name so they can be identified and returned. All lost property must be reclaimed by Tuesday 26th February. Any unclaimed items will then be sold for fund raising.

Ms. Sheehy

YOJE'S VICTORY – 3 GOLD MEDALS



On Saturday 2nd February, Yoje Kikanka (8.3) represented Essex in the UK Athletics championship. This was an important competition held in Norwich in which Yoje won 3 gold medals for the following:

- Relay
- Sprint
- Standing triple jump

Let's look out for Yoje in the future – he might be in the 2012 Olympics.

Arsenal's new signing

Oliver Nicholas in Year 11 with David Beckham at the London Colney Arsenal training ground. Oliver has just signed a new contract to play with the Arsenal Youth Team. Well Done!



The Friends of Holy Family Technology College

Indoor Table Top Sale to be held at the Walthamstow site, Shernhall Street, Walthamstow (next to Thorpe Coombe Hospital), on Saturday 1st March 2008 from 10.00am until 1.00pm

Bingo Nights.

This is a fun night for all the family, starts at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of every month during term time at the Walthamstow site (next to Thorpe Coombe Hospital). Please bring your own refreshments. Cash jackpot.

Dates until the end of the summer term are

5th February, 4th March, 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July.

Please join us, all the proceeds are for the benefit of our children.

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Youth Ambassadors

As the Olympics are coming up soon, there has been a lot of preparation. Part of this preparation is to get the opinions of the teenagers. They want to know what teenagers think should happen to the Olympic Park after the games and what they want to get out of the games. This is where I come in, Arlene Simon. I was chosen to represent our school as a Youth Ambassador and to be your voice for the Olympics.

Our last meeting took place on 7 December when we viewed the Olympic Park from Holden Point, Stratford. The Park covers areas such as Newham, Tower Hamlets and some of the area alongside near Asda in Leyton. From there we went into Vestry House where we discussed what we wanted to get out of being a Youth Ambassador, we also found out what was expected of us. We also met Ade Adepitan who is well known



from the BBC and is recognized from CBBC programme 'Desperadoes'. This was a great experience as he told us the ups and downs he had experienced in his life, trying to play

basketball, also for Britain. After the meeting and lunch we headed off to Hainault to do Dragon boating and problem solving. The day was very enjoyable as we were able to interact and get to know the other Youth Ambassadors better by working with them.



If anyone has any ideas for the Olympics Park for after the games or on what they want to get out of the games please feel free to come and talk to me. My name is Arlene Simon and I'm in 11.4.

LENTEN TALKS

Father Maurice has asked us to remind you to make a note in your diary of the following 'Lenten Talks' taking place at Our Lady & St. George's Church.

13th Feb	Fr. Paul Maddison....'Holy Land, Suffering Church.'
20th Feb	Dr. Anna Abram.....'Courage In Christian Life.'
27th Feb	Fr. John Hemer.....'Christian Themes in Matthew's Gospel.'
5th March	Dr Paul Doherty.....'St. John's Passion.'
12th March	Fr Kevin Lenehan....'Meaning of Holy Week.'

Ash Wednesday

Last week, all the pupils and staff of our school received ashes to begin our annual Lenten journey towards Easter. The Gospel message focused on the need for charity, prayer and fasting to be done with humility and joy. Let us all use this season to reflect on our faith and to develop our prayer life and care for those in the world who are less fortunate than ourselves.

HCPT - The Pilgrimage Trust

This Easter Mr Norman is bringing a family group to join the Easter pilgrimage in Lourdes. Children from our school and local parishes will be taking part in this pilgrimage to mark the 150th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady to St. Bernadette. On Monday, years 7 and 8 took part in a service of prayer for the sick, we extend our prayers to all families and friends of our school who may be unwell and in need of prayer at this time.

In order to raise money for the pilgrimage, a number of activities will be taking place over the next few weeks. I would like draw your attention to 2 of them.

FAMILY MUSIC NIGHT - Saturday 1st March in the parish hall from 7pm. An evening of live music, hot food and children's activities to which all are welcome. £5 for an adult, £3 for children and £12 for a family ticket. It's a great opportunity to enjoy the company of families in our school and parish and find out more about the work of the HCPT. Tickets and further information are available from Mr. Norman.

THE LONDON MARATHON - Miss Cowburn and Mr Peter (parent of Holly Peter yr 9) have volunteered to run the London Marathon in support of HCPT Group 161. If you would like to sponsor them either contact the directly or via Mr. Norman, or visit www.justgiving.com/loucowburn (to sponsor Miss Cowburn.) We wish them every success, and pleasant training!



CHARITY IRISH NIGHT

to celebrate St Patrick's day
At The Halfway House, Brentwood



with Ceili Band live on stage

Friday 14th March 2008

Arrival drinks from 7pm, Dinner 8pm, Carriages
Midnight

4 course Irish meal , wine and entertainment.

Tickets: (suitable for adults and children over the age of 10 only)

Price: £40 per adult, £20 per child, sold in tables of 8, 10 or 12.

All proceeds from this event will support
the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society,

Childcare, a local charity established in 1984, who provide counselling to
thousands of children and their families throughout Essex and East London
who need help.

Tickets now on sale from The Halfway House Tel: 01277 811235
Or Childcare Tel: 01268 784544. We accept both debit/credit cards.

Please state if you require a vegetarian meal.