

FAMILY MATTERS

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



2020

Happy New Year
*from everyone at
Holy Family*



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Quotation of the week

“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord” Psalm 31, verse 24.

New year, new decade

Happy MMXX as the Romans might have written.

There is nothing particularly special about it being 2020 other than it is a nice round number and the digits repeat themselves, but it is the start of a new decade and, as such, it gives us the chance to think what the next period of time has in store for us. If we think ahead ten years to 2030 where do we expect to be? At university, starting out in employment, married with children, retired - there are all manner of possibilities.

It's important to think ahead, sometimes, and to plan, but it's also important to live in and to appreciate the moment. If we try to do the right things and follow the example of Jesus Christ then we should trust that, with God's grace, all will be well.

New decade brings uniform reform

After many, many years of student lobbying governors finally agreed to permit the wearing of trousers by female students. While this may not seem a radical change, it is for Holy Family. We have informed parents and students of the style of trouser that may be worn and I must make clear that only the official trouser with Holy Family logo available from Speedstitch or Carolina's are permitted. This is to maintain uniformity, because that is a very important element of who we are as a school. The wearing of trousers by girls is, of course, entirely optional and they may continue to wear kilts as they do now.

Non-uniform day

There will be a non-uniform day next **Friday 17th January** to raise money for school funds and for our school charities.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Parents' evenings this term

We have parents' evenings for each year group during the spring term and enjoy excellent attendance and support from parents at these events. They are listed below for your convenience.

Thurs 9th January	Yr 11
Thurs 16th January	Yr 7
Thurs 30th January	Yr 9
Thurs 6th February	Yr 13
Thurs 27th February	Yr 12
Thurs 5th March	Yr 10
Thurs 19th March	Yr 8

All parents' evenings take place from 4pm to 6.30pm on the site where the year group is based.

Mass of Thanksgiving

Over twenty staff attended the funeral of our former deputy headteacher, Miss Hodges, on Tuesday of this week.

There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the life of Miss Hodges and her service to the school at Holy Family on Tuesday 21st January at 6pm on the Walthamstow site and all are very welcome to attend.

Commendations

These will return next week.

Inset Day

Please note that Monday 20th January will be an inset day for staff so school will be closer to students except for a small number involved in public exams.

Parents' surgery

Parents' surgery will resume on Thurs 16th January from 4pm to 5pm. If ever, I am unavailable then a senior colleague substitutes for me.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers and, on behalf of everyone at Holy Family, our very best wishes for the new decade.

Dr Andy Stone

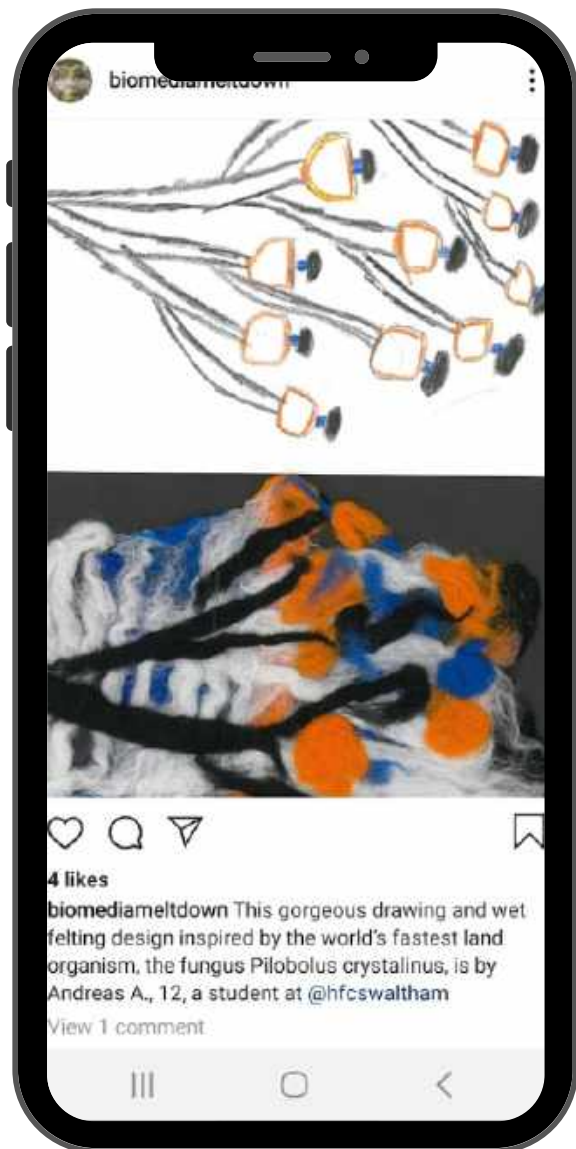
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SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



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Safer Internet Day Conversation Starters

Connect with Respect

Secondary

Today is the day for parents, carers, grandparents and other to talk to children and young people about how they are connecting with others online and if they know how to stay safe.

What is a good starting point?

We've heard from over 12,000 secondary aged children across the UK what they believe their online rights and responsibilities are. These have informed the **conversation starters** below.

Rights and Responsibilities Charter

1. I should feel safe online.
2. I should not be bullied on the internet, and should not bully others.
3. I should be able to access films, music and TV online, but it is my responsibility to respect copyright law.
4. I should support my friends if they need help online.
5. I shouldn't have to see unpleasant or hurtful content and I should know what to do if I come across it.
6. There should be lots of websites that are interesting for people my age.
7. I should be able to manage who can see the content I post online.
8. The websites I use should have an easy and effective way of reporting.
9. I should know what I can and can't do online and understand that there are legal and offline consequences.
10. I should be educated about staying safe online.

This charter has been taken from the UK Safer Internet Centre 'Have Your Say Survey' results. This survey had a sample size of 24,057 young people aged 7-18 from across the UK. See the results here: www.saferinternet.org.uk/survey.

Conversation starter ideas

1. Ask children to tell you about what sites they visit and what they enjoy doing online.
2. Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share online?
3. Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.
4. Ask them for help, whether they can show you how to do something better online or they have a friend who they think might benefit from some help?
5. Think about how you as a family connect with respect! What could you do to get more out of the internet?

Some activities you could undertake together:

Take the Internet Safety IQ Test and find out your score. Who's got the most to learn in your family or are you all safety savvy?
www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2013/quiz

Check out the Childnet Family Agreement and think about what your 'rules' are for using the internet, mobile phones, games consoles and other devices like the iPod Touch or iPad: www.digizen.org/digicentral/family-agreement.aspx

Use the helping hand activity to think about who you would go to for help online, or who you could offer help to:
www.saferinternet.org.uk/downloads/resources/SID2012/primary/5_Quick_Classroom_Activities.pdf

Are you an accidental outlaw? Test your knowledge of online behaviour and the law at:
accidentalloutlaw.knowthenet.org.uk/

ST STEPHEN'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



On Thursday 9th January we belatedly celebrated the Feast Day of St Stephen, one of our House saints.

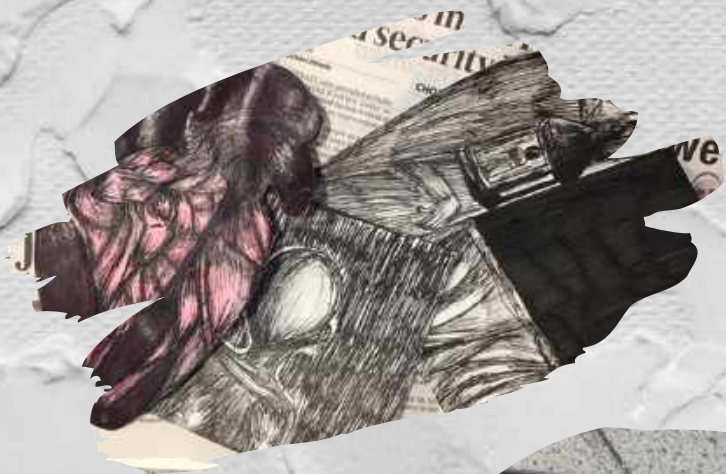
Students from Year 7 to Year 11 came together to celebrate Mass at Our Lady & St George's parish. Many thanks to students who volunteered to read, serve and to take part in the offertory.

Later in the day, the House had lunch together and were treated to an ice cream, courtesy of the Friends of Holy Family. It was a lovely occasion and we are proud of all students involved in the day.



*And a big
THANK YOU
to all staff who helped
the day run smoothly!*

Year 13 Art/ Photography exam sneak peek



FIRST TRIP OF 2020!



6th form Politics students started their trip with a tour of the Houses of Parliament wherein they watched the Secretary of State for Leaving the EU being asked a series of questions in the House of Commons. Of particular interest was a question on whether EU citizens who do not apply for settled status will become the new Windrush generation in years to come. This was followed by a workshop of pressure groups; a walk to Whitehall with pictures of Downing Street and finally a tour of the Supreme Court. The tour posed an interesting dilemma that came up in the Supreme Court in 2011; if an innocent person is killed in a crossfire shooting, should both parties be convicted of murder even if the decisive bullet only came from one of the shooters? The day was enriching, fun and educational for our students who were all spectacularly behaved.

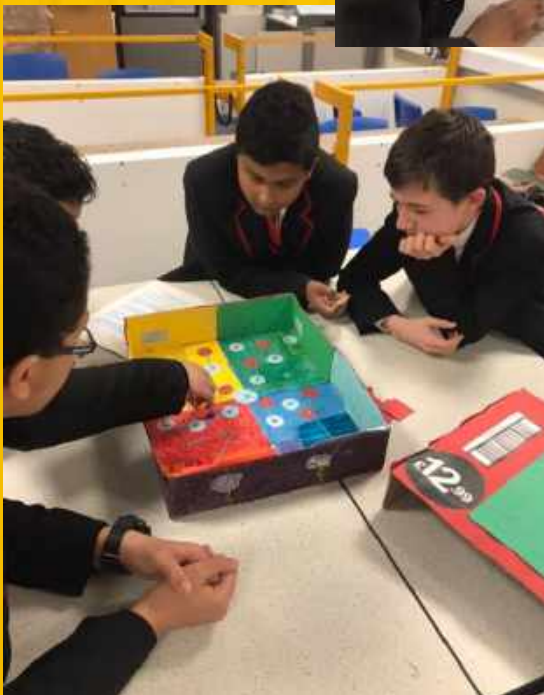
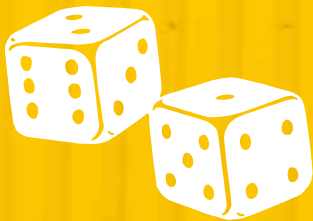


D&T CORNER

IT'S BOARD GAME SEASON!
YEAR 8 HAVE BEEN BUSY CREATING THEIR OWN BOARD GAMES!



PRODUCT TESTING IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE CREATIVE PROCESS



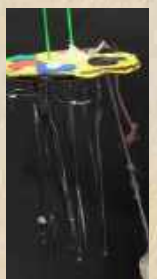
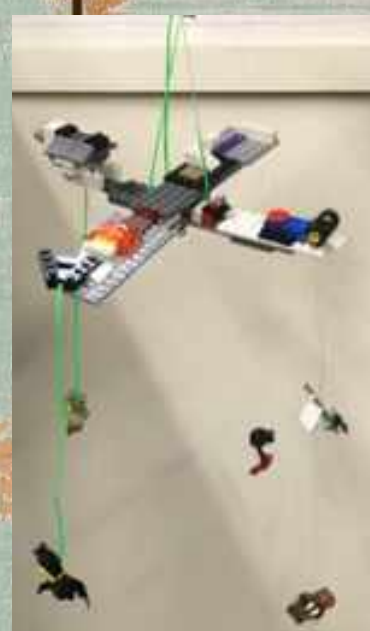
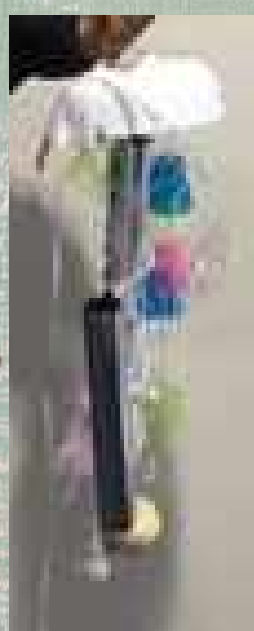
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NIGHT LIGHTS LEADING THE WAY!
YEAR 7 HAVE BEEN BUSY CREATING THEIR OWN NIGHT LIGHTS!



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REDUCE, REUSE, REPURPOSE, RECYCLE
YEAR 8 HAVE BEEN MAKING GARDEN DECORATIONS FROM
REPURPOSED & RECYCLED MATERIALS



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FANCY FASHION!

YEAR 8 TEXTILES HAVE MADE THESE FABULOUS BOW TIES!



MFL NEWS

School Trip To Opal Coast



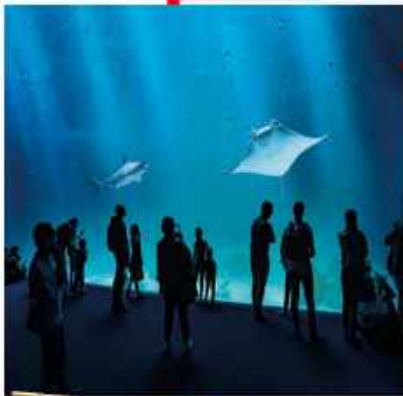
Dates: 2nd July 2020
Contact: Ms Sheikh Oomar
Subject: MFL
Year Group: Year 8



France Trip



Year 8 TRIP: 2nd July 2020 Boulogne sur Mer



Waffle workshop / tasting
Visit of the traditional French town
Visit to the beach



Payment via ParentPay
Bring in a copy of your current passport
EHIC card
Medical form



MFL NEWS

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Theatre company is coming to Holy Family !!!

French play : Les Garçons

Date: Thursday 2 April 2020

Time: 8:45-9:45 am **for year 8,9,10 Upper site Hall**

Spanish play : Primera Cita

date: Monday 27 April

Time : 8:45-9:45 am **for year 7,8,9 Lower Site Hall**



Make your £3 Payment on Parent Pay



Excellent progress and achievement in their French assessment
Year 8 students

Neli Endreva
Cameron Hinds
Laura Kasprzyk
Maria Shotikare
Allison Teeves
Omari Paul Jones
Wiktoria Matejek
Rachel Costa

Sam Mee
Jericho Gonzales
Ilana Ifefo
Filipa Andre
Alisia Dehelean
Thomas Masterton
Emilia Biedrowska



Year 7 High achievers for the Autumn Term

Julianna Villanueva	7IG
Ayat Gaim	7IG
Christabel Asare	7IG
Jemuel Omango	7A
Vanessa Pallan	7A
Destiny Simon	7E
Naomi Marquis	7E
Glynis Diafuana	7I
Dilara Gunkordu	7I



MFL Seneca Champions!



Seneca
Champion

Most Questions Answered

Cynthia T.



Seneca
Champion

Most Questions Answered

Mariya L.



Seneca
Champion

Most Time Studied

Atara A.



Seneca
Champion

Most Time Studied

Cino J.



Seneca
Champion

Most Sessions Completed

Quincy Y.



ON SALE NOW GIRLS TROUSERS

**FROM JANUARY GIRLS WILL BE ABLE
TO WEAR THE OFFICIAL HOLY FAMILY
TROUSERS**



The school logo will be a feature of the new school trouser for girls. No other trouser will be accepted and any uniform infringement will be followed up as with any other part of incorrect uniform.

Available from

Speedstitch



<http://www.speedstitch.co.uk>

Carolinas



<https://carolinaschooloutfitters.co.uk>

www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk



ARTISTRY YOUTH DANCE AUDITIONS

AUDITION DATE

SUNDAY 19TH
JANUARY, 2020

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