

FAMILY MATTERS

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



Issue 11

Friday 3rd December 2021



Happy St
Andrew's Day!
Tuesday 30th
November

Check out our
Christmas Tree
Competition
Entries inside!!!



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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S

Annual Christmas Hamper Donations

Please see your Year group Google
Classrooms for details on donations
needed

All Form class donations will be
distributed to Christian Kitchen

Please see Mrs Grierson for more information

Quotation of the week

**"But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman"
Galatians 4:4.**

Advent

Students on the upper site had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation this week as we continue our Advent Journey. In the whole school assembly this week I spoke about the parallels between the Holy Family, far away from their home in Bethlehem and with nowhere to stay and the plight of the millions of people in our world who are also displaced from their homes. According to the United Nations, there are over 80 million displaced people in the world. The tragedy of so many desperate people trying to cross the English Channel at the mercy of people-traffickers is a source of profound shame to our country. Especially during this time of Advent we should be reflecting about those who have nothing, those who are refugees and those who are seeking asylum. Please pray for all people seeking refuge and pray that our government and those of other wealthy countries will do more to shoulder their responsibilities this winter.

Christmas Tree competition

We have enjoyed an incredible response to our Christmas tree design competition and some truly wonderful, original and creative entries. Thank you to Ms Salahi for organising this. The levels of ingenuity are astonishing. I am always full of admiration for the skills and abilities of our young people.

Covid update

There is clearly considerable anxiety regarding the situation with the new omicron covid variant. As you know the school is following the public health advice regarding wearing masks in communal spaces. A very small number of students are exempt from this. If that is the case with your child it would be really helpful if you would inform us of this by email or by a note in your child's journal. It is also really important that you as parents/carers reinforce the message with your children about mask wearing including when taking public transport or going in a shop as well as when in the communal areas of the school. Students need to attend school with their own mask. We have given literally hundreds away this week but this is not sustainable. Please ensure your child has their own mask each day.

If your child has symptoms then do not send them to school, but book a PCR test for them. All of us should be continuing to regularly take Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) as these are good at picking up asymptomatic cases of covid infection.

If you have been doubled-jabbed then book your booster when eligible. The more people are vaccinated the greater the protection both for you as an individual and for the community as a whole. If you haven't been vaccinated then please consider doing so. There are heartbreaking examples of fit and healthy adults being admitted to intensive care and, on occasion, losing their lives. Covid continues to be a major threat to everyone so please support the public health messages to reduce the risks.

We will be holding our Carol Service in the school on Tuesday 14th December but, taking advice from public health, we shall be asking those attending to wear masks when seated in the hall and will ensure that there is social distancing between performers and the audience.

Parent governor nominations

A reminder that the deadline for nominations is Monday 6th December. Please do give this some thought - there will be many parents who would make excellent parent-governors and this is a really important way of helping the governance of the school, supporting and challenging me as the headteacher and the staff who run the school and helping us to provide the best possible education for all of our children.

Uniform, jewellery and hoodies

Our uniform helps everyone to feel a part of Holy Family and our emblem of the Holy Family is an important part of our identity as a Catholic school. We don't permit the wearing of hoodies in school and they will be confiscated. We expect full uniform to be worn each day as it reflects the standards we try to set in the school. We don't permit the wearing of jewellery either. Thank you to parents for your support in ensuring that students are properly attired when they come to school. If you need assistance with the purchase of uniform please contact me, in confidence, at a.stone@holymfamily.waltham.sch.uk

Parents' Surgery

Parents' Surgery has resumed as a face to face service. If you have anything you wish to discuss with me, as the headteacher, you can see me between 4pm and 5pm on Thursday afternoons on the Walthamstow House site. You can call the office and book a time if you wish, or turn up without an appointment. If you prefer, you can, of course, also make a virtual appointment with me or book a phone call.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Dr Andy Stone
Headteacher



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION

This week we have nominations for headteacher commendations
from

Mr Myers who nominates

Lora B.

in Year 11. Mr Myers describes her English work as
'absolutely outstanding'.

and from Ms Nordon who nominates

Kiarn T.

in Year 9, for having a good attitude to learning in Geography by
asking questions, showing resilience and working to the best of his
ability.

and

Nathaniel A.

in Year 7, for learning from his mistakes in Geography and being
willing to act on feedback, with determination and success!

Parent Governor Election - Inviting Nominations

We are writing to invite you to consider standing for election as a Parent Governor for Holy Family Catholic School; we currently have two Parent Governor vacancies. Every Voluntary Aided school has a Governing Body, which includes a number of categories of Governors including Parent Governors. Parent Governors are elected to serve for a period of 4 years, though they may resign at any time. Together with the Headteacher, the Governing Body has overall responsibility for the running of the school; amongst many duties Governors are involved in deciding school policies, allocating the school's budget and appointing senior staff.

The Governing Body has 3 core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its students and the performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed, the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Governing Body's work. In order to support Governors in their work, full training is provided at no cost to the individual. In our school we have 2 Parent Governors who serve for a term of office of 4 years. The full Governing Body normally meets 6 times per academic year, usually on Thursday evenings.

If you would like to stand for election, please call the school office to register your intent or email office@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk **by Monday 6th December**

Each person standing for election is invited to provide with their nomination, a short personal statement (maximum of 250 words). The statement could include biographical information, your reasons for wanting to be a Parent Governor, your skills and the contribution you believe you could make to the Governing Body. If the number of nominations received is equal or less than the number of vacancies, the nominee(s) will automatically be elected as Parent Governors; if there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot will be held and copies of the personal statements will be sent to all parents.

If a vote is necessary, we will communicate to all parents how that process will take place.



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S

Christmas Carol Service



Tuesday 14th December 2021

7pm - Wiseman Site Hall

**Followed by
mince pies & refreshments**

**There will be a retiring collection to
support The School of Joy in Bethlehem**

Please see Mrs Grierson for more information



WELLBEING

Each week we're going to look at one of the steps from the 'Five ways to wellbeing'

Keep Learning

"Try something new. Rediscover an old interest. Sign up for that course. Take on a different responsibility at work. Fix a bike. Learn to play an instrument or how to cook your favourite food. Set a challenge you will enjoy achieving. Learning new things will make you more confident as well as being fun. "

You can learn more by reading the reasearch study by New Economics [here](#)



HEY, FAMILIES OF WALTHAM FOREST!

Want to make healthy habits together as a family (and have fun doing it?)

We are BeeZee Bodies, and we're here to help improve your family's health and wellbeing. Our team are experts at engaging kids around healthy eating and healthy habits (we've even won awards to prove it!) and now we're offering support to families in Waltham Forest for FREE!

FREE SERVICES AVAILABLE IN WALTHAM FOREST



Self guided online learning BeeZee Academy

An online portal full of healthy living resources to help you learn about healthy lifestyles at a time that works for you.



12 week online course BeeZee Families Live

Fun, interactive webinars led by our expert nutritionists to help your family create healthy habits and routines at home.



Community groups BeeZee Families

Join us in your local community to learn about healthy living; including cooking lessons and activity sessions.



One-to-one support BeeZee Lite

A one hour chat with us, to support you with a specific challenge around maintaining healthy habits at home.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Families with at least one child who is 5-15 years old, has a BMI > 91st centile and lives/goes to school/is registered with a GP in Waltham Forest...but the whole family is encouraged to participate together!

SIGN UP TODAY AT
BEEZEEBODIES.COM/FAMILIES



“ I think BeeZee Families is great and totally worth your time! I became a lot healthier and discovered I love playing Basketball! ”

PRABHUV



REFUEL AT SCHOOL

BREAKFAST

EVERYONE WELCOME
Monday to Friday

Location: **THE CANTEEN ON BOTH SITES**

Timings: **8:00 – 8:30AM**

magic
breakfast
fuel for learning



Christmas Lunch

Walthamstow Tuesday
site: 14th
December

Wiseman Wednesday
site: 15th
December

£1

**THE SCHOOL WILL BE SUBSIDISING
THE REST OF THE COST.
FSM STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO PAY**

**MUST BE ORDERED ON PARENTPAY BY
MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER**

No other food will be available on these days, students must bring packed lunch if they do not want Christmas lunch. Please see Parent Pay or Parent Mail for more information

SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



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Social media tips

internet
matters.org

Social networks are a great place for young people to stay in touch with friends and demonstrate their creativity. As a parent, there are simple things you can do to ensure your children's experience is both safe and fun.



1. Are they sharing inappropriate selfies?

Discuss the reasons why they feel the need to share such images and the potential long-term impact this could have on them if the pictures are used without their consent.



2. Do you feel they're spending too much time on social?

Talk together so they understand your concerns. Agree house rules on when and how long they can go online and which sites they should visit.



3. Are they sharing their location through apps?

Make sure geo-location is disabled to keep their whereabouts private. Explain why it's important that they never share personal information with people they don't know online.



4. Have they posted too much personal information?

Talk to them about who they've shared the information with and assess the risk it poses to your child. You can also ask your child to remove the information from their account and help them understand how to share safely.



5. Are they chatting to strangers online?

Make sure your child understands that people may hide behind fake profiles for dishonest reasons and the person they've been chatting to could easily be someone with bad intentions.



6. Are they gaming with strangers online?

Playing games can be fun and positive but ensure your child understands people may hide behind fake profiles for dishonest reasons and learn how to block and report anything offensive.



7. Do they have hundreds of followers?

Explain that some people may not be who they say they are and tell your child how privacy settings can put them in control of who they talk to.



8. Have they shared embarrassing images?

Remind your child that these images are their personal digital footprint for years to come and advise them to use settings that only let them share with friends they know. If they're not comfortable wearing it on their T-shirt, they shouldn't put it online.



9. Are they at risk of being cyberbullied?

Stay calm, listen without judging and reassure your child that you can help. Discuss any action you may take together. Encourage them not to retaliate and to save any evidence.



10. Do they know what they share online can hurt others?

Talk together about peer pressure and how screens and anonymity can lead to behaviour that is hurtful. Remind them there's a fine line between sharing content because it's funny or might get lots of 'likes' versus the potential to cause offence or hurt.



11. Have they been affected by content shared online?

Encourage them to think about why friends may share certain posts. Show them how to gently challenge their friends if they find their content offensive. Remind them they can always talk to you about things happening online.



12. Are they ready to share on social?

Most social media apps have a minimum age rating of 13. If a social network has set an age limit it means that some of the content may not be suitable for a younger child.

Christmas shopping means more than just gifts

Raise FREE donations for

Holy Family Catholic School - Walthamstow

with  easyfundraising
feel good shopping



You **Shop**. 6,100 sites will **Donate** to us. For **Free**



Find us on easyfundraising.org.uk or get the App



HAVE A MERRY, SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS!

The bishops of England and Wales, following the Pope's lead, are encouraging us to change our lifestyles so as to help reverse climate change. Here are some tips for Christmas. **Remember the 3 R's – refuse, re-use, recycle.**



PRESENTS Don't buy unnecessary presents. Each year the UK spends about £700 million on unwanted presents. Find out what people need before you buy. Offer home-baked treats. Arrange a spending limit with family and friends. Check that the items you buy are green and ethical – workers properly paid, not tested on animals, sustainably sourced, local if possible. Lists of ethical companies can be found by looking online. Best of all, make reciprocal arrangements with family and friends to not buy each other presents. They may be relieved!



WRAPPING PAPER In Britain every Christmas we throw away 226,800 miles of wrapping paper. There is no need to throw it away. It can be re-used or you can buy wrapping paper made from recycled paper. **Avoid glitter!** Glitter is made from a combination of aluminium and plastic which cannot be recycled. How about using attractive and re-usable cloth material instead of paper? Use ribbon instead of tape for sealing, so that the paper can be more easily re-used or re-cycled. The ribbon can be re-used as well, as can the bows.



CARDS Do you need to buy cards for people you see regularly? If you decide not to, explain that you are trying to reduce consumerism. Home-made cards are a great idea – people like the thought and effort that goes into them. You can use up leftover resources – cards, calendars, things around the house etc. A much better idea is to send a Happy Christmas email. If you receive cards, recycle don't bin them. It's estimated that each year we bin 1 billion cards instead of recycling them. *Again, avoid glitter when buying cards!*



CHRISTMAS TREES Millions of Christmas trees both real and artificial are discarded every year in the UK. To cut down on plastic dependence and to offset carbon emissions, buy a living tree, and keep it in the pot in the house or garden when not being used. They can be used year after year. Norfolk pines are suitable, as they don't grow large. Many Local Councils will collect and compost your tree when you've finished with it. Or you can take it to the local recycling centre, or compost it yourself in your garden. Decorations can be home-made or home baked. Use LED lights, as they use up to 95% less energy than traditional bulbs.



MEALS You've probably seen headlines like "Tackling the world's most urgent problem: meat" (United Nations Environment Programme). Growing animals for food involves destruction and pollution of the land, forests, waters and atmosphere, and takes resources from the poorest people. Include some vegan meals over the Christmas period. Vegan meal recipes can be found online – at Veganuary.com for instance – and there are plenty of vegan ready meals in the shops.

FOR MORE IDEAS look online. Type in something like "tips for living sustainably over Christmas". Also, whatever you're looking to buy online, add the words "eco-friendly".

Let's use Christmas time to move closer to God by thinking about how we can care for His creation. Have a healthy, holy, wholesome green Christmas!



Holy Family Liturgy Leaders Years 7-8

Our liturgy leaders will play a hugely important role in the Catholic life and collective worship of the school.

Organising and leading class prayers, school assemblies and special events

Maintaining prayer corners and displays

Supporting peers in their journey of faith

.... and more

INTERESTED?

Come along to the Emmaus Room

Week 1 Wednesday 11-11.20am

mrs.grierson@holyfamilycatholicsschool.co.uk

"The Lord was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder"

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (87)

Bikes collected for charity at Brentwood Cathedral

"In every living creature, there is a trace of the Trinity"

St Thomas Aquinas

Kingfisher on the River Stour

"In making your personal pledges – in working to heal the planet, and in striving for justice for the poorest people in the world – you are a living witness to Jesus Christ: do not be afraid to tell people why you are doing whatever you choose to do."

Bishop Alan Williams

Wild flowers in front of the Olympic Stadium, Stratford

"Is what I am doing to serve the poor just a drop in the ocean? Yes. But many drops make a different ocean"

St Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Rubbish on Southend-on-Sea beach

Diocese of Brentwood
Laudato Si' Invitations
Commitments and Actions,
2021-2024

A personal invitation to every Catholic in Brentwood Diocese to pray and act, to cherish God's creation and strive for justice for the world's poorest people.

Food bank at St. Margaret's, Canning Town

"The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish."

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (21)

Swan with cygnets on the River Colne near Colchester

What is the Diocese already doing?

- Electricity and gas generated from renewable sources (wind & solar – and gas from a gas factory) supply over 85% of our Diocesan buildings.
- We have, since 2018, ensured all Diocesan employees are paid the 'real Living Wage', ensuring that everyone is paid enough to support themselves and their family.
- We are aiming to dramatically reduce the amount of carbon generated through Diocesan buildings and activities. We will achieve this by:
 - Understanding the energy usage of every building, with professional advice and support.
 - Working to become more energy efficient, especially with our heating, lighting and water usage as well as travel.
- We campaign against injustice in the UK and all over the world, by working with agencies such as CAFOD and Aid to the Church in Need. These charities work to ensure everyone, including those already affected by Climate Change, are treated with their God-gifted dignity.
- We are building on a long heritage of ethical investment. In 2021 we phased out the final small amount of investment in companies where production or trading of fossil fuels makes up more than 10% of their business. As a Diocese, for 50 years we have not invested in tobacco, arms, alcohol, gambling and pornography, nor any company with products that contravene Church teaching on the sanctity of life.
- We have many excellent initiatives already happening in our schools and parishes, linked via our Diocesan Caritas network. We are continuing to strengthen links between parishes and schools to ensure every young person has the opportunity to get involved with projects dedicated to care for creation and saving those most in need in our Diocese.

This is excellent. What can I do? What can my parish do?

We are inviting every parish to work towards the national LiveSimply standard. This involves making changes to parish life, purchasing decisions and activities to enhance spaces for wildlife, reduce energy consumption, and ensure environmental sustainability. Could you start, or join, a parish LiveSimply group?

We are inviting every parishioner, member of the clergy, and Diocesan staff member to personally commit to three lifestyle changes which they choose, in order to reduce their environmental impact, alleviate poverty, and offer it all to God in prayer.

These pledges can range from small, everyday changes to larger lifestyle choices. You can take inspiration from the list on the right or the 'resources' page on the website. These pledges should not be choices, but things that bring your faith to life for the good of our common home.

We especially encourage this as a moment of evangelisation. Discover why care for our common home is integral to our Catholic faith by reading the Diocesan *Laudato Si'* Invitations, Commitments and Actions document – then tell people about it! Begin conversations in your family, and listen to the ideas of young people, in your home and in your parish.

We can unite our individual efforts with others in our parish community. Use the pledge card in your parish offertory. As a parish create a display of everyone's pledges, as encouragement to each other. Share moments and photos of achievement and exploration in the newsletter and on the parish website.

Discover the full *Laudato Si'* Invitations, Commitments and Actions document, including words from Bishop Alan, on the website www.dioceseofbrentwood.org/laudatosi

What can I do?

Make three Personal Commitments from 4th October 2021 – 4th October 2022

You will find more information about each of these, and why they matter, on the website www.dioceseofbrentwood.org/laudatosi. There are many more resources and ideas there too.

Ideas for everyone

- Pray grace before each meal, thanking God for what is provided for you from creation and all those who brought it from the earth to your table
- Read *Laudato Si'*
- Plant a window box with flowers to attract bees and butterflies
- Volunteer to help at a local park or nature project, or see if your local school needs help to create wildlife-friendly areas. Tell people why you are getting involved – it is a great way to start a conversation about Jesus Christ, your faith, and your inspiration to act.
- Organise a litter pick on your road
- Walk or cycle more
- Get informed about the issues of climate change, and campaign for action – start by looking at the *Cafod* website www.cafod.org
- Commit to regular prayer on these issues
- Join or start a group working towards the *Cafod* LiveSimply Award for your parish

Ideas if you own your own home, or have a garden

- Let part of the garden go wild
- Create a wildflower bed
- Grow your own vegetables – give some away to neighbours or local food banks
- Put some logs around the garden to create a home for bugs
- Conduct a 'home energy audit' to see how and where you use most energy; install a smart meter, and check your home insulation
- Change your energy supplier to one which uses energy from renewable sources
- Look into adding solar panels, or ground source heating, especially at the time when your boiler is near the end of its life

Share your ideas with family and friends – encourage them to join you. Include it all in your prayers.

Chaplaincy Corner



On the second Sunday of Advent we light the candle of Peace.

Peace with others begins as we understand that God has called us to be peacemakers in our world. Is there somewhere in your own world where you can be a peacemaker this Christmas?

Is there an invitation that needs to be extended to smooth over a fractured family relationship? Is there an apology to be made or a silence to be broken that has stood as a barrier for too long? We can help bring peace to our world one heart at a time.

We pray also for peace in areas around the world suffering from conflict, including Yemen, Sudan, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Venezuela and Libya. May their leaders make choices that respect others and offer alternatives to violence and war.

Advent Assemblies

Various members of our Sixth Form Prefect Team have been leading an Advent assembly for all year groups to mark the beginning of Advent.

They invited us to slow down, enter into prayer, reflection and silence as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

This week, students on the Wiseman site had the opportunity to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to make their peace with God. We're thankful to Canon Niall, Fr Joseph, Fr David, Fr Kevin and Fr Teddy for being so generous with their time.

The second week of Advent is one of Peace. Biblical peace is more than just the absence of conflict, it is taking action to restore a broken situation. It's more than a state of inner tranquility; it's a state of wholeness and completeness. Biblical peace is not something we can create on our own; it is a fruit of the Spirit.

Dear Jesus,

you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace.

*This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves,
fill us with a deep and abiding peace.*

*Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter,
especially those who need it most.*

Amen.



Laudato Si Commitments - "Don't leave your Christmas tree lights on overnight" apart from being a fire risk, it will help the planet.

Blessings, Mrs Grierson, Chaplain

Dates for Advent



Sunday 28th November 1st Sunday of Advent **HOPE**

Wednesday 1st December Reconciliation
(Wiseman site)

Sunday 5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent **PEACE**

Wednesday 8th December Reconciliation
(Walhamstow site)

Sunday 12th December 3rd Sunday of Advent **JOY**

Tuesday 14th December Christmas Lunch - Walthamstow site
Christmas Jumper Day
7pm - Carol Service

Wednesday 15th December Christmas Lunch - Wiseman site

Friday 17th December Last day of term

Sunday 19th December 4th Sunday of Advent **LOVE**

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

Saturday 26th December St Stephen's Feast Day &
Feast day of The Holy Family
(moved from 31st December)



Christmas Jumper Day

**TUESDAY 14TH
DECEMBER 2021**

£1 for students

£2 for staff

Winners announced on the
last day of term

All proceeds going to
The School of Joy in Bethlehem



Carol Service

Rehearsals

Thursday Lunchtimes

Music Room

Walthamstow House site



PIZZA PARTY
FOR ALL
STUDENTS WHO
PERFORM IN
THE CONCERT

Cupcakes
Provided!

Christmas Carols in Spanish

Learn Spanish Christmas Carols to perform
at our Christmas concert.

Both French and Spanish students are welcome!

L33

Wk 1 Monday & Tuesday

Wk 2 Wednesday

*Feliz
Navidad*



U01

Wk 1 Wednesday

Wk 2 Tuesday

See Señorita Prada if you want to attend.

Christmas tree competition entries

All entries now have been submitted for this year's Design & Technology Christmas Competition and are currently being judged. The trees are on display around the school making us all feel very festive!

Winners to be announced soon...





Win GIANT Christmas crackers!

**Enter the raffle for one of
3 GIANT Christmas crackers filled
with over £50 worth
of sweets and chocolate**



**Tickets cost:
50p each
3 for £1**

on sale in the canteen at lunch

HOUSE NEWS ST PHILOMENA

INTRODUCTION TO THE HOUSE SAINTS

STORY OF ST STEPHEN

Saint Philomena was a young woman who decided to dedicate her life to the service of God. According to Sister Gesu's vision, Saint Philomena was the daughter of a Greek king and she converted to Christianity. She was made a martyr at 13 years old when she refused to marry Emperor Diocletian.



St Philomena's remains were discovered at the Catacomb of Priscilla in 1802

PATRON SAINT OF...

**infants,
babies,
youth
and
lost causes**



MIRACLES

The remains of St Philomena were moved to Mugnano del Cardinale in Italy in 1805, where several miracles were then reported, such as the healing of Pauline Jaricot whilst on pilgrimage.

**FEAST DAY:
11TH AUGUST**

RELICS

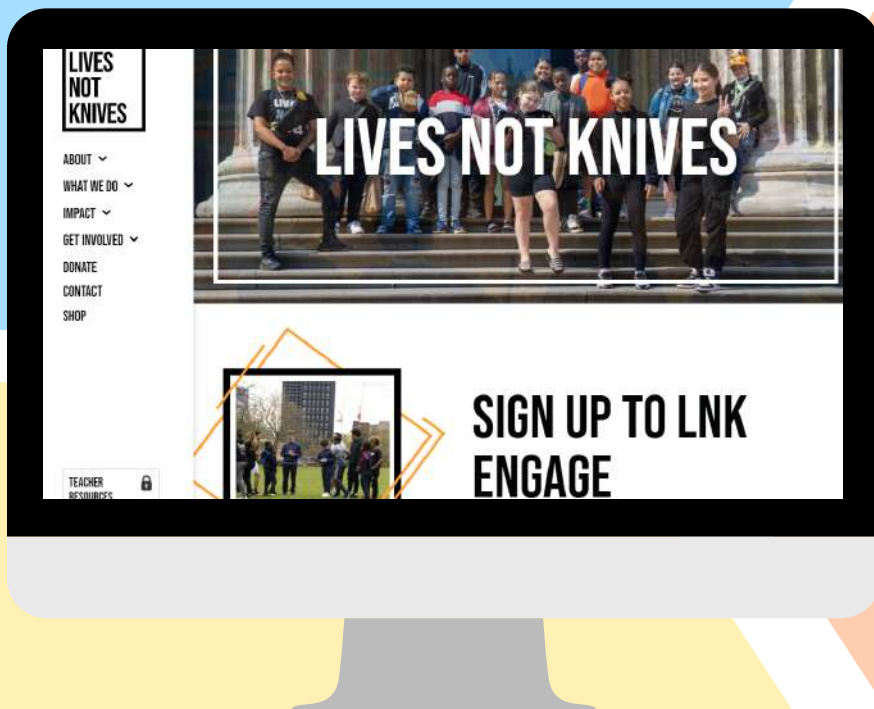
The oil of St Philomena is used to heal the body and soul

A S P I R E

HOUSE NEWS

The votes are in!

**This year's charity, chosen by you,
that will be receiving our collective
House donations is:**



**To find out more about your chosen charity
click the images above**

YEAR 10

Congratulations to

Rhianna W.

**Year 10
Jack Petchey Winner**



Stars

Abisshanth S., Aleesha L., Amaris O-N., Amit S., Ana K., Anil S., Cino J, Darnel N, Davina B-A., Ernest T., Fabrice F., Filipa A., Gabriella F., Gabrielus J., Gerrund C., Helen S., Imoleayo O., Jackie C., Jane T., Jonathan M., Josh T., Joshua M., Kacper C., Kamil N., Keron M., Kezia M., Kwasi O-M., Luan A., Maria B., Maria S., Martinas G., Neriah-Jane O., Nikolas G., Nyah T., Patrick M., Quincy Y., Reindolf K., Ryan L., Stacy D., Thianna W., Thomas M., Valeria B., Vlad B., Wiktorina M., Yu Ruo C., Zackary R.

Wellbeing Tip: Write a prayer.

What are you thankful for?

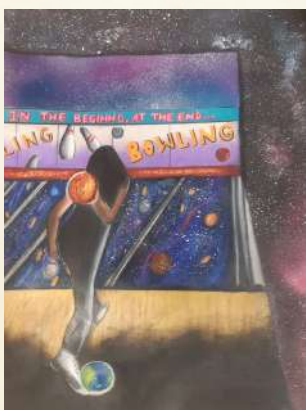
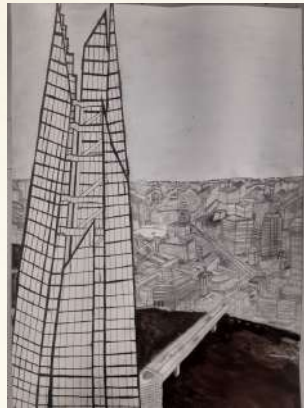
Use your prayer to start the new week in a positive light.

Learning site: OnMaths

YEAR 11

**Art students this week have completed
a 10 hour mock exam.**

Congratulations to them all!





CULTURAL CORNER



MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2021

Monday the 29th, November was the last day that Queen Elizabeth 2nd was the Head of State of the island nation of Barbados. Barbados received its independence from Britain in 1966. At that time this was seen as the island taking control of its own affairs. The peculiar nature of this independence was that the Queen remained its Head of State and the Privy Council in the UK was its final Court of Appeal. The constitution was tied to the UK.

This relationship was cherished by older Barbadians. My mother was a monarchist and made us dress in our best clothes for the Queen's speech at Christmas. At church we sung God Save the Queen on the Queen's birthday. My secondary education was at a British modelled grammar school where many of my teachers were expats. There were five such schools and it was the dream of all 11 year olds, who all took the 11+ examination to attend one these schools. To do so meant you were now part of the elite in society. I was the fourth boy in my family to attend the school.

A wind of change began in the 1980s. Rumours started to surface that the grass wasn't greener for many of West Indians who had moved to the UK after the second world war. My history teacher Mr Harewood was a black Barbadian who had studied in the UK. To fund his education he was a bus conductor for several years in London. He told us of his treatment in the buses with fares being thrown on the floor. This was a shock to us as every boy he spoke to had one dream. Attending Cambridge University.





CULTURAL CORNER



MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2021

As the number of television channels increased many Barbadians began to pivot towards the USA. We also saw a rise of the Pan Africanists movement. It was okay to be black. This resulted in Barbadians having greater pride in themselves and the culture. The question surfaced, are we really independent? Although this sentiment intensified in the 1990s and the talk of republicanism surfaced, none of the administrations were bold enough to make that move. Brexit changed that. The UK had lobbied for Barbados in the past when it came to European trade issues. Without that influence it was obvious that this was the time for a change.

There are mixed feeling about the change with older Barbadians still not convinced it is the right move. Younger Barbadians who have grown up with less affiliation to the UK are happy with the change.

I have been lucky to experience both sides. I am proud that we have made the change. To see the Prime Minister garner such attention on the world stage at the UN and at COP 26. To see major news organisations sending their most admired journalist to interview her makes me feel proud to be a Barbadian. What the future holds, we don't know. More change is to come. All I can say is that I am a Bajan and Barbados will always be home.

- Mr McCollin



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Fantastic research homeworks from year 10 on famous French/French speaking people in the entertainment industry (film/music)

Brel a commencé à écrire des histoires et des poèmes à l'adolescence, mais il était un élève indifférent et après sa dernière année d'école secondaire, il a accepté un emploi dans l'entreprise d'emballage de son père La-bas. Il s'est impliqué dans une organisation de jeunesse philanthropique et a commencé à jouer et à écrire des chansons en tant que membre de ce groupe. Brel a commencé à chanter ses compositions dans les cabarets bruxellois en 1952, et l'année suivante, il a sorti son premier enregistrement, un single contenant les chansons "Il y'a".



Lui et ses frères et sœurs ont été élevés par leur mère, car son père, un éminent architecte, a été tué pendant le génocide rwandais de 1994, alors qu'il rendait visite à sa famille. Il a fait des chansons telles que Alors on dans, papaoutai et santé

Sa Vie....

Noémie Merlant est née le 27 novembre 1988. Elle a 33 ans. Ses parents sont des agents immobiliers. Quand elle est petite, elle a habité à Rezé près de Nantes. Merlant a commencé sa carrière comme mannequin professionnelle avant de fréquenter l'école de théâtre Cours Florent à Paris. Elle a fait sa première percée dans le film Heaven Will Wait en 2016 pour lequel elle a été nommée pour le César du meilleur espoir. En 2020, elle a joué dans Jumbo de Zoé Wittock, un film sur une femme qui tombe amoureuse d'un manège dans un parc d'attractions. Elle a également joué dans A Good Man de Marie-Castille Mention-Schaar.



Gérard Depardieu

- né le 27 décembre 1948 à Châteauroux, France
- Fils de travailleurs migrants, Depardieu a reçu peu d'éducation formelle et à 15 ans est allé à Paris, où il a étudié le théâtre. Il fait ses débuts à l'écran dans le court métrage Le Beatnik et le minet (1965) et commence à apparaître comme un petit acteur dans des longs métrages au début des années 1970.
- En septembre, Gérard Depardieu a affirmé avoir abattu deux lions en Égypte lors d'un voyage en Afrique.



Sa Filmographie

22017 Plonger The young artist
2018Return of the Hero Pauline
2018La Fête des mères Coco
2018Paper Flags Charlie
2019Curiosa Marie de Régénier
2019Portrait of a Lady on Fire Marianne Lumière
Award for Best Actress
Nominated - César Award for Best Actress
2020Jumbo Jeanne
2020A Good Man Benjamin
2021Paris, 13th District Post-production
TBA TAR Filming



Jacques Brel

Jacques Romain Georges Brel est né le 8 avril 1929 à Schaerbeek, en Belgique, et est décédé le 9 octobre 1978 à Bobigny, près de Paris, en France. Il était un chanteur et auteur-compositeur belge dont les chansons passionnées ont fait de lui le chanteur français le plus populaire en Europe.



Brigitte Bardot

Brigitte Anne-Marie Bardot est une activiste des droits des animaux et une ancienne actrice, une chanteuse et aussi une modèle.

Elle a grandi à Paris. Elle avait commencé sa carrière

D'actrice en 1952. Bardot a retiré en 1973 de l'industrie du divertissement. Elle avait joué dans 47 films.



En 1953, Brel commence à chanter dans les cafés français, il n'a pas rencontré le succès immédiat, mais il a persévéré, et son premier album, Jacques Brel et ses chansons.

Il a finalement percé avec la chanson titre de son deuxième album. Quand on n'a que l'amour. Ses chansons, souvent fortement satiriques et souvent implacablement religieuses, sont également devenues extrêmement populaires dans une grande partie de l'Europe. Ses chansons les plus connues, dont "Ne me quitte pas", "Amsterdam" and "Molodtso". Brel a annoncé sa retraite de la scène en 1980, avec sa dernière performance l'année suivante, et il a également sorti l'album Jacques Brel 67. Son prochain et dernier album, Les Marquises (1977), a été reçu avec enthousiasme. Une statue de Brel chantant a été inaugurée à Bruxelles en 2017.



Son parcours



Elle est née à Bamako et a immigré en France avec sa famille, ayant grandi à Aulnay-sous-Bois, issue d'une famille de griots (conteurs oraux-africains, chanteurs de louange/poètes de tradition orale), elle est l'aînée d'une fratrie de cinq. Elle a étudié la mode à La Courneuve. Elle s'est ensuite lancée dans la musique sous le nom de scène Aya Nakamura, d'après le personnage de Hiro Nakamura de la série dramatique de science-fiction NBC Heroes.

Stephane Legar

Stephane Legar est chanteur et il aime danser. Il est né en Israël, Bat Yam et il est Togo, 13 mai 1958 et son nom 'Legar' est 'Le garon' mais plus court (Stephane the boy).

Nom: Stephane Gagba
Age: Vingt-trois ans
Parler: Il parle français

Sa famille: Il a une sœur aînée et une mère et un père. Il parle aussi togolais, anglais, hébreu et espagnol.



LE GARÇON

Il s'est fait connaître avec sa chanson 'VIBRA LOCA' surtout sur TikTok avec la danse.



retirement

Depardieu a de nombreux intérêts en dehors du jeu d'acteur. Amateur de vins, il possède un château et un chai où il élève ses propres cuvées. En 2005, il a annoncé sa retraite d'acteur avec une élocution terreuse caractéristique, déclarant au journal français Le Parisien: "Je n'ai rien à perdre. J'ai fait 170 films, et je n'ai rien d'autre à prouver. Je ne vais pas continuer comme ça pour toujours... Je prends ma retraite avec style avec ce film. C'est merveilleux." Cependant, en décembre 2006, Variety a annoncé que Depardieu avait rejoint des artistes tels que Joseph Fiennes, Malcolm McDowell et Jacqueline Bisset dans un film biographique d'époque basé sur la vie du compositeur Antonio Vivaldi. Que la carrière de Depardieu se poursuive ou non au même rythme effréné qu'il a marquée au fil des ans, la réputation de Depardieu comme l'un des premiers acteurs français est assurée.

Sa Famille

Sa mère était Corinne Paradis, et son père était André Paradis. Il avait une autre fille, sa sœur Vanessa, qui s'appelle Alyson Paradis.

Paradis était en couple avec le véritable créateur d'acteur, producteur et musicien américain, Johnny Depp, entre 1998 et 2012. Ils se sont séparés en 2012, mais ils ont deux enfants, une fille et un fils.

Aujourd'hui, elle est mariée à un homme appelé Samuel Benchetrit, et sa fille Lily-Rose est maintenant aussi une actrice et un modèle bien connu, tout comme elle.



Carrière

Besson a travaillé et produit de nombreux films tout au long de sa carrière, devenant l'un des producteurs français les plus influents.

Son film le plus réussi est peut-être Le cinquième élément, un film de science-fiction avec Bruce Willis.

Mon film préféré de Besson est Valerian et La Cité des mille planètes - une science-fiction basée sur une bande dessinée française.



Comment est-elle devenue célèbre?



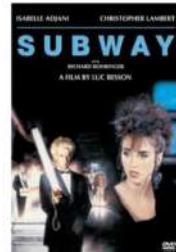
(Le chanson le plus populaire de Vanessa Paradis, « Joe le Taxi »)

Elle a commencé sa carrière comme modèle, puis comme chanteuse quand elle était encore jeune. Sa première chanson était « La Magie des surprises-parties », mais ce n'était pas plus de succès que son chanson « Joe le Taxi », qui a eu beaucoup de succès. Il était très populaire en 1987, donc

Elle est devenue célèbre parce qu'elle était très jeune et qu'elle avait une voix très douce. Elle a aussi eu beaucoup de succès avec son chanson « Joe le Taxi », qui a eu beaucoup de succès. Il était très populaire en 1987, donc

Impacter

Luc est devenu connu pour ses films élégants et imaginatifs, et a été à l'origine de nombreux projets à succès financiers, tels que la franchise Taxi. Il était une grande partie du mouvement du cinéma du look, une sorte de révolution dans laquelle les films sont devenus plus axés sur les visuels et le spectacle.



Luc Besson

Producteur de cinéma français



Qui est il?

Michael S. Vartan est un acteur franco-américain, surtout connu pour son rôle de Michael Vaughn dans le drame d'action télévisé Alias d'ABC, son rôle dans le drame médical de la TNT Hawthorne et son rôle dans le drame The Arrangement dans le rôle de Terrence Anderson



Sur Elle

- Elle a 48 ans, née à Saint-Maur-des-Fosses, près de Paris, France, en le 22 décembre 1972.
- Elle a les cheveux blonds et mi-long, et les yeux verts.
- Elle est mince et de taille moyenne.



Aya Nakamura

Aya Coco Daniko aussi connu sous le nom Aya Nakamura est née en Bamako elle a immigré en France avec sa famille, elle est la plus aînée de ces 5 frères et sœurs. Elle a étudié la mode à la Courneuve.

Plus tard elle a lancé dans la musique avec le nom de scène Aya Nakamura. Aya Nakamura a publié sa première chanson et elle a gagné beaucoup de succès.

A l'âge de 19 ans elle a publié sa première chanson 'Karma' en Facebook avec l'aide de Seyseyelle avait aussi composé une musique au nom de c'est mal qui a atteint 1 million de vues.



Sa musique

Nakamura a publié sa musique en ligne, gagnant des adeptes avec « Karma » et « J'ai mal ». Demba Camara, un ami de longue date, est devenu son producteur et manager. Notamment, sa chanson "Brise", composée par Christopher Gbenda, a recueilli 34 millions de vues sur YouTube, et un duo avec le rappeur Fababy "Love d'un voyou" a abouti à son classement en France. Elle a sorti son premier album avec un certain nombre de collaborations. Elle a également donné un grand concert au stade Modibo-Keita de Bamako, où elle a ouvert la première partie de la star nigérienne Davido.



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