



Sacred Heart School Newsletter 24: 17th March 2017

CELEBRATING 100 years of EDUCATION

Service Before Self.

e-mail– info@sacredheartschool.co.uk www.sacredheartschool.co.uk 01760 721330



@SHS_Swaffham



Friends of Sacred Heart School

Tues 21 st March	9.15am – 10.00am Little Pedlars Assembly in the Barn Theatre. Please help yourselves to tea & coffee
Weds 22 nd March	3.45pm – 6.15pm U14 Hockey v DMHS at Lynnsport
Thurs 23 rd March	3.45pm – 6.30pm (or 5.30pm at Smithdon). U14 & U16 Netball v Smithdon. Away
Fri 24 th March	8.30am – 3.45pm Whole School Non-Uniform Day for ‘Smile Train.’
Saturday 25 th March	6.30pm – late. Traditional Ceilidh. Please see PTA information below
Tues 28 th March	7.30pm NarVOS in the Barn Theatre. An illustrated talk by Dr Pam Taylor, on Dragonflies
Weds 29 th March	3.45pm – 6.15pm U14 Hockey v KLA at Lynnsport
Thurs 30 th March	10.00am – 12 noon Little Pedlars Open Morning 2.00pm Whole School Musical Showcase. Parents Invited
Fri 31 st March	House Hockey & Football 3.45pm End of Term 6.50pm – 8.00pm Mayor’s Civic Reception – some pupils performing. Mrs Heales’s Hostesses 6.00pm
Mon 24 th April	8.30am Summer Term begins. (Uniform information below)

Well done to the following pupils who have reached Service Award milestones:

Bronze (25): Emelia Judges, Megan Watson

Well done to the following pupils who have reached Housepoint Award milestones:

Bronze (25): Megan Watson

Silver (50): Emelia Judges, Jasper Hunt, Abi Lawrence

Gold (100): Alice Strafford

Flame 2017



On Saturday 11th March, Catherine, Elizabeth, Connie, Charlie, Jack, Emily and myself, accompanied by Sr Danuta, Sr Renata, Miss Liridonna and Miss Jude went to Wembley Arena for a catholic youth conference called Flame. Although the journey was long and not everyone appreciated the early start, the experience was definitely worth it. Before we boarded the bus, excitement and anticipation was high. The bus journey was eventful, to say the least. And we hadn’t even arrived yet! After leaving school in the minibus at 7:30 am, we finally arrived in London at midday. What a sight! It was breathtaking to see so many young Catholics in one place! We met up with the rest of the diocese and took our seats, unfortunately we were at the back of the arena so we couldn’t see much. The event started with a Christian dance group spreading the message of ‘God’s great dance floor’ and some songs from Matt Redman. The first song was ‘10,000 reasons’ as the theme of this year’s Flame event was ‘10,000 reasons’, referring to the refugees fleeing for their lives. There were many interesting talks from speakers like Cardinal Bo from Myanmar, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Fr Augusto Zampini who spoke about CAFOD and the Pope on looking after our planet; Sarah Teacher from the Jesuit Charity for refugees, and Mike Pilivachi who gave a talk about being proud of our faith and the way it brings people together, as it did to 10,000 people on Saturday. There was also an interview of two young Catholics who had travelled to Lebanon with CAFOD to help the migrants. Soon it was lunch time and it gave a good opportunity to collect our thoughts and take part in the various activities around the arena. For

example, there was a chance to start a new dance trend called 'the flame', and there was also a boat inside the arena to help us think about the 1000's of refugees who had travelled in boats like those, and reflect on the magnitude of men, women and children who did not survive the crossing. After lunch there was a Christian rap artist called Guvna B who managed to get everybody on their feet with some upbeat music whilst simultaneously spreading the message of God's never-ending love for us. At the end of the conference there was adoration. It was amazing to have been able to adore the Lord in a room with 10,000 other people and really reflect on what we had learned that day. Soon it was time to go home and, after a stop to Nando's, we got on the bus and drove back to Swaffham. All in all, it was an incredible experience that everybody enjoyed!

Aurelia Eburne. Year 10.

Match Reports - On the 14th of March the under 16 netball team played our last match, against St Clements. The final score 36-5 to us. Well done to Aeyesha Cundy who got girl of the game. Thank you to Miss Wooky and Mrs Calvert for not only organizing and umpiring this match, but teaching us all the skills and techniques which made us such a successful team.

On the 15th of March the under 12 netball team played against St Clements. The final score was 14-13 to us. Well done to Lottie Napper for getting girl of the game. Thank you to Mrs Calvert and Miss Wooky for organising such an enjoyable match.

On the 15th of March the under 14 team played a netball match against St Clements. The final score was 30-11 to us. Well done to Hannah Turner for getting girl of the game. Thank you to Mrs Calvert and Miss Wooky for organising and umpiring such an enjoyable and successful match.

On the 16th of March the under 14 hockey team played a match against K.E.S. The end score was 3-0 to KES. Well done to Charlotte and Lucy Skerry for getting players of the match. Thanks, goes to Mrs Calvert and Miss Wooky for organising and umpiring such an enjoyable match.

Madison Hitchcock Sports Prefect

Year 5-8 Visit to France

Monday 26th – Thursday 29th June 2017

Just a reminder that the final payment of **£184** is due if you have not already sent in payment.

Many thanks, *Mrs Ahrenfelt*

Thank you for all the Sainsbury Active Kids

Vouchers - Total so far is 1076. Please encourage friends and relations to collect for us as well. There is a collection box in the Middle School, or send them into the school office. Thank you.

Vivienne Phillips

Swaffham Clean-Up Campaign is running a Poster Competition 'Bin it rather than clean up afterwards' which is open to Years 2 – 6.

The finished posters should be brought to the office by 27th March on A4 size paper

On Friday 24th March there will be a whole school non-uniform day. The theme is to wear your favourite colour. We are raising money for a charity called Smile Train. Smile Train helps people in developing countries who have cleft palates, so please bring £1 donation to help those in need. Thank you.

Charlotte Reid Charities Prefect

The Mayor is holding a Civic Reception on Friday 31st March and has invited some of the pupils to perform. Musicians performing should arrive at The Assembly Rooms at 6.50pm and servers should attend between 6.00pm – 9.00pm

Ceilidh - The PTA would like to remind you about the Traditional Barn Dance in the Sports Hall on Saturday 25th March from 6.00pm – late. Tickets are still available at £15 for adults and £5 for children (under 3's £3.00).

Please come along and enjoy an evening of dancing and a hog roast and support this school fundraising event.

Filming at the Sacred Heart Convent

Some people may have noticed that the Sisters have been filmed over the past 4 weeks with 5 young ladies, terminating in the crew coming to the 10.30 Mass last Sunday. We were approached by a film company who are making a film about the culture common among young ladies today. We were asked if we were prepared to offer a simple life style to girls between 19 and 23 years of age, who wished to change their life focus from overspending on beautifying themselves and indulging in drink. Obviously the Sisters wondered if they were up to this task and brave enough to face the cameras. We were encouraged by the former Abbot of Worth Abbey, Fr Christopher Jamieson, who had himself been involved in a TV series called the Monastery about 15 years ago. We were an obvious but rather unwilling choice as we fulfilled the requirements, having young lively Sisters with an international background and a large enough Convent building. The filming has been intrusive, relentless and rather annoying as everything has to be caught on camera several times over. However, it is surprising how easy it is to forget the cameras unless one is staring down the lens, then every word has to be measured because one cannot mention the fact that we are being filmed.

There were certainly some roller coaster rides when it seemed that Convent values clashed with the girls' expectations and their 'rights'. We are sure that there are moments that are cliff hangers, typically good TV when you find out the following week how the Sisters extricated themselves from tense situations. The crew were really anxious to make a good film about how the Sisters can transform lives. You will be the judge of that when you see the 4 week series on Channel 5 in September. Both the girls and the crew have become good friends and we are following their lives as they continue on their spiritual journey – back in the world. They have all decided to make meaningful changes in their lives and we continue to walk with them in prayer and via social media.

We, along with Fr Christopher have the right to view this series before it is airborne. Will life ever be the same again at the Sacred Heart Convent? The pupils were not filmed, though I think many of them would like to have featured. One of the reasons for not allowing the cameras into school was the sheer amount of time it takes to set up equipment and to get shots of arriving and departing, and record afterwards in minute detail 'how that went', with appropriate feedback and so many questions. The first issue regarding safeguarding was resolved easily with everyone having DBS checks. One of the girls interested in being a Primary teacher attended some classes and is now convinced that is her vocation. She would like to come and have work experience with us, so we have made a difference!

The following vacancies will become available from September 2017:

Catholic Primary Teacher
in Charge of Lower School and Year 6
(approx. 50% teaching)

KS2 Class Teacher

KS3 & 4 Biology Teacher
FTE 0.8 with some Maths teaching included

KS3 & 4 Teacher of Computing (FTE 0.6)
with some KS2 Maths & Science

Closing date: 24th April 2017

Change into summer uniform could be after Easter but is more likely to be after a couple of weeks into the term as the weather is very unpredictable. At the latest after half term with the anticipated date of returning to winter uniform after the October half term.

Parking is still an issue with reports of discourteous parents at the back of the school blocking our neighbours' right to leave their roads. It would be good if people could make suggestions to Norfolk planners regarding a one way system up Sporle Road and 20 mile speed limits at the front and rear of the school. It would also be helpful if suggestions could be made that the 'dropping off only zone' outside the back of the school could be reinstated. (Parent power must count for something)

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Barn Theatre, Sacred Heart School, Swaffham.

Please come along to this illustrated talk by Dr Pam Taylor, on the subject of: Dragonflies

We are delighted to welcome Dr Pam Taylor on her first visit to a NarVOS meeting. Pam is President of the British Dragonfly Society and she is also Norfolk County Recorder for Dragonflies. About 32 species of Dragonflies and Damselflies are found in Norfolk. With such a knowledgeable and enthusiastic speaker as Pam we are bound to have a great evening

Visitors most welcome. Admission £2 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member. For more information about this meeting or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092.

Sr Francis and Staff