



AUTUMN HALF-TERM NEWSLETTER

WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

My first half-term as headteacher of St Patrick's has been extremely busy and extremely rewarding! I knew before I took up the post that the school was a fantastic place but I have really seen it with my own eyes over the past seven weeks.

I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know our children who are thoughtful, caring and incredibly driven to achieve. I feel proud and privileged to lead such a committed and hardworking staff and I am so excited about being part of the amazing things that happen here.



GCSE RESULTS



Huge congratulations to our class of 2017 who performed brilliantly in their GCSEs. 80% of our boys and girls achieved grade 4+ (the new C grade) in English and Mathematics and 65% achieved a grade 5+ (the new C+/B-). We also had 23 pupils achieve the very highest grade 9. What bright futures you all have ahead of you!

Open Morning

In the second week of term we threw our doors open for prospective Year 5 and 6 pupils and their families to visit our school at work. We had an overwhelming response and there was a great buzz in the air. Our pupils were excellent and showcased our school perfectly for what it is every day – a vibrant place of learning. Well done everyone.



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PARENTS' EVENING

We have already met Year 11 and Year 7 parents this half-term. Year 11 parents joined us for our examination evening, gaining valuable advice about how to support their child through GCSE examinations, and Year 7 parents joined us for a settling-in evening. Thank you to our parents for all your support.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



St Patrick's held a bake sale during September to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. This was a popular event with pupils and staff having an opportunity for some creative baking. Overall it was a great success with £346 raised for this worthwhile cause.

WORKING SKILLS DAY

This half-term, Year 11 took part in Working Skills Day. This involved a number of external agencies coming into school to deliver various sessions on life after St Patrick's. Sessions included: apprenticeship and higher education options, university life, banking, interview skills, CV writing, army career paths and many more. The day was highly successful - providers were hugely complimentary about our pupils and pupils took away lots of invaluable information. Well done to Year 11, on a fantastic day!



CAFOD

St Patrick's pupils responded well to the CAFOD Harvest Day appeal on Friday 6th October. Each Tutor Group held a collection. The first Friday Mass for Year 8 held on the same day linked in with the theme of : caring for those less fortunate: "faith that doesn't lead us to do good deeds is all alone and dead"-1st Letter of James 2:17.

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SPORTS UPDATE

So far it has been a fantastic start to the football season for St Patricks with 4 out of 5 year groups unbeaten in all Salford fixtures this season. In the English Schools cup it's been a slightly different story with Year 7, 9 and 11 progressing through to the next stages but year 8 and 10 going out in the 2nd round. Following the half term local competitions will take a back seat till early March/April, but the English Schools cup and Catholic Schools cup will continue to be played.



Congratulations to the Year 11 girls on winning the Salford Schools rally. They have been a credit to the school for five years and their dedication has continued to pay off and also massive congratulations to the Year 9 netball team they finished runners up in the Salford Schools competition. The girls played very well, we are really proud of them. Year 7s played their first game against All Hallows and won 10-0!

Teacher focus-meet our staff

Name – Miss K Barbagiannis
I teach -English and some Geography.
My best learning tip - Giving and receiving positive attention is always better than negative attention.
Something about me - I am half Greek



Student focus-meet our student

Name – Izzy
Year - 11
What I love about St. Patrick's - I love the relationships I have with all the teachers. I also love that I can have a joke with them. I love sport.
My career aim - I would like to have a career that I am happy with. I would like to do something in Sport or Design.
Dream – My dreams are to be happy in life, succeed and do the best I can.



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