



ST. PATRICK'S RC HIGH SCHOOL
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Message from the Head teacher

What a fantastic year we have had here at St Patrick's! There have been too many great achievements and accomplishments to mention them all but I have selected a few of my personal highlights to summarise how brilliant staff and pupils have been this year and how hard they've worked:

Year 5/6 Open Morning in September was such a great event. The whole school carried on working whilst parents and potential pupils wandered around.

Christmas Jumper day - the staff looked very festive and added some Christmas cheer to St Patrick's!

The many learning walks I have been on to look at the learning of years 7-11 have made me feel very proud and impressed with the strong work ethic in every classroom.

Our drama and music production, Grease! What a fantastic display of talents and gifts.

Our Year 11s conducting themselves so maturely for their GCSE exams. They worked so hard and deserve to do really well. The rest of the school supported Year 11 so well and on occasion we had break-time in silence because an English Literature exam was still underway – Team work in action!

The Year 11 prom - such an amazing venue (Gorton Monastery) and all our young people looked beautiful and had a ball.

All the letters, emails and phone calls we've received complimenting our pupils' conduct out of school. One person even emailed in after sitting with 80 of our pupils on a flight home from New York to tell us how impressive they were.

St Patrick's Day Mass - the whole school came together and celebrated the feast day of our Patron Saint.

Awards Ceremonies - It was a pleasure to celebrate the achievements of our pupils in the four different ceremonies and lovely to be joined by so many parents too.

It has been my privilege to lead St Patricks' this year and I look forward to another great year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their unending support for our school and the kind words and messages to me personally - it has made me feel very welcomed into this remarkable community.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Mrs Byrne



Awards Ceremonies



We had our very first year group awards ceremonies this term. It was wonderful to see so many of our pupils singled out for subject and house awards. It was also recognition of the hard work of all pupils in each year group too. Many thanks to our parents, carers and other family members who joined us to celebrate.



Liturgy Group



The liturgy group have been visiting local primary schools to talk about the group and encourage Year 6 pupils to join in.

St Patrick's R.C. High School led an assembly for the whole school and met our new Chaplaincy Team in July 2018.



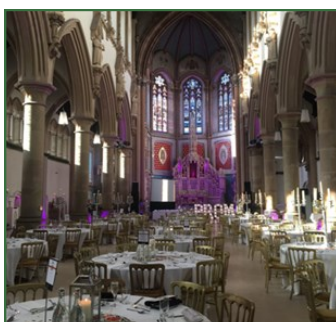
Year 8 English project with St Gilbert's

Year 8 warmly welcomed Year 4 children from St. Gilbert's Primary school into school on, Friday 13th July. The visit is in conjunction with an English project on story writing lead by Miss Tandy. The Year 8 pupils designed their own questionnaires and, having been assigned a Year 4 child, took the lead in discovering the types of stories our Key Stage 2 buddies enjoy reading. On this day, the Year 4 children warmly received their finished personalised stories and they were equally happy to catch up with their Year 8 buddy. There were smiles all round as the children were given an array of stories; some had been written using IT software and others handwritten with beautiful, intricate designs. *Patrick (Y8) said: 'Ruby said she loved the story that much that she was going to keep it forever!' Maizie from St Gilbert's said: 'It's a really good story; I like the theme and pictures.'* All of the Year 8 pupils had worked extremely hard at not only personalising the plot of the story but also ensuring the language they used was age appropriate. *Piotr and Kade from St. Gilbert's said their stories were: 'Super, awesome!'* Some clever Year 8 pupils had even produced activities to be completed at the end of the story, in order to help the children with their reading and understanding. *Layla (Y8) said: 'Lucy really enjoyed the story and will be reading it again when she gets home.'*

Well done Year 8!



Year 11 Prom



The Year 11 Prom, this year was held at Gorton Monastery. Over 180 of our Pupils and Staff attended. Our Year 11 pupils looked stunning. The boys looked very handsome in their suits and the girls looked Oscar worthy in their gowns. Throughout the evening pupils enjoyed the Rewards Ceremony, their two course dinner and danced the night away.

We had amazing feedback from Gorton Monastery regarding our pupils. They were a credit to St Patrick's. They have welcomed us back with open arms for the Class of 2019!



Wimbledon Trip



After an early 4am start, the pupils and staff arrived at Wimbledon, a little bleary eyed but excited about the day's play ahead. With tickets secured for Court One all day and the sun blazing in the sky it was a fantastic first day and a sporting experience some of us will never forget. After sampling the strawberries and cream in the afternoon and watching the mixed doubles, we retired to bed early as it had been a long day. After a lovely breakfast in the hotel we then headed off to Covent Garden for a spot of retail therapy. We also took in the sights of London on an open top bus ride.



Interhouse Athletics 2018



This year saw the school relaunch the whole school Sports Day which proved to be a great success. Competition was fierce from all houses, with some excellent performances and great determination on display from all competitors involved; even staff got in on the act with a 3 legged race, an egg and spoon race and a relay (not sure that there wasn't a bit of cheating going on). As well as the sporting events, the crowd were treated to some fantastic entertainment, with Mr Snowden and Mr Eccles on DJ duty, the fantastic dance troupe, the amazing samba band and the awesome Jasmine singing accompanied by Louis on guitar. Pupils were



treated to refreshments from burger and ice cream vans to keep them cool in the fantastic weather. The SVP group even offered face painting. Well done to everyone for creating a fantastic atmosphere on such a wonderful day.

World Cup Week



After a fantastic Sports Day, the school then continued to embrace the World Cup by delivering lessons around a World Cup theme. Over the week there were some fantastic lessons and activities that really engaged the pupils. In English, for example, the pupils created some World Cup poetry, whilst in Art they created some World Cup flags that were going to be used to decorate the school. In Technology they also embraced their creativity by holding a World Cup bake-off competition and also creating some World Cup merchandise. Over the course of the



week in the LRC, they also held a World Cup speed Challenge.

Synchronised Swimming



Lowry 3 pupil Izzy made a big splash in London on 7th July. Izzy, who swims for City of Salford Synchronised Swim Team was competing, along with her team mates, at the Olympic Pool and achieved 1st place gold medal positions. Salford did so well they created a big margin between themselves and the 2nd place team. Well done Izzy, we are extremely proud of all the hard work and training you do outside of school hours to reach such a high standard.



Humanities Trips

Students spent the day exploring Lever Castle. This was built by William Lever in 1925 as a smaller replica of Liverpool Castle. Students also put their map skills into practise by completing an orienteering course. It was a brilliant day out and students' behaviour was exemplary.



Students were able to investigate how Manchester has grown and changed over time, starting with the Romans settling in 79AD, through the industrial revolution to present day. Everyone got involved with the workshops and the experiments and were able to investigate a range of global issues and scientific advances.



As part of their GCSE course, students are required to complete 2 pieces of fieldwork. Year 9 students spent the day investigating the effectiveness of hard engineering along the coast at Fleetwood. All students worked really hard and were able to collect some good data that will come in useful for their final exams in Year 11.



The Humanities Department took Year 10 History classes to Caernarfon Castle in North Wales this half term. We were studying for the GCSE Historical Environment component of the exam for next summer. A great day in the sunshine was had by all!



Visit from Joseph Delaney

Best-selling *Spooks* author Joseph Delaney gave a talk to all Year 8 pupils about his work as a writer. He explained where his ideas come from, and told many gruesome stories, in addition to promoting his brand new series *Aberrations*. At the end of the session, pupils were able to purchase the author's books at a discounted price, and have them signed by the author.

Photo shows Joseph Delaney with TA Mrs Blades



Homeless Collection

Part of our comprehensive Vertical Tutoring programme this year, has been to raise awareness of the problem that homeless people in our society face. As well as looking at the issues, pupils and families were asked if they would like to donate items of food, toiletries and small items of clothing to help the homeless. The donations were delivered directly to the Booth Centre in Manchester, which supports the homeless, by a member of our teaching staff who does voluntary work there. The picture shows a small sample of all the generous donations that families sent in. The centre were overwhelmed by your generosity and they have sent a thank you note to Mrs Byrne in recognition of this.

A big thank you to all who donated. It is a reflection of our Catholic faith and illustrates our Mission statement here at St. Patrick's.



Staff Focus

Miss Slater

I am part of the Pastoral Team, in that I manage Pupil Services, allocate support for pupils in lessons and deal with injuries/illness as a First Aider.

My best learning tip: Is to read/cover and write the item you want to learn, as I'm a visual learner.

My advice for life: Never give up on your dream at the first obstacle put in your way, it will make the success more enjoyable.

I've had numerous jobs, but my main ones before joining the 'St. Patrick's team' were:

Training to be a Queen Alexandra Royal Naval Nurse (QARNNS) in the Royal Navy. Once qualified as a nurse, I was based in Portsmouth and Plymouth.

Training and becoming a Policewoman with the British Transport Police, based in the lovely city of Liverpool.



Pupil Focus

Ruby Year 9

To end a fantastic year, we would like to profile one of our amazing students, her name is Ruby and she is accomplished both academically and on an extracurricular level. She has some exceptional strings to her bow, which include, netball, cross country and athletics. She has recently competed in The English School Athletics, where her qualifying time was 5 seconds off the national qualifying time for a professional athlete.

Not only does she excel at sport, she also has a penchant for music and drama. Amongst her many successes, she has been part of the schools show band, harmony group and more recently played Violet in the school's production of Grease.

To add to all of the fantastic accomplishments, Ruby also has 100% attendance and over 2000 achievement points. She is a credit to the testament of hard work and dedication and it is an honour to call her a pupil of St Patrick's.



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