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Newsletter

Maya receives dedication award from Bishop

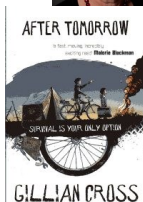
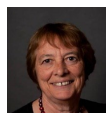
A St Patrick's student has received an award from Bishop John Arnold.

Year 8 pupil, Maya O Malley, received the prestigious award from the Salford Diocese in recognition of being an Altar Server in her parish. Maya, along with other young Altar Servers from the diocese, was praised for her dedication to her church. Bishop John presented the award and said the Altar servers in Salford Diocese are role model young Christians. He praised Maya and her peers as reliable, generous and kind hearted young men and women whom the Diocese rely upon each week. Congratulations Maya on such an inspiring award!



The winner of the **Salford Children's Book Award 2015** has been announced at a ceremony held at The Lowry. Pupils from schools across the city voted Gillian Cross the winner for her dystopian thriller, *After Tomorrow*.

Eight pupils represented St Patrick's at the ceremony, with two of our Year 7 girls (Amy Goodwin and Anna-Rose Atherton) braving the platform to make a presentation about one of the short-listed books. Kieran Kerr collected certificates on behalf of the group from children's author and library campaigner Alan Gibbons, who made a lively emcee for the event, and all the pupils enjoyed an exciting morning in which they also met authors Catherine Johnson and Janis Mackay. Each of the authors answered questions about their writing, and signed books and certificates for the children at the end of the ceremony.



The Performing Arts Department were the proud recipients of the **World Book Day** trophy (see picture, right). This year our theme was 'From the page to the screen'.



Staff also celebrated World Book Day by displaying posters of themselves with their all-time favourite books, around school.



A Message From Our Headteacher

Easter already! I can hardly believe it. The year is really in full swing and the school is a hive of activity. The pressure is on for our Year 11 pupils who will be starting their GCSE exams in just four school weeks. They are approaching their examinations with a mature and determined attitude. I am so proud of them – and that's even before we see any results. I have no doubt I will be proud of them in August as well. We also have many Year 10 sitting exams and they too are working hard – the pressure is really on when sitting an exam a year early, but all staff are reporting that they're working very hard. I am also very proud of them. As well as pupils who are sitting exams, I have to mention Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who have been a marvellous support to their Year 11 peers and teachers in the mature and sensible way they stepped up to help the school run smoothly during our recent timetable change to allow Year 11 to have some intensive work on Maths and English – they really proved that our school mantra of 'Everybody Plays A Part' is alive and well.

Our Lenten charity fundraising has been a key feature of school life over the last few weeks. Without a doubt, a highlight was the kilometre walk to raise money for charities which are sensitive to our ethos.

Everyone got into the spirit of the event bringing much laughter, hilarity and a latent sense of competition between Heads of House. The event allowed our young people to experience the joy of belonging to a community and the joy of helping others. Thank you to all of the staff, pupils and parents who have supported these efforts.

The school Liturgical team and the RE department, supported by the Just Youth Team and our music department, have been working hard to ensure that our school community is a thriving Catholic community. We celebrated St Patrick's Day in style, with a whole school mass, prayer cards, cream eggs and shamrock pin badges. The rest of the day was given over to more experimental, fun



methods of teaching and learning, which was enjoyed by both staff and pupils. There was a lot of laughter and a lot of mess! We are also very proud of our PE department and teams of pupils who have been winning many Salford finals in a range of sports across a range of year groups. Thanks to those teachers who give their time so generously to deliver extra lessons, organise events or trips and support musical, sporting or drama activities. You really are a special and unique collection of professionals and the pupils, parents and I are very lucky to have you as part of the St. Patrick's family. Finally, thank you to YOU, the parents and carers upon whom we rely so much for support. It is not taken for granted. We asked for your help with attendance and you did all you could to help and I am proud to say that the school attendance currently stands at an all-time record high. In keeping with this, we still ask that you send your child to school unless they are so unwell they need to go to the doctors. We will look after them if they are slightly unwell, I promise. We asked for your help with uniform and again, you did all you could to help. The standard of uniform is outstanding and every pupil looks smart, which is important in terms of having the right mind-set for learning in a professional environment. We asked for your help in attending parental events and again, you responded powerfully and we have had record attendance at all parents' evenings and other parental events we have held this year.

May God bless you and your families this Easter.

Year 5 visit to St. Patrick's

This term the school has welcomed visiting Year 5 classes from our neighbouring Feeder Primary Schools. The children have worked diligently with Miss Tandy, Miss Olsen and Miss Carney participating in a number of cross-curricular activities associated with Tchaikovsky's ballet Swan Lake.

Swan Lake tells the story of Odette, a princess turned into a swan by an evil sorcerer's curse. The class had a taste of Drama with Miss Olsen, which included playing cooperation games to warm up their bodies and mind. This was followed by freeze framing key scenes from Swan Lake, using levels, facial expressions and body language for a desired effect.

During a Music session with Miss Carney, the children attentively

listened to snippets of Tchaikovsky's music from Swan Lake. Using whiteboards they wrote down feeling words associated with the music and were able to explain how stories can be told through music.

Having enjoyed two practical activities, the children then put their imaginative and artistic skills to the test by modernising the story of Swan Lake, choosing accompanying modern day songs, including artists such as Taylor Swift. The Teachers were very impressed with the Year 5's imaginative and cooperative skills. We look forward to seeing these pupils in the future. *Miss Tandy*



Stratford-upon-Avon

'Entertaining', 'interesting', 'fun' and 'fantastic' are a few words Year 8 used to describe their trip to Stratford-upon-Avon!

40 pupils embarked on the journey to Shakespeare's birthplace to experience the magic of the theatre and to visit various historical sights linked to the world's greatest writer. Pupils participated in a drama workshop linked to the works of Shakespeare; watched a wonderful performance of *Much Ado About Nothing* at the famous Swan Theatre; and experienced a walking tour of Stratford to visit Shakespeare's birthplace, school, grave and various other sites.

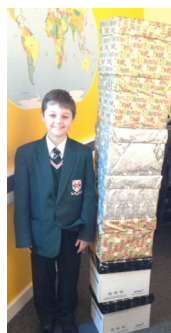
All pupils behaved exceptionally well on the two day trip and were a real credit to the school.

When asked about their experience the feedback that pupils gave was great! One pupil stated that the play was "brilliant and I wouldn't mind watching it again". Another said "it was really funny and well-acted; I believed it and laughed a lot! I loved it!" When discussing the walking tour a pupil stated: "I learnt lots about Shakespeare that I didn't know before. It was really interesting."



Cafod Collection

Mr Power's Lowry 6 were particularly generous with their donations for the food parcel appeal this year. The target was to get enough food to fill enough boxes, to reach the height of Nathan. But as you can see from the photograph (right) - they smashed it!



Health and Social Care

Year 10 visit Salford Royal

The Year 10 Health and Social Care group attended a series of workshops at Salford Royal Hospital. There were four sessions which included a meeting with junior doctors, a talk by a dietician, a workshop on alcohol issues and finally a tour of the A and E Department. The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to visit the hospital and it will hopefully help to motivate them in making the right career choices in the future.

St Ann's Hospice

As part of the Citizenship curriculum, Years 7 and 8 attended special assemblies given by St Ann's Hospice. The aim was to introduce the pupils to the idea of being a volunteer and making a difference in their local community. After the assemblies, the representative from the hospice was overwhelmed with offers of help as pupils shared their ideas for, not only fund raising, but also for raising awareness of the work undertaken by the hospice.

Literacy Champions

At St Patrick's we take literacy very seriously. Encouraging our students to read for pleasure is always a priority... and to do that we're always looking for ways to grab and maintain the interests of our pupils. With this in mind we've signed up 20 Premier League stars to get your attention! Actually, what we've done is purchase the 'Premier League Reading Stars' resource pack which is a partnership of the National Literacy Trust with the Premier League and features players from twenty Premier League clubs. The two Manchester clubs are represented by Frank Lampard for City and



James Wilson for United.

It is currently being trialled by our 'Reading Groups' and creates a reading intervention programme which captures the motivational power of football to inspire young people to read; delivering statutory requirements of the new national curriculum and specifically improving literacy skills. Our pupils' response so far has been overwhelmingly positive.

E-safety awareness

For the week of 'Safer Internet Day' in February, all our Year 7 pupils learnt about E-Safety. They looked at a range of different issues and then pupils did some research and created their own movie to educate people their own age about staying safe on the Internet. They included hints and tips to stay safe and explained what to do if they felt unsafe at any point.

Everyone loved making the movies (which took more than a week) and felt as though they'd learnt a valuable lesson. Daniel Reed (7K) commented: "The movies were fun to make because they involved using your imagination and taught you about E-Safety." Megan Coffey (7K) added: "The reason we learnt about E-Safety was to make sure we are safe online." Louis Jarapa (7K) enthused: "Not only have I learnt a new skill in ICT (movie making) I have also learnt how to stay safe when online."

Diya Anil (7K) said: "I learnt not just how dangerous the Internet can be if you are not careful, but now I know more about E-Safety and I feel happier."



Our **MFL department** now subscribes to a vocab learning website for KS4 pupils - **Vocab Express** www.vocabexpress.com. It's an excellent revision tool for topic based vocabulary especially for our Year 11's with upcoming exams.

Each class is competing to have the highest score on the leader board! Well done to Hannah O'Brien in Y11 who is our current leader across all year groups.

VOCAB EXPRESS			
Home	Monitor	Vocab Lists	Admin
Learn Vocab	FAQ	Help	Contact
Competitions			
Class 11S/Sp1 All Students			
Spanish (AGA) Overall Progress Scoreboard			
Student	Overall	Average Score	
1 Lorraine GOMEZ	11,055	4,929.8	
2 Luke KAVANAGH	9,425		
3 Brandon URMISTON	9,345		
4 Chloe BYRNE	8,810		
5 Hannah GILVIN	5,760		
6 Matthew HARGREAVES	5,730		
7 Sophie FARMOURIST	5,175		
8 Millie BIRDS	5,110		

Blood Brothers

A couple of snowy days in January were really cheered up by this year's fantastic whole school production of 'Blood Brothers'.

The cast worked hard in rehearsals, including weekends, to bring the moving story of how twin brothers who are separated at birth, are given different opportunities in life and how ultimately this destroys them. The cast's dedication paid off with some well-choreographed and fast paced dance routines, strong comedic scenes and sustained Liverpool accents throughout.

There were some superb musical solos and outstanding characterisations from the Mrs Johnstone (Jennifer Rice) and the brooding, prophetic



character of the narrator, Dario Holuj-Knott, supported by a confident and professional band. From the comedy performances in the first half (from the younger students such as Frances Williams as Mickey and Nathan Ramsden as Edward), to the audience ultimately being moved to tears by stunning performances by Adam Rogers and Cameron Chew, as the older twin brothers.

The commitment and hard work by the dedicated cast really paid off with a standing ovation, in what was possibly the school's finest production yet.

It was noted by members of the audience that there is so much up and coming talent at St Patrick's that we have exciting times ahead in the next few years!



Miss Holt and Mr Fitzgerald took a group of Year 8 and 9 students along to the **Regional Mock Trial Competition** at Bury and Rochdale Courthouse. They'd been preparing since January and put a lot of time in after school to make sure they were ready to take on the three other schools in the competition. The students represented themselves and the school incredibly well. Every single one put in a brilliant performance, impressing the judges with both their conduct and skills. Special mention from one of the lead magistrates went to Jack Booth for a 'perfect' cross-examination, Lilah Bell for her 'flawless' performance as a witness, and Shaun Bryan for a 'very mature' performance as magistrate.

Unfortunately we didn't win, but there was a real sense of achievement and enjoyment from all involved. Many of the Year 8 students have already started talking about participating next year!

Crime and Punishment Day

As part of our Citizenship programme year 8 came off timetable to investigate an alleged 'murder' in school. Having identified the culprit they then participated in a full mock trial in school. The aim was to allow pupils to witness at first-hand how our judicial system works.

Needless to say the whole thing was a spectacular success! Mr Loneygan gave an Oscar winning performance in the dock, so convincing that we had to remind pupils he was only acting! Special thanks to Mrs Tustin who managed to acquire two police men for the morning who spoke so effectively to pupils. We also need to thank Katie Brown from The Manchester Police Museum for providing two judges, a couple of barristers and a clerk of the court. Not forgetting the staff that created the brilliant video and our outstanding technician Mr Jefferies for editing and creating the film that accompanied the activity. I am also pleased to report that our Year 8 pupils matched this brilliance in their behaviour and the perceptive questions they posed the staff from Manchester Police Museum, who were astonished by our pupils' attitude and enthusiasm.



Year 11 exam performance Science and Art fair



INTO THE BEYOND...

Date: 29th April 2015 at 5.00pm Price: Only £2



Left to right: Matthew Dickinson, Shaun Bryan, Lilah Bell, Jack Booth, Imogen Siddall, Teri Smithson, Teighan Harper, Elizabeth Glazebrook, Caoilinn Hughes, Sonia Herath, Rebecca Houston, Lana Nuttall, Sarah Abulatifah

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Parent Forum

At this term's Parent Forum there were presentations by the Citizenship and PHSE Departments and in addition to discussions about a number of School matters, the important topic of e-safety was raised.

Parents are aware their children receive excellent advice and guidance about e-safety at school, however, they feel their own knowledge is very limited. To meet this need, the school is going to devote the entire next meeting to e-safety, with an expert addressing the meeting from a parent's perspective.

The next meeting will be on the 28th April. All Parents are welcome. **Please send all queries and items for the agenda to amanda.broadhurst@salford.gov.uk**

School Council Meetings

This term the School Council met to discuss the National Youth Council of Great Britain. A voice for young people in Briton.

Many of our School Councillors have expressed an interest in joining the local Youth Council - a remarkably influential group. They meet in Salford Civic Centre on a regular basis and contribute delegates to the national forum that meets in the Houses of Parliament in London to promote youth democracy and issues raised by young people.



Mrs Lane has been successfully re-elected as Staff Governor.

We look forward to her continued support in this important key role.

A new PE kit has been introduced to 'improve performance in lessons and the schools' image at competitions', says Head of PE, Mr Challoner.

After consulting with uniform suppliers, as well as pupils, the new kit has been agreed, with the aim of providing pupils with 'modern, comfortable and appropriate clothing that allows pupils to perform to the best of their ability in PE lessons'.

Wearing the new kit when competing at a local, regional and national level is also meant to give players a greater sense of identity.

Parents have had letters detailing which items are needed and how to purchase them.

Introduction of the new kit will be rolled out from September 2015 (for new Year 7 pupils) up until September 2016, when it will become compulsory for all students. Supplied by Sportswear International (SWI), the kit will be available to buy from Whittakers Schoolwear in Swinton, from 1st June 2015.

There will now only be one kit - three mandatory items and two optional items for both boys and girls.

Girls Compulsory PE Kit



St Patrick's girls' win after win

St Patrick's girls have had a brilliant term and won a selection of trophies. They've represented the school in an excellent manner and been a credit to themselves and the school.

Netball

Our yr 11 netball team of girls were crowned Salford Schools Netball League Champions after playing brilliantly in the final play offs, winning all three matches. Head of Girls PE, Mrs Shepherd said:

"They've been a fantastic bunch of talented girls and a delight to have on our team - they will be greatly missed next year. Thank you to the girls for dedicating so much time and effort to St Patricks over the last five years."

Yr 9 netball team were crowned Salford Schools' Champions after their performance in the final plays off held at St Patricks, with Molly Walker awarded player of the tournament. They were also crowned Salford Schools' League winners after winning all their matches in the final play offs. For this year they have won the double - league and rally - a great achievement for the girls and a credit to the school.

Yr 8 netball team kept up tradition and were also crowned Salford Schools' Champions after their performance in the final play offs held at St Patrick's. Olivia Hickey was awarded player of the tournament. They then produced another fantastic performance at the Salford Schools' Netball Rally, beating Moorside 5-2, Buile Hill 12-0 and Ambrose 5-1 and are this year's Champions - meaning they've won the double for the second year running.

Yr 7 netball team finished in overall third place after playing in the Salford Schools' Netball Finals. Also, an excellent performance in the Salford School Rally - they won their first three matches, then drew against Bridgewater. The final positioning went down to goals scored for and against and unfortunately St Patrick's lost by three, finishing a very respectable 2nd place. Player of the tournament was Karen Kabongo.

St Patrick's Girls Junior Football team were also crowned Salford Schools' Rally winners when they competed in their tournament held at ICCH - the final was very nail biting with a draw after full time, still a draw after extra time resulting in a penalty shoot out - St Patrick's Girls rose to the occasion and won on penalties. Paige Chalmers was also awarded player of the tournament.

The seniors also played very well in their tournament and finished in overall second place when they competed in their rally held at the Soccer Dome at the Trafford Centre.

A big well done to the **Junior Volleyball** team who played excellently in the final of the Yr 7 tournament. It was a very close game which went down to the last few points of the last set - unfortunately they lost the final but were a credit to themselves finishing in second place.

Well done to all the girls who were selected to run for Salford at the **Greater Manchester Cross Country Race** in February. They were selected as a result of their excellent performance at the Salford Schools' Cross Country in January.

Swimming Eccles 50m - a huge well done to Molly Russell in year 9 for winning this competition. It is an annual event dating back to 1913 and over the years St Patrick's have won the amazing trophy and thanks to Molly, St Patrick's will be engraved on the trophy again.



St Patrick's boys on the road to success

This term has been busy for the boys with a number of crucial fixtures taking place across a range of activities.

Football

Both yr 10 and 11 football teams have reached the semi-final stages of the Salford Cup and awaiting opponents. Fantastic performances from the boys so far, with Ben Dargon and Leighton Egan standing out in year 10 and Ellis Mitchell in yr 11.

Swimming

A busy term for swimming as we had competitors representing the school at the Salford Boys 100 Lifesaving competition and the Eccles Schools' Swimming Gala. Congratulations to Molly Russell who won at the Eccles Swimming Gala whilst Alex Morley gained Bronze medal in the Lifesaving competition then went on to win at the Eccles Gala, both highly prestigious awards, the Gala presenting shields to the winners representing over 100 years of school swimming in Salford.

Rugby

Year 7 and 8 rugby teams started their season with games played up to Easter, including a 7-a-side tournament. It's been great to see a fantastic commitment to training with good numbers turning up to represent the school. Both teams have completed their games, with yr 8 putting up a good display against a very strong Swinton side and losing 32-10, with star performances from Sean Carroll and Bradley Greenhalgh. Great to see yr 7's stepping up to represent the yr 8's. The yr 7 team put in an outstanding performance at Irlam & Cadishead High School, winning by 52 points to 4. Star performers for the yr 7 were Daniel Reed and Bernard Dacanay. Special thanks to Charlie Ransom and Elliott Hemming, who have taken charge of the keystage 3 teams and their hard work is really starting to pay off. Both teams will also be representing the school at the Manchester Schools' rugby union competition.

Badminton

Both the Junior and Senior badminton teams represented Salford at the Greater Manchester Schools' tournaments this term at Manchester Velodrome - venue of the Commonwealth Games Badminton Tournament. In a fiercely competitive tournament featuring regional and national club representatives, the boys put in some excellent performances and were a credit to the school.

Junior team: Rahul Abraham, Brandon Dawson, Liam Mears, Ryan Phillips. Senior Team: Rohit Abraham, Bash Abubakar, Davidson Sabu, Jithin Saju.

Cross Country



A good turnout for the Keystage 3 boys at Salford schools cross country; the race was held at Buile Hill park on a cold, frosty morning. Year 7 boys were represented by Russell Chavez (6th), Oliver White (8th), and Jacob Chambers (9th). Year 8/9 boys who finished as runners up in the race were Joe Aitken (6th), Alex Hiles (10th), Liam Mears (12th), Adam Palmer (13th) and James McManus (14th). Joe

Aitken, Russell Chavez and Oliver White went on to represent Salford at the highly competitive Greater Manchester cross country race.



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Have a blessed and wonderful Easter!