



Newsletter

Summer 2014

Lenten Charity Fundraising Final Total



It has been an exceptional year for our Lenten charity fundraising, with the final total adding up to a massive £2706. A huge well done and thank you to all the pupils, staff and families who have supported all the events. Our pupils have been particularly inspired by the

high profile of Sports Relief on TV this year. As a consequence, the amount of money raised for good causes has been significantly higher than ever before.

The beneficiaries will be St Joseph's Penny, which is run by Caritas, and Cornerstone.

St Joseph's Penny is a charity which helps children and young people whose lives are affected by poverty, disadvantage or insecurity. To find out more, please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/st-josephs-penny.

Cornerstone is a day centre providing services to adults facing a wide range of social issues including homelessness, poverty, social isolation, poor mental health, drug and alcohol addiction. They aim to offer support to their clients, improve their prospects and enhance their quality of life. To read more visit www.cornerstonecds.org.uk/.

A Message From Our Headteacher

As the examination period comes to an end we bid a fond farewell to our Year 11 students. All our prayers, and I am sure yours, go with them as they move on to the next stage of their lives. They have had the best of starts and have been well prepared to meet their next challenges; they will continue to benefit from belonging to a school community which has the highest expectations and is committed to public service. We are very proud of our 2014 school leavers. These young people have been an absolute joy to have in the school.



We anticipate a new year group of equal talent and quality and look forward to the next cycle of success. Yet again the school is oversubscribed.

In many ways we are continuing to be a school which meets the needs of every child by developing our curriculum, offering additional opportunities and showing that we care.

Thank you for your continued support. Working together we will continue to go from strength to strength.

Whole School Form Pitch Competition

St Patrick's first whole school form pitch competition has been an outstanding success. Every form in the school had to tell us why they were the best academically and extra-curricularly.

It was tough for Heads of House to choose their House winners but Renoir 3, Gainsborough 4, Da Vinci 3, Michelangelo 1, Lowry 6 and Picasso 4 won out of each House.

They then presented to Mrs Wall, Mrs Leader and Mrs McGreal. All forms presented brilliantly, almost bringing the judges to tears with their heartfelt commendation of their forms and their form tutors. The competition was tough but after a lot of deliberation, Picasso 4 was chosen as the best St Patrick's form 2014 for their outstanding academic achievements, sporting achievements, charity work, extra-curricular activity achievements and fund raising.

The runners up enjoyed a lovely breakfast during registration at school whilst Picasso 4 was treated to a breakfast at Frankie and Benny's in the Trafford Centre.

Well done to all the winning forms, great job!



Humanities Trip to The Bay of Naples

A group of our Year 9 & 10 pupils had a fantastic trip to Italy over the Easter holidays. The 45 pupils, who were accompanied by 5 teachers, stayed in Sorrento and visited Vesuvius, Pompeii, Campi Flegrei and Villa Oplontis.

Here are some of the pupil's comments;

- "In Italy, I had the best experience of my life. The best part was climbing up Mount Vesuvius and visiting Pompeii was incredible too!"
 - "It was a fantastic 4 days in Italy. Also day trips within the trip, for example Vesuvius, were great."
 - "I enjoyed seeing lots of different places, with amazing views and sights to see. I also enjoyed eating Italian ice cream."
 - "Walking up Mount Vesuvius was a good experience because the views were breathtaking."
 - "It was a great experience and I really enjoyed it."
 - "There was plenty of banter in Italy and the trips we went on during the day were good."
 - "It was a nice experience to learn about culture and history in person."
- Apparently, a great time was had by all!



The Katrina Appeal - Latest News

On March 12th 2014, Katrina's Stem Cell Fund reached its goal of raising £110,000 to send Katrina to America for her life saving stem cell transplant. Just 12 days later Katrina flew out to Chicago to begin her treatment at the Northwestern Memorial hospital. Katrina said she was overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone who helped raise the money, including the staff and pupils at St Patrick's who contributed over £3000 to the fund.



After a gruelling 3 months of treatment, Katrina finally returned home this month to a warm welcome from family and friends. Whilst she is still recovering from the transplant, she is determined to raise awareness of Systemic Sclerosis and is now starting to campaign for stem cell therapy to be offered as a treatment in the UK. Kat says, "I know people say that the stem cell transplant is the worst 3 months of their lives, that they push through it because they know it's worth it, but for me it's been the best! I'm so grateful to have been given this opportunity, thank you to everyone who helped."

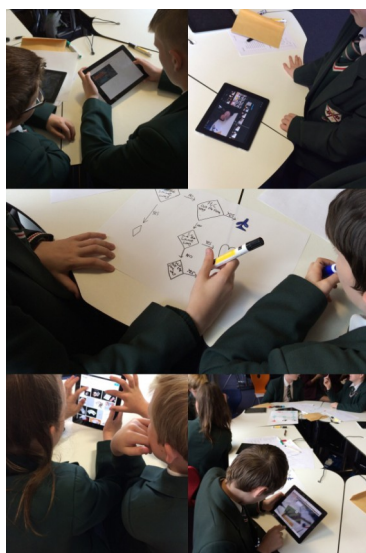
Geography Field Trip to Blackpool

Year 9 Geography pupils headed off to Blackpool recently to record statistics on the impacts of tourism for their GCSE coursework. Thankfully it stayed nice and dry for them, as all their information gathering had to be done outdoors.

Even though it was purely an educational visit (with only a glimpse of the Pleasure Beach going to and from the coach park!), pupils enjoyed a day in the sunshine whilst working, and still found time for lunch by the beach and an ice cream at the end of the day.



Digital Creators of Tomorrow



On Monday 23rd June, six Year 8 pupils who have opted to study Computer Science next year attended an event called Inspiring the digital creators of tomorrow – Teaching computational thinking through magic, at the TEN Centre with Mr Tebay.

Using the art of magic and a 4 Aces card trick to learn key principles of computer science and computational thinking, the students created their own movie of their very own magic trick, using video editing software on iPads.

All students were really engaged throughout the day, and left excited to start studying Computer Science in September.

Year 7 Healthy Eating Workshops



Once again this year, Healthy Eating Workshops have been delivered to all our Year 7 pupils. The workshops, which are delivered by School Health Nurses, aim to help pupils to make healthy choices

through educating them about salts and sugars, foods that have high fat content (to be enjoyed in moderation only!) and of course, the importance of fruit and veg.

The workshops are very interactive where pupils get the opportunity to touch, see and feel a variety of teaching aids including trying on a weight vest, pictured right, to see what it would feel like to carry a few extra pounds.



School Council

Delegates for the school council appointed by forms and houses include; Shaun Bryan, Savannah Keegan, Alex Hilton, Jodie-Leigh-Wyatt, Ashleigh Richardson, Amy Wilkinson, Chloe Ramsbottom, Olivia Ward, Aaron McRoy, Chloe Arrandale, Jessica Crooks, Laura Shawcross, Sarah Abulatifah, Lucy Marsh and Thando Sibanda.



Pictured: School Council Delegates about to leave for their reward trip to Altrincham Ice Rink.

The focus for this term's School Council meetings was healthy eating, the canteen and school democracy. This term we had feedback from the catering company about the menu and the size of meals raised in the previous meeting. The company has agreed to monitor the size of portions with the school to ensure value for money.

There will be a working party at the beginning of the new term to discuss with the catering manager ideas for dishes and innovative ways to encourage pupils to eat healthily. Although all of the dishes in the canteen meet the most rigorous health and safety standards, we want to encourage pupils to eat a greater variety of green and healthy foods. For example we might ask the canteen to reintroduce subway style sandwiches.

Mr Magee thanked all the delegates in the School Council for their outstanding work this year, including the numerous questionnaires and debates, and contributions to interviews and school inspections. They have been an amazing School Council. On behalf of all the staff, Mr Magee extends a huge thank you.

We Are Writers!

Last term all pupils were invited to write a poem, prayer or short story in response to the question, "What does Easter mean to you?"

More than 80 pieces of writing were included in this inspiring paperback book, which is available to buy for £6.99 (includes a £1 charity donation).

Did your son or daughter have their writing published in our book?

There is a sample copy at the school reception – come and have a look! Copies are also available to borrow from our school library.

If you would like to purchase a copy, please see Mrs Parker.



Drama Notices

Chethams Project

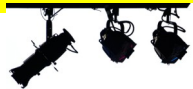
WWII project with Chethams School of Music culminating in a performance at John Rylands Library on Friday 14th November.

Shakespeare for Schools

A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Contact Theatre on Monday 10th November.

School Production

Rehearsals are in full swing for the school production early next year.



The Year 9 Drama Class, 9A were recently nominated for the 'Best Class Award' in the MEN Manchester School Awards for their charity performances for their Theatre In Education module.

Two students from 9A were chosen to attend the award ceremony, Amelia McLaughlin and Patrick Haynes, it was a great day for both the students and the teachers.

The other schools in this category were:

Mrs Pilkington's Class- Saint James' C.E Primary School, Rochdale Year 10 Science Class- Bedford High School, Leigh Class 9T- Manchester Academy, Moss Side.

The winners were Class 9T. Although we didn't win, it was still a great experience and lots of fun.



By Amelia McLaughlin
Year 9

Parent Forum

In our most recent meeting, which took place on 2nd June, the agenda included;

Options
Assessment Policy
School Security
SIMS Learning Gateway

The next Parent Forum will take place on Monday 22nd September at 4pm. New members welcome.

All queries and items for the agenda, please send to amanda.palmer@salford.gov.uk

LRC & School Library Opening Times



The Learning Resource Centre and School Library are both open and supervised every morning from 8am and until 4.15pm every Monday to Thursday.

All pupils are welcome to use the facilities as often as they wish.

Yellow School Bus Renewal

Transport for Greater Manchester has reviewed its existing Yellow School Bus Application and Pass Renewal processes and has upgraded this with the introduction of an on-line facility. For more information, please visit

www.yellowschoolbus.info

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St Patrick's International Champion!



Picasso 4 pupil Daniel Adams recently attended a prestigious swimming competition in Germany. Daniel is a member of the Swinton Swimming club and has been a keen competitive swimmer for years. During his eight day trip, Daniel and the team competed against German, Spanish, Italian, Dutch and French club teams. But the international competition didn't faze our Daniel as he amazingly won the 50m and 100m backstroke. He also came 2nd in the breaststroke 3rd in the front crawl. The Swinton club travel to the event every year but this was the first time in 25 years that the Swinton Club won the overall event! Never mind the English football team, we have our own international champions here in Salford!

Sportsday

Once again, this year's athletics competitions proved to be a great success, particularly in Years 7 & 8 where competition was fierce from all houses, with some excellent performances from all competitors. Year 9 & 10 also provided some great action with lots of close finishes and all performed in great spirits. Well done to all involved, your contribution to your house achievement was outstanding.

The overall champions were Lowry with a total of 626 points. Please see the website for a full list of all the results and events.

Our Sporting Achievements 2013 –2014

Girls Achievements

Netball

Year 7 Salford Schools Rally Winners
Year 7 Salford Schools League Winners
Year 8 Salford Schools Rally Winners
Year 8 Salford Schools League Winners
Year 10 Salford Schools League Runners up
Year 8 Cup winners on the on the JCA Netball Weekend away – Champions for their year group.

Hockey

Junior Salford Schools League Winners
Senior Salford Schools Rally runners up

Girls Rugby

Year 7/8 Rugby Tournament Winners

Girls Football

Junior Salford Schools League Winners

Volleyball

Year 7/8 Salford Schools Champions – went on to represent Salford at the Greater Manchester Games – finished in Bronze position.
Year 8 Runners up in the 'Lets Play Volleyball' festival

Rounders

Year 7 Salford Schools League finalist – waiting to play match at time of print
Year 7 Manchester Catholic Schools Tournament – 3rd place
Year 8 Salford Schools Rally Winners
Year 8 Salford Schools League Winners
Year 8 Manchester Catholic Schools - runners up
Year 9 Salford Schools Rally runners up
Year 9 Salford Schools League runners up



Athletics – Salford Schools Championship

Year 7 Girls – 6 individual medals and overall team position 2nd
Year 8 Girls – 10 individual medals out of a possible 11, 5 being Gold
As a result they were crowned overall team Champions in Salford
Year 9 Girls – 9 individual medals and overall team position 2nd
Year 10 Girls – 7 individual medals and overall team position 2nd
Emma Wright – New Salford Schools Record for the Triple Jump (9.88m) at the Championships

Athletics – Manchester Catholics Championship

6 Individual medals at the Manchester Catholics Championships – 4 being Gold medals

Cross Country

Beth Wright Overall Individual Silver medallist for the Cleavely's Cross Country Championships

Boys Achievements

Swimming

Eccles 50m Freestyle Swimming Championships – Bronze medal winner – Alex Gartside.
Overall Champion for Eccles 50m Freestyle Swimming – Alex Hiles

Badminton

Yr 9 Salford Schools Badminton Tournament winners – as Champions went on to represent Salford in the Greater Manchester Games.

Football

Year 7 6-a-side finalist for the Salford Schools Tournament – finished runners up.

Rugby

Year 8 Salford Schools League Winners
Year 8 Emerging Schools Champions and regional runners up



Athletics – Salford Schools Championship

Year 8 Boys – 6 individual medals and overall 2nd place
Year 9 Boys – 6 individual medals and overall 3rd place
Year 10 Boys – 4 individual medals overall 4th place

Athletics – Manchester Catholics Championship

4 Individual medals at the Manchester Catholics Championships

Basketball

Year 9 League joint runners up

Cross Country

Year 8&9 team – runners up in Cleavleys Cross Country Races

Great Britain Teachers Rugby

The Great Britain Teachers Rugby League side took on the Great Britain Students Team at the Select Security Stadium, home of the Widnes Vikings Rugby League Team on 21st June, the students were a stern test, with all members of the team signed up for professional teams including Wigan, Salford & Leeds.

Unfortunately, the teachers were taught a lesson this occasion with a heavy defeat by 54 points to 2, a very busy day for our own Mr Gregory playing at fullback (pictured right). Next up for the teachers will be the Great Britain Police side again in Widnes, on Thursday 17th July.

