



SAINT PIUS X NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2011

Welcome. I hope you enjoy reading our first newsletter for this academic year.

Its been a busy term for all concerned. I have been into many lessons to talk to students and I have seen some excellent pieces of work of which we can all be proud. It was really good to meet all the Y11 students individually and to talk about how they are doing and what they want for themselves in the future. I have also enjoyed my visits to all our partner primary schools and meeting many of the future students of Saint Pius X Catholic High School.

This is a great school community to be part of and I hope your children enjoy being here as much as I do.

Enjoy the rest of the term and have a happy and holy Christmas.

Mr. Bishop
Headteacher

ADVENT SERVICE

Our traditional advent service will be held on Wednesday 14th December 2011. This is a special time that the whole school community comes together to celebrate with reflections, prayer and carols. During the service we will present our collection of Christmas gifts for which are then distributed to local children in our area. This will be followed by festive refreshments shared with governors, staff, students, parents and parishioners. Please join us, everyone is welcome.

SAINT PIUS SPORTS HALL

The sports hall at Saint Pius hosts many different clubs and is available to hire. Uropa trampolining run clubs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights 6-9pm.
Zumba fitness runs on Thursday nights 6-7pm and Karate classes run by the British Karate and Kickboxing Association run Friday nights 6-8.30pm. If you would like contact details for any of the above clubs or if you or your club would like to hire the sports hall please contact school on 01709 767900.



Saint Pius held a non-uniform day to raise money for Children In Need. The student council also organised various activities throughout the week such as a raffle, selling bookmarks and having a baking competition. An additional £202.69 was raised for the charity. Well done Saint Pius!!

UNIFORM REMINDERS

- Blazers must be worn with badges.
- Shoes must be black.
- Boots must be worn under trousers.
- Hair must be of a natural colour.
- Students must not wear makeup.
- Hooded tops must not be worn.
- Canvas shoes must not be worn.

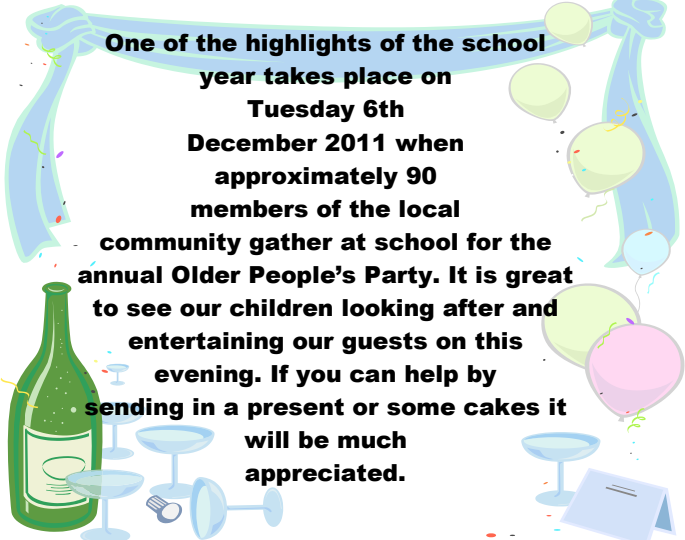
A high standard of appearance indicates a positive and orderly approach to school life. It demonstrates conformity to school and recognition that attendance at school is separate from social life. This ensures a proper attitude to, and a sharper focus on work.

On the 7th and 8th of November, 11 of our students from the parishes of St Albans & English Martyrs received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Preparation for confirmation was organised by the In Reality team. Saint Pius staff also came along to help with music and support.

Saint Pius were also fortunate to have the Catholic Youth Ministry Symbol in school. The candle stand was blessed by Pope Benedict on the steps of Westminster Cathedral and was adapted as the national symbol for youth ministry in England and Wales.

On Friday 11th November our Remembrance Mass was celebrated by Father John Cook. All year 7 students attended. This was followed by a Remembrance service attended by year 8 students and as a sign of respect the whole school observed the minute's silence.



We thank all our parish Priests who are always very supportive to the whole school community.



One of the highlights of the school year takes place on Tuesday 6th December 2011 when approximately 90 members of the local community gather at school for the annual Older People's Party. It is great to see our children looking after and entertaining our guests on this evening. If you can help by sending in a present or some cakes it will be much appreciated.

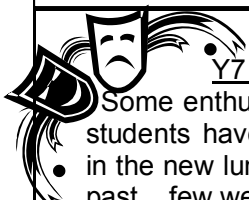
There is a new Youth Club Group running at St James' Rooms, Wath All Saints Parish Church. The group runs alternate Fridays 7pm till 9 pm - open to Year 6+. Come along for Fun, Games, Challenges and more. If you would like any more information please contact Jackie on 07760 330639.

Extra Curricular Activities - All activities are open to every student. Please encourage your child to come and try as many activities as they can. All after school activities finish at no later than 5pm. Match and fixture times depend on the venue but all students will be informed of the times.

DAY	DINNER TIME (1-1:25PM)	AFTER SCHOOL (3:45-4:45PM).
 MONDAY	Y7 & 8 NETBALL (Sports hall)	BOYS FOOTBALL - All years TRAMPOLINING Y8-11 (Boys and girls)
TUESDAY	Y9, 10 & 11 NETBALL (Sports Hall) GYMNASTICS- All years (Gym)	
WEDNESDAY	Y7 & 8 BASKETBALL (Sports hall) CHEER LEADING/ DANCE- All Years BTEC HOMEWORK CLUB	NETBALL & FOOTBALL FIXTURES (finish time will vary whether home or away)
THURSDAY	Y9,10 & 11 BOYS BASKETBALL (Sports hall) GCSE/ BTEC REVISION/HOMEWORK CLUB	BADMINTON - All Years (Sports hall)

Mrs Dorchester Brown who was employed to support our school and our partner primaries is no longer in post. We would like to thank her for all the work she has done and wish her luck in her future role.

There are several items of property being left after PE lessons. Please help us by putting your child's name in all their PE kit and school uniform.



Y7 Drama Club with Miss Ross

Some enthusiastic, talented and energetic Year 7 students have been showing off their drama skills in the new lunchtime club with Miss Ross. Over the past few weeks they have worked successfully on a range of skills, including facial expressions, body language and tone of voice. The script we are currently working on is a modern day fairytale complete with evil princesses, handsome princes and fairies. We are hoping to perform to an audience very soon – so watch this space! There may well be some budding actors and future Oscar winners but if not we are having lots of fun along the way! If you are in Year 7 and would like to join the drama club, please come along to C3 on a Thursday lunchtime.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - DO YOU QUALIFY ?

Free school meals are provided for school children if either themselves or their parent or guardian have been granted;

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit and a gross annual income that does not exceed £16,190 (2011/12). Pension Credits (Guaranteed Credit)
- Asylum Seeker Status

Please note that you will not qualify for free school meals if you receive Working Tax Credit.

Not only will your child get a free healthy meal every day saving you more than £350 per year but school also receives extra funding which we will use to help support your child and improve the facilities available to them. You can get an application form online at www.rotherham.gov.uk/reeschoolmeals or from the student office at school.

Seeing the Rainbow after the storm...

'Rainbows' is a peer support group for students who have experienced a loss in their lives. This could be through divorce, separation, bereavement or through other members of the family or friends 'leaving' their life.

The programme is generally run for thirteen weeks during which students build enough trust within the group to be able to 'share' their story. Students are also encouraged to open up about the worries that have come from their loss and to keep talking about these to trusted friends and family members long after the programme has finished.

Rainbows will shortly be commencing again at St Pius. If you feel that this very successful programme might benefit your son or daughter and would like to discuss this confidentially, or you would just like some more information, please contact Mrs Carruthers at school.

On Tuesday 18th October, Mrs Johnson and her form 7 Ingleby enjoyed a day of recollection at St Joseph's Church Wath. They had a super time working with Mrs Sansom and the In Reality Team. They were involved in group discussion, creating prayers, performing dance and drama and even learning British Sign Language to accompany a hymn. This all came together in a lovely service in the church at the end of the day. A wonderful opportunity to all get to know one another.



Saint Pius X Enterprise Company Project, A success and Still Running!

In May of 2011, 9 groups of students applied to the student council for a business loan to set up different enterprise companies. Each group had to submit a business plan, which included details of the company, its finances and what its aims were. Three of the applications were successful - Smart Cookies, Thirst Burst and the Cross Stitch Club. Smart Cookies and Thirst Burst were set up for the sports day with Smart Cookies making and selling cookies and undertaking a chocolate cake raffle; Thirst Burst supplied the music and announcements for the event and sold refreshments to the other students. Both groups were very successful and after repaying their business loans donated most of the profit to the school with some being used to pay themselves a wage for the hard work they had put in. The Cross Stitch Club is an ongoing company who produce various items throughout the year using the funds raised to keep it running, at the moment the group are creating cards which will be sold at Christmas. After their initial loan is repaid profits will be sent to Cafod. This November the students who took part are being awarded certificates for their participation. The scheme is still running and any students who would like to start an Enterprise Company should contact the student council or a member of staff for further information.

Students from year 7, 8 and 9 are now enjoying time having a breakfast of wholemeal toast and fresh orange juice, once every half term. This is part of the SEAL programme which focuses on eating healthily and having a healthy lifestyle.

PLEASE NOTE

The new address and contact number for the Vaccination Team is as follows:
Vaccination Team
Dinnington Locality Centre
Caxton Way
S25 3QE
01709 335047



We are holding a book fair in the library from Friday 2nd to Thursday 8th December. There will be a wide range of titles, fiction and non-fiction and also a chance to buy books for Christmas gifts.

We are still collecting "Box Tops for Books" from Nestle breakfast cereals. We already have more than 230 so it looks like being a bumper year. Thank you and keep them coming.



School Council Representatives 2011/2012

This year, the school council representatives are as follows:-

Aiden Stone - 11 Postgate
James Dingwall - 11 Mayne
Sinead Wright - 10 Lambton
Georgina Lintern - 10 Sherwin
Eden Parkinson - 9 Lowe
James Taylor - 9 Lowe
Connor Towey - 8 Southworth
Brad Ravenhill - 8 Southworth
Kelsie Winterbourne - 8 Ludlam
Elizabeth Kirby - 7 Briant
Joseph Hayden - 7 Kemble
Marley Ferguson - 7 Ingleby

FIONA HARRISON

We are very proud of the achievements of a past student who is a driver in the two man bobsleigh team for Great Britain. She was set to compete in the world championships in Germany but unfortunately was injured in a pre competition crash. We wish her and her partner a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her compete soon.

We have a great newly refurbished cooking room. Students are really enjoying their new facilities and they are putting it to good use by making some exciting healthy dishes. I have included a recipe that year 9 are currently making and hope you enjoy this as much as they do.

Open Christmas Mince Tarts

1 large pack of puff pastry
1 egg – beaten
1 jar of mince meat
1 small carton of cherries or cranberries
Icing sugar to dust



1. Roll out the pastry until it is the thickness of a pound coin and cut into small squares.
2. With the tip of a sharp knife score a line into the pastry approx 1cm in.
3. Egg wash the edges.
4. Mix the mince meat and cherries/cranberries together and spoon into the centre of squares
5. Cut a star shape from the spare pastry and place on top of each tart, egg wash the star and place the tarts onto a baking tray.
6. Bake in the oven 200c/gas 6 for approx 10-12 minutes until pastry has risen and is golden.
7. Dust with icing sugar.



The healthy lunch club which takes place on a Wednesday lunchtime, still has some places left. If any students wish to come along then they should let Mrs Soffe know and pay their £2.50 to Mrs Law in the finance office on a Monday.



CALENDAR DATES



DECEMBER 2011

Friday 16th December
School Closes at 1.30pm

Monday 19th December
INSET Day

JANUARY 2012

Tuesday 3rd January
School Opens

Monday 9th January
ICT Functional Skills Week

Tuesday 10th January
AQA GCSE English Exam - early entry

Thursday 12th January
Y10 Science Modular Exam

Friday 13th January
Y11 Spanish GCSE Units 1 and 2

Monday 16th January
Y11 French GCSE Units 1 and 2

Tuesday 17th January
Y9 Choices Evening (6-8pm)

Wednesday 18th January
Y10 Science Modular Exam

Friday 20th January
Y10 Science Modular Exam

Monday 23rd January
INSET DAY

Tuesday 24th January
Y11 Science Modular Exam

Thursday 26th January
Y11 Science Modular Exam

Monday 30th January
Y11 Science Modular Exam

Tuesday 31st January
Y11 Science Modular Exam
Y11 Consultation Evening (6-8pm)

FEBRUARY 2012

Wednesday 1st February
Y11 Modular Science Exam

Thursday 2nd February
Intermediate Maths Challenge
Y11 Modular Science Exam

Tuesday 7th February
Y9 Consultation Evening (6-8pm)

Friday 10th February
School Closes

Monday 20th February
School Opens

Tuesday 21st February
Y10 Maths Mock Exam

Thursday 23rd February
Y10 Maths A*/A booster

Monday 27th February
Y10 MFL Controlled Assessment 2 (to 16th)

MARCH 2012

Friday 2nd March
Y10 Maths Modular 1
Y11 Resits

Monday 5th March
Y11 Modular 2 Resits

Tuesday 6th March
Y11 Expressive Arts Exam (to 9th)

Friday 9th March
Y11 MFL Revision Day

Tuesday 13th March
Y11 Maths Mock Exam

Monday 19th March
Interhouse Sports Week
Movement Evening Practice
ICT Functional Skills Week

Tuesday 20th March
Movement Evening Matinee
Movement Evening (6-8pm)

Wednesday 21st March
Movement Evening (6-8pm)

Monday 26th March
Y6 Visits

Tuesday 27th March
Y6 Visits
Y8 Consultation Evening (6-8pm)

Wednesday 28th March
Y6 Visits

Friday 30th March
School Closes

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Miss Jenkinson and her partner who have become proud parents once again, Miss Jenkinson had a little girl, Emily Fern on 5th October, weighing 7lbs 6. Congratulations to Mr Turnell and his wife who have also become proud parents to Seth Philip born on 18th November, weighing 8lbs 11. And last, but not least, we congratulate Mr Boardman and his partner Carrie who had a little girl, Lilah Iris on 25th November, weighing 8lbs 10. We wish them much joy and a great first Christmas.



**WISHING ALL OUR READERS A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM SAINT PIUS X CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**

