



Sporting Events

Primary Sports Festival

The annual Primary Schools Multi Skills Festival was blessed with some of the best weather of 2015 as 200 enthusiastic Reception age children descended on the astro-turf at St Joseph's School on Monday 8th June. Based on the essential ABC's (Agility, Balance, Co-ordination and Speed) the festival was designed to give the children an event of their own in a fun, non-competitive environment where they could learn, practice and develop vital skills.

By David Wise – Sports Development Officer



Primary School Football Competition

The annual St Joseph's School Football competition for Year 5 and 6 children, was held on the astro-turf on Monday 15th June, with the event proving to be a fantastic showcase of the talent that the Workington area has to offer. The focus of the competition was to encourage free flowing football played in a competitive and respectful way.



Beckstone Primary School won 4-3 on penalties after a scoreless draw. Sports Development Officer for St Joseph's, David Wise said: "The level of play was fantastic and it was plain to see the influence of good coaching in the local clubs".

By David Wise

Summer Sports Camps

The newly appointed Sports Development Officer David Wise, has promoted 6 weeks of sports activities over the summer. These sports have included Multi Sports, Football Camps, Cricket, Fishing, Archery, Circus Skills, Tennis, Rugby, Dance and Fitness.

The sessions have been attended by children from 4 upwards. Over 400 young people have attended over the summer and enjoyed every minute of it. Look out for details on the website for the October half term camp and after school activities, run during the term. Football and Gymnastics will be returning.



Year 7 Netball Team Success

Following the success in April, St Joseph's Year 7 netball team was selected to represent Allerdale at the Cumbria School Games on 10th June, in Carlisle. It was a great day, with fab weather (maybe even too hot!) and a superb atmosphere. St Joseph's won all the matches except one and were ranked third in Cumbria.

By the Year 7 Netball Team.



Sports Day

The annual sports day place took place in July with all the students taking part. This year we had more running and athletics events and we were able to split the sports activities into two areas, which meant that more pupils could be involved at any one time. Another sunny day! The overall winning form was Mrs Davies's form St Augustine. Well done to them all!



Important dates for Autumn Term

Open Evening

Better Progress Evening Yrs 11 & 9

Year 7 Settling In Evening

Year 10 Progress Evening

Certificates Evening

Enterprise Week

Year 9 Progress Evening

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Christmas Concert

All School Carol Service

Thursday 24th September 2015
(new intake Sept 2016)

Thursday 1st October 2015

Thursday 15th October 2015

Thursday 5th November 2015

Thursday 12th November 2015

w/c 16th November 2015

Thursday 19th November 2015

w/c 23rd November 2015

Thursday 10th December 2015

Friday 18th December 2015

Staff Changes

We are saying goodbye to Ms Katie Bell, Mr Ryan Whelan, Mr Andrew Davidson, Mrs Beverley Shilton, Mrs Bev Castle and Mr Tim Nurse. In September we welcome Ms Kate Malkinson, Mrs Kate Williams, Ms Rebecca Rodney, Mrs Joanne Fowler, Mr Bernard Jackson, Mr Rowan Carr, Ms Charlotte O'Hagan, Mr Mark Horseman and Mr Daniel Harris.



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Words from the Head

It is quite unusual for Headteachers' to find themselves in agreement with Ofsted inspectors, however I recently attended a presentation from an inspector and I found myself in total agreement. He said he knew what the three most important responsibilities of a school were and in which order of importance they are. They were: to make sure that children were safe, then happy and then achieve well. Providing the environment which has these at its core has always been the goal of St Joseph's School.

Safety must always be the first priority because parents entrust their children to our care. We act in 'loco parentis', as parents and like good parents we set boundaries and have high expectations. I am delighted that so many visiting teachers, other professionals and parents comment on the fine behaviour they witness. Teachers in particular talk with excitement about 'being able to teach'.

Children will not always be 'happy' about coming to school but that feeling is often more to do with the

pressures and anxieties around 'growing-up'. The fact of the matter is that each day when my senior staff and I walk around school we see plenty of happy faces and that is because most children enjoy coming to St Joseph's; they enjoy the company of their friends and get on well with the caring staff who are there to help them with their education.

When we talk about success in school we use quite a broad measure. We will prepare children well for the next stage in their life, and that means helping them to achieve the very best qualifications so they can choose to continue in education, training or in employment, but we will also prepare them to play the role of a 'good citizen'.

Our school has 'Christian values' at its core and the daily experience of being part of St Joseph's will go a long way in shaping the sort of adult your child will become. We will welcome applications from all families who wish to share our vision of education.

T Ryan
Headteacher

World of Work Day

Brathay Trust in conjunction with many Cumbrian businesses held a World of Work day for 30 of our year 10 students. There were lots of fun activities to take part in. The activities were promoted by employers from Cumbria, these included Siemens; Pirelli Tyres; Stobart Rails; Dry Stone Walling Association; BMW; Architects, Graphic Designers and Accountants. The objective of the day was to raise the student's awareness of different career opportunities within Cumbria. Advice and Guidance was available for all the students. All the students took part in a boat race on Lake Windermere. Some boats did better than others!! Another blisteringly hot day!



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Challenges

Nestle UK Project

Congratulations to Scott Faulkner, Simone Armstrong, Stephanie Armstrong, Adam Kirkbride and Chloe Minshaw, who each won a place on the Business and Enterprise Regional Assessment Day, at Nestle Head Quarters in Dalston. These five pupils spent the day at Nestle and competed against year 10 pupils and sixth form students from other schools in Cumbria. They were put through their paces by a team of business professionals who assessed their skills through a range of activities, including team working, problem solving and finally individual interviews.

I am delighted to announce that Scott Faulkner was chosen as one of the two overall winners. Nestle were impressed by the enthusiasm he showed on the day and highly commended him on his work ethic and in how he tackled all activities using his initiative. Scott will be given a fully paid two weeks work experience placement with Nestle this summer, where he will have the opportunity to work in a number of different business functions, including Sales, Marketing, HR, Production and Corporate Communications.

Well Done Scott!
By Miss Jackson

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

Nine dedicated students from Years 9 and 10 have spent the last six months undertaking voluntary work placements, completing fitness challenges and learning a new skill or activity as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. In addition to this, pupils have also been learning mountain survival skills such as map reading, compass work and campcraft in preparation for their upcoming qualifying camping expedition.



St Joseph's 2015 Summer School - Newlands Activities

Eighty four students from our new intake into year 7 attended the recent summer school which ran for two weeks. This is the largest summer school ever run at St Joseph's.

Students undertook a wide variety of activities which has helped them to make new friendships, find their way around the school, improve on their skills in team working, communication, self-reliance, problem solving, dealing with uncertainty, presentation as well as doing some Maths and English to help to give them a head start when they join in September.

The students took part in Cooking, Circus Skills, Geography, Physical activities, Design work, Enterprise activities, Computing and Science. The highlight of the Summer School must be the overnight trip to Newlands Adventure Centre in the Newlands Valley where the students enjoyed ghyll scrambling and abseiling in lovely sunshine. In addition to this the students all went to Beamish in the North East- another glorious day.

On the last day parents, friends and family were invited into school to view what the students had been doing and to watch some presentations.

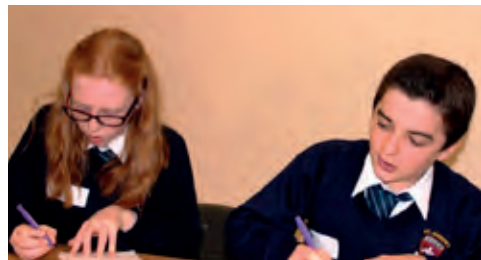
The staff and students really enjoyed the two weeks and look forward to working together again in September.

For parents of children going into year 6 this September who will be coming to St Joseph's in September 2016, next year's Summer School will run from July 25th 2016 for two weeks- make sure you keep the dates free as the experience really does help students to settle into their new school.



UKMT Team Maths Challenge

Four pupils from year 8 and year 9 took part in the UKMT Team Maths Challenge at Caldew School. The Team Challenge promotes mathematical dexterity, teamwork and communication skills. Pupils competed against 14 other schools in the region. St Joseph's team came eighth, which is a fantastic achievement.



Art Workshop



We recently took part in an Art workshop led by Mark Gibbs from Tullie House. We started by looking at various pieces of art by German Artist Anselm Kiefer. We looked at the themes and techniques he used. We were then set to make our own pieces based on Anselm Kiefer's style. We used different materials including; oil pastels, paint, newspapers and magazines to create final pieces. There was lots of experimenting with different methods and ripping up newspapers. To finish, all the work was placed out to see. Some work kept with Anselm Kiefer's quite sombre colour schemes but others went in the opposite direction and were bright and bold. All in all, the workshop was fun and inspirational.

By Emily Connell Year 9

Trip to the Chill Factor Manchester

On a Saturday in July Miss Kaye and Mr Yeomans accompanied 30 year 9 and 10 students to a fun day out at the Chill Factor in Manchester. This trip was organised to prepare the students for their new Sports Science course, which they will start in September 2015. An action packed day which was enjoyed by all.



Mock Election

On Friday 24th April, the candidates from the Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, Green and UKIP parties visited school to speak to Years 11, 10, 9 and 8 about what their Party stands for.

This was part of our Citizenship programme and gave pupils the opportunity to gain a sound knowledge and understanding of how the United Kingdom is governed, its political system and how citizens participate actively in its democratic systems of government. Based on the pupils casting their vote in the mock election, Sue Hayman of Labour would have been duly elected. We were the first school in the country to register our results with the National Mock Election Project.



Year 7 France Trip

On the Saturday morning on the 23rd May we arrived at school to get on the bus at 2:30am to set off to France. Everyone was so excited we couldn't sleep. We had an amazing time in France. We especially loved the rides at the theme park. We had a great adventure and went on all the fast rollercoasters and water rides. We also enjoyed learning about snails and their life cycle at the snail farm. Thank you to all the staff for organising a brilliant trip and looking after us.

By Matthew Rothery Year 7

