

St Peter's Newsletter

Friday 6th
November 2020



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Year of the Word



"In the beginning the Word
already existed; the Word
was with God, and the
Word was God" John 1:1

Environment

Please be reminded to switch car
engines off whilst waiting for your
children at the end of the day outside
school.

Face Coverings

As per the new guidance from the
Government and our previous
communications, please ensure your
child has a face covering for communal
areas around school, this is mandatory.

Nut Free School

Please do not send your child to school
with any nut products, we are a nut free
school due to allergies with our school
population.



Message from Mrs Murphy

Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends of St Peter's,

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a restful half term. Pupils have returned to school this week in a very positive frame of mind, exemplifying the characteristics we expect from both our Catholic Pupil Profile and our new St Peter's Learner. Year 11's conduct and focus in the mocks has been particularly impressive.

As you know, last Sunday was All Saints Day and Monday was All Souls Day. In the remote assemblies that pupils watch in their form room, the theme has been 'Our faith remembering the dead'. The children were asked to reflect about famous saints and also their confirmation name. They have also been thinking about those souls in heaven, especially those that were close to them such as family members. Mr Williams skilfully explored the difficult topic of bereavement. If any families have suffered any bereavements, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, please let the office know.

We continue the theme of remembrance next week, when we commemorate all those who gave their lives in war on Remembrance Day. We will be having a two minute's silence at 9.30am on Wednesday. Pupils are very welcome to wear poppies on their uniform.

COVID

We must stress the importance that if any pupil receives a positive COVID test, you must notify school as soon as possible, including evenings and weekends. To do so, we have dedicated mailbox which will be monitored at all times covid@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk. Please include your child's name, along with a contact number for a member of staff to call you for more information.

Alaine Murphy

Government Guidance

Following the introduction of a new lockdown on Thursday, please follow [this link](#) on the updated information for parents in regards to children attending school settings.



St Peter's
Catholic School

Faith is our Foundation

Speakers for Schools – 4th November

Year 13 had the opportunity to talk to eminent scientist Professor John Wass as part of the Speakers for Schools initiative. He is the Professor of Endocrinology at Oxford University; his research interests include all pituitary tumours, especially acromegaly, adrenal disease, angiogenesis in endocrinology, and the genetics of osteoporosis and thyroid disease.

He has won a number of international awards and prizes and has published over 400 articles in scientific journals.

Professor Wass enthralled the group with a summary of his main area of research, extending the pupils' knowledge of hormones and their effects. He also spoke to our potential medics about some of the key attributes needed to work as a Doctor. The talk unfortunately had to take place virtually but that didn't stop some of the Year 13s taking the opportunity to ask really interesting questions. Luke started a great discussion about the role of hormones in sportspeople and Professor Wass was able to share his opinion into the Caster Semenya enquiry. Mikki, Stephen and Joe also offered some fantastic questions - one of which, to his delight, got him stumped!

The pupils represented the school brilliantly and Professor Wass commented on the great pupils we have here. "It was great to do the talk yesterday. It seemed that you got some really good questions too."

The Year 13s really enjoyed the talk and commented that "it was really nice for someone of his calibre to take the time to talk to us."

We hope to work with Professor Wass again and are very grateful to him for taking the time to share some of his expertise.



Mass times in our
Local Parishes

[St Augustine's Catholic Church](#)
[St Thomas More, Sheldon](#)
[St George & St Teresa Catholic Church](#)
[Olton Friary](#)
[Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church](#)

Harry Potter Live Lesson – English Pupils



On Thursday 5th November, Year 8 took part in a Warner Brother's live lesson. The lesson was based in the Harry Potter studio and discussed script making, set making, planning and how to build a set. Pupils later applied their knowledge of script making and set making to their current topic – 'Blood Brothers' or 'Our Day Out'. The lesson was a fantastic taster for the media unit Year 8 will be studying after Christmas.

The session wasn't only relevant to the study of English. Pupils learnt about the range of jobs that are involved in film making:

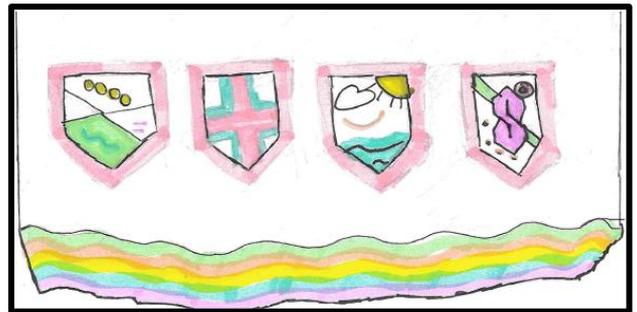
1. English – writing scripts and developing ideas
2. Maths – set drawings to scale
3. Geography – finding the perfect location
4. Photography – taking accurate images of potential set locations
5. Computing – using and creating green screens



Year 8 made the following comments:

Alana M – "I have learnt that one Harry Potter movie takes 10 years to make. I loved seeing all of the props and learning how films are made."

Isla O'L – "If I was to have a job in the film industry, I would like to be a script maker. I would give the live lesson a 5-star review because I have learnt so much." Isla also designed four house badges for St Peter's.



Thank you Pizza Express

Staff at St Peter's had a lovely surprise on Thursday, when Pizza Express in Solihull donated a huge variety of cakes for the staff. We are very grateful to Pizza Express for their generosity. The 'lockdown cheesecake' was a particular favourite!! The staff look forward to visiting the restaurant when it reopens in December.

Financial support and foodbanks

It has been a really difficult year for everyone, but it has been especially challenging for those people who are unemployed or who are having to manage on a reduced income. There is a lot of support available for Solihull residents who are struggling financially.

Solihull Council's [Here2Help](#) pages have information on how to access a range of support. This includes access to financial support or help with access to food. The council's call centre can help connect you to local community and neighbourhood support or refer you to a local food bank - just call 0121 704 6000.