

Parents Newsletter

Spring Term Issue



Welcome

This term, the work of the Trust has been deeply scrutinised at both Primary and Secondary level with Ofsted inspections in many schools and further monitoring visits at St Peter's and St Patrick's Colleges.

The positive HMI visits to St Patrick's Catholic College and St Peter's Catholic College are very welcome and reflect the ongoing commitment to ensuring our Catholic secondary schools in Thornaby and Southbank maintain the momentum of change necessary to deliver on the vision of the Trust. I wish to thank the Boards of both IAB's for their continued work and a sincere thanks to the school leaders and teachers.

The Trust has been approved as a sponsor for underperforming primary schools by the DfE and June 1st, 2019 has been set as the date which we will see All Saints Catholic Primary School, Thirsk, join the Trust, bringing the number of primary schools to 22 with a total of 26 schools.

I want to welcome Mr Ashley Wilkinson as Deputy Headteacher at St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School after the Easter holidays and wish to congratulate Miss Ciara Doherty on her appointment as Deputy Headteacher at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, also Dr Patrick Caldwell as Headteacher of Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary School, Redcar.

On behalf of the Trust, a huge thank you to all our Governors and Headteachers for their work since January. I hope that you have an enjoyable Easter holiday and I look forward to meeting many of you at the Catholic Schools Cup which Trinity Catholic College is hosting this June.

Hugh Hegarty CEO

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St Pius X Catholic Primary School Welcomes Bishop Terry Draine

Pupils and staff at St Pius X Catholic Primary School were extremely honoured to welcome Bishop Terry Draine to their school on 22nd March.

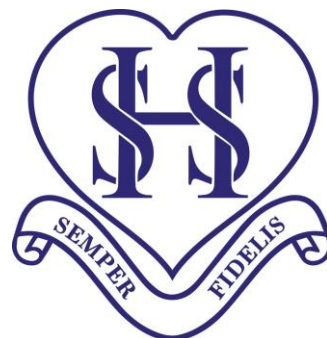
The visit coincided with the Feast Day of Oscar Romero.

In their liturgy, pupils and staff reflected on how their actions could be more like Oscar Romero. The pupils were lucky enough to have the assistance and insights of the Bishop during his visit.

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Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust Welcomes New Leaders....



The Trust is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr Patrick Caldwell as the new Headteacher of Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary School.

“I was born and brought up in Gloucester, attended St Peter’s Catholic High School and Sixth form centre before leaving to study for my Master’s degree in Chemistry at the University of Warwick. Following that my degree took me into postgraduate study at York University where I gained my PhD in Inorganic Chemistry.

My teaching career started in Ripon Grammar school, North Yorkshire where I taught Chemistry and developed my passion for getting the very best from pupils. After that I moved to St John Fishers, Harrogate as Head of Chemistry. Leading a department and all the challenges that brought, spurred me on to move into senior management which led me to Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, Leeds, as Assistant Headteacher and later to the Deputy Headship.

Moving to take up the Headship at Sacred Heart is a wonderful opportunity which realises my desire to lead a fantastic Catholic school and secure for its children the same opportunities and encouragement that I received in my own life.”



Dr Patrick Caldwell



Mr Ashley Wilkinson will join NPCAT as Deputy Headteacher at St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School in Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

Mr Wilkinson studied at Leeds Trinity University College where he achieved a BA Honours Degree in Primary Education in History with Qualified Teacher Status. Upon finishing his studies, he accepted a teaching post at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Primary School in Leeds.

Teaching for 10 years across a range of different year groups, Mr Wilkinson has been P.E. Coordinator, R.E Coordinator and IT Coordinator. During his time at Immaculate Heart, he also achieved the NPQML certification from the National Teaching College and took part in the Aspiring Catholic Leaders Programme through the Diocese of Leeds.

Mr Wilkinson is looking forward to taking on the role as Deputy Headteacher for St Gabriel's and beginning a new adventure in the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust. In his own words, "I'm looking forward to the opportunity of working in an amazing school, with an enthusiastic team and within a forward thinking Multi-Academy Trust who want the best for all the children in their care."

School Stories



SAINT PAULINUS
PRIMARY CATHOLIC
VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



ST GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC
VOLUNTARY PRIMARY ACADEMY



In February, over 175 pupils from Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust took part in musical workshops designed to promote self-confidence, self-esteem, teamwork and respect for others through music, dance, and performance.

Run by "The Young Americans International Music Outreach Tour" an additional 35 children from the local community joined NPCAT pupils with these places subsidised by a grant from the Aviva Community Fund.

The International Music Outreach Tours were created by The Young Americans® in 1992 to bring music back into schools, opening doors of discovery for the musical talents of young people. The UK and Ireland programme this year plans to visit 45 different venues from across the UK."

Children from across the Diocese of Middlesbrough took part from St Bede's Catholic Primary, Marske-by-the-Sea, St Gabriel's Catholic Primary, Ormesby, St Joseph's Catholic Primary, Loftus, St Paulinus Catholic Primary, Guisborough and Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary School, Redcar attended two, three-day programmes at St Gabriel's Primary, St Paulinus Primary and Sacred Heart Secondary School. Pupils aged 6 to 17 years attend a two-day workshop with the programmes culminating in a finale on day three to parents and the local community.

"Thank you for teaching me and inspiring me to be confident in myself." said one pupil from St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School. "You are so helpful and caring towards me and others. You are the best!"



Congratulations to St Alphonsus' Primary School

For being recognised as a School of Sanctuary!

On the 20th March 2019, St Alphonsus' Catholic Primary School attended the Middlesbrough Town Hall where they were one of three schools in the Tees Valley to be recognised as a School of Sanctuary.

A School of Sanctuary is a school committed to offering a safe and welcoming place for all, especially for those whose lives are in danger in their own country or who have troubles at home or are just looking for a space of safety.

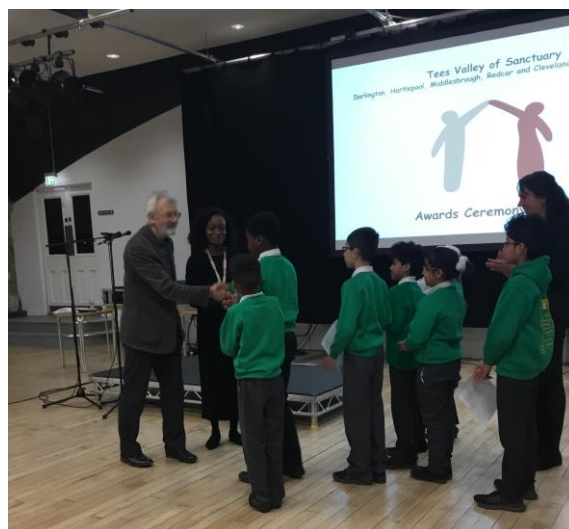
Receiving the School of Sanctuary Award is a fantastic achievement for the pupils, staff and Governors of St Alphonsus' Catholic Primary School. We pride ourselves in providing a place where all pupils feel welcomed, valued and above all, safe.

A School of Sanctuary is a school that helps its students, staff and the wider community understand what it means to be seeking sanctuary and to extend a welcome to everyone as equal, valued members of the school community. It is a school that is proud to be a place of safety and inclusion for all. Find out more at:

<https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/>

There are over 100 'cities of sanctuary' across the UK, and the Tees Valley is recognised for its ground-breaking Schools of Sanctuary stream, with many other areas following their lead and using their assessment framework. St Alphonsus' Catholic Primary School is therefore one of a handful of schools across the UK that are leading the field in asylum and refugee awareness.

Well done to all the children and staff at St Alphonsus' that have worked hard over the past 18 months to secure this prestigious award!



St Joseph's Primary School (Middlesbrough)



£3,916.25 raised for the local charity, Billy's Room!

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School on Marton Road, Middlesbrough is delighted to announce that on Friday, 1st February they raised £3,916.25 for the local charity, "Billy's Room".

The school held a "Baby Blue Dress Up Danceathon Day" and worked with Thornton Dance Academy, who run their gymnastics and after school clubs, to encourage children to wear blue clothes and participate in a 'Sponsored Danceathon' in school. Pupils, teachers and staff all took part and danced the day away in aid of this worthwhile cause.



Wheelchair Basketball Team wins 3rd place

Congratulations to the St Joseph's Wheelchair Basketball team. They came 3rd in the Middlesbrough Wheelchair Basketball finals on the 28th March!



Runners up in Royal Navy Design Competition

A very big thank you and well done to everyone who entered the 'Royal Navy Design an Aircraft Competition'. During a special Royal Navy award ceremony, we were awarded a runner up trophy and certificate. We are very proud of everyone who took part!



St Joseph's Primary School (Loftus)



Bikeability Awards Training Sessions

Eleven Y5 children took part in Bikeability sessions in March to try and achieve their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability awards. They have been out on the roads around school improving their understanding of riding where there are cars and how they need to ride to keep safe. Despite some poor weather, they had an enjoyable time!



A visit to the Coastguard

FS1 had a lovely visit to the Staithes Coastguard station on Wednesday. They learned lots about what they do and who they can help. We definitely have some budding life savers in FS1!



Winner of the Gleeson Homes Design a Bedroom Competition



Huge congratulations to Jacob, our winner of the Gleeson Homes Design a Bedroom Competition. Jacob's jungle themed room was chosen by an interior designer to be recreated in a show home at Rosecroft Heights. He will be invited to the opening day later this year, where he will cut the ribbon and see his creation come to life. An excellent achievement!

Trinity Catholic College & Sixth Form



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Trinity Catholic College launches new look Newsletter

Check out the March 2019 edition of the Trinity Newsletter, click on the document and follow the link, for all the news, revision tips and diary dates:

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St Patrick's Catholic College



Huge attendance at St Patrick's Church in Thornaby, Teesside for St Patrick's Day Mass.

Children from all three of the town's Catholic schools – St Patrick's College, St Patrick's Primary School and Christ the King Primary School – gathered for a special Mass at St Patrick's Church on Friday, 16th March.

Pupils were presented with sprigs of shamrock flown over from Ireland as St Patrick's Day celebrations got underway in Thornaby.

Parish priest Father Patrick O'Neill told the children they were honouring a tradition that stretches back for many generations.

The shamrock is traditionally worn on St Patrick's Day in honour of the Saint, who used its three leaves to explain the doctrine of the Holy Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Cattle & Cane singer Joe Hamill, who has significant involvement in the Trust schools of Thornaby was the musical director and primary school Headteacher James Conwell led the music, which included the school hymn, St Patrick's Is Our Name.



A Win for Y7 & Y8 Football!

Our Y7 & Y8 Martin Gray Football Academy boys attended a five-a-side tournament at Wyvern School, Darlington. Both sets of boys got to face each other in the final and after a tense game the Y7's came out victorious winning 3-2. Well done boys!



It's Official – St Patrick's Catholic College is a licenced Duke of Edinburgh Centre

We are delighted to become a licenced Duke of Edinburgh Centre, offering our students the opportunity to take part in this extremely challenging and adventurous programme.

The Award is available to all 14-24 year olds and equips young people for life, regardless of their background, culture, physical ability, skills and interests. Duke of Edinburgh can positively impact a young person's life, boosting their self-esteem and helping them to develop into rounded, confident characters, ready to take on the world. We already have a number of students enrolled and hope to expand the programme over the coming months.

NPCAT preparing for Easter...

