



Welcome *from the Head of School*



As we reach the second half-term, it's been wonderful to see our pupils demonstrating really embracing our values of "One Faith. One Family. One Future".

Pupils have taken part in activities in our local community including Remembrance Day events, our Harvest Festival and visiting the nursery of one of our NPCAT primary schools.

Our community is incredibly important to us and while we've sent out letters, gifts and messages of support during Covid, it's been a pleasure to be able to participate in this way once again.

Our community spirit, as well as our values, are echoed in the words of Acts 4:32: "Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common."

Mrs Stephanie Garthwaite
Head of School

STAFF 'BOWLED OVER' BY GENEROUS HARVEST OFFERINGS



The month of October brings our annual Harvest Festival appeal, when the St Peter's family traditionally comes together to support our local community – and this year was no exception.

During Harvest Festival week, each year group takes part in their own collective worship when we are asked to give thanks for the food we eat.

They also recognise the importance of coming together to celebrate the food we have and of sharing it with others.

Pupils are also invited to contribute to our harvest table, and this year the bounty on offer was astounding.

The food so generously donated by our pupils, staff and their families is given to families in need in our local area, as well as being handed over to local food banks.

Staff spent a day delivering food parcels, with more than 50 bags of food donated in total.

We want to thank everyone in our school community for being so compassionate in their donations.

Head of school Mrs Garthwaite said: "This is always a very important time in our calendar, as it is an opportunity for us, as a community, to reach out a caring hand to those around us who need a little support.

"Every year I am bowled over by the generosity of the St Peter's family as we come together to support each other.

"Once again, I have been deeply moved by the way pupils and their families have demonstrated everything that makes the St Peter's community such a special one.

"Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to this year's appeal. I am sure your kindness will be appreciated by those who will benefit from these donations and that they will appreciate knowing they are in our thoughts at this time."

REVISION EVENING HELPS PUPILS PREPARE FOR SUCCESS



Pupils and their parents and carers attended a Year 11 revision evening to help them prepare for their forthcoming pre-public exams.

The event included the chance to gather important information and learn revision techniques and tips, as well as to collect resources.

More than 90 per cent of pupils attended and took the opportunity to talk to their teachers.

Mental wellbeing organisation Kooth was on hand to discuss strategies to cope with exam stress and colleges and further education providers offered information about their next steps after school.

Inaugural football tournament hits the target



We were honoured to host the first Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust primary cluster football competition.

St Margaret Clitherow's, St Mary's, St Gabriel's, St Alphonsus and Corpus Christi took part in a thrilling competition supported by our school sport coaches.

Our pupils supported their former primaries as they caught some of the action at break time.

Corpus Christi were the winners but all the teams were excellent – we can't wait to host another event.

Fitness sessions added to enrichment programme



This year, we've increased the enrichment we've offered our pupils so they can experience a wide range of clubs – and the number of pupils attending increases every week.

Pupils have been able to make the most of our new fitness suite after fitness sessions were added to the enrichment programme.

STEM Club also continues to be extremely popular, and there was a particularly busy session as pupils created scented candles.

PUPILS PAY VISIT TO OUR NEIGHBOURS' NURSERY



Year 10 pupils enjoyed a rewarding visit to our near neighbours at St Margaret Clitherow's Nursery as part of their Health and Social Care qualification.

The visit allowed our pupils to observe how children develop in early childhood, as part of their "life stages" coursework.

Pupils interacted with nursery children through active play, singing, reading and activities that help to develop fine motor skills.

Thank you to Mrs Butler and her team for welcoming us in.

WELCOME RETURN FOR COMPETITIVE SPORT



After a year without fixtures, it's been great to see St Peter's pupils taking part in competitive sport once again.

Our Year 11 netball team got the ball rolling and all year groups have now played football fixtures.

It's been a pleasure to see our pupils scoring goals, winning matches and displaying such excellent sportsmanship.

Silence as St Peter's remembers the fallen



St Peter's pupils and staff lined up in the yard on November 11 to remember those who fought and died in the two world wars and all conflicts since.

Mr Hawkins read a verse from Laurence Binyon's poem For the Fallen and Mr Mackin played the Last Post on the bugle to mark the start of a period of silence.

All pupils were extremely respectful and reverent in taking part in this important occasion.

A delegation of pupils also travelled to NPCAT headquarters to take part in a trust-wide remembrance event, where readings were delivered to guests from all 27 schools.