



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

18 May 2018

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 21 May 2018

- Year 7 Mentor Training at Woodside School

Wednesday, 23 May 2018

- Year 9 'Leadership in FOCUS' Programme
- Youth Club (15:15-17:15)

Thursday, 24 May 2018

- Year 9 'Leadership in FOCUS' Programme

Friday, 25 May 2018

- Year 9 'Leadership in FOCUS' Programme

INTRODUCTION

This week the cast and crew of our last school production, "Joseph" were treated to a visit to the West End show "Wicked" by our school Governors who were extremely impressed with their hard work and performances. Well done to all those who were involved in the show and we look forward to next year's production!

Thank you to parents of children taking public examinations for supporting them and the school with attendance to the extra sessions and preparation for the exams. The timetable is available on the school website.

Next week we have the first two GCSE English exams and one of the GCSE maths exams, along with a number of exams for other subjects.

An advance notice that the Year 8 Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 7 June, 5pm to 7pm. Pupils' reports will be issued on the evening and it is a great opportunity for parents to discuss progress with subject teachers.

WICKED THEATRE TRIP

The cast and crew of our school production of "Joseph" went to see the musical "Wicked" this week paid for by the School Governors as a reward for all of their hard work.

This year's school production was just as successful as previous years' and received high praise and wonderful reviews from staff, Governors and special guests.



Pupils felt inspired by the production of "Wicked" and we hope many of them will be auditioning for next year's school production!

SPORT

Year 8 Basketball

The Year 8 basketball team played two games this week against teams from different areas in London. The first game was on Wednesday night against Lammas Sports College in East London, which saw our boys win a hard fought game. The final score was 51-33 to St Thomas More School with Ikenna Johnson and Gabriel Boateng looking the most dangerous on the court. On Thursday evening St Thomas More travelled further north to play against Enfield Grammar School. The final score finished 82-13 to St Thomas More with Chukwudi Dioramma scoring an astounding 39 points. The temerity of the team continues to develop as they are still undefeated from Year 7.

Middlesex Cup Final

The U18 football team took the silver medal in the Middlesex Cup final against Uxbridge school. The team primarily consisted of Years 11 and 12 pupils but the team lost by 3 goals to 1. Eddy Mombanza (Year 11) and Donnabhan Green (Year 10) were both scouted by the professional League One team Peterborough United. Both pupils will start their trial in the next few weeks- well done to the boys.



REFLECTION FROM THE RE DEPARTMENT

Week Beginning 20 May 2018

Gospel Reading John 20: 19-23

Gospel Reflection Reading

Following Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope and in fear, locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about a week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way and Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed.

Prayer

Lord our God, give us your Spirit, we pray, that we may learn to understand what we are and what tasks you have set for us. We thank you for all the light you give us. Grant that we and many others may come closer to knowledge of the truth and be at peace about all that belongs in your hands, our Father in heaven. Keep us now and forevermore in your almighty hand. May we know your goodness and the blessing it brings. For through your goodness we can endure even the hardest days and be victorious in the battle of life.

Amen.

Pentecost

At Pentecost, it is good to remember the transforming effect of the Holy Spirit. When our world looks bleak, when we walk in sadness and anxiety, when nothing seems right, the Spirit of God stirs the energy of joy within us. When restlessness or boredom or disappointment takes hold of us, the Spirit deepens in us the energy of peace.

As we struggle to believe in our own gifts and blessings, the Spirit strengthens in us the energy of goodness. When a look of love is all someone needs, the Spirit creates in us the energy of kindness. When our moods are dominated by harshness and our words by disrespect, the Spirit blesses us with the energy of gentleness.

We are reminded on this feast of the fruits of the Spirit, of the 'signs' of the Spirit's presence: love, joy, peace and patience.

Thought for the Week

"Doing good deeds is a simple and universal vision. A vision to which each and every one of us can connect and contribute to its realisation. A vision based on the belief that by doing good deeds, positive thinking and affirmative choice of words, feelings and actions, we can enhance goodness in the world."

UK MATHS COMPETITION

Following the Intermediate UK Maths Competition success we had in February, we entered some of our Years 7 and 8 pupils into the Junior Competition. The competition aims to stimulate mathematical problem solving. It is the UK's most popular mathematics competition with over 300,000 students taking part each year.

Our pupils achieved certificates ranging from Bronze to Gold plus our special congratulations go to Jonathan Ndukauba, Kai Mann and Dionisio Nicolau who have been invited to take part in the Junior Kangaroo competition in June, the follow-on round to the Junior Challenge. Well done to all those who took part!



Words of the Week

Monday – Flagrant – Adjective: (of an action considered wrong or immoral) Conspicuously or obviously offensive.

Tuesday – Indomitable – Adjective: Impossible to subdue or defeat.

Wednesday – Lambast – Verb: To criticize (someone or something) harshly.

Thursday – Innovative – Adjective: (of a person) Introducing new ideas, original and creative in thinking. (of a product, idea, etc) Featuring new methods, advanced and original.

Friday – Drove – Drove (plural noun) - A herd or flock of animals being driven in a body or a large crowd of human beings, especially in motion.