



Heart to Heart

June 2015 Newsletter



Welcome!

I want you all to be aware of the enriching activities and opportunities that are experienced by our students on a day to day basis. I hope you will be able to 'see' and 'hear' our news and in this way feel closer to our school community. All Saints belongs to the Kirkby community and all who are connected with it.

I am determined to make All Saints a school to be proud of and I know that this can be best achieved in partnership with yourselves. This begins with excellent lines of communication and our newly established Parents' Forum will provide you with opportunities to influence the daily life of the school. The newsletter too has a key role to play in keeping you informed and in celebrating students' achievements and sharing news of school life.

There is much to be done but as you will read an excellent start has been made. In this edition are events that have taken place since I became Principal five weeks ago. Reflecting on these very recent successes is very gratifying and I look forward to hearing your views at future forums.

Once again thank you for the very warm welcome I have received. I hope you enjoy the newsletter.

Tony McGuinness
Principal

Engineering Education Scheme (EES) Success



Congratulations to sixth formers, Rachel Curran, Ethan Navis, Amiee Flanagan and Georgia Cassidy who gained a Gold Crest Award and Industrial Cadets Award for their engineering scheme project.

Students worked alongside Jaguar Land Rover engineers to develop a new and improved 'infotainment' test rig, which hopefully Jaguar Land Rover will use in the future. The project ran over 6 months involving hours of hard work and dedication, culminating in a graduation

ceremony. During the feedback our team were told that they were outstanding in all areas. Certainly they were very worthy representatives of Jaguar Land Rover and All Saints.

Their advice to younger students: *"We would recommend that anyone interested in doing the EES project next year should take this opportunity. It's not only for those who are interested in engineering but also anyone who is interested in new skills and meeting new people".*

Theatrical Experiences at All Saints: Lights, Camera, Action!



Drama productions at All Saints are highly professional. The recent production 'If These Walls Could Talk' was a sell-out. Our partnership with the Empire Theatre benefits students enormously as they work alongside professionals from the disciplines of dance, drama and music. Also vital is exposure to professional productions and in April students had the opportunity to watch the 'Woman in Black' at the Lowry Theatre. In May students attended a performance of 'Barnum' at the Liverpool Empire Theatre. Our next school production is 'Mama Mia'. Early booking advised!



Law Society, Liverpool University and All Saints Partnership Programme

All Saints' academically able students in Years 9 and 10 attended a series of presentations delivered by Liverpool University law undergraduates. Topics covered general law, privacy and legal rights. Case studies provided the opportunity for role play with students acting as judge and jury. The aim was to raise awareness of law careers and encourage academic endeavour whilst at school to give greater life chances in the future.

Dream Plan Achieved: Year 10 Liverpool John Moores University

Year 10 students are dreaming, planning and achieving. On Friday 1 May 30 students spent the day experiencing life as a university student. This 3 year programme started when students were in Year 9 and will continue until they complete Year 11. Arousing ambition and promoting a strong work ethic is our aim.



Salters Chemistry Festival: Liverpool John Moores University

Aspiring chemists from Year 8 participated in this prestigious chemistry festival.

Performing a variety of chemical experiments our team, which consisted of Owen Sandford, Hannah Philips, Alex Wooley-Carrol and Abbie Humphries, gained a real insight into the world of chemistry. Who knows where this will take their ambitions?

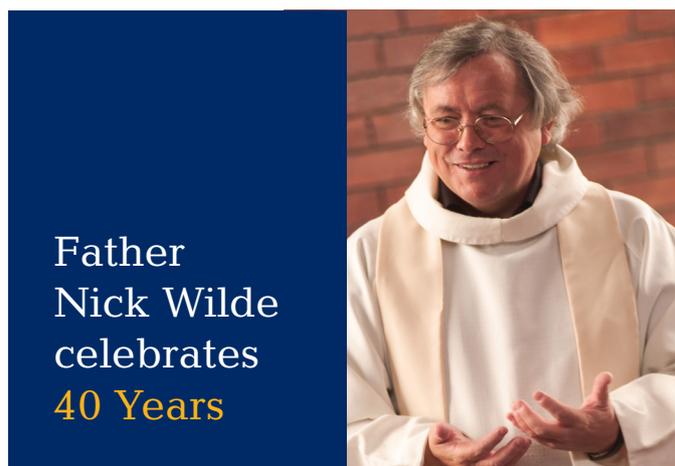
Reading Matters Everywhere: **Drop Everything and Read! (DEAR)**

Year 7 students will indeed drop everything and read for 20 minutes every day. At a given time each day Year 7 will simply read. Students are expected to carry their reading of choice with them but there are lots of school resources too. Aiming to foster a love of reading and improve all pupils' literacy skills, we would ask parents to encourage this by reading at home themselves and using their local library. Help us to build a community of readers!



Literary Event: **Children's author visits All Saints**

Cathy MacPhail, the popular children's author, has been inspiring both our older and younger students. Year 11 worked with Cathy to produce excellent creative writing, a compulsory element of their English GCSE. One student remarked, *"the best revision class ever!"* Year 7 students had the opportunity to hear Cathy read an extract from her gripping children's novel, **'Mosi's War'**, as part of the DEAR initiative.



At 11am on Sunday 10th May at St Joseph's Church, parishioners, family and friends joined Nick to celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl, Josh Bryant and Ellen Oakley, presented Nick with a framed original painting of the All Saints badge and symbols representing the Kirkby community. There were presentations from our local Catholic primary schools, parishioners and friends, including a photograph signed by Everton's football team! Be it as priest, parish priest, Dean of Kirkby, governor, valued friend and colleague, Father Nick's contribution to the community is immeasurable. Thank you, Father Nick.

All Saints Girls Football: Everton in the Community Sports



All Saints Girls footballers, Years 8 and 9, joined a tournament of eight schools organised by Everton in the Community Sports. The eight local schools joined staff and apprentices for an afternoon of high quality football.

All Saints emerged victorious in the competition, triumphing over Notre Dame in the penalty shoot out. This builds on last season's success when All Saints overcame 19 other premier league clubs to be crowned champions in the Premier League Schools Tournament.

We would like to thank Everton Sports Development coaches for all their encouragement and expertise, which has made our success possible.

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Summer School and Primary Liaison

Summer School for our prospective Year 7 students will run from Monday 27 to Friday 31 July. As always, the programme will be action packed with a wide variety of subjects and sports, all aimed at making learning fun and building students' confidence as they approach their secondary school career.

Our Primary School Liaison programme runs throughout the year and involves pupils from Year 3 upwards. Some lessons are taken at All Saints whilst for others, All Saints staff visit the primary schools. Primary pupils also attend key events such as drama productions and Christmas and Summer Fairs.

Sports Qualifications: Year 12 BTEC



Year 12 students organised and led a hybrid netball/ basketball competition for St Joseph's Year 5 pupils. The highly enjoyable event developed the sporting skills of primary pupils at St Joseph's and the leadership skills of All Saints Sixth Form Sports Studies students – an excellent partnership of Kirkby schools.

Pictured is Mollie Guy Smith and Jade Dickinson with medal winners from St Joseph's.

Dates for your diary

Open Day	–	30 June 2015
Intake Evenings	–	8 & 9 July 2015
Final Day of Term	–	20 July 2015