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Welcome to our Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT's newsletter
for our 21 primary and secondary schools across
Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City

Newsletter

Former student's inspirational award



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Following her gold medal win in the KL2 canoe race at this year's Tokyo Paralympics, former All Saints' student Charlotte Henshaw, has been back in Mansfield inspiring the next generation of children.

Charlotte, who attended both St Patrick's and All Saints' in Mansfield,

visited both schools to talk to current students about the importance of working hard to achieve your ambitions. She previously won silver at London 2012 and bronze at Rio 2016 in the 100m breaststroke.

Supporting Charlotte was Mansfield Mayor Andy Abrahams, who surprised

her by presenting a shield named The Charlotte Henshaw Award – a new annual award to recognise pupil achievement at St Patrick's and All Saints' schools.

Charlotte's next challenge will be the 2022 World Championships and has her sights set on Paris 2024.

One Kind Word: Celebrating individuality



To mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week 2021, thousands of pupils in our schools took part in Odd Socks Day. By wearing different socks, pupils were encouraged to celebrate individuality.

Every year, most of our schools support the Anti-Bullying Alliance's campaign to help reduce bullying in schools.

This year's theme, One Kind Word, was a

fantastic way for our pupils to understand how our Gospel Values can stop hurtful behaviour and how one kind word can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.

St Augustine's sporting successes

Children from St Augustine's school have plenty of sporting challenges to celebrate.

Sportshall Athletics is an indoor form of athletics and is the largest competition programme in schools in the UK. The Y5/6 team worked together and their positive, attitude



and behaviour means they go through to the next athletics heat.

Y4 and Y5 also completed the next round of the Nottingham City Sporting Superstars challenge.

A group of Y6 children were trained as sports leaders to run the activities



and did so with accuracy and fairness.

The focus was on personal best, and it was fantastic that so many children were awarded gold wristbands for improving their scores. The children who improved the most in the class received a medal.



Going green with local MP

MP for Rushcliffe Ruth Edwards has inspired children from St Edmund Campion, West Bridgford with her passion for politics.

The School Council invited Ruth to lead an assembly to discuss her role as an MP and how she uses her role to campaign about environmental issues. Each year group got involved by asking Ruth questions about her commitment to the environment and unsurprisingly finding out her favourite colour was green!

The assembly was a great insight into the role of an MP with many of the children inspired to work in a Government role as a future career option.



St Patrick's Wilford EYFS take part in World Youth Funday



Pupils from the EYFS at St Patrick's school in Wilford joined The Becket pupils for mass at their school on World Youth Funday on Friday 19 November.

World Youth Funday recognises the vital role young people play in our church. The children from EYFS celebrated with a non-uniform day to raise funds for the Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre in Crich.

The day was a fantastic opportunity to bring our Trust's oldest and youngest pupils together to celebrate with mass.



Fundraising fun at Our Lady & St Edwards

To celebrate Children in Need, eight House Captains from at Our Lady & St Edwards school organised a Pudsey Bear-filled Friday Fun Day for the whole school.

The captains asked their peers to dress in fancy dress or their own clothes wearing something with the colour yellow.

Fun activities included putting Pudsey back together for Nursery and Key Stage 1, a general knowledge quiz for Key Stage 2 and a danceathon for the whole school. The danceathon started at Breakfast Club and lasted the whole day!

The captains also organised a competition to design a new outfit for Pudsey or Blush to go to a birthday party. Well done to all the school who helped raise over £217.



City schools book benefit



Following a campaign led by Nottingham Citizens UK to gift every city primary school a set of racially and culturally diverse reading books, our city-based schools have been very fortunate to receive them.

#NCBetterBooks campaign aimed to help children understand and appreciate the rich diversity of families, communities and society and to enable children from those backgrounds see themselves better represented in the books they read.

Thank you to all that took part to make this campaign a reality – our schools were delighted to be included.

Holy Trinity aiming for Green Flag accreditation

As part of their eco curriculum, children from Holy Trinity school in Newark have written to Boris Johnson to persuade him to look after our planet and distribute funds fairly to poorer countries.

The school is working towards achieving Eco-Schools Green Flag –acknowledging, rewarding and celebrating the ecological achievements of young people.

The children have also been learning about the impact of litter on our oceans and have made their own pledges to cut down plastic pollution.



The school also joined in Cafod's 'Eyes of the World' campaign where 58,000 children and young people told the UK government that the eyes of the world were on them at COP26.

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