



# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

ST CLARE'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

READ WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN SCHOOL

## Buzzing with excitement for our first Spelling Bee

Last week our Senior Hall was buzzing with excitement for our first St. Clare's Spelling Bee which was organised by Mrs Burns, Head of Faculty for English & Drama and our More Able & Talented ("MAT") Coordinator.

The six primary schools who had accepted the challenge were

Coychurch, Cwmfelin, Maes Yr Haul, Oakleigh House Prep, St Mary's RC, Trelales and of course our own Prep School.



Competition was fierce, with each schools' top Year 5 or Year 6 spellers all competing to be the Spelling Bee Champion. Pupils were required to spell a word in front of a panel of two judges, as

well as a large audience of teachers, pupils and parents.

Our Spelling Bee judges were actress and writer, Karen Paullada, and Prof Roy Thomas from Swansea University.

The atmosphere in the hall was intense but thanks to Mrs Burns' smooth compering, the last 2 pupils managed to stay calm throughout the competition, and they were able to answer every question thrown at them within the time limit.

Despite the tremendous pressure of the final round, Maddison Phillips, a Year 5 pupil from Trelales succeeded as the Spelling Bee Champion. In second place was Keyaan Iqbal from St Clare's Prep.



We can't wait for next year's St Clare's Spelling Bee and hope that even more primary schools will want to compete.

# Year 2 visit Porthcawl Fire Station



<https://www.southwales-fire.gov.uk/>

# Helping the Homeless

Thank you so much to everyone who has been donating items for our Homeless Care Packs. Well done to Year 7 who brought in the most as a year group.



# Senior Enrichment Programme

At St. Clare's School, we endeavour to educate the whole child. Our aim is to send young people out into the world of work as responsible, balanced young citizens. Developing life-skills and character education have always been at the forefront of our day to day pastoral care at St. Clare's but we are now explicitly addressing their development through our Enrichment Programme.

The photos below are from STEM Club and Cooking for University.



# Enrichment Programme in the Prep

Just before half-term Prep pupils took part in their second Enrichment Day. The children took part in vertically mixed groups from Reception to Year 6. They have enjoyed sessions of Yoga, Sign language, Line-dancing, Domino rally and Bingo.



# Social Media Workshop - Y4-Y13 Parents

Several weeks Mrs Smart and Mr Martin ran a Social Media Workshop in the Senior School for parents of pupils from Year 4 to Year 13.

They looked in detail at how Snapchat and Instagram are used and had the invaluable input of our Police Liaison Officer, PC Nick Williams.

If you would like to attend future workshops or have any ideas as to what their content should be, please do get in touch.

You can watch the video here [https://youtu.be/82zgpF-E\\_d4](https://youtu.be/82zgpF-E_d4)

## Year 9 artists study Jackson Pollock

Year 9 were mark making in the style of Jackson Pollock as part of their study of Modern Art.



# “Porthcawl Love It - Don’t Trash It” Schools Project Competition

The ‘Porthcawl Love it- Don’t Trash it’ is a joint collaboration between Bridgend Council’s Street Scene Department, Keep Wales Tidy, Porthcawl Town Council and endorsed by local Mayor, Norah Clarke. The campaign also involves other community stakeholders - ‘Surfers Against Sewage’ and ‘Sea Quest’ and will look to combat littering by preventing the problem arising in the first place. This new innovative campaign will look to combat littering by preventing the problem arising in the first place by helping the local community and businesses, creating positive attitudes towards the town and local environment.

The project will be split into 3 sections which will help pupils build up their knowledge and understanding of litter and the problems it causes.

At the start of the project School Council representatives from Year 1 to Year 6 undertook a **litter survey** in the local area and **developed a report** which can form the basis of the **campaign material, a poster and flyer / sticker**, of messages the pupils would like to see in their local area. There is a competition element to the project with prizes available to pupils for the best poster designs, campaign logos and messages. The competition will be judged by the Mayor of Porthcawl Town Council, BCBC and Keep Wales Tidy. The prizes will be awarded at a special presentation event at the end of the project.



# Mad Science Senior Transition Day

Year 6 pupils spent a fun-packed Senior Transition Day with the Mad Science team in our new Science labs. We understand how unsettling it can be for children to move schools. Our welcoming family environment, dedicated staff and friendly pupils ensure new children settle in with minimum disruption and quickly make new friends.

Our close pastoral care also gives new pupils the confidence they need to progress their education without significant interruption, and to achieve their full potential.

**Our next Transition Day is Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April.**



# St. Clare's School Nursery

We are a 'Top 20 Recommended Nursery (Wales) 2018'

Our Nursery pupils have been learning about Chinese New Year. They have done themed crafts and tried to eat rice with chopsticks.

They love their Spanish lessons with Senora Cheverton every Friday morning.



Our small class sizes mean early enrolment is advisable to secure your child's place in the Nursery.



# St. Clare's Junior Cross-Country Success

**Best team scores for Years 5 & 6 of the season at the last race at CCYD**

**[Race report by Mr M Gatt]**

Ben R. 6<sup>th</sup>, Jo P. 9<sup>th</sup>, Max J. 11<sup>th</sup>, Grace J. 5<sup>th</sup>, Niamh M. 20<sup>th</sup> and Juliet G. 24<sup>th</sup>. Year 5 & 6 boys came first, Year 5/6 girls came 3<sup>rd</sup>. All Year 3 & 4 runners ran really well. Presentation fun race at Bryntirion on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April.



# St. David's Day Celebrations in the Prep

**Nursery and Prep pupils will be taking part in St David's Day Celebrations on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.**

Children should come to school wearing one of the following:-

- Traditional Welsh costume
- Plain black bottoms and a Welsh rugby top **or** a red top.



# St Clare's Art Department

A huge thank you to Leaf Interiors at Pyle Garden Centre for donating some gorgeous fabrics. We can't wait to put them to good use.



Another huge thank you to Ms Reynolds, a Year 9 parent, for all the lovely art books she has kindly given to the Art Department.

## Share the Secret -get £500 off your fees\*



As valued parents, we know that you already recognise the importance of a first class education and the benefits that this can bring for your child both today and in the future. For many parents, choosing a school is one of the most important decisions that they will make for their children and by choosing the right one, the benefits can last a lifetime. Many parents who come to St. Clare's School tell us that they first heard about us from a friend who already has a child at our school. We very much value and appreciate the recommendations that our existing parents give and believe that such positive reinforcement deserves recognition. With this in mind, we would like to remind you that we will reward any introductions from our existing parents that result in a new pupil joining St. Clare's School at the start of the Autumn Term 2019.

### ***How it works***

If you refer a friend or colleague to St. Clare's School and their child(ren) are admitted to St. Clare's by the start of Autumn Term 2019, we will give you a reward of £500 for each pupil introduced. This will take the form of a credit against your termly fees for the following autumn term 2020 and there is no limit to the number of introductions you can make. This does not apply to families who have already enquired or ex-pupils of the school. For full terms & conditions contact Holly Fowlkes.

### ***Making an introduction***

If you would like to introduce a pupil to and benefit from this reward, simply contact Holly Fowlkes our Registrar and Marketing Manager directly [holly.fowlkes@stclares-school.co.uk](mailto:holly.fowlkes@stclares-school.co.uk) or (01656) 789966 and tell her that you will be making a referral. Please make sure that the person you are referring also tells Holly that they have been introduced by you.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March	School re-opens
	St David's Day celebrations in Nursery and Prep
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 Parents' Evening 4:00-6:00pm
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (whole school)
	Romeo & Juliet (Cardiff) trip KS4
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Parents Evening, A-Level Options Evening, Careers Evening 4-6pm
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Morning starts at 9:00am Book here <a href="https://bit.ly/2izMW2p">https://bit.ly/2izMW2p</a>
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Proposed date for Duke of Edinburgh Walk – Gower overnight (Year 11)
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8 Parents' Evening 4-6pm
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Prep Parents' Evenings all week (details to follow shortly)
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Senior Transition Day # 3
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Scholarship Day
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Open Evening 5:30-7:30pm
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 12 Music Scholarship Assessment
	Prep Music Concert 5:30pm
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter holidays

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✚ As per Section 9 of the Parent Contract (Terms & Conditions), **the School requires a full Term's Written Notice.** For example, if your child is not going to be returning to the School in September 2019, written notice must be received in school on or **before Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**
- ✚ If you change your address or telephone/mobile details, please inform the School Secretary immediately.
- ✚ If your child suffers from sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last bout of illness.