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# EASTER NEWSLETTER

## ST CLARE'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents

I would like to begin by thanking the pupils, parents and staff for the support I have received. St. Clare's is a fantastic place to work and I feel extremely privileged to lead such a successful school. At St. Clare's we aspire to give our pupils the best start in life, underpinned by three key elements; a rich and exciting academic curriculum, encouragement to explore their personal strengths and develop their character and a learning experience which fosters empathy and a global mind-set.

This term we have continued our focus on providing children with a global education and we have created links with other Cognita schools. In October, our Year 12 pupils went to study in The British School of Barcelona. Our Year 6 pupils will also be going to Barcelona with Oakleigh House in June. They will be visiting The British School of Barcelona and they will have the opportunity to practise speaking Spanish. I am very much looking forward to hearing all about their adventure on their return.

In March, we also had the pleasure of hosting ten students from three of the Cognita schools in Chile. Both our students and the Chilean students gained a tremendous amount from this experience through sharing

language and cultural experiences. We are hoping to organise a school trip to Chile in the future.

We have had many successes this term including the school's first 'Spelling Bee', which was very well attended by Year 5 and 6 classes from many local schools. I was extremely proud of the performance from the St. Clare's team and one of our pupils came second, which is a fantastic achievement!

We have also seen many sporting successes with the Prep School cross-country teams; they have performed very well during every cross-country competition on a Saturday morning. In the final competition, several of our pupils performed extremely well and were awarded positions in the elite race and the girls' team for Year 5 and Year 6 came third overall!

Our Prep School rugby team have also performed extremely well this year and on the last Friday of term, they won the semi-final of the Bridgend District competition. I have every confidence that we will win the final and they will be bringing the trophy back to St. Clare's!

Your opinions are greatly valued and for me, this year has been very much about listening to parental and pupil voice. I would like to thank you for

completing our most recent 'Voice of the Parent' survey as this provides us with the opportunity to understand what you feel we are doing well and if you feel there are areas to develop.

As a linguist, I am delighted with the way in which the Prep School pupils have embraced the new Spanish curriculum and it was great to receive such positive feedback from you regarding this area in 'Voice of the Parent.'

In the summer term we will be organising new parental engagement events, a presentation afternoon at the school and a family fun day.

Extra-curricular provision has been an area for development and I believe the new Enrichment Programme throughout the school has been a great success this year.

We will continue to listen to your views regarding this area and we will develop the enrichment and extra-curricular activities, which will include community-volunteering projects such as, 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party.'

In the summer term, the extra-curricular provision will be developed further with the introduction of some exciting new clubs and activities after school and at lunchtime.

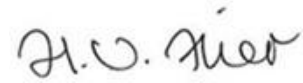


As the spring term draws to a close, pupils in Year 11 and Year 13 are preparing to sit their GCSE and A-Level examinations. I would like to wish each and every one of them the very best of luck. It is a difficult and stressful time for them, but I have every confidence that they will do very well and they can then enjoy a long summer break before starting their exciting new journeys in September.

We shall be very sorry to say goodbye to our Year 13 students, but they will keep in touch and they have great futures ahead of them. They have been offered places in prestigious universities, which include Oxford, Exeter and Cardiff to study for degrees which include Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Medicine, Music and English.

Finally, I wish you all a lovely Easter break and I look forward to seeing you after the holidays, to start an exciting summer term.

Kind regards



Helen Hier, Headteacher

## Junior Cross Country results

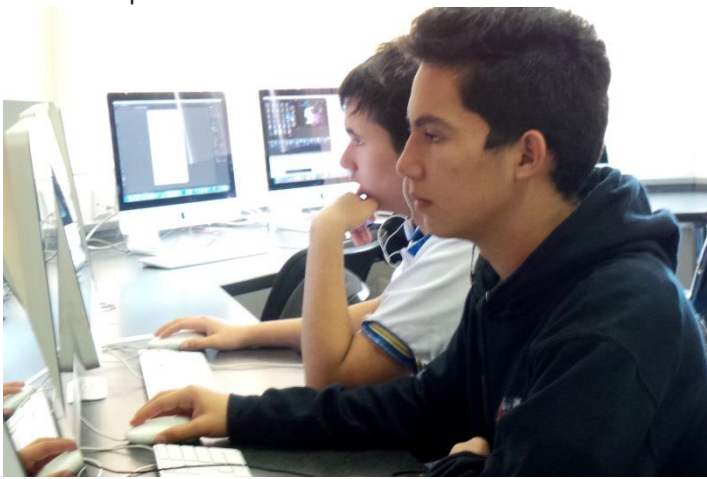
Our juniors (Year 3 to Year 6) have performed really well during every one of the Bridgend Primary Schools Cross Country League 2018/19 on a Saturday morning. In the final competition at Bryntirion Comprehensive several of our pupils performed extremely well and were awarded positions in the elite race and the girls' team for Year 5 and Year 6 came third overall! The Rotary Club of Bridgend sponsors this event and creates the opportunity to help promote running for school children within the Bridgend area.



# Developing a global mindset

Did you know that Cognita Schools Group has 70+ schools around the world in eight countries? UK, Spain, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Brazil and Chile.

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Tenpin bowling in Cardiff with our Chilean visitors.



Connecting and collaborating with peers across the Cognita world deepens our learning and builds our global perspective.

# Year 1 visit Cardiff Museum

Firstly, the children enjoyed a workshop where they were able to handle fossils and real dinosaur teeth. Then they used instruments to accompany a story. After lunch, they explored the Natural History Museum where they learned about the evolution of the world and saw the dinosaur exhibition. Many interesting things to see, including footprints of a dinosaur found in Porthcawl.



# Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition on the Gower Coast



**Year 11 students undertook their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition on the Gower Coast, staying in a bunkhouse this time, so no need to strike camp.**

**Their expedition ended at the National Trust Visitor Centre in Rhosilli. A chance to take off their boots!**



# Monkey Music Party in the Nursery



Our Nursery pupils loved the Monkey Music Party with Emma. It was also a great opportunity to welcome visitors who were really impressed with what they saw.



# Brilliant costumes for World Book Day



# Love Porthcawl - don't trash it!



Y6 and our prep school council took part in the Porthcawl Council 'Porthcawl - Love it, don't trash it' initiative. It involved a beach and street litter pick and the pupils tallied the various litter materials that were picked and presented the data in a pie chart. They then used this information as the basis of their marketing project that included designing posters and flyers which would be judged by the organisers and our winners would then be compared against all the other winners in Porthcawl primary schools.

The overall winning poster and flyer would be used by Porthcawl Council for pasting up around Porthcawl this summer and posted through all the residents' doors.

Niamh M in Y6 won our schools competition but lost out to Newton for the overall winning poster but Y6 Freddie T's flyer has been chosen and will be reproduced as the official flyer! His slogan 'Porthcalling all residents - Pick up your litter!' will be read by thousands of locals and hopefully help in keeping our streets and beaches clean. On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March our head prefects and head/ deputy head of school council presented a PowerPoint project summarising what we have been doing for the initiative, our data and the conclusions we have made. It was an excellent afternoon and our pupils really did us proud with how well they spoke and presented our project. The overall initiative has involved learning in many curriculum areas, gaining a deeper understanding about how littering impacts the wider world and also working collaboratively as a team to a given deadline. It has been a fun and very positive experience for all pupils and hopefully will help in educating themselves and all Porthcawl residents in keeping our locality clean and tidy. The pupils were then rewarded by having ADA Recycling and Environmental Training providing workshops for the junior classes and also a concert in school by the Gregory Brothers who used musical theatre to highlight the importance of good waste management on our homes and communities.

[Report by Mr Emanuel]

## Prep school rugby news



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they will be bringing the trophy back to St. Clare's!



## Congratulations!



Y10 pupil Abby won her matches when she took London by storm with everyone talking about her second match as the best standard of tennis the spectators had seen!

She now moves to a LTA rating of 7.2 - a huge achievement considering she had her first tennis lesson 3 years ago.

## Congratulations!



Y6 pupil Keyaan represented Bridgend District School boys in the Welsh Schools football finals. The competition has been running since 1955, with schools competing during the season to make the finals. It was the first time in a number of years that Bridgend have managed to make the finals

***Don't forget to tell us your news from outside of school. Whether it's on or off the sports field, we want to hear about it! Email [holly.fowlkes@stclares-school.co.uk](mailto:holly.fowlkes@stclares-school.co.uk) so that we can give our talented pupils the recognition they deserve.***

## Summer Uniform

**All Prep School pupils should be wearing their Summer Uniform after the Easter Holidays.**



Girls in the Senior School may wear the summer blouse if they wish, and long black socks instead of tights are acceptable.

[www.perryuniform.co.uk](http://www.perryuniform.co.uk)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date  |   |
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| Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April                                  | Summer Term begins  |
| Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May                                     | May Day Bank Holiday  |
| Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May                                    | INSET Day # 5   |
| Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May                                  | Open Morning starts at 9:00am Book here <a href="https://bit.ly/2izMW2p">https://bit.ly/2izMW2p</a> |
| Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May                                    | Friends of St Clare's Meeting 2:45pm  |
| Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May                                    | Sixth Form Farewell Afternoon Tea   |
| Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May to<br>Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May | Summer half-term  |
| Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                                    | First day back after half-term  |
|   | Year 6 Barcelona trip departs   |
| Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June                                    | Awards Day  |
| Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> June                                   | Internal exams week (Years 7 – 10)  |
| Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June                                | Open Morning starts at 9:00am Book here <a href="https://bit.ly/2izMW2p">https://bit.ly/2izMW2p</a> |
| Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July                                   | Break up  |
| Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> August                               | A-Level Results Day   |
| Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> August                               | GCSE Results Day  |
| Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September                               | INSET Day # 1   |
| Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September                              | INSET Day #2  |
| Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September                            | Autumn Term begins  |

## REMINDERS

- ✚ As per Section 9 of the Terms & Conditions ("Parent Contract"), **the School requires One 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 **before Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**
- ✚ All Prep School pupils should be wearing their Summer Uniform after the Easter Holidays.
- ✚ If you change your 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.