

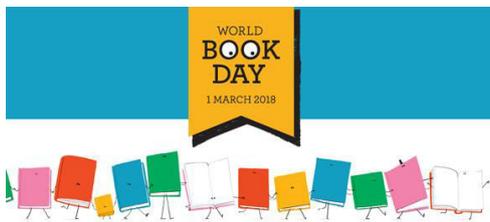
# St. John's Newsletter Spring: March 2018



## World Book Day

Some of the college students from Miss D'Orsi's Class helped to organize and run the Mad Hatter's Tea Party on 8<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate World Book Day. The event had to be postponed for a week due to the snow. It was a huge success and was supported by the parents, students and staff and raised over £90 which has been shared between CAFOD and PhabKids. The aim of the occasion was to promote reading and storytelling. As in previous years each student was given a voucher which could be exchanged for a small book at participating stores.

# Keep Reading!



## Sport Relief

We estimate that a staggering 100 miles was walked, in total by students and staff who took part in the 'Step Up to It' challenge on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Each student walked seven laps of the field which added up to a mile. There was a great atmosphere of determination and fun which are essential ingredients for 'getting the job done'! There wasn't a moan or a groan to be heard as the students made their way around the course.

The parents need to take some credit too, for supporting this good cause. £100 was raised on the day. Many thanks for your continued support! Many thanks to Miss Sainsbury and Mr Woods for organizing the event.



## Semi-Formal Curriculum

**Food** was the topic for the term. Students learned about food from all over the world. They tasted food from many different countries. They also learned about healthy eating and making good choices.



## End of Term

**Mass** On Tuesday Father Bob Hamill came to the school for Reconciliation and he celebrated Mass in the afternoon. During Mass some of the students took part in the Passion Play which told the story about Palm Sunday, The Last Supper and the Crucifixion.

**Spring Concert** On Wednesday afternoon students from the BTEC Performing Arts treated us to a wonderful performance with Steel Pans and African Drums. They also performed a short dramatization of Anansi. It was clear to the audience what a strong and polished group of performers they have become! Other dance groups performed to familiar 'toe tapping' tunes which inspired audience participation. It was great that some of our Governors, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Attwood were able to attend as well as some of the Sisters from the Convent. Their support is always appreciated!

**The Easter Bunny** made his/her annual visit to the school on Thursday morning. To great anticipation and excitement Easter Eggs were handed out to all the students.

## Curriculum News: KS5

As part of their Skills for Independence and Work, KS5 students have undertaken a number of trips to London using a variety of transport: bus, underground train and ferry. One group went to the Science Museum while another group went to the ExCel Centre for the Hair and Beauty Exhibition. 24 students have completed the coursework and examination in the BTEC Jamie Oliver: Home Cooking Skills. They have worked very hard and have produced



## Message from the Headteacher

Despite being interrupted by the snow we had a very busy and productive term. I enjoyed reading the school reports which show the work and achievements of the students. I look forward to seeing you all at Parents' Evening on Wednesday 2nd May.

I would like to wish you all a safe and restful break with all the joys and wonders of this lovely season of spring and Easter. School reopens on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs Wendy Killilea, Head of School



Congratulations to the following students who have won the Jack Petchey Award for the Spring Term: Sophia Sims, Nathan Rust and William Mayhew.