

# I AM A DISCIPLE FOR YOU JESUS

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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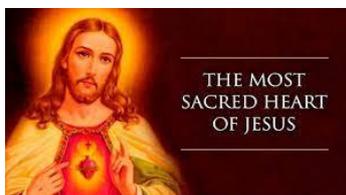
Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's return to school has been a very exciting one as we held our opening ceremony for the **Holy Souls Olympic Games 2021**.

The wonderful display on the playground and in school has been created by Mrs Corrigan and we thank her for all her hard work in planning, organising and leading this wonderful event! It was fantastic and was summed up by Niamh in Year 3 who told me **"It was the best day ever!"**

Our thanks to the sponsors and to you our families for raising funds to host this event. Please see the pictures below.

The flags on display have reminded us of the many countries in our world and how we are all neighbours and friends with one another. This was shared in the beautiful CAFOD Fratelli Tutti National Assembly that we joined in with on Thursday.



**Today we have enjoyed celebrating Holy Mass with our Parish Family on this the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart. The children enjoyed a day of prayer, reflection and activities.**

Let us think and pray...

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in you.**

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Enjoy a sunny weekend and the football! God bless, Mrs Girling

YEAR 2: EDWARD & ELISE

STAFF MEMBER: MRS CORRIGAN  
YEAR 1: MAYAH & HARLEY

RECEPTION: RICCO & ROSIE

YEAR 3: ENYA & HOLLIE

YEAR 4: LIKA & DARIA

YEAR 6: MOSES & MATTHEW & OLIVIA

YEAR 5: COREY & TYLER

## TO BRING GOOD NEWS, TO SHINE FOR YOU.

Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church – PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN ON THE WEBSITE

MASS IS AVAILABLE VIA LIVE STREAM ON YOU TUBE

MASS TIMES – Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00pm Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm.



This week's we congratulate our **Leaders for Learning** for doing their very best!

RTA	Jakub & Paddy	4PC	Callum & Ethan
RTH	Bobbie & Jacob	4W	Liam & Tia
1KF	Colby & Amelia	5F	Max & Evie
1G	Ethan & Ava	5MS	Jack & Harrison
2WM	Liam & Sania	6K	Caitlyn & Jasmine
2B	Vanessa & Alex	6C	Tylor & Tomi
3W	Darcie & Niamh	6M	Rayan & Liam
3TB	Esme & Saibah	<b>We look forward to Games and activities in Golden Time!</b>	

**Children please collect your reward from Mrs Girling.**

**WELL DONE CHILDREN!**



**Congratulations to our pupils in group 7 from Years 3 children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this morning at Parish Mass. Our thanks to Father Jonathan for making it so very special and to the staff in Year 3 for preparing them so well. Your family, friends and staff at school, our parish and St Teresa of Calcutta MAC are all very proud of you.**

**This week in school....**

**Claire Craddock (World's End Junior School) visited school and is working with Miss Myatt and Miss Byrne with developing our Maths Curriculum.**

**Kaleigh visited Mrs Wade and Mrs Gill to help with staff training for our Forest School.**

**PCSO's Gareth and John called in to visit and had fun on the playground!**

**Our Local Governing Body held their final meeting of the year.**

**The Head Teachers and Parish priests from our MAC Schools and Mr Devlin Catholic Life Lead for the MAC Board enjoyed a retreat on Servant Leadership and Mission led by Canon Jonathan.**

**Mrs Wade and the Phonics Team attended training at The Rosary School.**

## RSHE

Please check your emails to ensure you have had the opportunity to read the information regarding Relationship, Sex and Health Education. My thanks to Miss S Wood for leading on this and preparing the staff so thoroughly as we begin the units in the next few weeks.



**THE WHOLE SCHOOL FOR A WONDERFUL START TO OUR OLYMPICS.**



**THE GOLD MEDAL IS AWARDED TO MRS CORRIGAN FOR ALL OF HER HARD WORK AND EXCELLENT ORGANISATION.**



**We all had a fantastic time and look forward to competing for our countries over the next few weeks!**



## SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Each week we will be sharing ideas on how to keep safe or sign posting to organisations that may be of help.

### County Lines—What is it?

(Courtesy of WM Police)

It is likely you will have heard the term 'County Lines' in the news over the last few months. This is a real and growing form of criminal activity that exists nationally, regionally across the West Midlands.

To explain, it is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs from urban areas into rural areas. The leaders of these gangs are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults, often without them realising it, to move (and store) drugs and money. They use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons.

There may be signs of a change in a young person's behaviour such as:

- Returning home late, staying out all night or going missing
- Being found in areas away from home
- Increasing drug use, or being found to have large amounts of drugs on them
- Being secretive about who they are talking to and where they are going

- Unexplained absences from school, college, training or work
- Unexplained money, phones, clothes or jewellery
- Increasingly disruptive or aggressive behaviour
- Using sexual, drug-related or violent language you wouldn't expect them to know
- Coming home with injuries or looking particularly dishevelled
- Having hotel cards or keys to unknown places

Schools and local police are working together to spot signs of exploitation and ensure young people are safe. If you know a child that may be at risk as described they will need support and police should be advised on 101 if you have any concerns.

#### Useful websites about this issue

<https://www.fearless.org/professionals/resources/gangs>  
<https://www.youandco.org.uk/crime-info/violent-crime-facts/gangs-and-street-violence>  
<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-is-county-lines>  
<https://www.spurgeons.org/>

## Domestic Violence Services

[www.thehideout.org.uk](http://www.thehideout.org.uk) is aimed specifically at children who have experienced domestic violence

[www.bswaid.org](http://www.bswaid.org) Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid Helpline: 0808 800 0028

[www.rightsofwomen.org.uk](http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk) Rights of Women Legal Advice Line: Free confidential legal advice on family law, divorce and relationship breakdown, children and contact issues, domestic violence, sexual violence, discrimination and lesbian parenting. A number of fact sheets are available free to download.

**Legal Advice Line:** 020 7251 6577

[www.womensaid.org.uk](http://www.womensaid.org.uk) National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247 - 24 hour free phone

More information about your options can be found at: [www.womensaid.org.uk](http://www.womensaid.org.uk)

**For male victims of Domestic Abuse:**

[www.mensadvice.org.uk](http://www.mensadvice.org.uk) M.A.L.E: Men's Advice Line & Enquiries: Confidential helpline for male victims of domestic violence 0808 801 0327

**If you have any concerns about the safety and/or welfare of a child or young person telephone the Children's Advice & Support Service (CASS) on 0121 303 1888. Outside of normal office hours please call 0121 675 4806 for the Emergency Duty Team. Parents should not email the Head to report concerns.**

## Fratelli Tutti

This week the children virtually joined CAFOD and learnt about Fratelli Tutti. This is the Pope's third encyclical and he asks us to think about our world and how we can cooperate to help each other in other countries. Pope Francis wants us to build a fraternal love which means caring for every man, woman, young and old. "Each of us bringing the richness of our faiths and beliefs, each of us with our own voice, brothers and sisters all."

Year 2 enjoyed watching the Fratelli Tutti CAFOD assembly. They know that they have to show love and kindness to everybody and enjoyed discussing how they can help people who are less fortunate than us.



Year 3 enjoyed watching the Fratelli Tutti CAFOD assembly. They thought about the world they want to live in. They recapped on what they had thought about 'Eyes of the World' and how we all need to take action to look after our world.

We sent home the Bishop's Pastoral letter a few weeks ago and he asked us to act to help stop the climate crisis, help the world's poorest communities and reclaim our common home. The children will be thinking of ways in the next few weeks to follow our Bishop's direction and help others around the world.

If you would like to watch the video with your children at home please click on the link below:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Primary-school-assemblies/Fratelli-Tutti-primary>

