



St Benedict's Newsletter



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CHILDREN IN NEED The Sixth Form was full of characters today with students going to great lengths to dress up and have fun to raise money for charity. The events, organised by Year 13 Health and Social Care Students, also included a cake sale enjoyed by the whole school and lunchtime sales of sweets and chocolate marshmallows. We are pleased to announce that a fantastic total of £490 has been raised to be split between Children in need and the Home Farm Trust, a charity supporting adults with learning disabilities. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING On Tuesday this week, we welcomed prospective students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening. Our students were on hand to welcome guests and give them an insight into studying in the Sixth Form and feedback we have received has been very positive.

SHOE BOX APPEAL Many thanks to the staff, students and parents who supported our annual shoebox appeal, working with Teams4U in Evesham. This year, we collected 106 shoeboxes which will be delivered to children living in poverty in Romania. On Monday 14 November, we delivered our shoeboxes to the warehouse in Evesham and we were given the opportunity to look around to see how it all works. Special thanks to Year 13 student Rebekah Randles, who has volunteered with Teams4U for several years, and has taken the time to coordinate our appeal in school. Rebekah, along with many other St Benedict's students, volunteers her time during evenings and over weekends, to help to pack the shoeboxes ready for them to be loaded onto the lorry which will travel overland to Romania.



TOK WEEK Last week saw our first ever TOK Week in the Sixth Form. TOK (Theory of Knowledge) is taught as part of the IB Core and for a whole week, staff and students enjoyed demonstrations, talks, mazes and competitions that certainly gave us all food for thought. The TOK team would like to firstly thank all the Sixth Form teachers who set the TOK bells ringing in their classrooms! Secondly, the students who so kindly gave their time and insights. Highlights of the week included a demonstration of Schrödinger's Cat, a talk from our American student about his American/English problems of translation and a

brilliantly simple demonstration of stereotyping from a group of Language and Literature students. Mr Sindroja had everyone painting their own fractal, Mrs Davies's TED talk screenings caught the attention of unsuspecting viewers at lunch time, and more than a few got drawn in to our 'Perceptual Maze'. Mr Holland's TOK metaphor competition was won by Eleanor Smallbone, who thoughtfully reflected that "TOK is a balloon; always expanding and bursting at the seams." Thanks to all who participated and helped to fill our TOK Week until it was bursting at the seams!



YEAR 10 PGL NETBALL During the first weekend in November, the Year 10 Netball team travelled to Liddington PGL for a weekend of Netball. We played a tough tournament against Year 11 students and club and county teams, giving us the opportunity to improve our netball skills as well as our team work. On the first day, we didn't have much luck, however, on day 2 we had a win in our early morning match against Hawley Place school, when we beat their Year 10 team 9-7. As well as the Netball tournament, there were many outdoor activities which included a giant swing, abseiling and a zip wire and on Saturday evening, we travelled to a local church to join the parish for Mass. Overall, we feel our netball vastly improved and we had a great time joining in on the fun activities. Written by Victoria Hyslop.



We pray this week for the courage to stand up to bullying by using our power for good. We thank God for the people who work hard to make our school a safe place and pray that we can work together to bring out the best in each other and to put a stop to bullying. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bethan Sykes who represented Warwickshire in the County Championships on Saturday. Bethan qualified to compete as the top cross country runner from the Warwickshire trials and finished 17th out of 60 runners in the County Championships. We are all very proud of Bethan's efforts and achievement in Cross Country. One to look out for in the future.

NETBALL NEWS The season has got off to a superb start with excellent commitment and participation from pupils across all year groups. It is fantastic to see so many young athletes out for training on Wednesday after-school and I would like to encourage more to join. There have been a number of games since the start of the year showing great potential and improvement in all year groups.

There have been tournaments for the following teams so far this year:

YEAR 11 came 6th in their tournament. The girls that represented the team were a great credit to the School. Tara Kilkenny and Ella Colorado from Year 10 played up for the U16 team. They were motivated and positive throughout the entire tournament, showing effective movement and play around the court, true representatives of St Benedict's.

YEAR 10 came 3rd in their tournament. There was a fantastic vibe amongst the team and superb support for each other within the game. The girls should be extremely proud and continue to work hard during the rest of the season.

YEAR 9 came 4th in their tournament, just missing out on 3rd place. It came down to goal difference to determine the winners. An excellent tournament, where the girls fought all the way through their games to maintain/ regain possession.

YEAR 7 (pictured right) are off to a flying start, playing their first game against Alcester Academy. Both teams won their games winning 9-2 and 9-1 and showing elements of excellent play.



ROWING On Monday, students from Years 8 and 10 took part in a rowing competition. The girls showed great enthusiasm and support for each other throughout the event. Both Years 8 and 10 came 4th in their events, including both individual and team scores. A very good effort from all the girls.

EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS	
Monday	Year 7 & 8 Football Training
Tuesday	Year 9, 10 & 11 Football Training Girls Football Training
Wednesday 23 Nov	Year 9, 10 & 11 Netball Training
Wednesday 30 Nov	Year 7 & 8 Netball Training
Wednesday 7 Dec	Year 9, 10 & 11 Netball Training
Wednesday 14 Dec	Year 7 & 8 Netball Training
Thursday Lunchtime	House Games
All netball and football training will be held indoors at The Greig	



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 23 November	GCSE Awards Evening
Mon 28 November to Fri 4 December	Year 8 Trip to Alton Castle
Wednesday 7 December	Carol Service - 4.30pm and 7pm

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