



St Francis of Assisi Catholic College

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St Francis of Assisi Feast Day

It was a joy to celebrate our faith and Patron Saint on Friday 2nd October in school. Form time through to the end of Period 2 was spent focussing on 'the world we want', reflecting on current problems and then pledging to make a difference.

Period 3 we all celebrated Mass in a very unique way. Mass was pre-recorded and then played in every classroom across the school. The tone and atmosphere was amazing and it was a wholly numinous experience that was moving to be part of.

Below are some of our students with their pledges.



Mr Salkeld update

As we conclude Week 5 of this first half term I can only again thank everyone for their support, diligence and hard work. There are so many significant changes in school and yet everyone has adapted and embraced the necessary change. The introduction of a 'movement bell' means everyone has a 3 minute transition to get to their next lesson for a punctual and purposeful start. It is great to see so many move with haste but in a calm and safe way. Students enjoy their break and lunch in their 'bubble' and the addition of hot food to our safe canteen service has been well received.

There have been enormous changes for staff too but again everyone has taken this opportunity to deliver the curriculums that we are very proud of and continue to embed our Knowledge booklets and phases of learning.

It is a challenge to keep up the many traditions that we hold dear but I am pleased to say that on Wednesday 14th October we will be laying a wreath at the Aldridge War Memorial in preparation for Remembrance day and will be selling poppies and encouraging all students and staff to buy and wear one.

SFA students and culture

How lovely it is to report that this is the type of student we all help mould.

Last night I caught the public bus from Aldridge to Walsall and there were about six Y8 students on it. All were well behaved but XXX saw me on board, came across and had a chat "how's your day been sir", asked if the group of boys were being too noisy (they weren't) and showed impeccable manners. He even said It's been lovely talking to you, do you mind if I go back to my friends now?"

When the group got off in Walsall town centre XXX let other passengers off first, thanked the driver and just showed above and beyond exemplary behaviour.

No less than three fellow commuters commented to me on what a great role model and ambassador for St Francis XXX is!

Y7 Welcome Club

In a Covid world it is a challenge to run extra curricular clubs but it is our ambition to get these started again soon. The first trial has been of the Year 7 Welcome Club and it has been a joy to see so many students involved in Art, cooking, sports, and board games.

Transitioning to a new environment can be hard but tis initiative helps grow new friendships and consolidate old ones and is a great way to connect with staff outside of the classroom. Well done to everyone involved!

Literacy Words of the week

Environment

Definitions:

- 1) The air, water, and land in or on which people, animals, and plants live.
- 2) Someone's environment is all the circumstances, people, things, and events around them that influence their life.

In a sentence: St Francis is the patron saint of the environment.

The school is a safe environment.

Capable

Definition:

Having the ability, fitness, or quality necessary to do or achieve a specified thing.

In a sentence:

I am capable of achieving great things.

Calendar and Up coming events...

- Wednesday 7th October—Y12 Supporting Success Evening (Remote)
- Monday 12th October— Equipment Focus Week
- Monday 19th October- Praise Breakfasts celebrations this week
- Friday 23rd October—Half term begins at 15:30
- Monday 2nd November—All return to school after half term