



Vocations Mass at St Patrick's Catholic Church

We were honoured to lead the Coventry wide Vocation's Mass on Thursday 24th May at St Patrick's Church led by Archbishop Bernard Longley. Thank you to all that helped on the day and in particular the Archbishop and the parish priests of our Romero schools.

Message from the Chair

Dear All in our Romero Family,

As this academic year draws to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support to our MAC, with us now completing three years of operation.

We are regrettably saying goodbye to two of our Principals with Debbie Newman (Corpus Christi) retiring after 11 years as a leader of our school. Yvonne Clarke (Good Shepherd) is also moving onto pastures new in Warwickshire. Both obviously move on with our best wishes and our sincere thanks for their contributions to our schools and MAC as a whole.

As a MAC family, we held a Romero Celebrates evening earlier in July for the staff teams across the whole MAC to recognise their continued and significant contributions to our drive to become a Beacon of Excellence for Catholic education. In addition, just last week we held our inaugural Romero Sports Awards at Cardinal Wiseman, celebrating individual and team sporting successes. This is important as we continue to reflect on the focussed MAC review we went through with Ofsted in March. The board has an agreed action plan to address the recommendations made within the letter we received (available via our website) and it's important that we recognise the improvements it reflected.

Our centralised services team have been working hard all year to see us deliver the benefits of working collaboratively as one organisation and this has seen a huge number of successes that have helped us invest in our schools and pupils without impacting

on our front line provision. This activity is equally pivotal in the years to come as the Government's National Funding Formula (NFF) has a big, regrettably negative impact on our funding. We will continue to try and work smarter to realise continued economies of scales and reducing unnecessary expenditure. We've also seen two new Nurseries opened this term at Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's and these offer fantastic provision to our pre-school children and families. In addition, the minibuses that have been introduced across the academies are already having a positive impact in the schools and on our travel expenditure costs.

Looking to the future, I am delighted to announce some very positive outcomes within our Primary Schools for this academic year, reflecting some significant efforts from our fantastic teams. We keep in our prayers and thoughts those students at Cardinal Wiseman who will receive their KS4 and KS5 outcomes in August. We hope that these reflect the significant improvements that have happened at the school and that will continue to happen.

Finally, I wish you and your families a very happy and relaxing Summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Dean Kavanagh, Chair of The Board



Working Smarter Together

The items highlighted below are examples of our strength working collaboratively as a MAC.

Catholic Senior Executive Leader

The Board of Directors of the Romero Multi Academy are delighted to announce that Helen Quinn has been appointed as the Catholic Senior Executive Leader. Helen is a National Leader of Education, Ofsted Inspector and has proven systems leadership through a range of educational partnerships and collaborations including establishing the Blue Sky Teaching Alliance (Coventry). Following the start of her teaching career at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School in 1994, she went on to lead Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School in Coventry to multiple Ofsted Outstanding judgements. Helen has served most recently as Executive Principal in the Romero MAC, acting as Accounting Officer since its inception in 2015, and is engaged in a range of regional and national advisory groups.

Upon appointment, Helen expressed her commitment to the children of Coventry and the Romero MAC, and stated "It is with much enthusiasm as well as humility that I take on the role of Catholic Senior Executive Leader in the Romero MAC at such an important time in its development. I have significant ambition for all members of our community and know we can develop and grow together."



Outstanding Ofsted - Sacred Heart

Paul Madia, Principal at Sacred Heart said: "We are extremely proud to be rated as Outstanding for the second consecutive time. We have been through a number of Ofsted framework changes and each time the bar has been raised making it even harder to achieve outstanding, which makes the outcome of our latest inspection even more rewarding. The report praises everyone from across the school, including our incredible staff and senior leadership team, our Local Academy Committee and of course our excellent children. We are a united team working towards the same goal, and at the end of the day it's all about the children so we are delighted to provide them with a school they can be proud of. Myself and Executive Principal Helen Quinn would like to thank everyone for their support in helping us achieve this Outstanding success. One of the school's main strap lines is where memories are made - so of course we celebrated in style by holding a non-uniform day where we had a bouncy castle and a visit from an ice cream van. We now look forward to the next exciting stage at Sacred Heart as work on our new nursery building has begun."



New Romero football and netball kits

We are delighted to have agreed a contract for new football and netball kits across the primary schools. We spoke to a number of potential suppliers and Akuma won the contract based on their tailored offer and professional approach. Our children looked very impressive at the recent Catholic rally and St Patrick's won silver in the netball and Corpus Christi won bronze in the football.

This continues our Romero wide branding as defined in our Romero communications strategy.



Funding Co-ordinator - Caroline Clarke

This term we welcome Caroline Clarke who has been appointed to the vacancy of Funding Co-ordinator and Bid Writer within the Academy. "I am a former pupil of St John Fisher School and Cardinal Wiseman and my sons also attended SS Peter and Paul and Cardinal Wiseman, so this role is an excellent opportunity for me to give something back. The education sector is a change of direction for me but my aim is to use my knowledge and experience to help enrich the children's lives as much as possible. I plan to work closely with each school across the Academy to explore different fundraising opportunities which will help to support anything from building projects to school books as well as give the children new experiences in areas such as the arts and sports. I will endeavour to meet the challenges faced by schools in the current climate and welcome any ideas, contacts and support from you all."



Romero Event News

Catholic Athletics Competition

On Thursday 21st June, children from our 7 primary schools, competed in the Catholic Athletics Competition at Warwick University. The children were outstanding on the day and many received medals in both track and field. St Patrick's achieved a strong 4th final place out of 18 participating schools with a total of 46 points across various events.



New Nurseries

We are very pleased to have built two new nurseries recently at Sacred Heart and St Gregory's. The impressive facilities offer our youngest children a fantastic new learning environment and will help us secure high student numbers into our Reception classes. These two projects continue our work in ensuring we can provide a fantastic education to our children in our schools from 3 to 19.



Cardinal Wiseman Post 16 Sports Academy

We are delighted to announce that the Strachan Football Foundation, led by Gordon Strachan will support our first post 16 sports team at Cardinal Wiseman. They have been very helpful in guiding us through the process and will provide our pupils with outstanding coaching and training facilities at their training centre in Rugby, as we develop our school facilities in the coming months.



Romero Thank You

We held our first Romero Thank You event at Corpus Christi on Friday 6th July. Staff were entertained by a fantastic ceilidh band and treated to a lovely hog roast. Thanks to Corinne Nemeth in the shared services team for negotiating great savings and a cash back deal from ESPO which funded the event.



Hog Roast



Thank You

on behalf of the Principals, LAC Chairs and Board of Directors, thank you for all your hard work this academic year

Come and join us on Friday 6th July 4:30pm - 8pm

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School
Langbank Avenue, Coventry, CV3 2QP



Ceilidh Band



Bring a Bottle



Celebration

Coventry Childrens Mile

Pupils from our 7 primary schools took part in the Coventry Childrens mile on 29th April. It was an early start and a tough run but the children did a great job representing the Academy and raising money for local charities. Congratulations to all involved, a fantastic achievement!



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Nurturing the Talent of Tomorrow

News from our schools

#BrumtoLourdes

Pupils from Cardinal Wiseman joined pupils from other Catholic secondary schools in Coventry, to represent their schools on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes back in May. They were even joined by the archbishop for lunch!



Gardening Club at Corpus

Gardening club planted cabbage and lettuce seeds for reception African Land Snail called Socks. They also observed how the seeds have grown into shoots. They then transported the shoots to their final growing place. #30DaysWild



Year 4 Trip to Brandon Marsh

Year 4 had a successful trip to Brandon Marsh, part of the Warwickshire Wildlife trust, on Thursday 21st June. The children enjoyed learning about food chains, pond dipping and den building!



LEGO creations St John Fisher

Children at St John Fisher got to experience using LEGO creations WeDo 2.0 kits to teach programming in an intuitive way – letting pupils bring their creations to life. The children were almost bursting with pride, achievement and joy following their amazing WeDo 2.0 creations. Well done to you all!



Gaelic Team at SsPP

Well done to the Gaelic team who put in a fantastic performance at the Gaelic football match as part of the schools feast day celebrations. Everyone was very proud!



Black Country Museum for St Gregory's

Year 5 & 6 pupils at St Gregory's took a trip to the Black Country Museum where Year 5 had a mine experience, whilst Year 6 explored the mine works before heading to the canals.



Year 3 Retreat Day

On the 6th June, Year 3 children took part in a retreat day to prepare for their journey towards their Holy Communion. They spent the day thinking about what their Holy Communion will mean to them.



Trip to Dol-y-moch

Children at St Patricks headed to Dol-y-moch for a week of experiences including; kayaking, orienteering, mountain walks, a visit to the beach and gorge. The children were extremely well behaved and a delight to have on the trip.



Malawi Team 2018

Pupils from Cardinal Wiseman had a great trip to Malawi, doing incredible things during their trip. Pupils helped in various ways such as assisting in the antenatal clinic and providing health packs for children. #beincredible #malawi2018



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