



CARDINAL WISEMAN

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP UPDATE



On the 9 April we welcomed Mrs Bianka Zemke, Her Majesty's Inspector of schools, as part of a monitoring visit under Section 5 of the Education Act. We have today received a letter outlining the findings of the inspector and for ease of reference we have provided a link to this letter below.

The visit lasted just one day and is therefore different from a full two day Section 8 inspection which will result in a full Ofsted report. The aim of the Section 5 visit is to check that the school is on track to achieve at least 'Good' or 'Outstanding' at the next Ofsted visit. We are absolutely delighted to inform you that Ofsted have confirmed that the school is growing in strength and has developed many areas of good practice.

Please take time to read through the report as it captures a number of key points reflecting the many growing strengths of the school. The inspector has highlighted the, *"..new sense of purpose and energy to the school"* as well as stating that, *"Improvements are now clearly evident, for example in pupils' behaviour, the new curriculum and in the quality of teaching and learning."* We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for the support they have provided the school in the last 18 months as we recognise that without your cooperation we would not have achieved so much in such a short space of time.

One area of which we are particularly proud, is the recognition of the high behaviour standards we expect in all our pupils. The inspector recognised, *"the 100% compliance system, which focuses on pupils' conduct and staff's high expectation of behaviour. While this is in its early stages it is already proving an effective strategy."* We recognise that this system can only work with your support and so we ask that you continue to work with us to support after school detentions as well as the range of other interventions we put in place. This has undoubtedly had a positive impact on the teaching and learning as the inspector has noted that, *"classroom environments are calm and conducive to learning. Incidences of poor behaviour have decreased sharply and pupils' behaviour during breaktime is, for the most part, calm and orderly."*

As with every journey of improvement, we recognise that there are still areas where we want to become even better. We would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we will continue to have the highest aspirations for our school and aim for it to be a beacon of excellence in the West Midlands.

Please click on this link to read the [OFSTED Monitoring Visit Inspection Letter](#)

The Leadership Team



May, the Month of Mary

This week some students have been helping our Lay Chaplin prepare for May, the month of Mary. By the end of the month our chapel will be full of colourful flowers to enable students to offer a Hail Mary for someone or something they would like to ask Mary to pray for.

Do you have a query about Special Educational Needs?



Come and talk informally to the SENDIASS team
Refreshments available! No appointment required!

My child keeps getting sent home early: is that right?

I'm 18 now, what are my rights in education and support?

What's an EHC Plan and should my daughter get one?

My child is struggling at school, what can I do?



Aspire Family Hub
Humber Avenue, Coventry, CV1 2SF
Tuesday 14th May 2019
Drop in between 9.30am – 11.30am

For further information please contact us on **Tel: 024 7669 4307** or e-mail: iass@coventry.gov.uk



Year 10 Football Triumph

The Year 10 football team won their semi final against Sidney Stringer Academy this week 5-1.

They are now in the Coventry Schools' Cup Final.

Details will be announced when available.

Very well done to the Year 10 footballers!

Mr Alcott





Year 7 and 8 students had a brilliant session this week learning new skills about bicycle control and safety. Thanks to British Cycling for the great experience and giving some non riders the confidence to get onto the bikes and have a go.

FEATURED ARTIST GALLERY

This week's featured Applied Art artist is one of our Year 9 students.

He has made a 'Transformer' truck out of MDF as part of an extended project within Design Technology.

He used a combination of hand tools, power tools and a computer guided laser, putting in a lot of extra time on the project.

He is very happy with the final product, as are the staff.



The Local Offer Coventry SEND



Is your child or young person eligible for Travel Assistance?

This free parent session will include information about the Travel Assistance criteria's for children and young people with SEND, at both statutory school age and post 16.

Nikki Bodinnar, Access Co-ordinator for Coventry Local Authority will be joining us to answer your questions and queries around the travel assistance forms, processes, applications, appeals and eligibility.

Thursday 16th May 2019

10 am - 12 noon

**Venue: The Council House, Committee Room 3,
Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RR**

The deadline for Travel Assistance applications is 31st May 2019 and any forms received after this date will not be guaranteed to be in place for September.

For further information and to **book your place**,
telephone SENDIASS (024) 7669 4307 or email iass@coventry.gov.uk





The AmbasSENDors Club

“The AmbasSENDors Club” are looking for a group of young people aged 11 to 16 with SEND to help shape Coventry services through fun activities.

Monthly sessions will be held on Tuesdays (6.00pm - 7.30pm) at Coventry Boys and Girls Club, Whitefriars Lane, CV1 2DT

To get involved please call SENDIASS on

02476694307

WE NEED YOU!



attendance **MATTERS**

A big well done to students who tried hard with their attendance last term. Our whole school attendance increased last term which is fantastic news.

As always at Cardinal Wiseman we have high expectations for punctuality and attendance.

There will be competitions between tutor groups in each year team and prizes will be won by tutor groups with the best attendance.

Please continue to support your child with attending school on time (8.55am) and being in school every day.

Sexting

How to talk to children about the risks of sexting and what you can do to protect them

It may feel awkward, but it's important to explain to children the risks of sexting, how to stay safe and remind them that they can talk to you if something ever makes them feel scared or uncomfortable.



What is sexting?

Sexting is when someone shares sexual, naked or semi-naked images or videos of themselves or others, or sends sexually explicit messages. They can be sent using mobiles, tablets, smartphones, laptops - any device that allows you to share media and messages.

Sexting may also be called **trading nudes, dirties or pic for pic.**

What the law says

Sexting can be seen as harmless, but creating or sharing explicit images of a child is illegal, even if the person doing it is a child.

A young person is breaking the law if they:

- take an explicit photo or video of themselves or a friend
- share an explicit image or video of a child, even if it's shared between children of the same age
- possess, download or store an explicit image or video of a child.

However, as of January 2016 in England and Wales, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed but that taking formal action isn't in the public interest.

Crimes recorded this way are unlikely to appear on future records or checks, unless the young person has been involved in other similar activities which may indicate that they are a risk.

Why do young people sext?

There are many reasons why a young person may want to send a naked or semi-naked picture, video or message to someone else.

- joining in because they think that 'everyone is doing it'
- boosting their self-esteem
- flirting with others and testing their sexual identity
- exploring their sexual feelings
- to get attention and connect with new people on social media
- they may find it difficult to say no if somebody asks them for an explicit image, especially if the person asking is persistent

THE NSPCC website has lots of useful information about how to talk to your child about sexting.

Safeguarding



To celebrate 20 years of supporting school breakfast clubs, Kellogg's has awarded Cardinal Wiseman £1,000 to enhance our breakfast club and help feed children in the morning.

Cardinal Wiseman was one of many schools throughout the United Kingdom that was selected to receive the breakfast boost this year. Kellogg's has supported 3,000 school breakfast clubs with funds, food and training over the last 20 years – that's 70 million bowls of cereal to children all over the UK since 1998.

Breakfast clubs help with everything from attendance and attainment to alleviating hunger and providing pre-school care. 68 per cent of teachers believe pupils would struggle to concentrate in class without their breakfast club, according to Kellogg's research.



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