



# The New Illtydian

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## Reporting Day 2017

At the start of December, we hosted our annual parent's evenings in a day- Reporting Day. This year, Reporting Day was bigger than ever. In addition to parent/carer appointments with their child's form tutors, we offered an array of information stalls, services, activities and entertainment.

Many businesses and further & higher education providers joined us in our "Careers Fayre" section on the Science and Humanities corridors. Our English and Maths corridor was filled with community stalls - everyone from our local care homes to our local Neighbourhood Police Team. Our hall and Zone were a hive of activity with opportunities to pick up some essential first aid advice, taking part in our community art project and having fun and learning about energy saving with our ECO bike. Our talented choir and soloists entertained both in the foyer and the canteen. The Eden Bus parked outside promoted the local youth activities available and the police horses made a majestic sight outside the school entrance.

The Reporting Day was even more successful than last year with 804 of our families attending - a figure of 92%. Our thanks go to Dominos Pizza in Rumney and the Co-op Supermarket in Llanrumney for their generous donations. **MRS L MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOL'S CO-ORDINATOR**



## HEAD'S MESSAGE | NEGES Y PENNAETH



This will be my final message in the Illtydian. The end of this term marks the end of my time as acting Head Teacher of St Illtyd's, because, as a non-Catholic I am unable to retain the post on a permanent basis. However, a permanent Catholic head teacher was appointed in November, Mr David Thomas, and we are all looking forward to next term when he will be starting with us at the school.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have been

privileged to be able to lead the school over the past eighteen months. We have an incredibly strong sense of community at St Illtyd's and the governors, staff and students have been very supportive during my time as Head. I know Mr Thomas is very much looking forward to taking up his position after the Easter holiday and I am looking forward to working with him as his Deputy Head.

The end of this term also marks the final stages of GCSE preparation with our Year 11 students. The exam season will soon be upon us, with the first exam in early May and I don't doubt that both staff and students

will be using all of the time left to continue to work hard, stay focused and make every effort to ensure that only the very best grades are achieved.

A busy term had by all and, as you will see from this edition of the Illtydian, a great deal to celebrate again! The school continues to thrive and succeed, outperforming schools within a similar context and retaining its yellow categorisation for a second year running and as this term finishes, and we approach the final term of the school year, we are confident and optimistic of continued success!

**MRS TRACEY JARVIS  
ACTING HEAD TEACHER**

# World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated in style at St Illtyd's with many staff pupils dressed up as their favourite literary characters. The dress up really raised the profile of the day and got everyone interested or talking about books, which was the main aim. We raised over £140 just from the dress up, which will go towards booking a coach so that we are able to take more pupils to the Hay Festival and get them to really experience the joys of reading.

Form doors were decorated and the prize for best form door, judged by Acting Deputy Head, Mrs Chard, was awarded to 11JB. The pupil with the best outfit, by unanimous vote was the giant, purple, inflated Violet Beauregarde: Louie Stacey from 7LJO.

Well done to everyone that dressed up and got involved.

**MISS M COOPER, TEACHER OF ENGLISH AND WORLD BOOK DAY CO-ORDINATOR**



## The Wellbeing of Cardiff

In December, Head Boy Fahadi Mukulu, Head Girl Isobel Hurley, along with Year 9 pupils Ffion Morris and Holly Tee, attended the Autumn term's Grand Council Event at Cardiff City Hall.

The theme for the day was "The Wellbeing of Cardiff" and the event enabled our young people to work directly with representatives from across a range of services to make sure that Cardiff is an even better place to live and work for future generations. The day consisted of a series of activities that enabled our pupils to engage with Cardiff's Draft Local Wellbeing Plan that has recently been published for consultation by Cardiff's Public Services Board (PSB). The day ended with pupils being able to pose questions to representatives from the PSB which included the Local Authority, Health Board, Natural Resources Wales, the Fire and Police Services.

The event provided an avenue for young people to discuss what matters to them, and what is needed to meet the challenges they face today and those of tomorrow.

**MRS L MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOL'S CO-ORDINATOR**





## School Twitter Accounts

As well as the main school Twitter account, @StilltydsCHS, a number of the school departments have their own Twitter account. See these listed below and follow them to receive updates.

- School main Twitter – @StilltydsCHS
- Music Department – @StilltydsMusic
- English Department – @StilltydsEng
- Maths Department – @MathsStilltyds
- Welsh Department – @stilltydswelsh
- Spanish Department – @StilltydsEspaña
- DT Department – @StilltydsDT
- PE Department – @StilltydsPEDept
- Year 11 year group – @llltydsY10
- RE Department – @stilltydschsRE
- Art Department – @stilltydsself
- Welsh Baccalaureate Department – @StilltydsWBDept
- Drama Department – @DramaStilltyds
- Science Department – @StilltydsSci



## Year 9 Careers Day

We recently held a Careers Day at St Illtyd's for the whole of Year 9. Head of Year 9, Emma Love and Assistant Head of Year 9, Lynne MacIntosh, worked closely with Adrian Cole from Careers Wales to provide Year 9 with a variety of talks and activities to give them ideas on what they may wish to do as a career in the future. We welcomed many visitors to the school including Cardiff and Vale



Health Board, the Welsh Ambulance Service, the Army, the Royal Air Force, HSBC Bank, the Construction Industry Training Board and Kier Construction. Our thanks go to all of the companies that gave up their time to visit us and to Adrian Cole from Careers Wales. All of the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day and gained valuable insight into many different careers.

# Spirituality at St Illtyd's

## Christmas Hampers Appeal (1)

A huge thank you to everyone that donated to our Christmas Hamper Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to put together over 50 hampers that were distributed to the needy in our local community.



## Welsh National Holocaust Memorial Day (2)

On the 28th January 2018, a group of Year 9 pupils and four Year 6 pupils from St John Lloyd RC Primary School joined together to attend the Welsh National Holocaust Memorial Day at City Hall. It was a moving experience and one that left a lasting impression on all concerned.

We arrived at City Hall and were invited to write positive thoughts on large posters as the theme for this service was "The Power of Words"; many of our pupils wrote about always saying kind things to others. We saw a piece of art that had been painted showing Jewish People behind barbed wire in striped pyjamas and our pupils discussed with the artist how they must have felt during the Holocaust and how it can't happen again.

We then went into the service and listened to a survivor of the Holocaust speak about her experience. Lady Milena Grenfall-Baines MBE was one of the last children to be saved on the train led by Sir Nicholas Winston in 1939. She showed us an item that was important to her, an autograph book with her family's signatures and some words from them.

Her father had organised this in case they never saw her again which turned out to be what happened. The pupils were lucky enough to meet Lady Milena and she had a photograph with them; she also offered to attend our school to share her experiences with others so watch this space!

**MRS D JAMES, TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES**



## St John Lloyd SVP Visits (3)

The SVP group has been continuing to visit St John Lloyd RC Primary School on a regular basis and supporting the pupils there. Our photo shows St Illtyd's pupils Holly Tee and Emily Cole supporting St John Lloyd pupils in a piece of work.



## Ash Wednesday

Every year group had a special assembly for Ash Wednesday which focused on the importance of Lent. There was also a focus on CAFOD and examples of the success stories because of their work. Voluntary Mass with ashes at lunchtime in the Pastoral Resources Centre Chapel was very well attended. Thank you to Fr Brian Gray for leading the Mass.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all pupils, parents and carers a holy and happy Easter.

**MR P. MORIARTY (AHT: RE, CATHOLICITY AND SPIRITUALITY)**

**RE DEPARTMENT – MRS POCKNELL, MRS JAMES, MRS YELLEN AND MRS JENKINS**

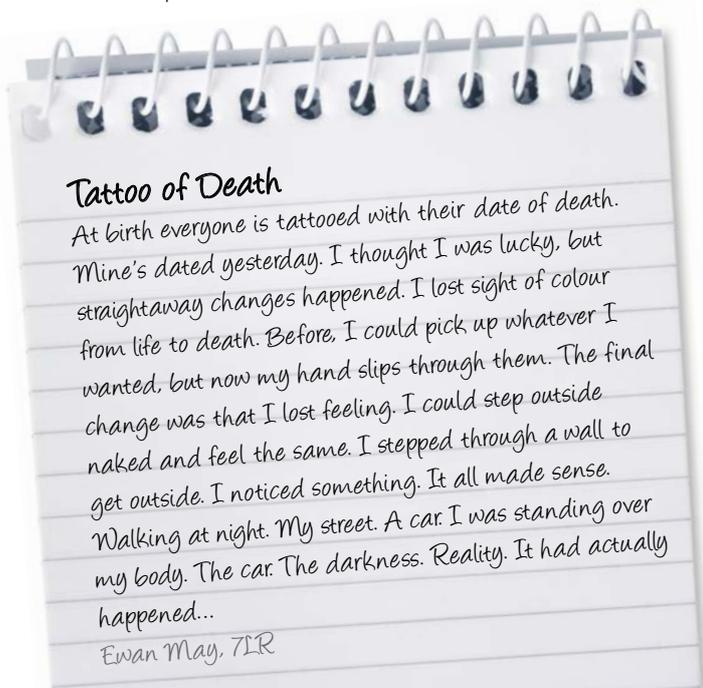


## Creative writing stars!

**M**ASSIVE congratulations to this creative bunch who have been chosen by Young Writers to have their stories published! A lot of hard work went in to this achievement and we could not be more proud. Well done all! The pupils are:

Joshua Haines; Jon-Benay Cook; Maisy Jane Goodfellow; Ewan May; Morgan Sowden; Lewis Carwardine; Julia Niecikowska; Dylan Highgate; Louie Stacey; Sydnee-Louise Smith; Rhianna Gurney; Ffion Higson; Bethan Statton; Amy Crowley; Zak Hellard and Emma Spencer.

Here is a sample of one of the chosen short stories.



## Skills for Work Boot Camp at BT

**T**his term, a selected group of Year 10 and 11 pupils attended a "Skills for Work Boot Camp" at BT. BT opened their doors to our students to enable them to gain an insight into the business, to gain valuable employability skills and participate in exciting activities to help them discover what a career with BT is all about. Activities during the day included how to present interests, skills and values in a CV, how to match skills to a job description and how to impress in a job interview.

The visit also included a tour of BT and the opportunity to ask questions of key members of staff. This was a fantastic and extremely worthwhile educational visit in which all of our pupils gained valuable employability skills.

**MRS L MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOL'S CO-ORDINATOR**



## Hay Festival Scribblers Tour

**I**n January, a group of 15 Year 7 and 8 pupils went along to the Hay Festival Scribblers Tour at Cardiff Metropolitan University in Llandaff. This was a truly inspiring event in which pupils were able to hear story telling from two writers.

Firstly award winning Welsh author and storyteller Daniel Morden thrilled pupils with a chilling story from his most recent book "Secret Tales from Wales". Secondly pupils heard the amazing story of Eric Ngalle Charles. Eric is a poet, author and playwright who has claimed asylum in Wales. Eric's uplifting story described how literature and creative writing helped him to overcome his hasty departure from Cameroon when he was 17, how he survived being a victim of human trafficking and living on the streets in Russia before eventually coming to live in Wales. Our pupils were captivated by his story.

Pupils were able to meet both writers after the sessions. The day ended with a tour of the University campus. Pupils' feedback on the day was overwhelmingly positive and we are now planning to take a group to the Hay Festival itself in May.

**MRS L MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOL'S CO-ORDINATOR**





## New York, New York!

**A**s Head of Department I am concentrating on bringing whole new experiences into Art and Design at St Illtyd's Catholic High School.

I am inviting KS3 students in St Illtyd's Catholic High School to experience a once in a life time opportunity to visit the United States of America. What better setting for our students to explore artistic codes and conventions than standing in front of the great works themselves in the awe inspiring Museum of Modern Art and seeing the famous landmarks from the Empire State Building, in a city that never sleeps. After spending three days in New York, we go back on the road to spend our last two days in Washington D.C, to experience life at The White House and see the array of National Monuments.

We will be staying in central based youth hostels with private facilities. The trip will take place from Friday 24th May - Thursday 30th May 2019, 7 days and 5 nights will cost approximately £1,300.

This is an exceptional opportunity not to be missed. The trip is reserved for only 30 pupils and is on a first come first served basis. Please pick up a letter from myself (Miss Vella) during break times.

**MISS A-M VELLA, HEAD OF ART**



## Governors Development Fund Appeal

**A**s you may be aware, St Illtyd's is a voluntary aided school. As such improvements of the school are the responsibility of the Governing Body rather than the Local Education Authority.

We are hoping to raise funds that will enable the school to buy a new minibus.

Our Governing Body is appealing to any parents/carers who are able and willing to make a regular donation to the school. The school has set up a standing order scheme to the Governors Development Fund and parents/carers are asked to contribute £5 per month (or whatever amount they feel able to give). This would provide a donation of £60 per year. If you are a UK taxpayer, we can also claim gift aid from HMRC on your contributions, making this £72.

If you feel able to contribute please collect a standing order form from reception or alternatively on our website and return it to school at your earliest convenience. We thank you for your support.

**FR B GRAY, CHAIR OF GOVERNORS**

## Photography workshop at CAVC

**A** small group of Year 11 pupils interested in photography as a possible future career were recently lucky enough to be invited to the Cardiff and Vale College's City Centre Campus for a photography workshop. During the workshop, pupils learnt how to operate a DSLR camera and studio lighting techniques, enabling them to produce their own magazine cover. Take a look at a selection of the fantastic images created on the day.



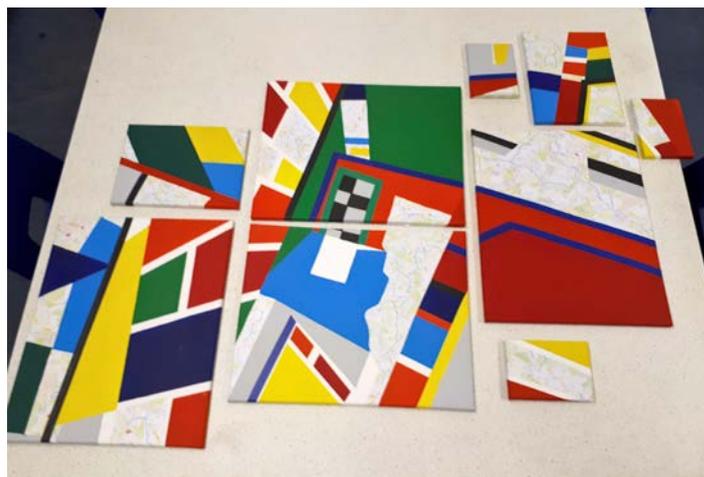
The day was extremely inspiring - one of our pupils had a career in mind but his visit inspired him to change his future career choice to a career in photography. He is now applying for the BTEC Level 3 Photography course that Cardiff and Vale College offer. We would like to say a huge thank you to Paul Woffenden, Photography Tutor at the college, for creating a tailor made workshop for us and for giving up his day to spend with our pupils and also many thanks to Leo James, Student Recruitment Officer, for supporting the day.

**MRS L MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOL'S CO-ORDINATOR**



## Community art project

**O**n Reporting Day, our Year 8 more able and talented pupils led the Community Art activity in the hall for all of our families to participate in. Here is a sneak peek at the finished result, just before it goes on display outside reception. Well done to all those that took part.



# Welsh Baccalaureate



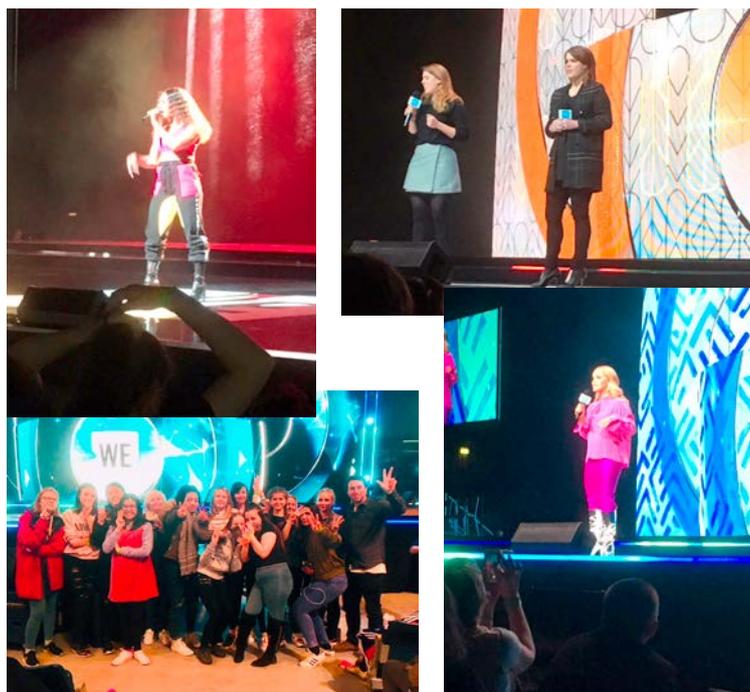
A warm welcome to the latest round up of news from the Welsh Baccalaureate department.

## Shoe Box Appeal

As part of our Welsh Baccalaureate Community Challenge Project for Year 11, we decided to collect items to fill shoeboxes for children under the age of 6 years as presents for Christmas. Our team, including Marcin and Julia Substyk and Jack Perkins, intended to send these shoeboxes to CAFOD to send to children abroad in Africa but we missed the deadline for sending them. First, we had to ask various shoe shops to donate boxes. Then, we designed posters to put up around the school and we made PowerPoint presentations, which form teachers could show in form classes, appealing for toys etc. We had to think of other charities that would accept and use the boxes. Then, we noticed an appeal on Facebook by the South Wales Police for donations of toys etc. for needy children at Christmas. We emailed them and they were very happy to accept the donations we had collected. They even offered to come and pick up the boxes in person.

On 14th December, PC Gareth came to the school to collect the donations. By this time, we had received more donations from Year 7 pupils and we put these in a separate bag for the police to take away. Crystal Yellen joined our group for the photo because she helped a lot with covering and filling the boxes after school.

**JACK PERKINS, JULIA SUBSTYK AND MARCIN SUBSTYK, YEAR 11**



## WE Day at SSE Arena Wembley

As part of our Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Programme, we have made a strong link with 'WE Movement' and 'WE Schools'. The WE Movement has been set up as a charity to encourage young people to give back to their community, such as supporting a local charity. As part of this link, we were very privileged to be given front row reserved 'VIP' seats in the 10,000 capacity arena, and met international stars including Princess Beatrice, Lilly Collins, Katie Piper, Alexandra Burke, The Vamps, Talia Storm, The Tenors, Holly Branson, HRVY, to name a few, who all performed at this charity concert and shared inspirational stories of how our young students can get involved in their communities in a positive way. During the show, St. Illtyd's had a special 'shout out' and the organisers showed on the big screens some of the work our students have been engaging with – fantastic for the hundreds of schools who attended to see. A long but very inspirational day!

**MR L ROWE, HEAD OF WELSH BACCALAUREATE**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

# 2018

Please note the following dates for the academic year:

### TERM DATES

**Spring Term ends:**  
Thursday 29/03/18

**Summer Term starts:**  
Monday 16/04/18

**Summer Half Term:**  
Monday 28/05/18 -  
Friday 01/06/18

**Summer Term ends:**  
Tuesday 24/07/18

**INSET Days:**  
Monday 23/07/18  
Tuesday 24/07/18

The school will be closed on Monday 7/5/18 for the May Day bank holiday

# Sports/Chwaraeon



## Young Ambassadors

Four St Illtyd's girls attended the Young Ambassadors training on International Women's Day at Cardiff Met. Two of the girls are part of the Inner Strength programme at Eastern Leisure Centre with Girls Together. The girls have been assisting with the junior sports programme and now feel confident they would be able to become 'more' involved and have confidence running fun based games. They all would like to become Gold Ambassadors and will be applying for the next stage! The girls would like to go back into their primary school, to lead some PE lessons in St Cadoc's Catholic Primary School with support from Sport Cardiff. Well done girls!

## Year 8 Netball

The Year 8B netball team played at their first tournament this term and came up against some very experienced teams. They had four hard games, fought well and showed great improvement in their game play. Players of the Match were shared by Aminta Benny and Lara Cabrera. Well done for all of your effort and hard work girls.



## Year 9 First Campus Workshops

A small number of Year 9 pupils attended two after school workshops organised by First Campus, designed to inspire pupils to study these subjects at further or higher education level. Pupils took part in either an Art & Design or a PE & Parkour workshop. Both workshops were thoroughly enjoyed by pupils. The three pupils that did the Art & Design workshop are all going to be taking Art as one of their options. The pupils that took part in the PE & Parkour workshop are all keen to continue with this.

**MRS L MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOL'S CO-ORDINATOR**



## Year 7 Netball Tournament

The Year 7 girls played in their second tournament this term and improved with every game that they played against some tough opposition.

### Scores and Players of the Matches

- V Bro Ederm - 5-1 loss/POTM - **Ebony-Pink Denning**
- V Howells - 2-2 draw/POTM - **Lexa Manfield**
- V Fitzalan - 1-0 win/POTM - **Ellie Shirley**
- V St Richard Gwyn - 8-0 loss/POTM - **Lexa Manfield**