



Appointment of Archbishop Mark O'Toole

On 27th April 2022, Pope Francis named Bishop Mark O'Toole as the 8th Archbishop of Cardiff in succession to Archbishop George Stack. On hearing of his appointment, the Archbishop-Elect said:

"I am grateful and humbled by the trust that the Holy Father has placed in me. I face the task ahead both with excitement and a certain trepidation, conscious of my own weaknesses. Throughout my life I have learnt to trust the Lord's will more deeply, and in these days of Eastertide especially, I have taken much comfort from Jesus' word to his Apostles, "Do not be afraid. I go before you..." It is with this deep sense that the Lord goes before all of us in this new mission, that I fully embrace this new calling in my life."

A small group of pupils from St Illtyd's, along with Head Teacher David Thomas and Deputy Head Teacher Paul Moriarty had the privilege to be invited to St David's Metropolitan Cathedral by Archbishop George Stack on the day of the announcement to meet the new Archbishop-Elect - Mark O'Toole.

Archbishop-Elect Mark O'Toole was installed as 8th Archbishop of Cardiff on Monday 20th June 2022 at Cardiff Cathedral. We look forward to welcoming Archbishop Mark to our school later this term. His visit will be covered in the Autumn issue of the Illtydian.

We would like to thank Karol Steckiewicz for the photos in this article.



HEAD'S MESSAGE | NEGES Y PENNAETH



This summer term edition of the New Illtydian provides a great insight into the life of the school and is a wonderful illustration of what our pupils are experiencing week in and week out.

None of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of the staff and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for all that they have done before, during and post covid. It would also not be possible without the support of the parents and families of St Illtyd's. Thank you for your support of the staff and school, during the good times and the more challenging ones. To borrow from the Welsh football team – together we are stronger.

It is because of this that we are in such a good position to face the future with renewed hope and enthusiasm. Year 11 leave us with our best wishes for the future. Many of them could not have worked harder, under trying circumstances, and I hope and pray that they get the results they deserve in August. We launch a new curriculum with Year 7 in September and look forward to welcoming old and new families to St Illtyd's. The school continues to grow and there will be building works again during the summer holidays which the returning year groups will notice in September. For them it will be time to hit the ground running and build on the progress they have made since January – much of which has been rapid.

We are also looking forward to resuming face to face parents' evenings, open evenings and the return of the acclaimed school production. It is going to be a great year.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

**MR DB THOMAS,
HEAD TEACHER**



Cluedo theatre trip

Just before the Easter break, a large group of our Year 9 pupils together with our Year 11 GCSE Drama pupils went to the New Theatre to watch a performance of "Cluedo", a drama based on the popular board game. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the performance and thought that the character of the Butler was particularly funny. Two pupils got to speak to two of the actors whilst waiting for the coach to arrive, which was a wonderful opportunity for them. One Year 9 pupil said "It was great to finally go on a trip – it's been so long since we've been on one!" One of our teachers observed – "This has been a wonderful opportunity for our pupils. After two years of Covid restrictions, it has been fantastic to see life get back to normal and to witness excited faces setting off on the trip. We are extremely grateful to the Arts Council of Wales for their generous funding and for making this event a reality."

We are extremely grateful to the Arts Council of Wales for funding this trip. Without their support, it would be difficult to offer pupils opportunities such as this.

LUISA MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOLS CO-ORDINATOR



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Eco Club update

This summer term our Eco Club has grown in numbers as we welcomed Year 7 pupil representatives to our weekly meetings. We have embarked on a new topic within the Eco Schools umbrella – Biodiversity. Using resources kindly provided by First Campus, pupils have been learning all about sustainability in the "Bees Knees" project. Pupils have also been learning about the importance of biodiversity with particular reference to bees. We are hoping to put our new knowledge into practice by trying to improve biodiversity at St Illtyd's. We would like to thank First Campus for providing resources and lesson plans for this project.

As part of the Bees Knees project, we have been invited to Cardiff Metropolitan University at the end of the summer term to see their bee hives and take part in bee related activities. Look out for photos and a write-up in our next issue.

We also welcomed Chloe Jenkins from Coed Caerdydd to the school. Chloe came along to conduct a trees survey. She was able to provide us with lots of invaluable advice for our garden area. Coed Caerdydd will be donating trees to the school and supporting us with planting. We look forward to working with Chloe and her team in the autumn term.

LUISA MAY, ECO CLUB LEAD



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Dinghy sailing at St Illtyd's

This term has seen the launch of a brand new after school club at St Illtyd's – the Dinghy Sailing Club. Pupils have been learning all about the theory of how to sail dinghies in after school sessions with Mr Ben Weekes, and then got to put all their skills into practice on an "Introduction to Sailing" course at Llandegfedd Lake and Watersports Centre in Pontypool. Two groups of pupils were able to attend this course on two separate days.

The first group had an introduction to the dinghies, then pupils enjoyed time sailing on the lake in beautiful weather. Pupils also had time to take part in a bonus activity – jumping off a large paddle board into the lake – very welcome on a hot day!

Group two started their day with a dip in the lake followed by lots of water sports activities to develop confidence both in and out of the water. An amazing day was had by all pupils on both days.

We are extremely grateful to the Reardon Smith Nautical Trust who funded both the RYA Start Sailing Handbooks used in our theory sessions along with the two dinghy sailing days. Their support has allowed pupils to enjoy this wonderful opportunity. We would also like to thank all the staff at Llandegfedd Watersports Centre, and we look forward to visiting there again soon.

LUISA MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOLS CO-ORDINATOR & BEN WEEKES, TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY & SKILLS CHALLENGE



Spirituality & chaplaincy at St Illtyd's

1. Welcome Year 6!

It was wonderful to meet the Year 6 pupils from our feeder schools: St Cadocs, St Peters, St Albans and St John Lloyd Primary School who had a great time during the School Chapel service. After a moment of reflection and prayer we went on to act out the parable of the colours finishing with the pupils creating a rainbow full of their talents. It was also a great opportunity for the Year 6's to meet three of our lovely Year 9 pupils who read in the transition service. It was lovely to see them excitedly receive a small gift bag from the school to welcome them into our school community. Thank you to the Catenian Association for donating so many rosaries to our school, it has meant that we were able to give a portion of them to the Year 6 children to ensure that the new students start with the foundation of the Rosary.



2. Exciting news!

We have two brand new school groups launching at St Illtyd's this year. We have the **Youth in Action Group** which will be focusing on the school, community charity and volunteering in the local SVP centre and shop. The other group is the school **Chaplaincy Team** who will be focusing their attention on the spirituality and inclusivity of the school. Both groups will work alongside each other to help deliver the school charities latest campaigns and fundraising events for SVP and CAFOD. These groups enable the students to gain a valuable skill set and experience that will develop them as ethically informed citizens.

If you would like more information on joining then please see Mrs Wonnacott or if you would like to see the amazing things the students will be doing please follow us on our Chaplaincy Twitter: [Chaplain@chs_illtyds](https://twitter.com/Chaplain@chs_illtyds).



3. St Illtyd's Pupil Profile

This term our pupils have been learning and following the theme of Compassionate and Loving from the Jesuit Profile. An example of the theme in action is the First Give programme in school, which has enabled the pupils to research and understand the hardships of those who are less fortunate and have fallen on

hard times in South Wales. Thanks to charity involvement and presentations to the pupils it has opened their eyes and shown the pupils how we all can be more compassionate to each other and loving by our actions and words. Year 9 pupils in their groups have launched fundraisers for their chosen charity and have done a remarkable job in engaging all pupils and staff with events, posters, and presentations. This, along with many other actions within the school, has meant that compassion and loving has been core within our school community this term.





4. The Month of Mary

May was the month of Mary and as part of our devotion to Mary pupils from 7VD and 8LG competed to see who could make the most 3D paper flowers in an hour to adorn our altar in the school hall. 8LG made us 40 beautiful flowers but were just beaten in number by 7VD who managed 52 flowers! All the flowers were displayed in the school hall for the entire month of May with our Lady of Fatima statue.



5. The Garden

A big thank you to our Duke of Edinburgh pupils; Chloe Simons, Karson Fury, Lisa Wibley, Calice Powell, McKenzie Lovell and their leader Mr Tay who have been helping in the garden once a fortnight. They have been helping to create a Reflection space for the school, digging through the soil was not easy work, especially in the recent heat but they made good progress and it is taking shape. The semi-circle space will hold the prayer/reflections stones that we hope the students will make over their time in St Illtyd's. The prayer stones will sit around two water features that will eventually be overlooked by a statue of Our Lady surrounded by flowers and an archway. The plan for the garden is ambitious but achievable and we look forward to creating a beautiful space of learning, reflection and growth for everyone at St Illtyd's to enjoy.



VICTORIA WONNACOTT, SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Careers Wales update



Gyrfa Cymru
Careers Wales

Adrian Cole, Business Engagement Adviser has been busy inviting employers into school to talk in assemblies for Years 7–11 which has included Starling Bank that talked about careers in financial crime and fraud, Cardiff & Vale Health Board who talked about the importance of resilience in the workplace, Ripple Marketing talked about open your own business and Wates Construction (pic 1) who recently became a valued partner, continued with site visits and employer talks. Finally, Little Door Productions provided a group of Year 10's with a tour of a live set for the upcoming BBC drama The Pact (2). Thank you, Adrian.

It has been a busy few months helping the Year 11's make choices about leaving school which has included visits and tours of Cardiff and Vale College and St David's Sixth Form College. We also attended two masterclasses at The Classroom Restaurant at Cardiff (3) and Vale's city centre campus for those

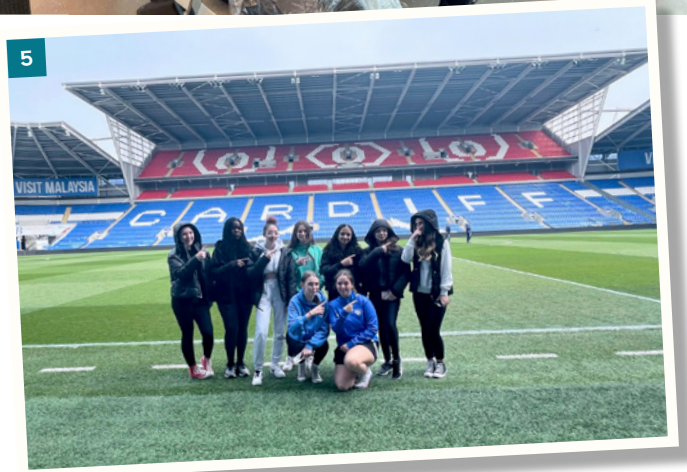
pupils interested in a career in the hospitality industry, where we cooked and prepared fillet steak and created mocktails. A visit to Urbasba (4), again at CAVC's city centre campus provided those Year 11's with a place on Hair & Beauty courses with a bespoke morning of treatments and provided them with the knowledge of what to expect as a student in the college. We would like to give a huge thank you to Jo Tanner, Student Recruitment Officer at Cardiff and Vale College for organising all these visits. Finally, Cardiff City Foundation invited us to take part in a women's Futsal (5) competition for girls interested in a career in sports, where we competed against colleges and the Cardiff City Women's Futsal team, before a tour of the Foundation's learning environment. To end the day, we were lucky enough to sit pitch side in the stadium.

NICK SPARROW, CAREERS WALES CAREERS ADVISER



Sophie from Wates





Transition at St Illtyd's

This term, Year 6 pupils from our feeder schools have been invited up to St Illtyd's for an enrichment day ahead of starting here in September. During the enrichment days, pupils created a Personal Profile, had a tour of the school, learnt all about the school day and met their new Head of Year, Miss Emma Love and new Assistant Head of Year, Miss Sam Kelly. To complete the day, pupils took part in a service in our Chapel with our Chaplain Mrs Victoria Wonnacott. We look forward to seeing all the pupils again on our Transition Day in July.





Garden update

This term has seen work continuing on the garden project at St Illtyd's. Mr Nick Sparrow, our Careers Wales Careers Adviser has been out in the garden every Friday with a team of pupils from the Inspire 2 Achieve project and other targeted pupils. They have worked extremely hard every week – digging and weeding to get the garden ready for the next stage of development. They put a membrane in place in key areas of the garden to suppress weeds from growing back. They also sowed wildflower seeds in front of our forest area to create a wildflower meadow. These seeds were donated to us as we are taking part in "Superbloom Schools" – a nationwide project to

celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Pupils from Eco Club spent a session out in the garden weeding. Pupils who are following the Duke of Edinburgh Award have been spending time in the garden as part of their volunteer hours of the programme. They have started work on the Reflection Garden (see Spirituality Page for more on this), designed by our Chaplain Victoria Wonnacott.

A small group of pupils have been working with teacher Maggie Powell to create beautifully decorated stepping stones that will be used in the garden.

We have also been working with the Council's Coed Caerdydd project. This project aims to

increase tree coverage throughout the city and to care for our existing woodlands. We invited Chloe Jenkins from the project to our school. She conducted a tree survey, recording which trees we already have at the school and seeing what we can add and where, in order to maximise our green space. Chloe and her team will be providing support in the garden and will be providing us with trees and shrubs in the autumn term.

As you can see, the garden project is a real team effort and we look forward to bringing you more updates in future issues of the Illtydian.

LUISA MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOLS CO-ORDINATOR



Girls into STEM

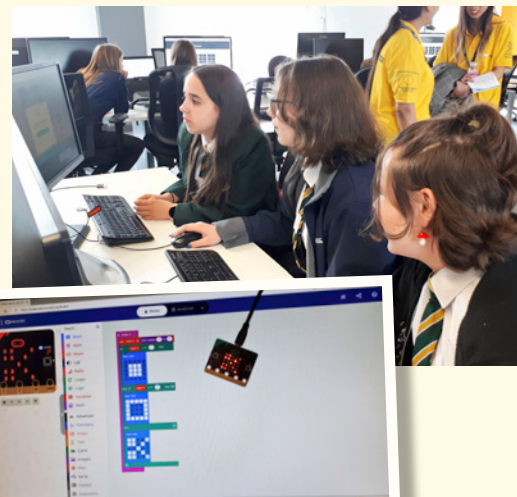
On Wednesday 18th May, the Engineering Education Scheme Wales invited a group of our female pupils along to the National Software Academy in Newport, part of Cardiff University, for a Girls into STEM trip. Year 9 girls who have selected Digital Technology as a GCSE option were invited to go on this trip.

The day featured talks and a Q & A session from women working in computer science along with a range of activities based around computer science and coding. These activities included cyber security, coding a Micro: bit to play "Rock, Paper, Scissors" with us and cryptography.

Our pupils were thoroughly inspired by the day and it provided them with a lot of information to think about when it comes to choosing a future career.

We would like to thank all the staff and student ambassadors at Cardiff University for a well-organised day and for making us feel so welcome. We would also like to thank the Engineering Education Scheme Wales and we look forward to taking part in another of these events in the future.

LUISA MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOLS CO-ORDINATOR



Hay Festival 2022

We were delighted that this year, after two years' absence due to Covid, the Hay Festival was a live event once more. We applied to the Arts Council of Wales Go and See Fund to cover the cost of a coach, and we were delighted to receive funding that enabled us to do this. However, we had so much interest from pupils and because the school felt strongly that pupils have missed so much over the last two years, that we decided to cover the cost of a second coach, meaning that twice the number of pupils were able to attend.

At the event, pupils listened to much-loved author Dame Jacqueline Wilson talk about her new book for Young Adults, "Baby Love." Former Children's Laureate and author of over 100 books, Jacqueline Wilson is one of Britain's bestselling children's authors. Pupils also listened to Yvette Fielding, television's first lady of the paranormal and presenter of Most Haunted, talk about her new book, "The House in the Woods" and bestselling author and "Queen of Teen Thrillers," Sophie McKenzie talk about her new book "Truth or Dare." Our pupils got the opportunity to ask the authors questions about what inspired their writing and how they got into writing and were also able to meet authors for book-signing in the bookshop.

Overall, this was an amazing day and all pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day. We are extremely grateful to the Arts Council of Wales for funding one of the coaches for this trip - we would not have been able to take so many pupils without their support.

LUISA MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOLS CO-ORDINATOR



Here are some of the comments from staff, pupils, and parents on the day:

I had an outstanding time at Hay Festival and thoroughly enjoyed Jacqueline Wilson! Every year we take pupils who have no interest in reading, and I am always amazed by how many of these pupils leave the Hay Festival suddenly enthused with books and ideas and, from there, go on to develop a love of reading. It is such a valuable experience!

MEL COOPER – ENGLISH TEACHER & LITERACY CO-ORDINATOR

My daughter, who has not picked up a book in years, came home completely inspired by her visit to the Hay Festival. She bought three books at the book shop and has spent the half term break reading a whole book. I cannot thank you enough.

LUISA MAY – PARENT OF YEAR 9 PUPIL

It was lovely to see the students engage in listening to the different authors and participate in asking questions. The students enjoyed having some independence and exploring the area, buying books, and eating good food. Overall, it was a successful trip which I think was beneficial for students.

VERITY TUCKER – MATHS TEACHER

We enjoyed being able to explore on our own. We realised that reading is not that boring and we both really enjoyed Jaqueline Wilson as we have watched Tracy Beaker.

ALEISHA THOMAS & TANISHA SAUNDERS – YEAR 7 PUPILS

The Hay Festival helped inspire me to do some writing myself and helped me to be confident. It showed me how to end stories and I learnt about the different paths to writing.

ISIS OWOAHENE – YEAR 7 PUPIL

The Hay Festival was an amazing trip which inspired me to start reading again after many years. I had great fun watching the authors on stage and asking them questions, exploring, and buying books from the bookshop and walking around the rest of the venue. There were many things to do – shop at the wide variety of stalls, rest and read books on the giant deckchairs and get books signed at the bookshop. It was a good day and I would highly recommend!

LEXI MAY – YEAR 9 PUPIL

National Numeracy Day

National Numeracy Day this year was on Wednesday 18th May. This was a fun and successful day where lots of pupils used their number skills in numeracy activities.

Pupils in Key Stage 3 competed in the numeracy treasure hunt – congratulations to the winners: Lexi May & Sofia Razenko in Year 9 and Kiera Acton, Oreoluwa Kehinde & Megan Ayres in Year 7.

Pupils also took part in "THE CUBE" in registration. Mrs Davies was very busy with her Year 7 Key Skills class who were using their skills to work out the chronological order of events in Roald Dahl's life.

Well done to Mrs Davies for her creativity in taking her literacy intervention to another level and creating a brilliant numeracy activity.

DAWN JENKINS, ASSISTANT HEAD TEACHER – INCLUSION



STEM Roadshow

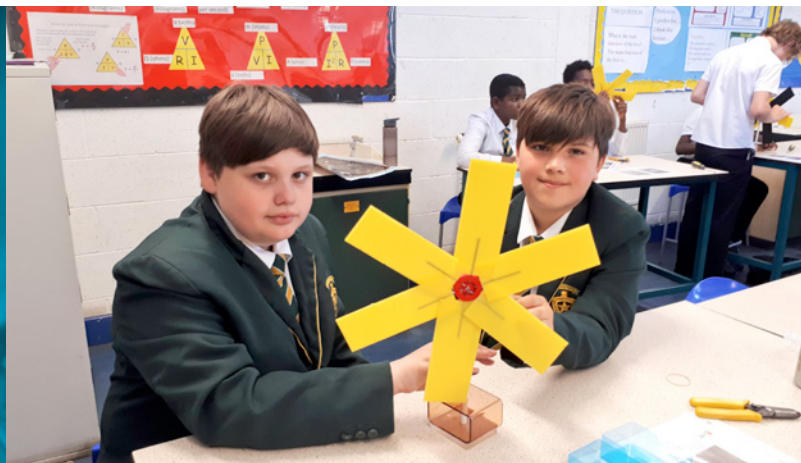
We were delighted to welcome back the STEM Roadshow to St Illtyd's this term. The theme of this year's roadshow is Magnetism, and the presentation



explained the integration of magnets, magnetism and electromagnetism in our everyday life. Pupils from Years 7 and 8 enjoyed an entertaining, engaging and educational performance.

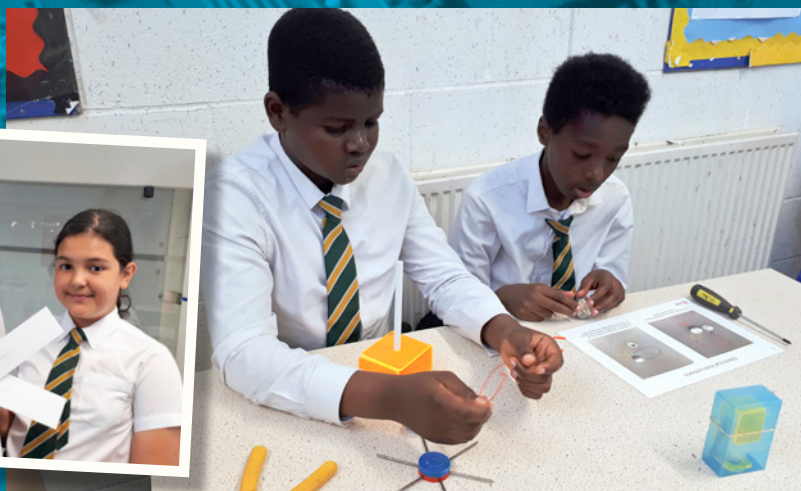
We would like to thank BAE Systems, The Royal Air Force, and The Royal Navy for this opportunity.
LUISA MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOLS CO-ORDINATOR





Year 7 science workshops

Year 7 pupils have been enjoying science workshops this term. Pupils were tasked with building a wind turbine. Pupils worked as a team, assigning themselves roles, to make sure the project was a success. Once the turbines were complete, they tested them to see how much energy they produced. They then looked at how to adapt the design to improve results. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the workshops. We would like to thank the team from Engineering Education Scheme Wales for facilitating the workshops.



Spotlight on poetry

Keway Gage in 7HA has written a powerful poem that she wanted to share with our readers.

The Desire for Change

Global warming is not
a treat, for the earth
is in pain we are
to blame from green
house gas to cows.

The trees to seas are
all in danger thanks
to society. Wild life,
nature are all the
same so why not
treat it all equally.
For the love that we
have for animals does
not apply for trees.

If this keeps on going
then our future is in
danger. No more birds
chirping only clouds, smoke
and dust.

But there is always
a solution to a problem
not always so big some-
times so small yet
so important. Though
it might be tough,
we can all chip in
it might begin to be
a brighter future.

The three Rs, reduce
reuse recycle. Reduce
the plastic you use
try a container. Reuse,
make it into something
new. Recycle, put fruit
into the compost.

Transport, it can do
so much better with
diesel and green house
gases. More trains and
electric cars but there's
a problem, the price
is too much!

So now we know to
change our so broken
and frail world, we can
search for the future
we want.

Trees towing the town
as if it were a majestic
shield tall and proud.
A world where there will
not be another war
another conflict but children
being children. Not a single
child soldier in sight!

This is the future we want!

Year 8 reward trip

The Year 8 reward trip was at Bugg trampoline park. Year 8 pupils had two hours of activity and enjoyed every single minute! It was lovely to see the pupils having some normality back after the restrictions of Covid and enjoying time together outside of the classroom. They all behaved in an exemplary way and were a credit to the school!

RUTH FRY, HEAD OF YEAR 8 AND REANNE CHAPMAN, ASSISTANT HEAD OF YEAR 8

Years 7 & 9 reward trips

Both Year 7 and Year 9 pupils went to Ninja Warrior UK for their Reward Trips. Pupils enjoyed tackling the obstacles and practising their Ninja skills! A great time was had by all!



Goodbye and Good Luck Year 11!

It has come to that sad time of the year when we have to say goodbye to another cohort of pupils. On their final day at St Illtyd's, Year 11 pupils took part in the ritual that is "shirt signing" before attending a lively Leavers Assembly in which they took a trip down memory lane looking at a PowerPoint of photos from their five years at St Illtyd's and took part in an Awards Ceremony. Pupils enjoyed a buffet lunch before departing. We wish all our Year 11 pupils the very best of luck for the future.



Filming at St Illtyd's

Earlier this term, pupils at St Illtyd's were invited to be interviewed as part of the Welsh Government's Foundational Economy Programme. The aim of this programme is to increase the amount of Welsh food served on school plates and in hospital meals, reduce carbon emissions/ food miles and support local food businesses to achieve accreditation and grow. A small number of pupils volunteered to be interviewed by Professor Kevin Morgan of University of Wales Cardiff, along with camera and sound man Simon Regan to give their thoughts on what they think about food served in schools and how it can be improved. It was a great experience for the pupils involved and the camera set up in our canteen caused a lot of excitement amongst all our pupils!

LUISA MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOLS
CO-ORDINATOR



First Give success

The Year 9's have been working hard learning about Social Issues within our community and how Social Action can make an impact. Students have been raising money and raising awareness for local charities as part of the First Give Programme. Each tutor group was represented in the Grand Final with four local charities being represented. These were **Vision 21, Llamau, Cardiff People First** and **St. Vincent de Paul (SVP)**.

The Grand Final took place on Tuesday 28th

June where students presented what they had been doing as part of their Social Action for their chosen charity. It was very difficult for the Judges panel to make a decision, but the winning form group was **9DCB**

The presenting team consisted of:

- Isata Kamara
- Victoria Kamara
- Olivia Mangenza
- Linda Amin
- Millie Gold

- Rawan Al Fadhli
- Ava McDonald

On top of the **£94.35** 9DCB had raised for their local charity SVP by sponging teachers, a raffle, cake sales and competitions, they were also presented with a **£1,000** cheque to give to their charity from First Give.

A huge congratulations to all involved. We look forward to working with First Give again next year.
STEPH MACLENNAN, HEAD OF FACULTY FOR EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND HEAD OF PE



Art trip to Cardiff Met

21 of our Art and Photography students were chosen to represent the school at Cardiff Metropolitan University's Creative Exhibition with over 40 schools displaying work. Pupils entered work under the 'Fantastic and Strange' title going above and beyond to develop thoughtful, skillful work. I am so, so proud of their tremendous achievements and cannot wait for next year! Well done all!

TAMARA COSSLETT, HEAD OF ART

Sports/Chwaraeon



Luke Jones



Shyla Barrett



Morgan Williams



Aliyah Afolabi



Millie Gold



Elijah Bediako

Congratulations to...

Elijah Bediako

Elijah Bediako in Year 7 won the 75m Hurdles at Leckwith. Elijah is now the Cardiff and Vale Schools Champion for his age group at the event. He had previously never run over hurdles before and is a non-club athlete. Well done Elijah on your outstanding performance.

Aliyah Afolabi

Following on from her success in the indoor athletics competition, Aliyah has continued with her prowess on the outdoor track. Aliyah became double County Champion in the 100m and 200m at the Year 7 Championships, breaking the record for the 200m that had stood since the late '80s!

Aliyah continues to enjoy success representing her club Cardiff Archers and is currently ranked 1st in the UK at U13 girls for the 60m, 75m, 100m and 200m. An incredible achievement and a testament to Aliyah's hard work and training. Aliyah has a very promising future ahead of her and we wish her all the best for the remainder of the season.

Shyla Barrett

A young lady of many talents

Shyla has had an excellent year in sport both inside and outside of school. As well as being

selected as the Cardiff and Vale U14 Netball 'A' team captain, Shyla has also excelled this term in dance. Most recently we would like to say a huge congratulations for being selected to represent Wales in the World Dance Championships in San Sebastian where Shyla and the Welsh team achieved 8th place overall. A huge achievement and I am sure we will continue to hear about Shyla's successes as she moves into Year 10 next year.

Millie Gold

An excellent year for Millie in Athletics.

Millie has competed excellently in both Cross Country and Athletics this year. Her highlights include being selected for the Welsh school's team in the Junior Girls category in the Long Race where she finished in 8th place and was the 1st Welsh athlete to cross the line. Millie also recently ran in the Cardiff and Vale school finals where she smashed the record for the 1500m and was selected to represent the County at the Welsh Schools Athletics finals where she achieved a silver medal again in the 1500m. Millie is a hardworking and dedicated athlete, and we look forward to her continuing successes as she moves into Year 10 next year.

Luke Jones

Rugby success

Another phenomenal year for Luke Jones on the Rugby field. Luke is a Year 11 student who is leaving us this academic year and has achieved many Sporting accolades since starting In St. Illtyd's in September 2017. This academic year Luke was selected for the Cardiff Blues Academy and gained captaincy for his squad at the start of the season. He was also selected for the Cardiff Schools squad where again he was the nominated captain for this season's squad. Along with Luke's rugby achievements he has now gone on to achieve a full scholarship to Clifton College to begin in September 2022 to complete his A-Levels. We are all very proud of everything Luke has achieved during his time at St. Illtyd's, and we hope to continue hearing about his successes moving forward.

Morgan Williams

Sparring success

A massive well done to Morgan Williams in Year 10 for winning a Gold medal in individual sparring in the Junior Heavyweight Midland Championships. We are all very proud of you and your achievements.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022/3

Please note the following dates for the academic year:

TERM DATES**AUTUMN TERM 2022****Starts:** Monday 05/09/22**Half term:** Monday 31/10/22
– Friday 4/11/22**Ends:** Friday 23/12/22**SPRING TERM 2023****Starts:** Monday 09/01/23**Half term:** Monday 20/02/23
– Friday 24/02/23**Ends:** Friday 31/03/23**SUMMER TERM 2023****Starts:** Monday 17/04/23**Half term:** Monday 29/5/23
– Friday 02/06/23**Ends:** Monday 24/07/23**Inset Day for all schools:**
Monday 05/09/23**May Day:** Monday 01/05/23**FURTHER INSET DAYS**

Friday 28/10/22

Friday 23/12/22

Friday 17/02/23

Monday 24/07/23

Sports/Chwaraeon



Year 8 rugby



Year 9 rugby

Year 8 rugby

The Year 8 rugby team won a hard-fought match at Cathedral School in their Plate semi-final. They then progressed to play Eastern High in the Plate final at Cardiff Arms Park. Unfortunately, Eastern High were too powerful on the day and scored some early tries to put St Illtyd's under pressure. However, the boys rallied in the second half and through grit and determination, scored some excellent tries. Well done to all involved, who played hard up to the final whistle.

Year 9 rugby

The Year 9 rugby team met Cantonian High at Cardiff Arms Park in their eagerly anticipated Plate final. The boys started strongly, defending well in the middle of the pitch putting Cantonian under a lot of pressure. Eventually, Cantonian began to slip off some tackles and this resulted in some hard-earned points for St Illtyd's. The story was much the same in the second half, where some excellent interplay between backs and forwards led to some fine tries out wide. St Illtyd's ran out comfortable winners and now

look forward to playing in the cup next year. Well done to all involved!

Year 7 baseball

The Year 7 baseball team travelled to Bishop of Llandaff for their first match of the season. They batted first, setting a reasonable score for Bishop to chase. Some errors resulted in Bishop pushing to within a point of St Illtyd's score. However, the boys held on for a one-point victory. In the second innings the team batted well, scoring some excellent runs. They ran out convincing winners after catching out some of Bishop's best batsman. Well done to all involved!

Year 8 baseball

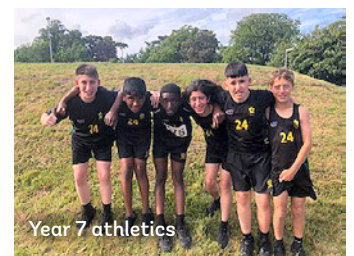
The year 8 baseball team travelled to Corpus Christi for their first match of the season. The boys fielded with accuracy in the first innings, preventing Corpus from building a large score. The boys batted strongly to edge the first game. In the second innings Corpus played slightly better tactically and managed to take the win. A solid performance overall and a first win at Corpus for a few years. Well done to all involved!

Year 9 baseball

The Year 9 baseball team travelled to St Tilio's for their first match of the season. The boys played some powerful shots to the outfield, making the St Tilio's fielders work hard. The boys fielded with good success, making good decisions under pressure to take the first innings. In the second innings the game was much tighter, although St Illtyd's held on to take the win. Well done to all involved!

**Year 7 Athletics Competition**

Well done to all involved in the Year 7 Cardiff and the Vale Athletics Competition at Leckwith.



Year 7 athletics

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