



# The New Illtyddian

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## Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

This summer's smash musical, 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat', was performed over three evenings by a talented young cast of students, ably led by Julie Smith in her debut as musical director. Audiences arrived at a grand entrance surrounded by palm trees, pyramids and even costumed Egyptians! The atmosphere was set and expectations raised even before the show had begun.

And what a show! The familiar Bible story, as interpreted by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, displays various musical genres, from ballads and calypso,

to country and western, all with choreography and costumes to match. The resulting production with so many different musical styles and costumes could form a confusing plot. However, the strong, clear vocals of Sophie Cleverly in her role as the Narrator announced the action assuredly, enabling the scenes to flow seamlessly.

The story revolves around Jacob (a carefully aged Iolo Pennington) and his twelve sons. Jacob's favouritism in giving one son, Joseph, a special coat provokes sibling rivalry and jealousy compounded by Joseph unwisely sharing his dreams where he lords

it over his brothers. Unsurprisingly perhaps, the situation worsens as the chorus reminds us 'Poor, poor Joseph'. A beating; being sold into slavery in Egypt; blamelessly caught in a revealing situation with the bored wife of his owner Potiphar and eventual imprisonment – all await Joseph.

In the title role, Year 7 student, Abel Mwenera, gave an impressive performance. From -being a spoilt and self-centred youth, through solitary confinement in prison, to his final position as a powerful official in Egypt dominating the stage, he portrayed these changes convincingly. *(Cont. on page 2>>)*

## HEAD'S MESSAGE | NEGES Y PENNAETH

**A**t this time of year we tend to pause and reflect on all that has happened during the last twelve months.



It has been a great year at the school and one in which we have much to celebrate.

We continue to build on the recommendations from Estyn and are making progress against all our recommendations. The pupils results at Key Stage 3 and Key stage 4 are amongst our highest ever and I must take this opportunity to congratulate last years Year 11 on their outstanding grades and achievements. The current Year 11 have much to live up

to but have impressed already with their Year 10 GCSE results and their effort and attitude. We wish them luck in their Maths results due out in January.

Year 7 have made a great start to the year and Year 8 continue to build on their success from last year. Year 9 are starting to focus more on career options and their choices for Key Stage 4 and Year 10 have hit the ground running in their new GCSE courses. All are in a good position to take advantage of the opportunities that the school offers and to develop their skills and themselves, both inside the classroom and out.

Following the recent deadline for school entry for September 2020, I am delighted to say we received a record number of applications.

This is a fantastic affirmation of what the school does and the care and challenge it provides. It is an honour and privilege for us all at St Illtyd's that you send your sons and daughters to our school and we appreciate how much you are investing in us as a community.

May I thank parents and carers for your ongoing support. It has been fantastic to see so many of you at recent parent evenings, musical events and on reporting day. This support is vital to the continued success of the school and it is highly valued.

**May I wish all of you a happy and holy Christmas; school reopens Monday 6th January, which is week 2.**

**DAVID THOMAS, HEAD TEACHER**



(>>Cont. from page 1) His expressive, soulful voice in his prison lament, 'Close every door to me', bought tears to the eyes.

Always on stage as a group together, the brothers displayed their acting skills maintaining individual characteristics throughout. They were an intimidating mob, bullying Joseph; were nastily duplicitous, wiping away false tears when telling their father that Joseph was dead. Later, in a French café scene complete with flowing wine, sentimentally remembering Joseph in 'Those Canaan Days', they gave an excellent impression of intoxicated, emotional, caring brothers.

In Egypt, Joseph's fortunes change when Pharaoh (Morgan Stacey in full Elvis mode) learns of Joseph's gift for interpreting disturbing dreams. Rewarded by Pharaoh, Joseph organises the preparations for a forecast famine. It is this famine which forces the brothers to go to Egypt where, not recognising the imperious Joseph, they grovel before him. After a cunning plan by Joseph, the brothers' change of heart is apparent. Joseph reveals himself and the brothers are reconciled.

To the delight of the audience, a glorious finale followed. The grand entrance of Joseph reunited with his beloved father formed a most satisfying ending. The whole cast joyfully joined Joseph reprising 'Give me my coloured coat', while his multi-coloured coat magically unfolded to fill the stage. It was a dream of a show.

**Quiz Question:** At Joseph's entrance in his chariot of gold, bars from which Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice musical are played by the brass section? **Answer on page 11**

## Music Department – Dates for the diary

Our Advent Carol Service will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 7.00pm in the school hall. All are invited.

Next year's school production is going to be **Sister Act** and will take place from the **1st-3rd July 2020**.



## Cansford Laboratories visit

In November, to enhance their studies, a small group of Year 11 triple science pupils had the opportunity to visit Cansford Laboratories in Pentwyn. Cansford Laboratories offer the UK's fastest drug and alcohol testing service. Pupils were shown the various stages involved in the testing of hair, nail, blood and oral fluid (saliva) samples and observed the high tech equipment used in the process. The visit provided a fascinating insight into this industry

and provided pupils with ideas of the careers available that are linked to science. Our thanks to Kim Bagley (Operations Director) and Sian Bevan (Laboratory Manager) from Cansford Laboratories for taking time out of their day to show us around. We would also like to thank Rob Petersen from Petersens PR for arranging this visit for us.

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

## A fond farewell to Linda Hewings

We say a fond farewell to Linda Hewings who began working at the school in 1989 initially in the canteen, followed by taking responsibility for reprographics and then moving on to be the school's first ever teaching assistant. Her last position from 2012 was as an Assistant Head of Year which eventually saw her supporting Mr Green and their year group from end of Year 7 all the way through to Year 11.

She took great pride in her students and her guidance and encouragement were invaluable.



Linda's calm and measured approach was always well received by the students in her care. Likewise, the commitment and support she offered to families and the wider community was equally well received/appreciated/valued. It is impossible to measure the impact Linda has had on the pupils, staff and wider community of St Illtyd's Catholic High School in her 30 years of service here.

She will be dearly missed by her colleagues and pupils alike. We wish her all the very best in her retirement.

**MRS D CHARD, DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER**

## Mensa success

In October, 62 pupils undertook an approved Mensa test at the school. Mensa is the largest and oldest high IQ society in the world, founded in 1946 and is open to people who score at the 98th percentile or higher on a standardised, supervised IQ intelligence test. We were delighted to receive the results of the tests which showed that 15 pupils were eligible to join Mensa, scoring over 148 points. These pupils were: Cohen Fender, Ethan Davey, Lolani Lane, Logan Llewellyn, Danny Pillinger, Matilda Bates, Angelika Carpio, Dylan Gradkowski, Daniel Napper, Mohammed Majharul Islam, Alexis-Mae Mason, Miles Chatterton, Freya Shortis and Archie Jones. Many, many congratulations to them all.

A special mention also needs to be made for Gabriel Navarro, like the others listed above qualified for Mensa, with the maximum possible score of 162. A spectacular result for a pupil in year 7!

**DAVID RICHARDS, MORE ABLE AND TALENTED CO-ORDINATOR/TEACHER OF HISTORY**







## Community Christmas Market 2019

Our seventh annual Community Christmas Market was another roaring success with over 300 people attending. There was a wonderful festive atmosphere in the hall created by the music from RAF St Athan Voluntary Brass Band and a real buzz amongst all the many stalls. Children were excited to meet Santa, receive a gift and have their photo taken with him. Huge thanks to Domino's Pizza for sponsoring the event, CJ Construction for providing the prefects with hi-viz vests and to Theresa Sullivan, St Illtyd's Youth Mentor, for organising Santa's Grotto and raising £18 for Holme Towers. Finally, a big thank you to the Heads/Deputy Heads of Houses and all the pupils that helped and ensured that the event ran smoothly- they were fantastic ambassadors for St Illtyd's.

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



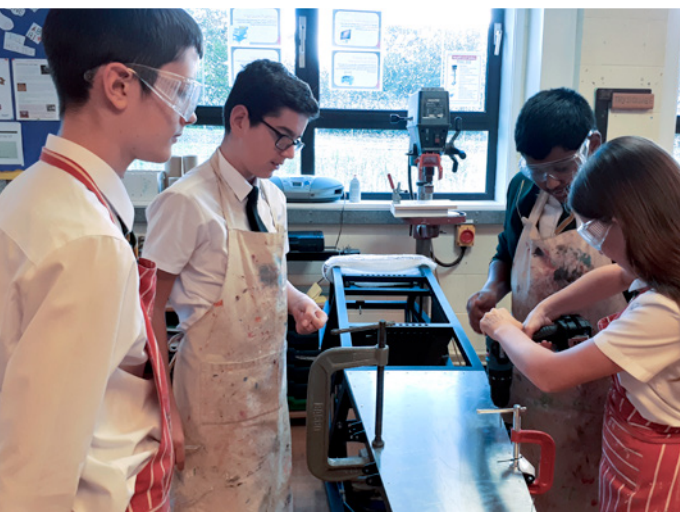
## Macmillan Coffee Morning success!

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning at the start of October was another huge success. Many cakes were donated for the cake sale and raffle tickets were sold for a lovely hamper. The winner of the Star Baker competition was Abigail Crawford and the winner of the hamper was Lynda Hawkins. Well done to both our winners. The total raised is a fantastic £240! A huge well done to Mrs Natalie James for another successful fund raiser.

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**







## F24 Electric Car Club & Silverstone trip

Have you ever thought about building a go kart? Well neither did we until we were given the opportunity. In September we decided that we were going to join the F24 Electric Car Club and give it a go. Every Year 9 pupil had the chance to take part, however only 15 pupils decided to commit to it. Every Tuesday for the past 3 months we have been working on our go kart, designing the layout, building the base and beginning to start on our body work to improve the structure.

On the 17th October 2019, we all had the chance to have a day off timetable and head to Silverstone, England along with Miss Lewis and Mrs Shanahan. We left school at approximately 8.00am, arriving in Silverstone at 11:30am. When we arrived, we were greeted by a Greenpower staff member who led us towards the track ready to see the first race. After watching the first race we were lucky enough to catch a quick tour of all the different cars that all the schools had built, some with miraculous designs never seen before. Ewan May and Jayden Hutchison took plenty of photos and took notes on how we could improve our go kart to get it to a decent standard, which greatly helped us when

continuing with the build of our car. Later, we went up to the stand to watch the final race of the day. After a long but fulfilling day, we got on the coach and headed back home.

Since then we have worked extremely hard with Gabby and Tom from Renishaw to help get our car built faster so that we can get out and hit the track. We have made a massive difference from how our car started off to how it looks now. We have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in such an amazing STEM project. We hope to continue improving on our car every time we have the chance. By this time next year our main goal is to have got the car completely finished with reaching every success criteria set. We are extremely excited to eventually finish our go kart so we can have an overall view of it and another amazing day at Silverstone, where we can get more involved and actually race.

So far, this project has been beneficial to us in several different ways, giving us the chance to experience things like never before. The main objective with this opportunity is to get more girls involved with STEM subjects as this year only four out of 15 pupils were girls. When we finally finish and hand it over to the current Year 8s, who will be Year 9 when they do it,



we hope they will enjoy it as much as we did and more girls get involved. They will have the chance to take the car apart and re do it and but add more things to it to improve it even more.

We would like to give a massive thank you to Mr Nelson, Mr Hill, Mr Owen and Miss Lewis for all the help and support they have provided along the way.

**MACKENZIE HARRY AND FAITH MATHEWS,  
YEAR 9 PUPILS AND F24 ELECTRIC CAR CLUB  
MEMBERS**





## Year 7 beach trip

The current Year 8's celebrated the end of Year 7 by having a traditional day out to the beach. They built sand castles, played cricket, flew kites, went rock pooling, buried each other in the sand or just chilled out. Great fun was had by all.

**MRS L HOBBS, HEAD OF YEAR 8 & MRS W SHANAHAN, ASSISTANT HEAD OF YEAR 8**



## Skills Cymru 2019

At the start of October, two groups of our Year 10 pupils attended the SkillsCymru Careers Event in Cardiff's Motorpoint Arena. With hands-on activities and skills taster sessions, SkillsCymru Cardiff aims to inspire and motivate visitors who are considering their future careers. Pupils were able to speak to exhibitors to find out more about careers in key growth sectors for Wales, as well as finding out about further education and training courses. It was a very well organised event that allowed our pupils to meet a diverse range of organisations all under one roof. All of our pupils found this an invaluable visit.

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



## Introducing our School Parliament 2019

During the Autumn term, each form class elected one boy and one girl to act as class representative. Then each year group elected one boy and one girl from the class representatives to represent them on the School Parliament. Our School Parliament met with the Head teacher, Mr David Thomas, for the first time just before half term and pupils were able to share their ideas on everything from improvements to pupil toilets, canteen space and teaching. The School Parliament will meet on a regular basis with the Head teacher throughout the year and will act as spokes people for their peers. We look forward to many great things throughout the year.

## Reach for the skies

Earlier this term, we were delighted to welcome ex Wales rugby international player Ian Gough to St Illtyd's who delivered the "Reach for the Skies" mentoring programme to a group of our Year 11 pupils. The pupils found his visit thoroughly inspiring and it gave them plenty of ideas on things to consider going forward in their studies and future careers. The programme will continue with a visit to the Principality Stadium later this year. Pictured with the pupils and Ian Gough is Miss Leah Ousey who oversees this initiative.







## Family cookery

Our popular family cookery course has explored the theme of "Healthy Cookery" this Autumn term. Families have met every Tuesday after school and have cooked delicious family meals including Sausage & Bean Casserole, Meatballs & Tomato Sauce and Spicy Persian Lamb. The family cookery club allows our families to spend quality time together whilst learning new skills and gaining new ideas for meals at home. Well done to all of our families for taking part and to our parents & carers for earning Agored Cymru credits.

If you are interested in joining the next ten week course of Family Cookery that starts in January 2020, then please get in touch with Luisa May on **02920 778174** or email **lm@stilltyds.org.uk**.

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



## Parliament trip

In November, a group of 14 pupils, along with myself and Mrs MacIntosh visited Parliament with a view to developing an understanding of the political process of the UK Government before launching a "parliament week" in St Illtyd's early in the New Year.

The trip included an in depth tour of the Houses of Parliament, including visiting the House of Lords, House of Commons, and Westminster Hall, along with an hour long workshop on the policy making process. We were very lucky indeed to be joined by our Local MP for Cardiff South, Stephen Doughty who, despite only being scheduled to join us for only 10 minutes, ended up staying for almost a full hour as he took pupils' questions on Brexit, knife crime, deprivation in the local community and funding for local organisations, to list but a few! Overall it contributed to a very interesting, and very informative visit.

As well as Parliament, we also found the time to take in some of the London sights, which included a "high lunch" at the top of the London Eye, and a river tour of the Thames that took in Shakespeare's Globe, and both London and Tower Bridges. Finally, of course no trip to London would be complete without a trip on the iconic London Underground!

Overall, despite the early start and late return the trip proved to be both very educational and very enjoyable with everyone returning to Cardiff as tired, but very informed citizens indeed!

**DAVID RICHARDS, MORE ABLE AND TALENTED CO-ORDINATOR/TEACHER OF HISTORY**



## First Campus Year 9 University Residential 2019

In July, a group of ten Year 9 pupils were very lucky to be selected to attend the First Campus Year 9 University Residential. The Residential is designed to reflect three years of university life in three years, both the academic and social aspects of it.

To kick things off, our pupils enjoyed "Fresher's Day" - a series of activities in which they learnt more about what it entails to study at university and to get to know their fellow "freshers" from the other high schools. They then spent a day and a half studying a subject of their choice. Our pupils studied Biomedical Science, Sport, Fashion Design, Engineering, Hospitality and Cyber Security. The evenings were filled with discos, karaoke and a student quiz.

The Residential ended with a graduation ceremony to which all parents and carers were invited and a sense of achievement was shared. We are extremely proud of all of our St Illtyd's "graduates" and would like to congratulate Wiktorina Chmura for being awarded an Inspire Award for her excellent achievements and work on the Fashion Design course.

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







This term, the whole of Year 7 and 8 had the opportunity to watch the STEM Roadshow. The STEM Roadshow is a collaboration between BAE Systems, the RAF and the Royal Navy, designed to inspire the scientists and engineers of the future. This year's roadshow focused on communications and data and was entitled "Are we connected?" The presentation

covered areas such as how mobile phones connect people around the world, how computers talk to each other and how we talk to our devices e.g. Bluetooth. The fun, interactive roadshow was thoroughly enjoyed by all of our pupils.

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

**BAE SYSTEMS**



## Year 7 First Aid Awareness

At the start of each new academic year, we invite Dave Bull, trainer from St John Cymru, to St Illtyd's to deliver First Aid Awareness sessions to our new Year 7 pupils. At St Illtyd's we aspire that by the time our pupils leave us, they will be equipped with basic life skills and the best life skill there is, is being able to save a life. The sessions covered Primary Survey, Calling for an Ambulance, Choking and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). 191 pupils attended the sessions this year. All pupils felt that they had learnt something new by the end of each session and felt more confident that they would know what to do when faced with such a situation.

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





# Spirituality & Chaplaincy at St Illtyd's



## St Cadoc's Confirmation (1)

A Confirmation Service was held at St Cadoc's Catholic Church on the 14th July. Pictured with His Grace Archbishop George Stack and Deputy Head Teacher Mr Paul Moriarty are St Illtyd's pupils MacKenzie Harry and Elijah Menor who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We wish them both well in their future journeys of faith.

## Advent (2)

The Church's Year, the Liturgical Year, starts with the season of Advent. Advent comes from the Latin term 'Adventus' which means 'the return of the emperor'. During Roman times, the Emperor would often leave Rome to visit the army on campaign in different countries. His return was celebrated with a great festival. There are three

meanings of 'coming' that Christians describe in Advent. The first, and most thought of, happened about 2000 years ago when Jesus came into the world as a baby to live as a man and die for us. The second can happen now as Jesus wants to come into our lives now. And the third will happen in the future when Jesus comes back to the world as King and Judge, not a baby. Throughout Advent we celebrate many different customs, the most famous of which is the Advent Wreath.

## Year 7 Welcome Mass (3)

On St Illtyd's Day, Wednesday 6th November, a Mass was held at the school to welcome our new Year 7 pupils and to celebrate the feast day of St Illtyd. Our thanks to Father Brian for celebrating the Mass for us.

## Pupil Profile in art form (4)

As has been reported in previous issues of the New Illtydian, pupils at St Illtyd's have been learning about and striving to follow the values of the Jesuit pupil profile. To build on this learning, pupils in Years 7 and 8 had an input into designs that encapsulated each of the values. These designs were then cut from pieces of wood, layered and glued together, and then painted and varnished. Pupils helped with the painting of the pieces. These wooden pupil profile signs are now on display outside the ER unit, acting as a reminder of how we should all act on a daily basis. Our thanks go to Cover Supervisor, Ben Dockrill, for all his work with this project.





## Pretty Muddy!

On Saturday 6th July 2019, 16 students and six members of staff took part in Race for Life's 5k Pretty Muddy obstacle run for Cancer Research UK. This amazing group of girls donned pink for the day and ran, crawled and climbed their way through Bute Park's mud course to raise money for a fantastic cause. The girls raised over a whopping £400 for their efforts (with over half of this amount coming from just ONE person!). I am incredibly proud of their efforts; not just for raising money, but for proving to themselves that they can achieve whatever they set their minds to. I look forward to doing this again in July 2020; although maybe next time we can do the 10k?

**MISS JOANNE BERRYMAN, SKILLS CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE LEAD**



## Nativity the Musical

As part of their work in the Bronze Arts Award with Miss Phipps, pupils from the Year 11 ASDAN Art class, along with a small number of More Able and Talented Year 8 and 9 Art pupils attended Nativity the Musical at the Wales Millennium Centre.

The performance was excellent and was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils. The show was full of energy and just the thing to get everyone in the festive spirit. One of the stars of the show was Love Island's Dani Dyer who played Hollywood producer Polly Parker.

Year 9 pupil Alicia Owen said "I liked how they kept to the story of the original film but gave it a new lease of life". "The show was even more exciting than I had originally expected. The experience of visiting the theatre was exciting and overwhelming" said Year 8 pupil Matilda Bates. Year 11 pupil Adela Bleda added, "The show was really good. The whole experience was exciting and you could see how hard they had all worked to put the show together".

Following on from the live performance, pupils must write a report or presentation and share their findings with others.

We are extremely grateful to the Arts Council of Wales Go and See Fund who fully funded this trip. Without their support, this trip would not have been possible.

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

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## Year 9 Engineering Team Challenge 2019

In November, I took a group of 11 Year 9 pupils to take part in the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) Engineering Team Challenge 2019 which was held at St Fagans National History Museum.

We found out that the Institution of Civil Engineers was founded in 1818, is the world's oldest professional institution and today ICE influences government and engineers worldwide.

Sustainability was the 'word of the day' and the guest speaker Kara Brussen is an Environmental Engineer and works as a Sustainability Consultant for Arup. Kara talked about how important the environment is to engineers, the need to use recycled and sustainable materials and praised Wales on its Well-being of Future Generations Act!

Our Challenge was to design and build a water tower which had to hold water out of paper, card, glue and sellotape! Both our teams did amazingly well, the girls tower came in under budget and the boys tower held slightly more water. Both teams were praised by the engineers watching, on how well they worked in teams and understood the need to be careful with resources.

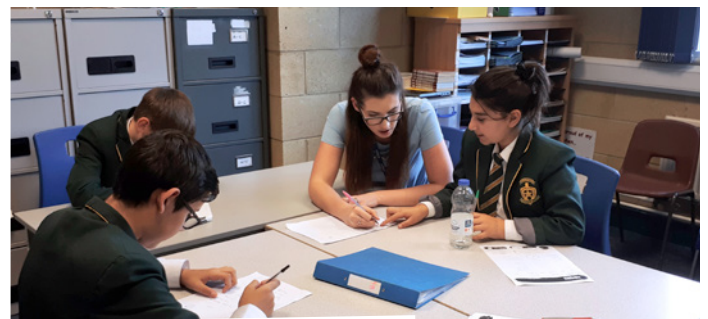
**NICK SPARROW I2A CAREERS ADVISER**





## St Illtyd's Day 2019

Our St Illtyd's Day celebrations this year began with two wonderful Masses celebrated by Father Brian. The Mass was a time to reflect on the life and work of St Illtyd and to remember why we are all here today. St Illtyd's Day celebrations then continued with two talent shows- one for Key Stage 3 and one for Key Stage 4. The shows highlighted the talent we have at St Illtyd's amongst both pupils and staff. St Illtyd's Day also provided our pupils with the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities including art, quiet games, sports and IT. As a treat for our pupils, Father Brian arranged for jam doughnuts for all. The day was a great celebration of St Illtyd and an enjoyable day all round. Huge thanks to Mr David Richards, More Able and Talented Co-ordinator and the Honours pupils for organising the day.



## Spotlight on... our Teaching Assistants Team

This issue, we take a closer look at the fantastic work our teaching assistant team do at St Illtyd's. From the very start to the very end of the day, the team is there to support our more vulnerable and less able pupils, to enable them to get the most out of the school day.

Their day begins with interventions such as paired reading during registration. Paired reading allows pupils of different year groups to read alongside each other, supporting each other in their reading. Our teaching assistants oversee this activity, offering encouragement and help. Throughout the day, our teaching assistants support pupils in their lessons and also run other interventions with targeted pupils that focus on improving reading, spelling and numeracy skills. Their day does not stop at 2.50pm. The team run an array of after school clubs which include catch up clubs and a Lego Club. A new club that has started this term is "Maths Factor", a club that aims to improve maths confidence and everyday



numeracy skills through interactive and supported activities.

Year 8 pupil Paolo Ferritto, a regular attendee at Lego Club said, "I have lots of fun in Lego Club building different things with my friends." Paolo's mum, Melissa Ferritto added, "Paolo thoroughly enjoys Lego Club which helps him follow instructions and listen to the ideas of others. It also improves his fine motor skills. This club wouldn't be possible without the continued support of the teaching assistants who are a credit to the school. Keep up the good work!"

It is clear to see that our teaching assistant team are the back bone of life here at St Illtyd's and their work with our pupils is invaluable. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the work that they do.



## St Cecilia Showcase

On 20th November, our Faculty of Expressive Arts presented a showcase to celebrate the feast of St Cecilia. St Cecilia is the patroness of musicians. It is written that as the musicians played at her wedding she "sang in her heart to the Lord".

The Faculty of Expressive Arts consists of Art, Music, Drama, PE and Skills Challenge. The Showcase featured performances of Romeo and Juliet from St Illtyd's Drama Club and

gymnastics and dance displays from PE. The Music department showcased music from the school orchestra, the school rock band and the school choir performed a ten minute medley of songs from "Wicked". There was a beautiful vocal performance from singing trio Isobel Baldwin, Lydia Napper and Nicole Evans and a vibrant steel drum performance from Kya Placide and her dad. We were also treated to a winning performance from guitar trio Amy Crowley, Jessica Cleverly and

Sophie Cleverly who recently won first place in the Music in the Vale competition. Displays of work from the Art department filled the hall and foyer.

The St Cecilia Showcase was a wonderful evening and was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to showcase how very talented they are. We are so proud of them- well done! Thank you to the Faculty of Expressive Arts for putting on a fantastic evening.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2019/20

Please note the following dates for the academic year:

## TERM DATES

## Autumn Term 2019

Ends: Friday 20/12/19

## Spring Term 2020

Starts: Monday  
06/01/2020Half Term: Monday  
17/02/2020 – Friday  
21/02/2020

Ends: Friday 03/04/2020

## Summer Term 2020

Starts: Monday  
20/04/2020Half Term: Monday  
25/05/2020 –  
Friday 29/05/2020

Ends: Monday 20/07/2020

INSET DAYS – Friday  
31/01/20 and  
Monday 20/07/20

The school will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on Friday 08/05/20

## Sports/Chwaraeon



## Year 7 Rugby

The Year 7 rugby team have had some excellent performances over the Autumn Term. They played extremely well at Eastern High School, beating; Cantonian High School, Bishop of Llandaff High School and Eastern High School in a round robin tournament. Not only did they win all their matches, but they also didn't concede any points in all three games. They also played Cantonian High School in a friendly fixture before half term and beat them convincingly, producing a great team performance. Year 7 now look forward to playing Plasmawr High School in the first round of the Cardiff Cup competition. Good luck to all involved!

look forward to playing Cathedral School in the first round of the Cardiff Plate competition. Good luck to all involved!

## Year 10 and 11 Rugby

The Year 10 and 11 rugby teams will be travelling to Cathedral School to play in the first round of the Cardiff Plate competition. We wish them well in what will be a tough away fixture!

## Girls Netball

The girls have made a fantastic start to the season with matches against Eastern High, St Teilo's and Llanishen. Results have been improving game by game. Some highlights included the Year 8A's excellent game against Llanishen with a 5-2 win, a win for the Year 11 girls against Eastern High and St. Teilo's and a great start for the Year 7 girls who came away with one win and one loss at Eastern High.

## Netball Training

Netball training will start back again on Friday 6th December. The nights are as follows:

- **Wednesdays 3-4pm – Years 7 & 8 Netball – with Miss Jones and Miss Nickson**
- **Fridays 3-4.15pm – GCSE students & invitational students only – with Miss Jones**

## Sports Leadership and GCSE PE Catch up

Any students wishing and able to resubmit units of work or would like time for PE revision, catch up is available **every Tuesday 3-4pm in ICT1** with Miss Jones.

## Gym and Dance (4)

Congratulations to the Year 7 & 8 Gymnastics and Dance girls selected to take part in the St. Cecilia show for the Expressive Arts Faculty Showcase this term- you made the PE department very proud with your excellent routines and fantastic commitment to rehearsals. We saw a faultless **dance duet** from Shyla Barrett and Maggie Curran (both Year 7), an elegant and well-rehearsed **dance trio** of Ella Ham, Olivia Carwardine and Ellie Hayde (all Year 7) and a fun and energetic **gymnastics routine** performed by Ella Ham, Olivia Carwardine, Ellie Hayde, Shyla Barrett, Maggie Curran, Calice Powell, Lisa Wibley, Brooke Ash, Kacey Williams, Charmaine Gobvu, Isata Kamara and Zuganna Cŷyğ (which was created by themselves).

## Year 9 Football (1)

The Year 9 football team travelled to Cardiff Met to play Bro Eden High School before half term. With several players unavailable or injured, only a squad of 11 players travelled to play the fixture. What a performance! All 11 players, played with energy and dynamism to secure a 6-1 win. Well done boys! They look forward to playing Llanishen High School in the next round of the Cardiff and Vale Cup.

## Year 10 Football (2)

The Year 10 football team travelled to St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School and secured a solid victory away from home. It was a closely fought game in which many goal scoring opportunities were missed. However, St Illtyd's were strong enough to hold on for what was a well-deserved 4-3 victory. Well done boys! The Year 10 football team will play Cardiff High School in the next round of the Cardiff and Vale Cup.

## Year 11 Football

The Year 11 football team put in an excellent display of attacking football at Willows High School, securing a 7-1 win. It was a real squad effort, with all players who took the field contributing to what was a free-flowing and exciting game to spectate. Well done boys! The Year 11 football team will play Eastern High School in the next round of the Cardiff and Vale Cup.

## Year 9 Rugby (3)

The Year 9 rugby team have played exceptionally well in both their friendly fixtures. They played with grit and determination to beat a defiant St Teilo's team and backed that performance up with a powerful display of running rugby against Eastern High School. Year 9 now

