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Dear Parent/Guardian,

## Newsletter No 6 - 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

Happy St Wilfrid's Day!

### Saint John Henry Newman

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Blessed John Henry Newman will be Canonised at a ceremony in St Peter's Square, Rome. This means that he will become a Saint. He will be the first English person in over 50 years to become a Saint.

Newman was a Catholic Priest known for his kindness and compassion and had a special relationship with the people of Birmingham: he was the founder of the first Oratorian order of Priests in North Birmingham and was the founder of The Oratory School in Edgbaston. Today, a number of educational establishments honour his name: Newman University College in South Birmingham, where many of our teachers here at St Wilfrid's trained and, of course, John Henry Newman Catholic College - our local secondary school in Chelmsley Wood.

We have celebrated this in school and our Year 5 children were invited to join the celebrations at John Henry Newman Catholic College. Also, this week, we welcomed Mr Morgan from John Henry Newman Catholic College, who led an assembly for us.

Do ask your children about this special time.

### October - month of the Rosary

On Wednesday we joined thousands of children across the Archdiocese of Birmingham to pray the rosary for the work of missionaries around the world and also that we may be helped to share the Good News of Jesus with all people.

Archbishop Longley led us via a video link and the children's singing and reverence was superb.

### St Wilfrid's Feast Day - 11<sup>th</sup> October

Today we celebrated the feast day of our patron saint, St Wilfrid. We began the day with a lovely mass and enjoyed the day in Non-Uniform.

### Academy Director Vacancies

St Wilfrid's Catholic School has been working with other Catholic schools in the local area to establish a Multi Academy Company. As part of our planning, we are now looking to recruit volunteer Shadow Board Directors to give additional Governance support to Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC. If you have the skills and time to support the future development of Catholic education in your community, please see the flier, inviting you to a presentation on the role of a Director in a Catholic Multi Academy Company. If you would like further details please email: [academies@bdes.org.uk](mailto:academies@bdes.org.uk).

### Hockey Team

Well done to our Hockey Team of Brandon, Gabriele, Sumaia, Liam, Keenan, Daniel Adeo, (Y6), Kiera, Muhammad, Chloe-May, Sebastian (Y5) who competed well at Erdington Academy and represented the school at a high standard.

### Life Caravan

The re-organised 'Life Caravan' visit will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October through to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019. It will be sited in the School Car Park and parents are invited to take a look and find out more about the children's topics on

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - 9 - 9.15 am.

Please do join us if you can.





### Uniform

Children should now be wearing the Winter Uniform of:

**Boys**-Grey trousers, white shirt, St Wilfrid's blue school jumper, school tie, grey socks

**Girls**-Grey skirt, pinafore or grey school trousers, white blouse, St Wilfrid's blue school cardigan/jumper, school tie, white/grey socks or tights.

Please note that footwear should be black shoes, not trainers or boots.

Hair should not have patterns or tramlines.

Gentle reminders will be given to those not in uniform next week.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### Reception - September 2020

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 you will need to apply for a Reception school place for next September. To apply online please visit <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

You can apply online from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. If you have any problems, then please contact the school office.

### Values and Virtues

Congratulations to Habul (2B) and Iga (3B) who are the winners of our 'Grateful and Generous' certificates this week.

### Behaviour Awards

**Light Blue Badges:** Adam F, Daan, Catalin, Jeremy, Aaron, Lucian, Xaiya, Tyler, Deron, Adam K, Riley Gr, Billie-Louise, Oliver Ca, Matteus, Avyanna, Arthur, Leo-Riley, Irtiza, Anaie, Harafa, Tillie-Mae, Chloe-May, Liz, Layla, Iyarna, Rhubie-Eve, Daniel Adet

**Pink Badges:** Jireh, Jakub

### **STAR AWARDS AND MERIT CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK**

Nursery	Delia
Reception CT	Louie
Reception SS	Mielahier, Angel
Year 1M	Kaci-Rae, Xaiya
Year 1P	Adam, Zimal
Year 2B	Avneet
Year 2G	Mariam
Year 3B	Doniro
Year 3M	Grace
Year 4P	Nikola
Year 4R	Isabelle, Teodora
Year 5H	Harafa ,Sahar
Year 5M	Jacob
Year 6G	Haris
Year 6T	Sofia
SPORTS AWARD	Kiera 5M
WISE OWL AWARD	Oliver 6G
MUSIC AWARD	Everybody for singing the Rosary
EARLY YEARS ANGELS OF THE WEEK	Julia (Nurs), Mateusz (RSS), Bodgan (RCT)

**Well done everyone!**





**Period - 30<sup>th</sup> September - 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2019**

Group	% Attend
RCT	92.2%
RSS	91.9%
Year 1P	99.2%
Year 1M	93.8%
Year 2B	91.1%
Year 2G	94.8%
Year 3B	96%
Year 3M	93.9%
Year 4P	95.3%
Year 4R	96%
Year 5H	98.2%
Year 5M	93.1%
Year 6G	95%
Year 6T	94.8%

#### **Prayers**

We thank Our Lord for the example of our newest saint, St John Henry Newman, and ask him to help and guide us.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,

**R Baker and staff**

