



ST. ROSE'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER—JULY 2011

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joshua March 17 on
21st July
Sam Boreham 20 on
12th August
Jacob Pope 16 on
14th August
Zachary Sanders 4
on 24th August
Lucy Thomas 18 on
25th August
Sam Grove 19 on
30th August

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As we approach the end of the school year, you will be looking forward to your Summer Holidays. This year has been amazing for St. Rose's. We have just had a very positive Ofsted and we look forward to sharing more details with you next term as we excitedly await its publication (watch this space). I must say a huge thank you to all pupils, parents and staff who completed the questionnaire for the Inspection Team; to all parents who wrote letters of support and to those pupils and parents who met with the Inspector to talk about the school—Thank You. Everyone within the family of St. Rose's gave a very powerful message to the Inspector. We had a fantastic Summer Music Prom on one of the days as well which showcased all the musical talent within the school. The Scouts and Explorers camp happened on the Friday and then the Rainbow Memory Ball on the Saturday. The pupils were so busy, they were the best ambassadors for their school—it was fabulous to see. The Inspection Report will be published on the Ofsted website, www.ofsted.gov.uk, within the next 3 weeks.

Well, what can I say, every year I think this is the best we can do. However, I forget how determined all our young people are to demonstrate their many talents. These awards reflect our young people's outstanding efforts in lessons through producing so much work to gain so many certificates and results. The entire staff shares with you the pride in your son or daughter's achievements. I am delighted to share with everyone the fantastic efforts of all young people who have achieved these excellent results. In the Summer Exams pupils have achieved a record number of certificates: BTEC National Diploma in Hospitality and Catering (1), Entry Level Certificates in Maths, Art & Design (3), Within the AQA Awards 180 Certificates have been awarded in: English, Maths, Science, French, ICT, PSHEC, Asdan TI (37), Asdan PP (24), Asdan TC (23). Congratulations to all students on their success in which they can justifiably feel so proud. I will now pause for breath and wish you all a very happy and safe holiday. We will see some of you at the Play Scheme in August and to everyone enjoy God's blessings throughout the holiday until we all safely return in September.



Simone Thurbon



Kids Out On 8th June several of the younger pupils in the school were lucky enough to visit **West Midlands Safari Park** as part of the **Rotary Club Kids Out**. The weather was good, and we had lots of fun. We went on several rides in the amusement park and I think everyone got wet with one or more of the rides. We experienced the roller coaster, endured the Pirate ship and had the added excitement of getting stuck on the top of the Log Flume!!! We visited the Safari Park after lunch in convoy. We really enjoyed seeing the animals close up - and the Rhinoceros even came up to the bus to give it a lick! It was a really lovely day and we are very grateful to the Rotarians!



Emma
Richards

The Smile Appeal—Fundraising—Official Opening of Hydrotherapy Pool

Building a hydrotherapy pool on site has been a long term goal of the school Governors. Yet in an uncertain financial climate, it would have been easy to postpone the fundraising until the economy recovered, but that is not the ethos of our school. So after three years of a huge team effort and a few nail biting moments on Friday 24th June 2011 our state of the art £1.4m Hydrotherapy Pool with Multi Sensory Lighting and Sound System was officially opened by Sharron Davies MBE.



This build was made possible with the overwhelming support of hundreds of individuals and organisations. Generous grants have been received from trusts and foundations. People have organised events and challenges which have been enthusiastically supported by the school community and the general public.

During the opening ceremony, Sr. Teresa Billington OP, Chair of Governors said *"We could not have provided these wonderful facilities without the support of so many people. We are extremely grateful and they are all in our prayers"*



Cornish Coast Walk 2011

Chris Duffy (father of Jenny) is walking a stretch of the Cornish Coastline for a week during the school holidays. The route will take him from St. Ives to Mevagissey, via Lands End, approx. 130 miles in total. Chris is raising funds for two special causes. One is Macmillan Cancer. The other is HCPT's Group 37, with whom a number of our young people have travelled to Lourdes at Eastertime. For details, please visit Chris's Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/teams/cornishcoastwalk2011 or contact Chris on chrisedduffy@waitrose.com. Thanks in advance for any support you can give.



The Rainbow Ball

The Rainbow Ball was held in a marquee in the school grounds on **Saturday 9th July 2011 7pm—1am**. 147 people attended, all dressed in their 'glad rags'. A delicious two-course buffet supper was enjoyed by all, prepared in the school kitchen by Carol and Mark. Guests danced to local band *"Too Hot to Handle"* and Morris Windsor's disco. Over 88 raffle prizes were donated by local businesses from a spa day, glider flight to boxes of chocolates. Just after midnight 50 coloured sky lanterns were let off, making a spectacular display in the night sky. The evening raised just over £4,300 which will refurbish the school library, benefitting all the pupils at St. Rose's.



Thank you to everyone who supported this event, making a very special evening in memory of my son Gavin.
Elaine Shipway

SUMMER GARDEN FETE Saturday 18th June 2011 1pm—4.00pm

This year the Summer Garden Fete raised £3,578. Thank you, once again, to the dedicated group 'Friends of St. Rose's' for their organisation and hard work.



Summer Prize Draw Winners:
 1st Prize—£100 Marks & Spencer Voucher—Heather Lynch
 2nd Prize—Malt Whisky—Mrs. Harvey
 3rd Prize—Crystal Vase—K. Stewart
 4th Prize—6 Bottles of Wine—Mr & Mrs. Iddin
 5th Prize—Bottle of Champagne—J. Bamford
THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

SPECIALIST SCHOOL STATUS & ICT

We are now coming to the end of our third year of Specialist School Status. It has been an exciting year and we have continued to see the impact that our Specialist School targets have made on our pupils and students. We have seen our pupils and students make progress towards their targets and in some cases exceed their targets showing progress above expectation. We have enjoyed the links with our partner schools and have forged some new links which we hope to develop in the future. Our Scout group have benefited from funding and have been able to prepare a musical item for our Music prom this year. Several of our partner schools are contributing to this year's concert and we always enjoy meeting up with other schools with which we have links. We have again worked with Rowan Gym in partnership to hold Gym Club sessions, this year with some of our KS1 and 2 pupils who have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions. We were also able to invite pupils from mainstream schools to participate in the Gym Club with them. Two of our students recently attended a music concert at Malmesbury Abbey organised for students with special needs. They both really enjoyed their time and benefited from the experience.



Jean Bankhead

This is the last year of Specialist School Status funding but despite this we know that our school will continue to look towards the future and push the boundaries for our pupils and students enabling them to experience many different and new challenges. I want to say a huge thank you to the co-ordinators, who have kept us on track with the targets to be achieved for our pupils. Thank you too to all the staff who have given time and energy to make so many events and activities possible and to give the pupils at St Rose's and at our partner schools so many opportunities to enjoy. The partnerships that we have formed and the links that we have made will continue to have a positive impact on us and to be important to us as we move forward as a school.

The Early Years Department expansion earlier this year has resulted in the Brooking Room computer suite being moved. Fortunately the new location is a much quieter room for our students and staff to use the ICT facilities as well as being a very useful training space. Our two new plasma screens are proving to be great assets and our pupils are feeling the benefit. We have also purchased a visualiser for use during both lesson time and assemblies. For those of you who are not familiar with these devices, they are a modern day overhead projector designed to work with a computer. They really are quite versatile and allow you to display whatever is under the device on to a large screen at greatly magnified resolutions. So far our visualiser has proved to be a great point of interest and we have used it to show creepy crawlies to the students amongst other things.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your fantastic response to our appeal for Tesco vouchers; once again you have done St Rose's proud collecting 18,350 vouchers on our behalf. When you consider how small we are compared to many other schools this is an incredible number of vouchers and it will allow us to secure a new school computer as well as several other items of much needed ICT equipment. Our KS4 and 5 students are working on accreditations in ICT this year and will be completing AQA Unit Awards and the OCR Level 1 Certificate for IT Users (New CLAiT).

Chas Doughty





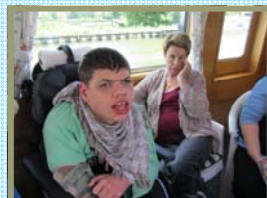
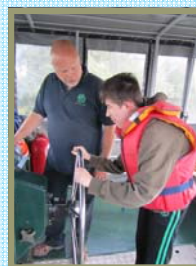
MID-SUMMER MUSICAL PROM 'MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD' 7.11.2011

All the staff had told me what a wonderful experience the prom would be. I knew they would be right but it didn't stop me from feeling rather nervous as it has been my job, as music teacher, to organise it this year. Having only joined the staff in September, I have not actually had the pleasure of even attending one of these concerts, let alone putting one together before, but my colleagues have given me plenty of help. The enthusiasm of those around me, especially the pupils, has been infectious! We kicked off with signing choir letting everyone know our theme for this year (Music from around the World) with an amazing rendition of Status Quo's "Rockin' all over the World"! And we certainly did rock! With musical influences from Australia, Japan, Indonesia and Spain (to name but a few) we nearly lifted the roof off the Marquee and almost blew the rain clouds away. We were delighted to welcome three local primary schools, The Rosary School, St Dominic's, Woodchester, and Whiteshill. We also welcomed back friends from The Milestone School, Alderman Knight and The Shrubberies! All the visiting pupils not only gave us terrific performances but also joined in with our own pupils' music-making with real gusto. It was an excellent example of true community partnership and our visiting Ofsted Inspectors went away duly impressed with that as well as the great standard of performance. Singing, Japanese Taiko Drumming, Signing and movement, dance, brilliant use of Music Technology; all these elements made for an unforgettable day! Now then...someone pass me some paper and a pencil and I'll start planning for 2013! Rachel Moody – Music Coordinator.



WILLOW BOAT TRIP—MAY 2011

A selection of photographs showing what a great time everyone had on this trip:



Not quite the scene from Titanic with Leonardo and Kate but close don't you think!!



Tracey testing the wind direction

June and July have been really busy for the Scouts and Explorer Scouts but we have had good fun and really grown as a troop! June 23rd: The **Scouts and Explorers** have been doing lots of badges this term one of which was their Hobbies badge. To complete their badge they had to share what they had done with the rest of the School. This took the form of Robbie one of our Explorer Scouts producing and delivering an assembly in front of the whole School and



some visitors. He did us proud and although he delivered it he made sure that all the other Explorers and Scouts contributed to what was going into the assembly presentation.

July 1st: Investiture!, On my Honour etc etc, all the Explorer Scouts and Steph (Scout) took their Scout Promise in an Investiture Ceremony held in St Jo's. They all did themselves proud! Thank you to all who helped before, during and after to



make it such a special occasion. Thank you also to family and friends who were able to attend July 7th: Ging gang goolie, goolie, goolie, watch out!

The Scouts and Explorers revamped and added their own words to produce a version of Lord Baden Powell's well known Scouting song Ging gang goolie for the Proms held here at St Roses. The Scouts closed the show and Ging gang goo lied the Marquee down!



July 8th Finally Hello campers! Yes camp 2011 took place here at St Roses, in the big Marquee in the School grounds that



had been put up ready for the Rainbow Ball and had been put at the disposal of the Scouts and Explorers for an overnight camp. It was wet, then dry, then wet, then dry and so on and so forth! This didn't deter us we are Scouting people, we are invincible we can do anything and we did. We played

games, had a barbeque tea, Thomas was Invested, we set off a lantern and 11 out of the 15 in the Troop managed to sleep out in the marquee along with all the keen ? camping volunteers amongst the staff. So there we are Scouting at St Rose's to date. I would just like to thank everybody on behalf of the Scouts and Explorers for all their help and support with the Troop throughout the year, we really appreciate it and couldn't do all

On **Wednesday 6th July** we had a follow up Assembly from **John Lux**. Back in March he told us about the plight of children in Columbia. His main theme was 'Every little helps'. As a result of this we raised £120 through cake sales and raffles. With this money we suggested to John that **CAFOD** buy... a goat costing £28, piglets costing £25, two sets of chickens costing £40, musical instruments costing £10, a starter school set costing £7 and a football costing £10. John hopes to return in the Autumn Term and tell us more about the work of CAFOD.



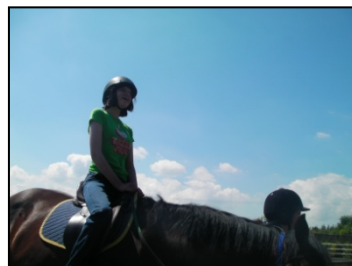
On the 20th July we celebrated our **End of year Mass** along with many parents and friends. The theme of our Mass was thanking God for all that we have shared over this year. Father David based his Sermon, which he signed, on the main message of St John's Gospel.. Jesus said to his friends. **Do not be afraid of the future because I know your name and you belong to me. Just ask me for what you want and you will get it. I love each one of you very much** a comforting message for Alistair McIntyre who is moving on to the Star Centre, Joe Long who is moving on to Apperley House in Tewkesbury and Sam Boreham wherever new pathways may lead him. We pray for them as they move on the next stage of their journey. **Sr Julie op**

CALVERT TRUST 11-15 July 2011

The Calvert Trust, Exmoor is located in an area of outstanding beauty on the edge of Exmoor National Park, next to Wistlandpound Reservoir and a short distance from the North Devon Coast.

Joe, Lucy, Sam G, Sophie, Josh and Robbie went to the Calvert Trust in Exmoor. They tried out all kinds of exciting and adventurous outdoor activities. We were all very impressed with the bravery and determination of the students to try new and daring activities. Josh said that abseiling was “terrifying but amazing”, and Sophie said that the canoeing was “Wet” – we blame Sue C who might have been a just little too enthusiastic in her attempt to assist her team to canoe to victory...

Lea Anne was the group leader and says “I was so proud of everyone. They were great ambassadors for the school and all overcame many different challenges as well as having a fantastic time”.



ENGLISH This year has been very busy in English. We have all enjoyed discovering new stories and sensory books as part of our rolling programmes. Pupils in Key Stage 4 and 5 have been working towards AQA Unit Awards, and I look forward to the pupils receiving their certificates on Prize Giving Evening. We have been really thinking about how to encourage the pupils to read for pleasure or listen to stories for pleasure. On Saturday 9th July the Rainbow Ball took place in the school grounds, and we are extremely lucky to have all of the fundraising money going to the school library. This area of school is in dire need of modernisation. During the summer holiday I hope to begin work on this and begin ordering new sensory materials, texts, audio CD's and equipment. I hope to soon have all pupils in the school borrowing from the library so that they can share stories at home. Keep an eye out for the exciting developments to come here!

Emma Richards

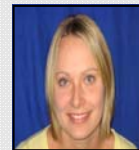


EARLY YEARS DEPARTMENT

Early Years have had a busy end to the year. They enjoyed a visit to Weston Super Mare as part of our term's topic on holidays. The children enjoyed a donkey ride, playing games on the beach and building sandcastles and they all had an ice cream, despite the rain!



We were really proud of the Early Years children and how well they performed their rhyme for the music proms this year.



Heather Penney

We are sad to see many of our Early Years children moving on to their schools for their reception year. So goodbye and good luck to: Murphy, Joshua, Daniel, Matthew, Zachary, Milly, Leon, Bella, Rachel, Harry, Polly and Harrison.



ST. JOSEPH'S POST 16 DEPT

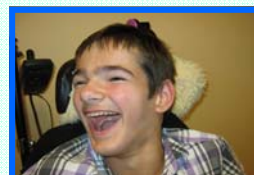
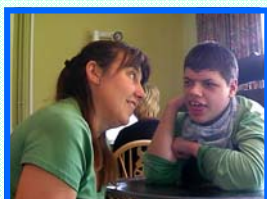
As a welcome to the new students joining St. Joseph's in September a Barbeque was held on 23rd June for Ryan Davis, Laura Wilkes, William Cole, Jenny Duffy, Ryan Jacques, Jacob Pope and Chantelle Richardson.

On a sad note we say goodbye to our Leavers July 2011:

Sam Boreham



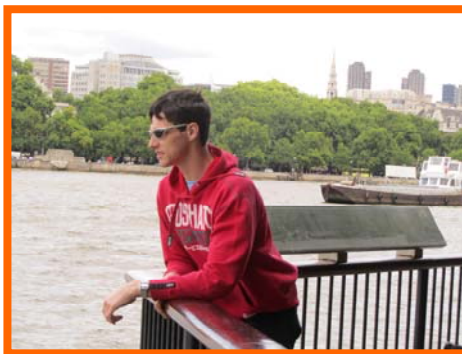
Joseph Long Moving on to Apperley House In Tewkesbury



Alistair McIntyre moving on to The National Star College

We will miss them all very much but wish them every happiness for the future.

SJ2 Visit to London



SJ2 had an exciting day out in London visiting some of the sites. They went to a matinee of The Lion King which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The day was ended with a meal by the river at Giraffes.

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

Academic Year 2011-2012

AUTUMN TERM 2011

<i>Staff only (In Service Days)</i>	<i>1st & 2nd September 2011</i>
Children return :	5th September 2011 at 9.30am
Children finish:	21st October 2011 at 3.30pm
HALF TERM	24th October 2011 to 28th October 2011
Children return:	31st October 2011 at 9.30a.m.
Children finish for	16th December 2011 at 3.30p.m.
CHRISTMAS BREAK	

SPRING TERM 2012

<i>Staff only (In Service Days)</i>	<i>3rd & 4th January 2012</i>
Children return:	5th January 2012 at 9.00a.m
Children finish:	10th February 2012 at 3.30p.m.
HALF TERM	13th to 17th February 2012
Children return:	20th February 2012 at 9.30a.m.
Children finish for	30th March 2012 at 3.30p.m.
EASTER HOLIDAY	

SUMMER TERM 2012

<i>Staff only (In Service Day)</i>	<i>16th April 2012</i>
Children return:	17th April 2012 at 9.00a.m.
May Bank Holiday:	7th May 2012
Children finish:	1st June 2012 at 3.30p.m.
HALF TERM	4th June 2012 to 8th June 2012
Children return:	11th June 2012 at 9.30a.m.
END OF TERM	20th July 2012 at 3.30p.m.

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AWARDS EVENING - 21ST JULY 2011 7.00pm



An evening to say "Well Done" to the students for their hard work throughout the year. This evening is marked with a Presentation of Cups (academic achievement, exceptional effort, contribution to life in St. Joseph's, consistency with school work, progress shown by the young person with more severe difficulties, most progress in performances and outstanding determination; therapy awards, subject awards, class awards, sports awards and accreditations and examinations.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SUMMER PLAYScheme W.C. 8TH AUGUST 2011

Children return 5th September 2011 at 9.30a.m.

HALF TERM 24TH TO 28TH OCTOBER 2011

Children return 31st October 2011 at 9.30a.m.

END OF TERM
FRIDAY 16th December AT 3.30PM