

St Mary's Junior Academy Welcomes East Anglian Air Ambulance

On 14th January, pupils at St Mary's Junior Academy in Long Stratton took part in a workshop run by East Anglian Air Ambulance.

The children learnt how to support someone if they become unconscious, using the A-B-C method: Airways-Breathing-Circulation.

Headteacher Laura Richardson commented on how proud staff were of the children's knowledge and mature attitude.



Congratulations to Catfield Primary...

...on their recent SIAMS Inspection Report, which was glowing!

Amongst many positive comments the Report states; *"Catfield Church of England Primary Academy is an inclusive and caring community in which members of the school are supported and valued. The school's Christian vision is at the heart of decision-making and encourages high aspiration for all."*

"The alignment of the vision of the school with that of St Benet's Multi-Academy Trust has enhanced opportunities for pupils and staff to flourish."

"The school's Christian vision of 'love your neighbour as yourself' encourages staff and pupils to consider the needs of others."

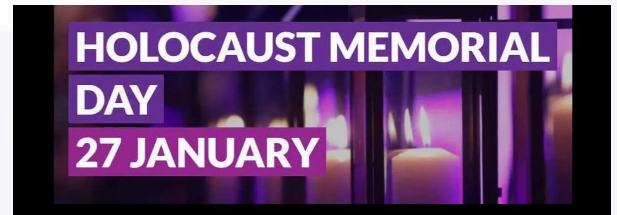


B-Comms is the fortnightly newsletter for Church of England schools who are Members of St Benet's Multi Academy Trust:

Acle Primary, Alburgh with Denton Primary, Catfield Primary, Dickleburgh Primary & Pre-school, Diss Junior Academy, Diss Infant Academy & Nursery, Garboldisham Primary, Happisburgh Primary, Harleston Sancroft Academy, Hickling Infant, Little Plumstead Primary, Morley Primary, Newton Flotman Primary, Scole Primary, St Mary's Junior, St Mary's Primary, Sutton Infant and Tacolneston Primary.

We also work with schools through the DfE's TSIO programme: Pulham Primary and Worstead Primary.

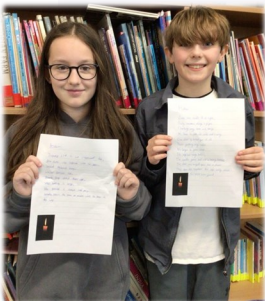
Newton Flotman Primary Academy Pupils Commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day



On 27th January, pupils at Newton Flotman Church of England Primary Academy came together to remember the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp with a series of meaningful activities designed to educate, reflect and inspire hope.

The day began with pupils arriving in clothes of their choice, raising funds for the Holocaust Memorial Trust. A special assembly was held, where pupils learnt about the Holocaust, its impact on millions of lives, and the importance of remembering these events to ensure they are never repeated.

Throughout the day, the school collaborated on an art project entitled "Light Through the Darkness." This symbolic piece featured a glowing candle surrounded by rays of light; each ray designed by a pupil. In addition, Year 5 and 6 pupils each wrote a poem, to reflect and remember.



Ivy-Lea (10) and Marston (11)
with their poems

Ava, aged 6, said, "I found it interesting to learn how the children came in and out of the camps and how long they had been there."

Marston, aged 11, said, "This day is important because of the many deaths that occurred. This day needs to be remembered."

Lily, aged 11, said, "You can remember the people who suffered by looking at the stars in the night."

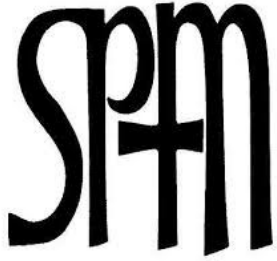
Mrs VandenBergh, Year 5 and 6 Teacher, commented: "Holocaust Memorial Day is a time to remember the past and to learn important lessons about kindness and standing up against hatred. Today has been a great opportunity to teach the pupils of Newton Flotman this history, so we can reflect on the shared responsibility we all have to promote equality."



Early designs for Light Through The Darkness

Mr Riley, Headteacher, stated "We thought that raising awareness of Holocaust Memorial Day was momentous for our children, so we could teach them the importance of learning lessons from history. Tolerance is so important in our society then and now and it is our duty to remember and mark these days, for present and future generations."





Message from St Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich

'Everyone has a Story - and Every Story Deserves to be Heard'

In our 'City of Stories', St Peter Mancroft Church has commissioned the internationally known artist Peter Walker to create an Art Installation to be hung in the chancel.

In the same way his other fine art installations have done, this serves to inspire and invite a response. In this case it serves to inspire and invite every individual or group to tell their story. Those stories will then be curated and displayed to create a bold picture of our City.

The installation will be in place between 29th June and 31st August. It is supported by an Engagement Pack designed for Schools and Community Groups.

On 5th February between 2.30-4.00pm there is an opportunity to meet the artist and the HIDDEN project team to find out more about the project - including the Engagement Pack.

A postal invite was sent to you and this email follows this to invite any colleague, member of your team or Trustee to come to this event.

If no-one is available to be there but you would like to be part of the project or just know more about how you could be involved, then one of HIDDEN team would be delighted to come and discuss with you.

Just let us know via HIDDEN@stpetermancroft.org.uk or through Rachel Hobson on 07712 670928.

Nik Chapman

On behalf of Revd Dr Fiona Haworth, Project Lead



Diocesan Prayer Diary

The Diocese of Norwich have a Prayer Diary, which can be accessed [here](#).
The Church of England have a Time to Pray website [here](#).

Central Team Contact Details

The Diocese of Norwich Education Team (St Benet's, DNEAT, DoNESC) are based at Orchard House, Hall Lane, East Tuddenham, Norfolk NR20 3LR. This is also the registered address for St Benet's MAT.

The central phone number for St Benet's is 01603 550147 or you can email the Central Team via info@stbenets.org.



Press & PR

From 31st May 2024 you should contact 01603 550147 or info@stbenets.org with any press enquiries.

Diocesan Communications



Footprints magazine and the Schools Flyer are circulated to all Diocesan schools. The latest editions can be read [here](#).

If you would like your school to be featured in Footprints please contact Jodie Ballard, PA to the Diocesan Director of Education, at: jodie.ballard@dioceseofnorwich.org.

It is the responsibility of the Diocesan Board of Education to oversee the strategic direction for all schools and academies within the Diocese of Norwich. That's 107 schools in total across St Benet's, DNEAT and LA maintained schools. The DBE has just published its next Strategic Plan covering the period 2024-2030. We encourage you to have a look [here](#).

Vacancies

For vacancies at St Benet's MAT please visit: www.stbenets.org.
Please email your vacancies to: hr@donesc.org.



Upcoming CPD & Events

Trust CPD events over the next half-term are listed here. If you have any questions please contact suzannah.kay@stbenets.org

Week commencing	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
03.02.25	T&M Fed ARM (09.30-11.30); LA Data Support Session on ASP at OH (13.30-15.30)	CUSP Writing Leads - online (15.45-16.45)		Leaders' Forum at OH (09.00-14.00)	
10.02.25				RSL Group (15.40-16.40)	
HALF TERM					
24.02.25				Online SEND Network (15.45-17.30)	
03.03.25		Headteacher Workshop at OH: Focus on Attendance (09.00-16.00)			
10.03.25	CUSP Science—online (15.45-16.45)	Leaders' Forum at OH (09.00-14.00)	CUSP Art—online (15.45-16.45)	CUSP History—online (15.45-16.45); ESL Network at St Mary's Junior (09.00-16.00)	
17.03.25	CUSP Geography—online (15.45-16.45)		CUSP DT—online (15.45-16.45)	CPD Webinar (17.00-18.00)	
24.03.25		Strategy Development Day at OH (09.00-16.00); CUSP Music—online (15.45-16.45)		Diocesan Headteachers' Conference at Norwich Cathedral (08.45-15.30)	
31.03.25	MSL Network (09.00-16.00)				
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Key:

OH—Orchard House NR20 3LR; ARM—Academy Review Meeting; ASP—Analyse School Performance; ESL—English Subject Leads; MSL—Maths Subject Leads; RSL—Raising Standards Leads

Did you know...

St Benet's pays for all its employees to have free access to the Spectrum.Life employee wellbeing service. If you haven't registered yet, follow the simple instructions below to sign up online.

The online platform is accessible from this link:
<https://donesc.spectrum.life/login?org=DoNESC>

On the home page you will be asked to enter your name and email address, create a password and choose who you work for from a drop-down menu (you should choose St Benet's) and this will then take you through to the welcome page. If you download the app it will ask for your Organisation Code which is DoNESC. If you have any problems registering, please contact wendy.allso@donesc.org

The Spectrum.Life service also includes access to 6 free counselling sessions (virtual or face-to-face) via the Employee Assistance Programme, access to a Discount Marketplace, advice on fitness, nutrition and many articles, videos and audios around wellbeing.

There are weekly running guides, advice on stress, diabetes, sleep, menopause, heart health, exercise videos and much more.

B-Comms will focus on some of these specific areas in future issues and your Headteachers will be receiving some promotional material to share with you.

We encourage you to sign up and make use of Spectrum.Life; it's there for your benefit!



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wellbeing
works.



Our Values

Honesty (n. Being honest; truthfulness)

I have chosen the way of truth.

Psalms 119:30

Courage (n. Bravery, boldness)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

Compassion (n. A response to other people's suffering which goes beyond sympathy and is expressed in taking action to help)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

Hope (n. Expectation and desire combined; feeling of trust)

But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

Romans 8:25