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Dear Parents and Carers

Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone who has supported our Selby Foodbank Appeal, your generosity is a fantastic example to all our community. It has been advised that donating money to national appeals is the best way to support the refugee crisis in Ukraine. Our Head Girl, Tendai is organising fundraising activities with the Student Leadership to take place on this term's Wellbeing Day. Mme. Gibert is facilitating prayers in our school chapel for all those affected.

On Friday 1st April 2022 we are inviting Years 7 and 8 to a "Sponsored Sleepover" as part of our Lenten fundraising activities. The purpose of this is to raise funds for our Lenten charities (CAFOD and Selby Hub); however, we are also mindful that pupils have missed many of the usual activities in recent years due to Covid and hope that this will be an enjoyable and social occasion. Students taking part are being challenged to raise sponsor money, and if any other parents are able to donate towards this, you will be able to do so via ParentPay.

School Events

Year 11 GCSE Musicians completed their practical assessment this week in front of an appreciative Year 7 audience. Once they had completed their recitals to be filmed and sent to the examining board, like true performers they continued through break to entertain their own year group. An amazing showcase of talent, and we are very lucky to have them share this with us. I was pleased to be able to give them all a Headteacher Reward card as this week's recipients of 'Friday 5'.

Thanks to Y7 and Y8 parents for returning the questionnaires sent out, if any parents still have these, please return them as soon as you are able to do so. Thank you.

The Y10 Parents Evening will take place in school on Thursday 31 March 2022, with appointments reserved online from next Thursday via the booking app. Detailed information will be sent to Y10 next week.

Gardening Club

This week a number of staff and students have been busy setting up our gardening club in order to transform the Peace Garden. Our students will enjoy creating it and then sitting in the peace of the outdoors in a calm and relaxing area to help boost their mental health and well-being. The plan is to create three distinct areas: a wildlife area, a vegetable patch and a sensory garden. Students and staff have been collecting bulbs, plants, seeds, a water butt, pots, a composter, marbles, bird food/houses, tools, play sand, paint, planters and even items for a bug hotel and a sensory path! Well done to the whole team!

Commonwealth Games Passport Project



Congratulations to our Year 7 girls who took part in the CWG as part of the Commonwealth Games Passport Project. The day was hugely successful with all the students having a fantastic and rewarding experience. The event was launched with six challenges; those who completed all the challenges will be invited back to Beverley Park in June to celebrate their achievements. North Yorkshire Sport observed the activities commenting on the 'hard, hugely impactful, work going on'.

The project inspires girls to find new ways to be active outside of school that does not involve being part of a sports team. It also empowers them with transferable skills that can be used in everyday life: respect, passion, teamwork, self-belief, honesty and determination.

Holy Family Video News Bulletin

As reported last week, students have started producing their very own weekly video news bulletin. This week enjoy hearing about the visit of professional cameraman and film maker Tom Williams and catch the latest from our recycling team. An interview with Richard Singh, CEO of Selby Hands of Hope Charity, one of our Lenten charities for which we are raising funds, was also recorded.

Links to the first two video news bulletins are below, please take the time to enjoy the talents and skills of the filmmakers as well as catching up on the latest news from the Holy Family Community.

Friday 11th March 2022: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NVdSpWpJ8Ck>

Friday 18th March 2022: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfDaNjNuUJE>



'The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.' **Mahatma Gandhi**

Enjoy the sunshine and have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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