

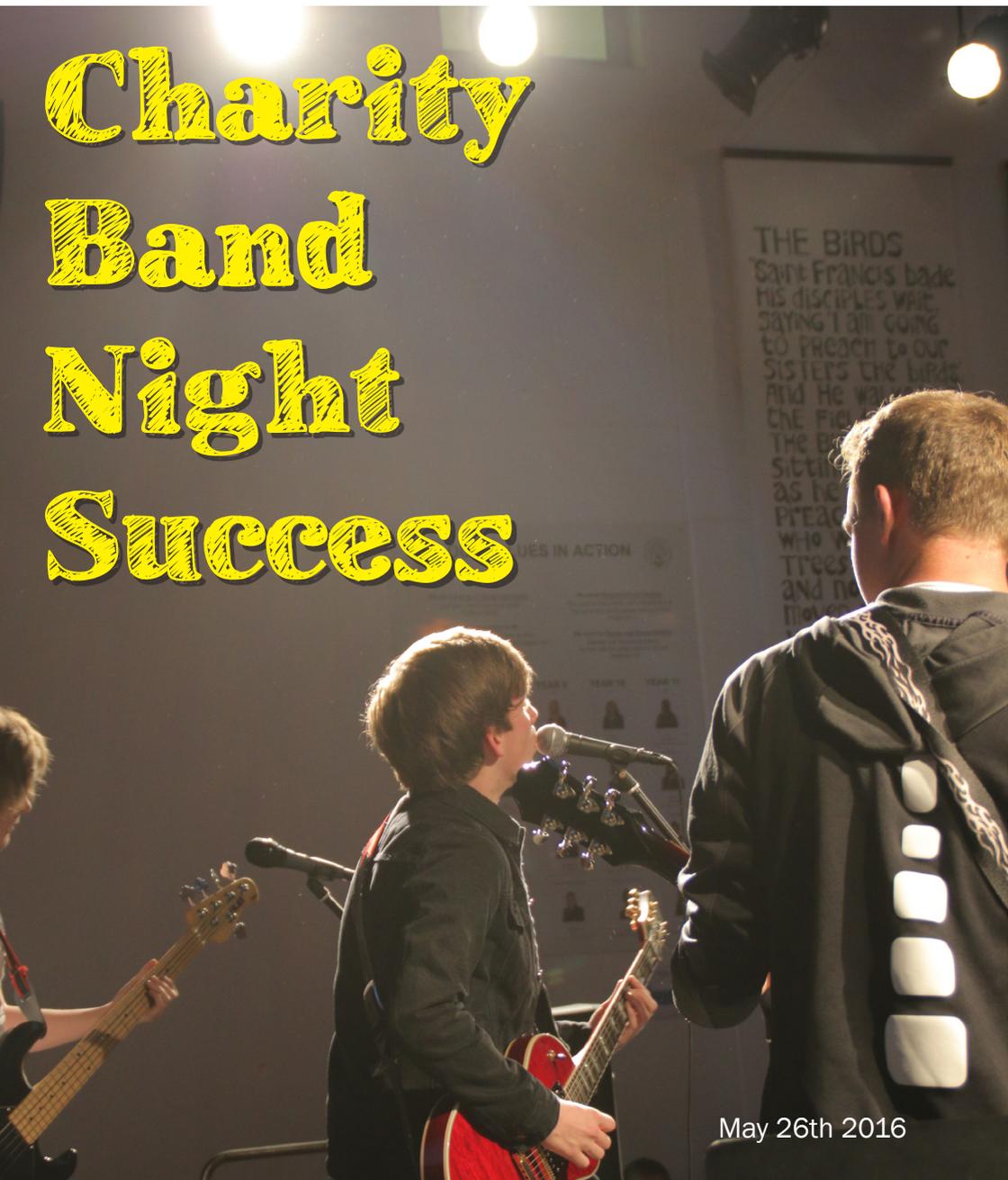
The

ACADEMY

Magazine

of St Francis of Assisi

Charity Band Night Success



May 26th 2016



A perfect environment to flourish

The Academy
of St Francis
of Assisi



Term Dates

Summer Half Term
May 30th - June 4th

Summer Holidays
July 21st - Sept 5th

Autumn Half Term
October 24th - 28th

Upcoming Events

Thursday 16th June
Sports Day

Thursday 23rd June
Year 7 Parent's
Evening 4-6pm

Saturday 25th June
Academy Festival
12-4pm

Thursday 30th June
Year 5 Day

Open Evening 5-7pm
Academy closed to
students

What is

“GOOD ATTENDANCE” ?

Do you know what your attendance is?

Do you know what it means?

SOME FIGURES.....

90% = 1/2 day missed every week
4 whole weeks of lessons
and learning MISSED

17 missed school days a year =
a GCSE grade drop in achievement

What impact might this have on YOUR future?

Colleges and VI Forms will expect good
attendance from prospective students.

Would your future boss like you
to be off work this much?
That's practically part time!

97% Attendance, minimum

Attend school
Achieve your potential

Welcome

Each issue of our magazine gives me an enormous sense of pride at the amazing things that happen in our Academy week in week out.

Special mention this issue goes to our Year 12 student, Stacey Ellison, who organised the charity band night, raising over £400.

It doesn't stop there though, our Community Reading Scheme, lunchtime music performances and Year 7 retreats show what a wide and varied life students experience at our Academy.

God bless,
Mrs T Greenough
Head of School



Let's Start with Art



The Academy runs an annual competition for students to produce artwork for the back of our student planners. This is one of the winning entries produced by Fatima and Iman who are both students in Year 8



Music Night Raises Money for Care Homes

This term, the music department were asked to take part in a Nugent Care/Marie Curie charity event organised by Stacey Ellison (Year 12). The evening contained a range of local Liverpool bands such as 'The Undecided', 'Skylight' and 'Better Than Nothing'. On the line-up was also some of our very own KS3 musicians - '5 Faces' (Year 7) and 'Voltage' (Year 8). Both these bands were fantastic and it was great to see year 7 performing so professionally and musically.

The night was a huge success and credit can only go to Stacey Ellison for managing and hosting such a credible event. All of the bands and musicians were of the highest quality and we highly recommend going to see any of the local bands if you get the chance. The audience were also extremely supportive and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

In the end the total raised was a very respectable £400 which will be split between both charities. Well done to Stacey, the musicians and all staff involved.







Chaplaincy Retreats

Over April and May each of our Year 7 Forms spent a full day on retreat with Animate in Lowe House, St Helens. The Theme was “Love your neighbour”. Pupils took part in many team related activities, set to challenge how we treat one another in a variety of situations.

We were blessed to have 5/6 sunny days which allowed us to make use of outdoor facilities for many of the activities. The conduct of our pupils was exemplary and there was full engagement in every activity. Awards were given at subsequent assemblies for acts of kindness and generosity.

The most memorable moment for staff was the consistent interest and involvement in the end of day reflections, in which pupils were fully engaged and produced thoughtful contributions. It was genuinely moving to see spiritual exploration and development in our young students.





The Academy of St Francis of Assisi's

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Formerly

NEWSHAM PARK FESTIVAL

Saturday 25th June

12_{pm} - 5_{pm}



A day of activities, sport & arts for all the family

Community Reading

Pupils from years 7 and 8 visited the beautiful Florence Institute last week to take part in reading activities with people from the local community. Along with this, pupils also got the opportunity to have a guided tour around the building and explore in the onsite museum.

Here at St Francis Of Assisi we believe that reading is at the heart of our Academy and our local community and we cannot wait to go back next month to take part in the next 'reading in the community' session at The Florrie!



Celebrating Shakespeare

To mark the birth of William Shakespeare on the 23rd of April 1864, 7A3 celebrated by enjoying some delicious chocolate cake while producing detailed fact files documenting the life and works of William Shakespeare.

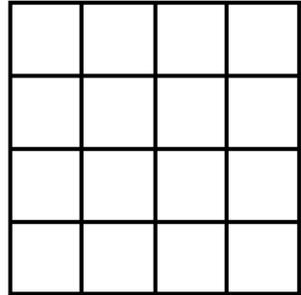
Students were interested to learn that Shakespeare also died on this date 400 years ago and were eager to learn about Britain's most celebrated playwright and celebrate the legacy he has left 400 years on. 7A3 are also preparing to delve into *A Midsummer's Night Dream* in the coming week so there is a great Shakespearean buzz about the class.



Numeracy Challenge

In each edition there will be a numeracy problem to solve -The answer will be in Issue 4

Take a look at the shape to the right.
How many squares are there in it?
(include squares of different sizes)



Well done to those who solved Issue 3's puzzle.

The equation below is not correct. How can you make it correct without moving a single stick?

$$\times | + | = \times \text{ becomes } \times = | + | \times$$

Simply turn the page upside down or read the equation backwards

Word of the Week

Week A

Week B

List
(verb)

Definition:

To provide a number of ideas or examples

Example:

List the factors of 36

Define
(verb)

Definition:

To explain a particular term or concept

Example:

Define the region described by this inequality: $-3 < x < 4$

Lunch Time Gig #2

Our 2nd performance in the lunch time gig series, had a range Academy students performing from various class and extra-curricular projects.

First up was the fantastic year 8 band who wowed the audience with their version of 'Radioactive' by Imagine Dragons, what a performance it was!

Other performances included; 'Happy' by the Vocalize group, 'Next To Me' by the Year 8 All-stars and 'Stand By Me' by the Guitar Skills group. Another successful lunch time gig with plenty of students attending the event. Watch this space for the next one at the end of the term.



10 Questions for staff: Mrs Cubbin



How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching for 14 years.

What School did you go to?

I went to St Patrick's High School Dungiven then transferred to St. Patrick's College Maghera Co. Derry to complete my A-Levels.

Who was your favourite teacher and why?

Without a doubt my favourite teacher was Mr Brolley, my Irish Language teacher. He was patient, dedicated and very charismatic. He had a massive influence on some of the choices I made later in my education.

Where did you go to university and what did you study?

I went to Queens University Belfast to study a BSc in Psychology. I then went to Liverpool Hope University to complete a PCGE with the view to becoming an Educational Psychologist but enjoyed teaching so much I've yet to go back to complete my PHD!

Why did you choose that course and university?

I chose Queens University as it was far enough from home to stay away during the week but close enough to come home at the weekend to get my washing done! After three years in Belfast I fancied a change so closed my eyes and ran my finger up and down a list of teaching universities in the UK and stopped at Liverpool Hope.

What made you decide to become a teacher?

Ever since I can remember I knew I wanted to work with children in some capacity, teaching was always an option I had in mind.

How did your first lesson go?

I honestly can't remember, it would have been at Notre Dame school as part of my first teaching placement.

What's the best thing about your job?

The best part of my job is being a part of a school community that is like no other, having the opportunity to meet some of the most amazing young people, listening to all their priceless stories and seeing them be the very best they can be in all they do.

What advice would you give to anyone thinking of becoming a teacher?

Always be positive and believe everyone can achieve.



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FREE
SESSIONS FOR
CHILDREN IN
YEAR 4, 5 & 6

SATURDAYS 9:30AM - 12PM



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"There is a positive culture for learning and students are happy and well mannered"

Ofsted

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 30th June 5-7pm
All Families Welcome



FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM
(A full PE kit is also included)

For all students starting in September

Limited places available in Year 7