

Easter 2023

Welcome to our Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT's newsletter for our 36 primary and secondary academies across Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City

Newsletter

Walking to fight global poverty: CAFOD's Big Lent Walk



This Lent, academies across our Trust and our Central Team have been taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk! The goal is to walk 200km in 40 days to help raise funds to fight global poverty.

The sponsorship raised will go to help families and communities overseas fight poverty. CAFOD work alongside communities to deliver what those communities need, such as emergency food and shelter, access to clean water, or tools to fight the climate crisis.

It has been great to see so many of our young people out walking to raise money for such a worthwhile cause.



St Mary's, Grantham



St Patrick's, Wilford

What does CAFOD do?

The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) are an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.



St Augustine's, Stamford



St Teresa's, Aspley



St Norbert's, Spalding

CAFOD support people living in poverty with practical help, whatever their religion or culture. Through their global church network, one of the largest in the world, they have the potential to reach everyone. They also campaign for global justice, so that every woman, man and child can live a full and dignified life.



St Norbert's, Crowle

To get involved with the Big Lent Walk, please visit:
walk.cafod.org.uk

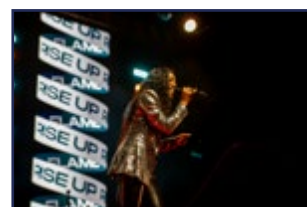
Celebrating Flame Congress 2023

On Saturday 4 March, students from across the Trust joined with Diocese members and Bishop McKinney for CYMFED Flame Congress 2023.

Held at the OVO Arena, Wembley, it is the largest Catholic youth conference in the UK with over 8,000 attendees this year.

They enjoyed music from Guvna B, Adeniké and Faith Child and motivational speakers such as Cardinal Tagle and Archbishop Costelloe SDB. It was a joyful day filled with celebration, worship and prayer.

A massive thank you to all the young people and staff who represented us there.



Shining Stars make BBC TV debut!



The Shining Stars Liturgy team from Our Lady of Good Counsel, Sleaford, made their TV debut in February after they featured on the episode, Lent in Lincolnshire on BBC Songs of Praise!

In the episode, not only do our young people explore the Stations of the Cross at Lincoln Cathedral but we also see behind the scenes of the creation of Positive Pebbles – hand-decorated stones with positive

messages from the academy's Christian values distributed in the wider community.

Well done to all the young people involved who showed such kindness at a time of giving during Lent.

Take a look at the full episode here:
www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001jf9r/songs-of-praise-lent-in-lincolnshire

All Saints' Academy carbon zero project



All Saints' Academy, Mansfield has secured significant government funding to build a carbon-neutral block of classrooms and SEND unit.

With support from Ben Bradley, MP and our dedicated Trust Estates team, the academy is one of 239 schools to benefit from the Government's School Rebuilding Programme – a 10-year initiative to carry out major rebuilding and refurbishment projects at schools and sixth-form colleges across England.

The new block will have 16 classrooms and will ensure that students benefit from a modern teaching environment as well as provide a major step forward toward the Trust's ambition of becoming operationally carbon-neutral.

Carlo Cuomo, Headteacher at All Saints, welcomed the news. He said, "We are delighted that our academy has been selected to benefit from the Government's School Rebuilding Programme. All Saints' prides itself on high standards and aims to provide an excellent experience for its students and staff. This investment will provide fantastic learning spaces for future generations, and it is something our staff, students and the local community deserve."

James McGeachie, CEO of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust, said this was amazing news for All Saints'. He said, "This is a fantastic outcome for our academy and the future of our young people in Mansfield. Building a net carbon-neutral facility is important to our Trust and we are delighted that we will be able to provide state-of-the-art facilities to support the delivery of an outstanding Catholic education for all.

"Special thanks to our Estates team, academy staff and Ben Bradley who have worked so hard to make this project a reality."

Free trees for academies



The Woodland Trust is offering free tree packs for all our academies.

This an amazing initiative that will allow pupils to make a real difference, create homes for wildlife and fight climate change:

- You choose from 15, 30, 105 or 420 saplings.
- Packs are delivered in tree-planting season either March or November.
- You can apply each season until your project is complete.
- All trees are carefully selected native species, homegrown in the UK.

For more information and sign up for your free pack please visit: www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/act/your-school/plant-trees-with-your-school

Building a safer school community



St Augustine's School Council in Mapperley are working hard to improve their school safety.

starting a petition for a zebra crossing so both the school and local community can cross the busy road safely.

Recently, they met with local Councillor Ayoola to look at different ways to reduce traffic congestion around their school. The School Council are



Getting creative for World Book Day

On 2 March 2023, our academies had a fantastic World Book Day! Created by UNESCO in 1995, it is a celebration of books and reading marked in over 100 countries across the globe. Across all our academies we saw some amazing displays of creativity in costumes and activities on the day.



St Augustine's, Nottingham



St Norbert's, Spalding



Our Lady and St Edward's, Thorneywood



St Mary's, Boston



Our Lady of Lincoln



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell



St Joseph's, Boughton



St Edmund Campion, West Bridgford



St Mary's, Hyson Green



St Patrick's, Wilford



St Teresa's, Aspley



The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe

St Hugh's celebrating local music, drama and football triumphs!



Well done to all the children from St Hugh's who took part in the Lincoln Music and Drama festival.

The Infant choir came 1st place against four other schools. The St Hugh's Samba drummers placed 1st in the ensemble section.

A Year 3 pupil placed 1st and the Year 2 children were placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Drama festival following their reading of their performance poetry pieces, while two Year 6 placed 3rd in the bible reading.

Congratulations to everyone involved!

Congratulations to the girl's football team at St Hugh's for winning two different Lincolnshire schools tournaments!

The superb achievement enabled the team to enter a tournament for schools in the East Midlands region.

The team went on to represent Lincoln City and played against

other football league teams including Derby County, Leicester City and Nottingham Forest.

In total, the girls played against nine other teams to gain 6th place overall. The team also got to stand by the Premier League trophy.

What a fantastic achievement for the team to represent Lincolnshire!



Florence's great act of kindness for charity



Florence, a Y1 pupil at The Good Shepherd Woodthorpe, has shown an amazing act of kindness by donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust charity.

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair

through cancer and other conditions.

A huge well done to Florence, who has shown a brilliant way to live out her school values to 'show mercy' and 'serve others'.

To find out more about Little Princess Trust, visit: littleprincesses.org.uk

From St Joseph's to Grimsby Town



A huge congratulations to Robbie from St Joseph's Academy, Cleethorpes who has signed his first contract with Grimsby Town aka The Mariners!

Recent Ofsted

Well done to all our hardworking and dedicated staff and young people for their work and support during recent Ofsted inspections in their academies.



St Mary's, Hyson Green: Good



St Patricks, Mansfield: Good



St Peter and St Paul, Lincoln: Remains a Good school



The Becket, West Bridgford: Good



Our Lady of Lincoln: Remains a Good school



St Augustine's, Stamford: Requires Improvement in Quality of Education, Good in all other areas



St Mary's, Grimsby: Remains a Good school

Helping our families with financial support

LITTLE ACTS OF Kindness Fund



Providing financial support for our pupils and students needs

Have you heard about our new Trust initiative, the Little Acts of Kindness Fund?

The fund offers financial support for all eligible registered pupils attending our academies.

The fund helps families with any costs associated with their respective academy which includes paying for curriculum trips, school uniform, educational equipment and more.

To see if you are eligible and to find out more about the fund and how to apply, please visit our website:

www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/our-trust/little-acts-of-kindness-fund

Looking for your next career adventure?



We have a number of vacancies for roles in our trust. From teaching roles to apprenticeships and managerial roles, there is something for everyone.

Current vacancies:

- Class Teachers
- Subject Teachers
- Teaching Assistants
- Deputy Head Teacher
- Head of Religious Education
- Care Assistant
- Senior School Administrator
- Librarian
- Exam Invigilators
- First Aider
- Payroll and Pensions Officer
- Procurement Manager
- Lay Chaplain
- Alternative Provision Supervisor
- Lead Cover Supervisor

Visit our vacancies page to find out more:
www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us



Things to do this Easter

Nottinghamshire Days Out

[Science Centre - Green's Mill, Sneinton](#)

Free

Several interactive yet educational displays at the centre are designed to immerse children in the world of science.

[Stonebridge City Farm](#)

Free

The farm has a wide selection of animals including cows, sheep, ponies and bunnies. Although it's the family of Meerkats that are the biggest fan favourite!

[Sherwood Pines](#)

Free to enter (parking charges apply)

With activity trails, play areas, bike hire, wild running and mountain biking trails, Sherwood Pines is a great day out for all.

[Easter Egg Hunt - Rufford Abbey County Park](#)

£2.50 per trail sheet

Find all the eggs that the troublesome bunnies have hidden and receive a very special prize! You will need to bring your own pen or pencil

[Easter Egg Hunt - Dovecote Barn, Barton](#)

Free

This Egg Hunt provides children with free chocolate at the end of the Easter Egg Hunt.

Lincolnshire Days Out

[Easter Trail: Spring Flowers - Whisby Nature Park](#)

Free

Collect an activity sheet from the Natural World Centre and take off around the Thorpe Lake walk to see how many spring flower displays you can find.

[Dino Dig - Lincoln City](#)

Free

From 1- 16 April, there will be a range of dinosaur-themed activities and immersive events to enjoy, as well as street dressing across the city.

[Magical Quest - Lincoln Castle](#)

£2 per person

Find the mythical creatures located within the enchanted grounds of Lincoln Castle. Follow the clues, solve the puzzle and claim your reward.

[The Collective Museum - Lincoln](#)

Free

Children can design their own Roman Shield or Medieval Pot, identify fascinating objects in our Lift the Flap activity and Touchy-Feely Boxes and more!

[Easter Egg Hunt - Wellingmore Memorial Hall, Lincoln](#)

£3 per person

Fancy dress is welcomed with a prize for the best turned out 'hunter', with a disco held afterwards.

Eating Out

[Asda café](#)

Children under 16 eat for £1 with no adult spend

[Beefeater](#)

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult

[Bella Italia](#)

Children eat for £1 with every paying adult Monday-Thursday 4pm-6pm

[Brewers Fayre](#)

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult

[Dobbies café](#)

Children eat free with every paying adult

[Hungry Horse](#)

Children eat for £1 on Mondays with every paying adult

[IKEA](#)

Children eat for 95p

[Morrisons Café](#)

1 free child's meal with any paying adult

[Sizzling Pubs](#)

Children eat for £1 Monday - Friday all day

[Yo Sushi](#)

Children eat for free with any paying adult