

# NEWSLETTER



## Conway 2016

The Year 7 First Steps Experience to the Conway Centre took place this month with 3 fun filled days in Anglesey. Students braved the cold weather and blustery winds to take part in a range of activities from zip wiring to bush craft, canoeing, raft building and high ropes. Students were also able to take part in a new activity on offer which was mountain biking, where pupils went off road on muddy tracks and practised their balancing skills on ramps.

Pupils were also taught how to move across a cliff face in a sport called Via Feretta. Those

brave enough faced the freezing waters of the Menai Strait where they built rafts and tested their buoyancy in the harbour, and many kayaked out along the rivers edge.

The trip was extremely successful with students making new friendships, challenging themselves and working with their peers. "I loved Conway, my favourite activity was the climbing wall!" "I made lots of new friends in Conway and made lots of happy memories!" "Conway has been the highlight of Year 7!"



## Coming up

### **This Week - w/c 01/02/16 (Week 2)** **01/02/16**

Psychology - Law Court Trip

### **03/2/16**

Year 7 Enterprise Day

Psychology Trip - Liverpool Law Courts

### **04/2/16**

KS4 Information Evening

UKMT Maths Intermediate

Challenge (Yrs 9 & 10 )

### **Next Week - w/c 08/02/16 (Week 1)**

### **10/2/16**

Paris Trip

Psychology - Law Court Trip

### **11/2/16**

Paris Trip

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### **12/2/16**

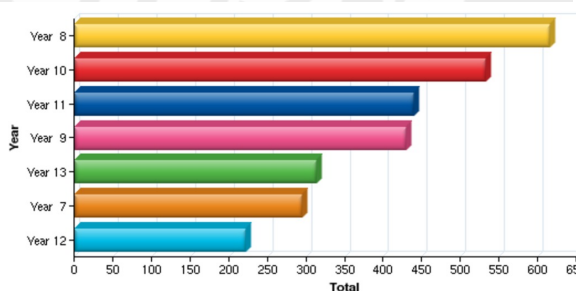
Paris Trip

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Jodrell Bank Astrophysics trip

## Vivo Rewards

### **St John Plessington Catholic College**



## BTEC Hospitality

This week BTEC Hospitality students have been practising their dessert making skills by making a trip of French Desserts finished with spun sugar, homemade chocolate decorations and chocolate dipped strawberries. Yet again, students took real pride in their work and dishes were presented to restaurant standard. Well done to all students for producing such wonderful creations!



## Valentine's Day Competition

Let me introduce myself. My name is Valentine. I lived in Rome in the 3rd century. At that time, Rome was ruled by an emperor named Claudius. I didn't like him, and I wasn't the only one!

Claudius wanted to have a big army, but many men did not want to join, because they did not want to leave their wives. This made Claudius furious. So what happened? He thought that if men were not married, they would join the army. So, Claudius decided not to allow any more marriages. I thought it was preposterous! I certainly wasn't going to support it!

Did I mention that I was a priest? One of my favourite activities was to marry couples. So, I kept on performing marriage ceremonies - secretly, of course. It was really quite exciting. We would whisper the words of the ceremony, listening all the while for the steps of soldiers.

But, one night, we did hear footsteps. I was caught, and was thrown in jail and sentenced to death. But do you know what? Wonderful things happened. Many young people came to the jail to visit me, giving me flowers and notes, wanting me to know that they, too, believed in love.

One of these people was the daughter of the prison guard. She agreed that I did the right thing by ignoring the Emperor and going ahead with the secret marriages. On the day I died, I left my friend a note thanking her for her friendship. I signed it, "Love from your Valentine." I believe that note started the custom of exchanging love messages on Valentine's Day.

It was written on the day I died, February 14, 269 A.D. Now, every year on this day, people remember. But most importantly, they think about love and friendship. And when they think of Emperor Claudius, they remember how he tried to stand in the way of love, and they laugh -

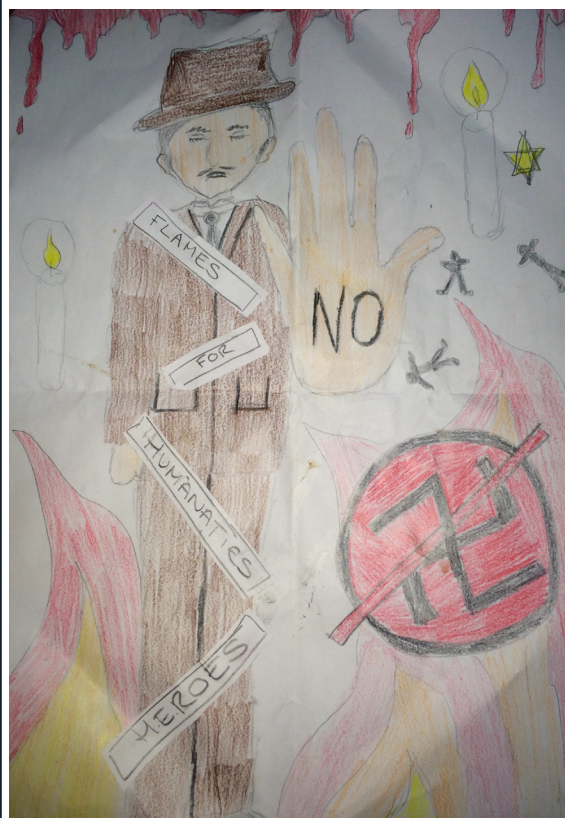
because they know that love can't be beaten!

### VALENTINE'S DAY COMPETITION

Research quotes about 'love' in the Bible. Create a collage of the quotes you have found, using words and images. The best ones will be displayed in the chapel, and the winner will receive a special prize!

## Holocaust Memorial Day 2016 Flame for Heroes Competition

To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day 2016, pupils were asked to create a poster in remembrance of people across the world who didn't stand by to the hatred and persecution of the Nazi Regime. We received many thoughtful and moving entries, telling the stories of many of the heroes of the Holocaust. The winner of the competition created a moving poster depicting the Jewish resistance. Well done to all who took part in commemorating the Heroes of the Holocaust.



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MEMORIAL**



## Literacy Corner

Look at the letters below. Using these letters, make as many words as you can.

E	U	P
O	E	K
U	A	Y

Give your answers to Miss Davis for a chance to win a prize!

## Language Corner

### Antoni Gaudi and La Sagrada Familia

Antoni Gaudi is perhaps one of Spain's most famous architects, his designs and sense of style is unique and is known for his distinctive and colourful works of art.

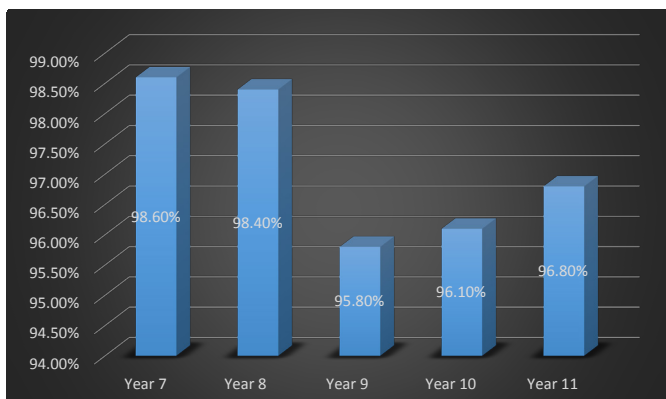
The building that Antoni Gaudi is best known for is La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. La Sagrada Familia means 'Holy Family'. He began this huge church in 1882, it still has not been finished, and won't be for at least another ten years! Gaudi designed and redesigned this building, he was forever tinkering with the plans. Unfortunately, the last blueprint he drew was destroyed in 1938 so the architects who are currently working on the building don't know exactly what Gaudi had in mind for the church. The finished building will be able to accommodate up to 13,000 people. It will measure 312 feet long and almost 200 feet wide. When finished, the Sagrada Familia will have 18 towers, each of which represents a person. 12 of the towers will represent the apostles, and 4 of them will represent the evangelists.



The first person to correctly translate the following to Miss Gascoigne wins Vivo points!

**ciudad**      **edificio**      **catedral**      **arquitecto**  
**monumento**      **obra maestra**

## Attendance 25/01/16



## Weekly Theme - "The circle of life"

### Luke 4:21-30

"He came to Nazareth where he had grown up. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. When he stood up to read, he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written, Gods Spirit is on me; he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor, Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, To set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is Gods year to act!" He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he said, "You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place." All who were there, watching and listening, were surprised at how well he spoke. But they also said, "Isn't this Joseph's son, the one we've known since he was a child?"

He answered, "I suppose you're going to quote the proverb, 'Doctor, go heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we heard

you did in Capernaum.' Well, let me tell you something: No prophet is ever welcomed in his hometown. Isn't it a fact that there were many widows in Israel at the time of Elijah during that three and a half years of drought when famine devastated the land, but the only widow to whom Elijah was sent was in Sarepta in Sidon? And there were many lepers in Israel at the time of the prophet Elisha but the only one cleansed was Naaman the Syrian." That made everyone in the meeting place seething with anger. They threw him out, banishing him from the village, then took him to a mountain cliff at the edge of the village to throw him to his doom, but he gave them the slip and was on his way."

The Greeks and the Romans believed in lots of gods who they thought would help them out in different situations. They believed that their gods lived on the tops of mountains, they were remote gods and the people feared them and worried about what would happen if they upset one of the Gods. But our God is not like the mythical Gods that the Romans and Greeks believed in. Our

God felt so strongly about knowing and understanding our life, that he became human, just like us. Jesus knew all the daily ups and downs of life, the happiness and the pain. He knew what it was like to be rejected by people. Throughout our lives we know that in whatever circumstance that we find ourselves, God knows just how we are feeling, he understands and wants to help us. All we have to do is ask him too.

**Father in heaven, we thank you for loving us so much that you sent Jesus your Son to be one of us. You know just how it feels to be happy, sad, excited, scared or worried**

**Help us as we journey through our life. Let us never forget that you are with us in each step that we take. May our love and our willingness to do your will grow and develop. We ask this through Jesus, our Lord, who gave you complete obedience. Amen.**