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Ofsted ratings.

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Staff generosity helps Myton.

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The National finals await.

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Brendan Fawcett

## Welcome to our Spring newsletter

Welcome to our Easter newsletter which is once again filled with some amazing stories from across our schools. Spring is a special time and it gives us the opportunity to celebrate our faith throughout the season of Lent.

It is great to see how St Gregory's celebrated faith week and we have a splendid photo showing one of their activities on our front cover. We are a very inclusive Academy, with many nationalities and faiths in our schools and we work hard to embrace and educate our 3500 pupils and 500 staff in these diverse areas. This diverse mix brings a fantastic breadth and enrichment to our work and makes us the successful teaching and learning community that we are.

Our pupils and staff also celebrated their faith at our 7th Saint Oscar Romero mass. Pupils and staff were reminded of how special he was in taking God's message to his people and beyond.

We have four pages dedicated to the Ofsted successes at St Patrick's, Cardinal Wiseman and Good Shepherd. All three schools were inspected this term and were rated as good with several outstanding features. It gives me great pleasure as Chair and on behalf of the Board to record that all of our schools are now good or outstanding schools and are places that staff and children can be proud to work and learn in.

I would like to thank our staff for their generosity in raising £1059 for Myton Hospice. I would also like to thank our Partner organisations who donated the prizes for our raffles so we can then raise funds for such good causes. Covid has resulted in a drastic reduction in funds to such organisations and we are glad that we can do a little to help offset these reductions.

Providing a broad education is very important to us and it is great to see the Sacred Heart dance group progress as winners in the West Midlands competition to the national finals in Cheltenham in July. We wish them every success and look forward to hearing how they progress.

The Cardinal Wiseman Alumni now has almost 3000 members and we welcomed Hayley Rocks who studied at Corpus Christi and Cardinal Wiseman. She left school to take up a Finance apprenticeship at Marconi and moved through the ranks to become the Finance Director and is now a Director at KPMG in Canary Wharf. The packed theatre were thrilled to hear her story and it gave them many ideas and suggestions on how to take their next steps after sixth form.

We often say that our staff are our greatest asset and it was lovely to see the special send off that Barbara Ward received after twenty four years at Sacred Heart. She had many different roles during her time at the school and has touched so many pupils lives through her thoughtful and supportive nature. We wish Barbara a long and happy retirement and thank her for everything she did for the children and school over her long career.

Finally I hope you enjoy reading how our children enjoyed their annual swimming competition at The Pringles swimming pool in Nuneaton. It is great to see the children showcasing their talents and we were please to see Corpus Christi and Sacred Heart return with bronze and gold medals respectively.

Have a happy and holy Easter and I look forward to sharing more successes and stories with you in our Summer newsletter. God Bless

**Brendan Fawcett**

On behalf of the Romero  
MAC Board of Directors





# Saint Oscar Romero feast day

On Thursday 24th March, we celebrated our seventh feast day of Saint Oscar Romero. This year, Principals agreed that we should come together virtually in an assembly to celebrate and give thanks for our Patron Saint. The assembly included readings and prayers led by children across Romero.

With a recent 'One Life' retreat on Lent, it was agreed that we would focus on teaching a new song this year. 'The Room Was Hushed and Still' was chosen and a choir was formed to record this as part of our assembly.

Oscar said, "God's best microphone is Christ, and Christ's best microphone is the Church, and the Church is all of you. Let each one of you, in your own job, in your own vocation... live the faith intensely and feel that in your surroundings you are a true microphone of God our Lord."

Archbishop Romero calls us to become microphones for God. He inspires us to speak out with our sisters and brothers who need help to break the cycles that perpetuate poverty and suffering. It is with Oscar in mind, that we chose his feast day to raise money for Ukraine - it's up to us to be God's microphone by advocating on their behalf #RomeroServes.

Furthermore, we chose the feast day for each school to return their 'Romero Plant Pot' given in the Autumn. In our Mass on October 15th at Saint John Fisher Parish, each school was given a plain terracotta pot to personalise to their school. We then exchanged pots across the MAC during our Liturgy on our training day at Cardinal Wiseman on October 22nd; each school would nurture and grow a pot whilst keeping the community of faith in their prayers.

In readiness for our Feast day, the pots with flourishing bulbs were returned to the Chapel; these pots symbolise how we celebrate learning and growing together across the schools with the support and prayers we provide for each other within our family of eight schools.

**The assembly can be found here: [www.romeromac.com](http://www.romeromac.com)**  
(Happy Saint Oscar Feast day).







# First Place for Sacred Heart Dancers

Children from Sacred Heart are set to take to the stage in the finals of a national dance competition after wowing judges in the regional heats.



Pupils have scooped first place in the West Midlands' regional finals of this year's 'Great Big Dance Off' competition, a national school dance contest.

The dance troupe was one of just six selected to perform in the regional heats held at The Alexandra theatre in Birmingham after judges whittled down video entries submitted by primary schools from across the region.

Sacred Heart's dance troupe, which includes 26 children from Years 4, 5 and 6, impressed the judges with their street dance routine and achieved first place.

The top three dance troupes from the regional heat will now go on to perform in the national finals in Cheltenham this





The Sacred Heart dance troupe triumphed at the West Midlands' regional finals of this year's 'Great Big Dance Off' and will now go on to compete at the national finals.

July, and the children are tweaking their routine and perfecting their moves in preparation for the event.

Sophie Newman, PE Lead at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, said: **"All of the children worked incredibly hard ahead of the competition, so it's fantastic to see them achieve first place."**

**"The whole day was a real occasion and it was a privilege to even take part. The children were excited to have their own dressing room and it was wonderful for them to have the opportunity to dance on stage at a big theatre."**

**"It was also a nice opportunity for them to watch the secondary school regional finalists perform."**

**"The level of competition was extremely high, so all of the dancers should be extremely proud of what they have achieved."**

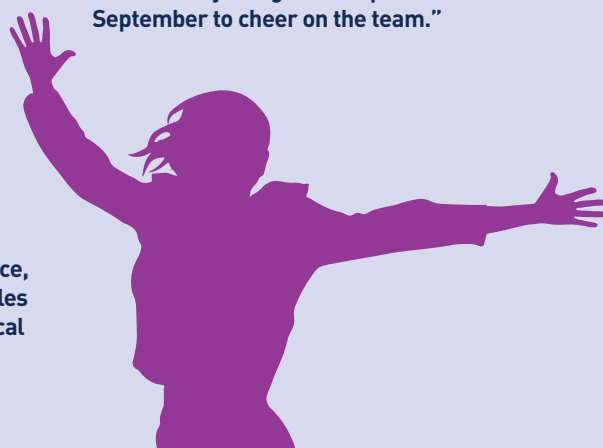
**"I have been working alongside dance choreographer Jade Falconer, from Elite Dance Academy in Coventry, to put the street dance routine together and we'll be continuing to improve it ahead of the finals."**

**"All of the girls love the dance sessions and as well as street dance, we'll be exploring other dance styles including musical theatre and lyrical for the rest of the academic year."**

**"The level of competition was extremely high, so all of the dancers should be extremely proud of what they have achieved."**



**"Everyone is really looking forward to the finals, and it's lovely to have the whole school behind us. It will also be an opportunity for the new dancers who will be joining the troupe in September to cheer on the team."**



# Triple Ofsted success



Principal Matthew Everett (centre) and pupils from Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School celebrate the Ofsted rating in the school's new theatre.

We are delighted with the recent Ofsted inspections at St Patrick's, Cardinal Wiseman and Good Shepherd, with all schools receiving good ratings with outstanding features.

This article highlights the dedication of so many people to ensure that our schools are places that staff and children can be proud to work and learn in.





**Ofsted**  
raising standards  
improving lives

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School has been judged as 'Good' across all areas of inspection by Ofsted; being praised by Ofsted for being a happy place to be - where pupils behave well, achieve well and enjoy learning.

The school was previously rated as 'Required Improvement' in 2018, but Ofsted recognised that the school has been completely transformed since the last inspection.

The inspection was originally due to take place in spring 2020, but this was pushed back almost two years due to Covid, and the school is now finally able to celebrate its achievements.

The report recognises that leaders set high expectations and pupils rise to them, that the school welcomes all pupils and that all faiths and cultures are celebrated, and that pupils succeed in gaining qualifications which will take them on to their next destination.

Cardinal Wiseman was also praised for prioritising support for pupils' mental health and wellbeing, particularly when

they were anxious about returning to school following Covid-19 lockdowns.

The school's sixth form was commended for providing stimulating lessons in a range of subjects, with leaders revising the courses offered in response to students' interests and local employment opportunities.

The school became part of the Romero Catholic Academy in 2015 after it was rated 'Inadequate' by Ofsted. Since then, the Academy's board of directors, school governors and senior leadership team has worked hard in conjunction with school staff to drive up standards and results.

Principal Matthew Everett, who joined the school in 2017 and became Principal in 2021, said: **"We are delighted and immensely proud of the results of our latest Ofsted inspection."**

**"We have been waiting for an inspection for almost two years, so it is fantastic that the results have validated what we have known all along."**

**"The report highlights some of the incredible strengths of our school, and the results are testament to the excellent staff we have at Cardinal Wiseman, as well as those who are no longer with us but have been a major part of the journey."**

**"I'm incredibly proud of our students who have played a huge role in achieving this result, and I would also like to thank all of our parents and**

**carers for their continual support and feedback."**

Patrick Taggart, Director of Operations at Romero Catholic Academy, said: **"We are incredibly pleased with the results of the latest Ofsted inspection at Cardinal Wiseman."**

**"As the report highlights, the school has been transformed and delivers a completely different learning and working environment."**

**"We have invested millions in facilities, with pupils now benefitting from improved classrooms, sports facilities, IT suites, science labs and a professional theatre."**

**"Matthew, his senior leadership team and all of the staff at Cardinal Wiseman have worked incredibly hard to identify areas of improvement at the school, which has resulted in improved numbers, behaviour and results."**

**"I would like to congratulate everyone involved in this much-deserved achievement."**

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St Patrick's Catholic Primary School are celebrating after receiving an overall rating of 'Good' from Ofsted after being judged 'Good' across four areas of inspection and 'Outstanding' in the personal development category.

The school was previously rated as 'Required Improvement' in 2018, but Ofsted recognised that leaders and staff have worked together to improve the school.

The report states that children talk positively about their school and about how much they love to attend, with Ofsted noting that one pupil told inspectors: **"I go to sleep early at night so that it's soon morning and I can go to school again."**

The report adds that parents and carers are overwhelmingly positive about the school and said that staff are approachable, pupils' behaviour is good and that they have a positive attitude to learning.

Both leaders and teachers at the school are also praised by Ofsted for having a clear vision for the school, being well-trained and adapting the curriculum to meet the needs of pupils.

The school became part of the Romero Catholic Academy in 2015, and the Academy's board of directors has worked with the school's leaders, governors and staff to improve standards.

The result marks another success for Romero after its secondary school, Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, which was rated 'Inadequate' by Ofsted when it became part of the Academy, has also recently been judged as 'Good'.

Principal Mark McLoughlin said:

**"To receive a Good rating from Ofsted is testament to the fantastic team of staff at St Patrick's who have worked incredibly hard to achieve this.**

**"It is also wonderful to achieve Outstanding in the personal development category in recognition of our core ethos of developing the whole child and recognising their strengths and talents.**

**"The report highlights that the school goes the extra mile for children, providing enriching experiences as well as a variety of after school sports clubs and activities, and that we have a well-researched curriculum**

**which is not only tailored to our children, but is diverse and representative of the pupils.**

**"It is also excellent to receive praise for our early years provision which works to fill in gaps in a child's knowledge to give them the best possible start to their time in education.**

**"We are hugely ambitious and will now continue to build on this success to further improve the school as we move forward."**

Helen Quinn, CEO of Romero Catholic Academy, said: **"We are delighted with the Ofsted report for St Patrick's.**

**"It highlights the strengths of the school and demonstrates just how cherished it is by pupils, parents and carers alike.**

**"It also recognises leaders and teachers for going above and beyond in what they do to provide high-quality education to pupils.**

**"I would like to congratulate everyone involved in this much-deserved achievement."**



Members of the school's Brilliant Club, which encourages children to aim high, celebrate the Ofsted result.





Children, staff and governors at Good Shepherd are celebrating after being praised by government inspectors for being a happy school where pupils display first-class learning behaviours - resulting in a much-improved Ofsted rating.

The school received an overall rating of 'Good' from Ofsted after being judged 'Good' across three areas of inspection and 'Outstanding' in the categories of behaviours, attitudes and personal development.

It was previously rated as 'Required Improvement' in 2018, but Ofsted recognised that leaders have been relentless in their drive to improve the school.

Inspectors met with the school's staff and leadership team during the two-day inspection, and were also given a tour by the children themselves who were able to provide a first-hand account of why they love attending Good Shepherd.

The Ofsted report states that relationships between staff and pupils are extremely positive and that leaders include the school's Catholic ethos and values of ambition, encouragement, community, resilience, wellbeing and faith in all areas of school life.

It highlights that school leaders have high expectations of pupils and staff and have designed an ambitious curriculum which aims to provide a wide range of

learning across subjects and is designed to build pupils' character and enthuse them.

The report also recognises that pupils enjoy taking on responsibilities such as those of school councillors and house captains, benefit from extensive range of experiences and activities which enhance their learning and personal development. Self-confidence, citizenship and resilience are extremely well developed.

The school became part of the Romero Catholic Academy in 2015, and the Academy's board of directors has worked with the school's leaders, governors and staff to support the improvements.

The result marks another success for Romero after a string of positive reports which means that all of the Academy's schools are now either rated 'Outstanding' or 'Good' by Ofsted.

Andrew McConville, Principal at Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School, said: **"We are thrilled the wide range of improvements we have made at the school have been recognised by Ofsted."**

**"Since the last inspection the school has developed a new curriculum, welcomed a variety of new staff members and ensured that we offer children a wide range of experiences, such as trips, visits and clubs, which all help bring our curriculum to life."**

**"We have been working with other schools across the Romero Catholic Academy to share best practice to ensure that what we are teaching in our classrooms is of the highest quality."**

**"This achievement is testament to all of our excellent staff members as well as our wonderful children, whose exemplary behaviour shone through during the inspection."**

**"As the report highlights, we have been relentless in our drive to improve. To achieve two 'Outstanding' elements in the report is absolutely fantastic, and we will now be continuing to build on this even further."**

Helen Quinn, CEO of The Romero Catholic Academy, said: **"We are delighted with Good Shepherd's Ofsted report. It reflects the dedication by the school and the wider community who work collaboratively to bring out the best of the pupils in their journey of learning and faith. To achieve two 'Outstanding' elements is an excellent achievement."**

**"The leadership team have worked incredibly hard in conjunction with staff to drive up standards and make improvements; ultimately this ensures that all of our pupils flourish and this has been recognised by the inspectors."**

**"Congratulations to everyone involved in this much-deserved achievement."**





## A fond farewell

Sacred Heart has held a very special send-off for a much-loved member of staff who has retired after almost 25 years.

Children and staff have bid a fond farewell to higher level teaching assistant and learning mentor Barbara Ward, who worked at the school for 24 years.

Barbara enjoyed her final day in style, being driven to the school in a Jaguar Mark 1 car and arriving to see the whole school lining the playground waving posters, banners and flags to celebrate her career.

She then visited each class to say her goodbyes and enjoyed a special lunch before an assembly was held in her honour.

Barbara began her career at Sacred Heart as a lunchtime supervisor in September 1998 when her daughter, Charlotte, joined the school.

She then progressed to work on the school's literacy support programme supporting children with additional needs before going on to become a teaching assistant and then a higher-level teaching assistant.

She also took on a role as a learning mentor and launched a rainbows group to support children going through difficult situations and a boomerang group to help pupils with their emotions.

Barbara also played an integral role in setting-up the school's before and after school provision, which is rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

She said: **"When I came through the gates as a parent, little did I know I would spend my whole career at the school."**

**"I've thoroughly enjoyed my time at Sacred Heart. It's a lovely place to work with a real family atmosphere and everyone is so supportive - I've made friends for life."**

**"The children have all been fantastic and some former pupils are now parents themselves, so I've taught generations of the same family which is lovely."**

**"I've also had connections with Sacred Heart Church since my childhood, so to be able to continue this into my adult life has been very special."**

**"I've made some fantastic memories over the years, one of my fondest being a Year 6 trip to Dol-y-Moch in 2004."**

**"I was walking at the back with two girls who had fallen behind during a walk to visit the mines, and even though it was snowing I picked them**

**both up and carried them to catch-up."**

**"I was that tired when I got to the mines that I struggled to walk around there myself! It was an exhausting but fantastic trip."**

**"I am also incredibly proud to have supported the launch of Sacred Heart's before and after school provision to support our parents. The children love attending and it was a real achievement to get the Outstanding Ofsted rating."**

**"I had a fantastic final day celebrating my retirement and the car was a lovely surprise. I'm now looking forward to my retirement and will be spending more time with my 12-month-old granddaughter Alice."**

Paul Madia, Executive Principal at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, said: **"Barbara has made an incredible impact on the school throughout the years and she will be thoroughly missed by children and colleagues alike."**

**"We're pleased to have given her a fantastic, and much deserved, send-off and we wish her the very best for her retirement."**





## Celebrating faith week at St Gregory's

The Year 6 class at St Gregory's recreate a Holi festival celebration as part of Faith Focus Week.

Children from St Gregory's have been celebrating different faiths as part of a special week of learning - including recreating a very colourful ancient festival.

The 'Faith Focus Week', gave children from nursery to Year 6 the opportunity to learn more about different faiths, religions and cultures from across the world.

Nursery and early years classes looked at cultural celebrations and festivals, Years 1 and 5 explored Islam, Years 2 and 6 learnt about Hinduism, Year 3 focused on Sikhism and Year 4 looked at Judaism.

The children learnt key information about the faiths and also took part in a number of creative activities around their themes, including producing artwork and exploring cultural dance and music - with the school's Year 6 class even throwing powder paints to recreate Holi, an ancient Hindu celebration.

The children also had the opportunity to

share more about their own cultures and beliefs with their classmates.

The week culminated in an exhibition in the school's hall where the children were able to get creative and produce displays about what they have learnt featuring everything from artwork, creative writing, videos, clothing, photos, artifacts and books.

Lisa Downing, RE lead at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School, said:

**"All of the children thoroughly enjoyed our Faith Focus Week.**

**"It gave them the opportunity to learn more about the fantastic cultural diversity we have both within our school and right across the world.**

**"It was also lovely to see some of the children speak about their own faiths**

**and share more about their first-hand experiences - they were so enthusiastic and it really helped give all of the pupils a real appreciation of their cultural heritages.**

**"Having some of our Key Stage 1 children focus on the same topics as some of our Key Stage 2 children also demonstrated progressive learning and how the curriculum develops for pupils as they move up through the school.**

**"All of the children worked incredibly hard to produce some brilliant displays which everyone had the opportunity to look at.**

**"The week was extremely fun and creative, and it was excellent that we were able to involve the whole school."**





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**The Wiseman  
Connection**

**Alumni:**

## Life after Wiseman

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**Hayley Rocks**

Director at KPMG



### School Life

Hayley grew up in the Ernesford Grange area of Coventry and attended Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School before joining Cardinal Wiseman School in 1993.

Hayley said: “I really enjoyed my time at Cardinal Wiseman - it gave me a really good grounding.

“I liked the breadth of the curriculum and all of the activities we took part in, and I particularly valued the diversity which came with attending such a large school.

“My favourite subject was history as it gave us the opportunity to learn more about establishing the difference between fact and opinion which I enjoyed. I also really liked my teacher Mrs Mulligan who was really supportive.”





Hayley has a number of fond memories from her time at the school, including a trip to London and a retreat in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Speaking about the support offered by the school, Hayley added:

**"The work experience I took part in during Year 10 at telecommunications company Marconi was the basis of my whole career."**

**"The school facilitated this very well and it gave me the opportunity to work in a range of areas such as finance and IT."**

**"After completing my work experience, I knew I wanted to work in a business environment. My view was quite narrow on what career paths were available at that age, but I was supported by the school's careers team who were able to provide some good advice."**

**"It was this support and encouragement which helped me to select a career path that worked for me."**

Hayley still has a close-knit friendship group from the school, and has even worked alongside some as colleagues through the years.

## Career

Hayley left Cardinal Wiseman at the age of 16 and successfully applied for an accountancy apprenticeship at Marconi.

She said: **"I was keen to get to work and earn some money and was also worried about the prospect of going to university and leaving with high levels of debt."**

**"At times, balancing work and study was challenging, especially when I was the only one who had to get up for work after a night out! But there were certainly rewards - I went to New York the year after I started work and loved having my own money to fund adventures."**

**"The programme saw apprentices rotated into different finance roles every six months which meant I gained a broad range of experience."**

**"I qualified as an accountant when I was 20. Hayley spent eight years at Marconi where she worked in a number of finance roles before moving on to BT's finance department. Her first position was supporting the sales team and after working hard for the company, she was promoted to Finance Director for its Defence Business at the age of 27."**

She also decided to apply for a scholarship to study a one-year post graduate qualification in financial strategy at the University of Oxford and was awarded a fully funded place which saw her study around work.

Hayley said: **"While at BT, KPMG came in to do some consultancy work for us and I found the role really interesting. It gave you the opportunity to travel which I've always loved, and to see lots of different companies, so I decided to apply for a position with the company."**

**"One of my first roles at KPMG was supporting a pharmaceutical company sell a portion of their consumer business to an investment organisation."**

**"I've since helped a large range of clients - such as GSK, Coca Cola, BP, Anglo American,**

**Vodafone, Travis Perkins and De-Beers - implement changes in their organisations."**

**"I love a new challenge and meeting different people and I'm fortunate to have a job that I find so interesting."**

**"In my early career it also allowed me to work in different countries across the world including Australia, USA, South Africa, Botswana, Bulgaria, France and Switzerland to name a few, but I never forget how lucky I am."**

Hayley is now a Director at KPMG, based at Canary Wharf in London, and is a mum of two young children so currently enjoys working part time close to home.

At the minute she is supporting the UK government meet the learning and development needs of its staff across 400 departments.

She said: **"I really enjoy my job. It's extremely varied and there's lots of opportunities, which is the reason I've stayed with the company for 10 years."**

**"Doing an apprenticeship gave me a foundational understanding in accountancy and has stood me in good stead throughout my career. I now also manage apprentices so I have a good understanding of how to develop them and what opportunities they will benefit from."**

## Advice to pupils

When speaking about the advice she would give to current pupils, Hayley said:

**"Look at all the options and don't assume there's a default route."**

**"A piece of advice I've been given at work is to do the thing that scares you the most, and it's something I can really relate to."**

**"It was scary doing an apprenticeship at the age of 16 at a time when they weren't as common as they are today. Most other people were going on to A Levels and university, but I took a brave step and have no regrets as it was the route which worked for me."**





The top three teams celebrate their achievements in the Coventry Catholic Sports Association Swimming Gala.

## Swimming success for Romero

The Coventry Catholic Sports Association Swimming Gala saw 216 children from 12 primary schools across Coventry, split into 'East' and 'West' divisions, compete against each other in individual and relay races.

The gala was held at the Pingles Leisure Centre, in Nuneaton, for the first time since 2020 and was watched by an audience of pupils, teachers and families who cheered on the swimmers from Years 4, 5 and 6.

The top eight scoring schools then went through to the grand finals, with Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, triumphing overall in first place, St John Vianney Catholic Primary School achieving second place, and Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, coming in third.

Sophie Newman, PE Lead at Sacred Heart, was the main organiser of the event and said it was a fantastic celebration of swimming.

She said: **"It was excellent to welcome all of the children to this year's gala after a time when children haven't regularly been able to swim."**

**"Covid resulted in pools being closed for a long period of time, so it was a really lovely celebration of swimming."**

**"I'd like to say a big well done to all of the children that took part - they all did brilliantly well - and thank you to all of the staff for their hard work and the Pingles Leisure Centre for hosting the event."**

**"I'd also like to congratulate our top three teams - it is the first time that Sacred Heart have ever achieved first place at the gala so it's a fantastic achievement for them."**

**"The whole day was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and we're already**

**looking forward to next year's event."**

Patrick Taggart, Director of Operations at the Romero Catholic Academy, added: **"We are so pleased that our children are able to engage in such tremendous sporting events again after two years of lockdown."**

**"It is so important for our children to be able to access a rounded curriculum which offers something for everyone and allows us to develop every child to their full potential."**







## Romero raise over £1,000 for Myton Hospice

Children from St Gregory's, St Patrick's, Ss Peter and Paul present the donation to Donna Callow and Claire McDowell, of Coventry Myton Hospice.

Pupils from the Romero Catholic Academy visited Coventry Myton Hospice, in the grounds of University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire, to present a donation of £1,059.

The funds were raised by staff members across the Academy during a raffle held at their latest staff conference.

Prizes were donated by school suppliers as well as members of the community and included a laptop, a round at Warwickshire Golf Club, a food hamper and a meal for two at The Cross in Kenilworth.

The donation comes at an important time as The Myton Hospices, which has sites in Coventry, Rugby and Warwick, has been significantly impacted by Covid and is more than £400,000 down on its fundraising income compared to this time two years ago pre-pandemic.

Claire McDowell, Community Fundraiser for The Myton Hospices, said: **"We would like to say a huge thank-you to all the staff at Romero**

**Catholic Academy for raising an incredible £1,059 for Myton at their recent staff conference.**

**"This year we need to raise £7.8 million to continue providing our services free of charge for people living with a terminal illness in Coventry and Warwickshire. Every penny raised really does make a big difference to our patients and their families."**

Patrick Taggart, Director of Operations at the Romero Catholic Academy, said: **"Myton is a local charity which provides an incredible service, and we are very conscious that its fundraising has been significantly impacted by Covid.**

**"Many members of our school community have been impacted by cancer and other life-limiting illnesses**

**in some way, so we were really keen to support the charity.**

**"It was a very special morning, visiting the hospice with some of our pupils, supporting an amazing service and giving back to the community.**

**"We would like to thank our partners and members of the school community who donated raffle prizes and helped make this donation possible."**





# A snapshot from Twitter



**Corpus Christi**  
**@CorpusChristi**

Year 6 had a fantastic trip away at Dol-Y-Moch. They had beautiful weather and enjoyed lots of fun outdoor activities making memories.



**Cardinal Wiseman**  
**@OfficialWiseman**

Year 9 and 10 boys at Cardinal Wiseman competed in the East Coventry Basketball Championships. The event was a trial for the upcoming International Children's Games that will be taking place in Coventry in August. Two Cardinal Wiseman boys have been selected for the team "boot camp" session that will decide who plays in the games.



**Cardinal Wiseman**  
**@OfficialWiseman**

Students from Key Stage 4 and 5 had the lovely opportunity of seeing "Hamilton the Musical" at the Victoria Palace Theatre in London. The school had been invited especially for an exclusive performance, supported by the Hamilton Education Programme.



**Corpus Christi**  
**@CorpusChristi**

Year 1 had a great morning singing their heart's out at the Mousique Ensemble. They sang songs all about the environment with three other schools.



**Corpus Christi**  
**@CorpusChristi**

We now have a tiny forest at Corpus Christi. Our children had a very memorable adding their mark to the history of the school.



**SS Peter and Paul**  
**@SSPP**

Ss Peter and Paul had a visit from Mr Shaw from the Rainforest Roadshow as part of their topic work.



**SS Peter and Paul**  
**@SSPP\_Jun25**

Children at SS Peter and Paul came into school dressed up as their favourite character for world book day; they also marked the occasion by singing Happy 2nd Birthday to Vinny The Vending Machine.







**SS Peter and Paul**  
**@SSPP\_Jun25**

Ss Peter and Paul had a visit from Mini First Aid to teach Year 4 children some basic first aid knowledge.



**Good Shepherd**  
**@goodshepherdcoventry**

Celebrating our Good with outstanding features Ofsted result!



**St Gregory**  
**@stgregoryscoventry**

On Friday 18th March, the sun was shining, and Year 1 had a wonderful day learning about life in a castle in the middle ages.



**Sacred Heart**  
**@SacredHeartCov**

Congratulations to Sacred Heart's dance team for winning first place at the regional heat. The children were absolutely stunning and performed as a tight unit. We are so proud of them! UK finals here we come in July!



**Sacred Heart**  
**@SacredHeartCov**

As part of our social action, Year 6 students at Sacred Heart have visited The Salvation Army's Harnell Lifehouse homeless accommodation premises. #Romeroserves.



**St Patricks**  
**@StPatricksCov**

Year 6 have had an explosive time setting off their volcanoes.



**St Gregory**  
**@stgregoryscoventry**

Our Netball Squad had a great night watching Wasps Netball with our friends at SS Peter and Paul, Coventry.



**St Patricks**  
**@StPatricksCov**

We had a fabulous St Patrick's day joined by musicians and dancers.







# The Romero Catholic Academy

Nurturing the Talent of Tomorrow

We are a multi-academy company comprised of the following individual schools/academies:



**Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School**  
Omnia pro Christo



**Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School**  
Walking in Christ's footsteps, opening hearts and minds



**Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School**  
One Fold, One Family, Walking with Christ



**Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School**  
Learning and loving on our journey with Jesus



**Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School**  
Pray, Reflect, Learn and Grow to Mirror the Love of Jesus



**St Gregory's Catholic Primary School**  
Learning and Growing in the Service of God



**St Patrick's Catholic Primary School**  
With Jesus we love, grow and succeed



**St John Fisher Catholic Primary School**  
To live, love and learn, in our caring community



**Blue Sky**  
Teaching School Alliance