

# PETERSPEAK

The Newsletter from  
**St. Peter's Catholic College of Maths & Computing**  
South Bank, Middlesbrough  
'Learning together - Living in Christ'

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Hello

Autumn approaches and the weather is getting colder so to bring some cheer I want to share some highlights regarding school with you.

## **Evening Gazette Wish 10 Campaign**

I have registered the school for the Evening Gazette's Make A Wish. This year the campaign runs from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011. Every day, tokens will be printed in the Gazette and occasionally there will be bonus tokens. I am requesting that you collect as many as you can – from friends, neighbours, family... The more we collect the bigger cut of the £50,000 prize money we get: money which will be used for the benefit of **all students at St Peter's**.

Please start collecting and send your tokens in to school regularly; students can hand them to Tutors or they can be handed in at the School Office. We will give the Gazette a weekly total so you can follow our progress – you can make a difference so **PLEASE** do.

## **Christmas Fayre**

We are holding a grand Christmas Fayre this year on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010**  
**5.00pm – 7.00pm.** All students and staff have been asked to participate. We will be making weekly appeals for goods as follows:

W/C	4 <sup>th</sup> October	Tinned goods
	11 <sup>th</sup> October	Bottled goods
	18 <sup>th</sup> October	Fancy goods/Bric a Brac
	25 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM
	1 <sup>st</sup> November	Raffle prizes
	15 <sup>th</sup> November	Sweets
	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Any of the above

Please support your school by donating when you can and attending on the night.

**SANTA WILL BE THERE – SO MUST YOU!!**

## **Mischief and Fireworks Nights**

Concern for the health and safety of our students is always uppermost. We have therefore booked the Police/Fire Service to come into school and speak to all students during extended assemblies on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October about these events. Please echo the message: **“Enjoy the event safely without upsetting or harming others!!”**

## **Celebration**

Jack Crosby, a Year 11 student who took up athletics three months ago, was outstanding in the McCain UK Athletics Challenge final held in Cardiff in September. Jack won the Under 17's men's gold medal with a score of 2,935 points placing him second on the 2010 rankings list. Jack also scored three personal bests:

- a time of 15.1 seconds in 100m hurdles
- he beat his long jump best by almost a metre with a leap of 6.65m
- achieved a time of 2min 17.7 seconds in 800m.

Jack's new long jump distance catapulted him from 180<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> in the UK rankings for this event. Well done Jack – a worthy Head's Merit winner.

Also, Ruth Mackin was awarded a Head's Merit for representing the school at the Education Mass on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.00pm at the Cathedral at Coulby Newham. Thank you Ruth.

## **Open Night**

This was extremely well attended this year by prospective Year 5 & 6 parents. We look forward to large numbers of new students starting in September.

Year 6 students from the Primaries have spent half days in school since September and enjoyed themselves. Thanks to the Primary Schools for facilitating these visits and to Mr Bell and his staff team for their work in this area.

**If you would like to visit St Peter's to look around during or after school, please contact the School Office and make an appointment.**

<p><b>Catholics and Non-Catholics are welcome in our Inclusive Christian Community.</b></p>
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Catholic application forms are available from the School Office and we can provide help to complete them if you wish to use this service.

## **Facilities**

We now have an increasingly large number of Community groups using our facilities – MUGA Sports Hall and classrooms.

Our rates are extremely competitive – if you have a group who would like to join us, please contact Mrs Davies on 01642 453462 during school hours.

We are working in close partnership with SOUTH BANK TOMORROW to ensure our school is a vital part of the Community. Thanks to Linda and her team for their welcome and collaboration. Thanks to our **Chair of Governors, Mrs B Hewitt**, for leading on this aspect of school life.

## **PT/Friends of St Peter's**

We had a very disappointing attendance at our first meeting in September. I would like to ask you to join us. We work to fundraise and support our school and have fun at the same time.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010 at 4.30pm**

with the Christmas Fayre as the main agenda item. **PLEASE COME ALONG.**

Many thanks go to Mrs Cramphorn and Mrs Abel for helping the school by serving refreshments at the Open Evening on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

## **Pakistan Fundraising Appeal**

Our non-uniform day for this deserving cause was very successful – but we still await some contributions from students. Please remind your child to bring in their £1 if they have not already done so.

## **Dates for Your Diary**

**This Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October is a PD Day –. students are not required to attend school.**

14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Police/Fire Brigade talks on safety
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Holiday
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Return to school
3 <sup>rd</sup> November at 6.00pm	Laptop Launch to Year 7
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Visit to Lanehead Outdoor Centre for some Y8 students
18 <sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm	Year 11 Certificate Evening
19 <sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am	Mass in Chapel – all welcome
25 <sup>th</sup> November 5.00pm-7.00pm	Christmas Fayre
26 <sup>th</sup> November	PD Day – school closed to students
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Parental Review Day – Years 7 – 10. Y11 will be in school undertaking tests
4 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Trial Exams
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert in the School Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes for Christmas Break

Please remember to collect and give us your Gazette “Wish 10” tokens.

If you wish to discuss anything with me, please contact the School Office to make an appointment.

Kind regards

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**Headteacher**