

Heartbeat



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Sacred Heart's got talent

Year 7 pupil Bethany Lythgoe is a star in the making.

The talented youngster, who is a member of the Empire Youth Theatre, boasts a CV that many would-be entertainers twice her age would be proud of.

Having already won the Under 12s Dance category at Sefton's Got Talent last month, Bethany (7H) has also performed at the Bucuresti musical at LIPA, where she played the parts of both Young Vic and Ionella alongside actors from all over the world, danced at the Crosby Christmas lights switch on, taken part in Fame at the Liverpool Empire Theatre and was part of an East Meets West-themed LIPA dance show that was requested by the Lady Mayoress of Wirral to perform at a Charity Ball.

The performances do not end there, though, as Bethany is all set to play Maria in a production of Twelfth Night at the Liverpool Empire next month.

The tireless performer is delighted with how her fledgling career in the arts has taken off. Bethany said: "Working in en-

tertainment is definitely what I want to do when I leave school. I started dancing when I was three and was at LIPA at four – I have been acting for as long as I can remember."

Bethany also went on to say how she does not suffer from stage fright and paid tribute to her friends and teachers at Sacred Heart for their continued support. She added: "I don't really get nervous, the adrenalin takes over, I just take it all in my stride. I just enjoy being up there performing. Everyone has been very supportive, my mum and dad, who are really proud of what I have achieved, but also my friends and teachers at school. They came to see me perform at the Bucuresti show, which was really nice."

Bethany's mother, Tina, is delighted and proud of her daughter's achievements. She said: "I'm very proud of Bethany and all she has achieved. As long as she keeps working hard at school and completes all her homework on time, she will always have my support in following her dreams."



Up at the Lakes

Our Year 12 Geography pupils recently visited Coniston in the Lake District to carry out river fieldwork and a settlement case study. During the trip, the eight pupils conducted questionnaires, completed field sketches and investigated the changing features and characteristics of the river at three different sites. Also on the trip were Geography teachers Mr Kennedy and Mrs Sargison, the latter saying: "The two day trip was very successful. The pupils were extremely enthusiastic and hardworking. They were a credit to the College."



Y9 pupils have designs on the Rotary Club

A dozen Year 9 pupils took part in a Rotary Challenge recently.

The event saw schoolchildren from Sefton pit their Design Technology skills against each other.

Among those who took part was Michael Callaghan (9S). He leads us through what happened on the day:

“Twelve of us from Sacred Heart were in three teams of four at the Rotary Club Challenge. When we arrived, we were taken to our group’s table where we found a box of different shapes of wood, glue, nails and screws.

There was a booklet explaining the rules and what we had to do. The presenter talked us through the resources and what would happen during the day. The aim was to build a motorised crane in the limited time available.

All the groups had the same task. We had 45 minutes planning time to decide who would do what, and to begin completing the portfolio of our initial ideas and designs.

“Then, we got started. In our group we organised ourselves into two working on the structure itself, and the other two on the



electronics for the motorisation. I worked on the structure. The main difficulty was working out how to attach the crane to the base. We did this by nailing thin pieces of wood to the back of the crane with their ends hanging below, so that they could

then be nailed to the end of the base. Thankfully it worked.

Sadly, we didn’t win. However, it was an excellent day. The challenge was fun and I enjoyed having a whole day working on a practical exercise.”

‘Slummy money’ collection will lead to change

Pupils and staff at the College are making a big difference with their small change, writes RE’s Mrs Connor. The Lenten ‘slummy money’ campaign for CAFOD has started with a bang. Within the first week we had raised more than £300, that’s enough to vaccinate more than 150 children in Nigeria!

In the spirit of almsgiving during Lent, pupils are donating their loose change every morning to help fund big projects in less fortunate areas.

The money we raise could go towards supporting subsistence farmers in the Philippines to grow drought resistant crops, to provide anti-malaria tablets and nets in Africa or to support children from slums in South America to

go to school.

Sacred Heart pupils are always very generous but I have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm they have shown for this collection, especially the boys in my form who have helped me collect it all in and count it!

Special mention must go to 7H who organised a sponsored silence during form time and raised more than £50, although this was probably their form tutor Miss Coventry’s idea!

James Tyrell from CAFOD Liverpool is delighted with the effort. He said: “Wow you have been busy, your CAFOD plans sound great! I love the



idea of the ‘Slummy Money’ collection for Lent.”

The campaign will run for the duration of Lent and the total we raise will be displayed outside the chapel after Easter.

Anyone with ideas about fundraising for CAFOD should see Mrs Connor.