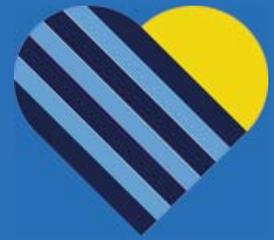


Heartbeat



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Star spangled spectacular at the Heart of Crosby



Sacred Heart went all American last week as this year's Heart of Crosby Festival reached fever pitch.

Event organiser Mrs Campbell gives us the lowdown on what was a fantastic fortnight.

During the Summer Term, Sacred Heart Catholic College holds its annual two week Arts festival, centred around the Heart of Crosby extravaganza. One of the days is a festival day, in which 300 primary school children join the older pupils for a day of awe and wonder. The festival celebrates the talents and skills of students past and present, who provide an array of Music, Arts and Performances.

This year, the festival was sponsored by the PTA and aimed to bring to-

gether all areas of the College's considerable sphere of influence.

It truly was a celebration of our community, showing how, through forming close links with parents, pupils and building and securing links with our partner schools together, we are the Heart of Crosby.

Given that the day chosen for this year's festival was American Independence Day, the theme of Americana seemed the natural choice and built upon the College's hugely successful Performance Art trip to New York in October 2016.

The day began at 7am, when the grounds at the front of the College - the centrepiece of which is a heart shaped garden - were adorned with

painted wooden cut-outs of many of America's most iconic images, including the Empire State Building, the Brooklyn Bridge and a NYC yellow taxi. On arrival at the front gates, the primary school children were greeted by Christopher Columbus (well, Hakan Selcuk, 11E) and a number of our 6th Form students dressed as 19th Century immigrants arriving at New York. They were then led on a journey, with small groups of our drama students breaking away to perform a sequence of mimes, tableaux and dance, representing aspects of popular American history and culture, including conflict and resolution between settlers and native Americans, Ellis Island, cheerleaders and even Marilyn Mon-

roe, all whilst music relevant to each era was played. From the 1920s, gangsters ushered our guests into a speakeasy to watch 'flappers' dance music from The Charleston right through to the hand-jive from Grease. The pupils followed a carousel of events throughout the day, which included a Rags 2 Riches fashion show, again inspired by American culture. The costumes had been made from recycled materials and the models strutted their stuff with confidence and gusto. The primary school pupils took great delight in spotting their props and costumes used in the show, which had been made during a previous workshop visit. Pupils attended an Art, Design and Technology Exhibition displaying work from our talented GCSE and A Level students. During the music concert, talented musicians from past and present performed an array of pieces. During lunchtime, the pupils were treated to a feast of American style food and entertained by a variety of circus acts including stilt walkers.

After lunch, the pupils were involved in a comedy football tournament. They climbed inside large inflatable football bubbles to encourage team work and challenge their opponents. There is nothing like wearing a large inflatable to level the playing field and bring you closer to people.

The day's finale was a living Art Installation, which proved a lively attraction, drawing praise and admiration from our primary school visitors and wider members of the public. The pupils then gathered around the Heart, wearing their Heart of Crosby red logo t-shirts, to form a giant heart to symbolize that Sacred Heart Catholic College truly is, the Heart of Crosby. It was an awe inspiring, spine-tingling event that celebrated and inspired many.

News in brief

There is an Apprenticeship Open Day at Aintree Hospital today. Duke of Edinburgh students are off to Scarisbrick for two days from tomorrow and, on Wednesday, there is a Mass for Year 8 at 2.15pm on Lower Site. Term finishes on Friday. Have a great six weeks off and see you back here in September. Enjoy.

