

Student Newsletter 12 June 2020

Aloha, Pershendetje, Selam, Marhaba, Bonjour, Hello, Bonjour, Hallo, Kem Cho, Ciao, Mbote Mbote na yo, Ki Kati, Sati shree akal, Salaam, Witam, Ola, Buna ziua, Privet, Dobro jutro, Salaam, Hola Hujambo, Kamusta, Magandang Tanghali, Alo, Selam, Assalam, 'alaykum, E kaaro o All Saints,



Did you know there are 29 home languages spoken in our school? Isn't that amazing, if google hasn't let me down you can see how to greet someone or say hello in all those languages. There are some repeats – do you know why? Some greetings are used in more than one language.

This is not just a friendly picture it is 'hello' in British Sign Language which is included in the list of our home languages.

The main theme of this newsletter is how wonderful the world is with its mix of cultures and ideas and how we have so much to gain through learning about the world.

Lessons are changing. To attend these lessons you need to use something called TEAMS – Mr Shaw has made you a helpful video to explain how to do this. When you go into the TEAMS calendar your lesson will appear when your teacher is ready to welcome you and say hello. This will be no earlier than 15 minutes before the lesson is due to start.

We are sure you will enjoy these new sessions and that you will engage well with them. Our aim is to further enhance your at-home learning. To make these sessions work well for everyone there are some simple rules:

- Do not share video or screen displays
- Have your microphone on mute to reduce background noise
- Ask questions by using the chat feature
- Behaviour should be excellent
- You should respect all the students and staff in your session

This is the timetable for next week. We are working on a fortnightly timetable. This is week two:

Year	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	9.30 – 10.30	English	History	Geography	Art – video	Spanish French
Year 8	10.30 – 11.30	Maths	RE	PSHE/Assembly	Science	Maths
Year 9	11.30 – 12.30	RE	Option Y	English	History Geography	Science
Year 10	13.00 – 14.00	Option X	French Spanish	Science	PSHE/Assembly	English

Please remember that the chat features of lessons are not to be used for social interaction. Any conversations you have on TEAMS are the same as classroom ones and should be purposeful and linked to your learning and the lesson you are in.

These lessons should go alongside the remote learning sessions that you are being set on SMHW.

Student survey: on Show My Home Work is a short survey to check in with you and see how you are getting on during lockdown. If you have already completed this, thank you. If not, you have another chance to complete it this week.

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Our beautiful planet is home to many places and cultures – last week there was a short reflection around valuing every person as a child of God. We are a diverse community in All Saints and we are stronger because of that. Here are a series of musings on places in the world that the staff have travelled to and loved. We'd love to hear from you about places you've been or places you aspire to travel to – studentwork@allsaintslearning.co.uk

Remember learning about the world doesn't have to be expensive; you can work abroad to pay for a trip like I did, see below about goat farming, or you can work out how to keep your costs low, see Mr Davis's advice about budgeting while travelling.

If travel isn't an option, talk to people from other countries, read novels written by people from other cultures, use the internet and sites like the BBC to explore the world virtually.



Mrs Bown: Subject Leader for Modern Foreign Languages on the joys of knowing another language and meeting new people all over the world.

Nelson Mandela said “If you talk to a man in a language he understands, it goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language that goes to his heart”. Being able to speak to someone in their own language is a real gift and one that I am very grateful for.

I love languages. I love learning new words in languages I speak and languages I don't. I recently learnt the Japanese word *Tsundoku* which is *the act of leaving a book unread after buying it, typically piling it up together with other such unread books*. I do this a lot, now I have a word for it!

I like listening to languages I do not know, trying to guess what language is being spoken and seeing if I can pick out any words, I enjoy talking about languages and I love that they allow me to explore and get to know different countries and different cultures.

Languages were always the lessons I looked forward to at school. Having not studied French or Spanish at primary school, it was something new and different to learn. I had enthusiastic teachers who made the languages we were learning come to life. There are ways of remembering words and phrases that I was taught at school that I still use in my teaching today! I remember the day I learnt the French words for on, under and in. My teacher asked members of my class to get in various different places in the classroom and we learnt sentences to describe them. Russell volunteered to get in the (empty) bin. We drew Russell in the bin, we learnt the French phrase 'Russell est dans la poubelle'. I've never forgotten the lesson or the word for in.

When people come up with careers that you can go into through studying languages, they usually list Teacher, Translator, Interpreter and then get a bit stuck. Languages can open up so many doors. Languages allow you to develop skills such as problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, enhanced concentration and improved memory, the ability to multitask, and better listening skills. You don't have to study languages on their own; combining languages with other subjects can make you stand out to employers. Applying for a job as an engineer when you speak French or as a flight attendant when you can speak Spanish or as a sales executive when you speak German could give you the edge over other candidates. Willy Brandt, the former German leader said “If I want to sell you something, then I'll speak your language. If you want to sell me something, dann müssen Sie Deutsch sprechen”



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It could also allow you to go and work in another country. So many companies do business all over the world, you could be travelling and seeing the world whilst doing your job because you can speak in another language.



Even if you don't speak the language, there are a few phrases that it is important to learn when you go on holiday. Making an effort to learn a few key phrases of the local language can make a big impact on your trip. It is polite and people are generally more than happy to help if you make a little bit of an effort. Plus, despite what you might think, not everyone speaks English.

You don't need to know every word at all to be understood. When I first moved to France (in the days before smartphones) I was in a department store and I needed to buy a pillow for my new flat. I couldn't find them anywhere and I couldn't remember the work for

pillow. When I found an assistant I had to ask for 'the thing that you put your head on when you go to sleep'. The assistant smiled, laughed a little, told me the French for pillow and showed me where they were. It was a little (a lot) embarrassing, but I'll never forget the word for pillow (un oreiller). It didn't matter that I didn't know the exact word, I could communicate and I got what I needed and I learnt something along the way.

If you can learn: hello, goodbye, I would like, thank you, how much does it cost?, do you sell ..., excuse me, I don't understand, I'm sorry and I only speak a little (+ the language) you will be able to get by in lots of situations and people will really appreciate that you had a go.

Speaking a second language has many benefits, it improves your brain function and stops it from aging as quickly, it can help to advance your career, it can allow you to understand different cultures and gain a different perspective on the world. Most importantly for me though, it allows you to connect. It gives you the opportunity to communicate with a wider range of people from all over the world.

I've been lucky enough to make lifelong friends through studying languages. I have lots of friends that I made when I lived in France and Spain but I have friends that I made through studying languages at school. I started learning a language before email and the internet. We had a French penpal scheme at school. I wrote to a girl called Angelique and she wrote back we wrote letters to each other all the way through school from Y8 to Y11. I went on three exchange trips with school to her town in France and I stayed with her and her family. She came with her school to Sheffield and stayed with me. We still write to each other today, though we use Whatsapp now!

Miss McCready: Peru

In Peru with the Guides, we ran camps and activity days, overall we trained over a seven hundred girls and young women. I then spent two weeks travelling around Peru, my favourite moments were meeting Paddington Bear in Lima, and seeing the jaw dropping views and architecture at Macchu Picchu.



Miss Wall: South Africa

I volunteered for a great white cage diving organisation, which also collects data on the sharks in order to promote conservation of the species. This was probably the best month of my life, and South Africa is an amazing place for wildlife, both on land and in the sea!



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Mrs Nicholas: Australia and New Zealand

I have been extremely lucky to have explored different parts of the world including backpacking across Mexico, America and Thailand, volunteering in Ghana and seeing lots of different countries in Europe including Montenegro and Iceland. The best trip I have done was in 2015 when I took a year to go travelling in Australia and New Zealand. One of my favourite places was Uluru in the Northern Territory. It was great privilege to learn about Australia's indigenous people and reflect on the history of the country.



In New Zealand I lived in a city called Hamilton and worked in a middle school teaching music and drama. It was fantastic to teach in a different country and see the differences in the education system. Taking part in earthquake drills was certainly a new experience! From my base in Hamilton I was able to explore the country and take part in lots of adventurous activities like a bungee jump, sky dive and zorbing. I would definitely recommend it!

Mr Shaw - science: Japan

We were travelling in Japan and were visiting a very sacred Shinto Shrine called Ise and just so happened to be visiting on the day of Niinamesai. This festival is to give thanks for labour, production and give one another thanks. On festival days (Sometimes known as Matsuri) in Japan, processions like this are common and people take it in turns to carry the sacred shrine (Called a Mikoshi) from one place to another. The atmosphere was wonderful, full of happiness and celebration as you can see in the



photograph.

Mrs Murasa: Japan

I first went to Japan 30 years ago to teach. My first memory was arriving at the busiest train station in the world. I didn't speak or read any Japanese and it took me nearly two hours to get out of the station. I lived in the vibrant, modern city of Tokyo and loved every minute of it. The most amazing sight was seeing the top of Mount Fuji piercing through the clouds at sunset. Awesome.



Miss Lowe: Zanzibar

I travelled to Zanzibar to teach English in a secondary school for a year. Whilst there I travelled round the island and enjoyed learning about a different culture and way of life; I also learnt to speak Swahili. I visited the most amazing beaches, went on 3 safaris and made some friends for life. One day, I will return to climb Mt Kilimanjaro!



Mrs Baxter: Israel

In between first and second year of university in London I spent a couple of months working on a goat farm in Israel. My friend and I lived in small hut on the farm's land, this had electricity for around six hours a day and an outdoor shower. It was a tough job; the farm was a dairy farm, each morning we milked the goats – the first attempt took us 4 hours by the end of our summer working there we could milk the whole herd in 45 minutes. On top of that we looked after the animals, cleaned the dairy and the farm house. On our days off we travelled around Israel, seeing the Dead Sea, Jerusalem and Bethlehem and further north up to Tiberius. Tel Aviv I thought was a bit disappointing; it was a lot like London which surprised us, but living on the farm and socialising with the family and their friends was a great way of learning about Israeli life. It is a beautiful country and I would love to take my own children there someday.



Miss Hindmarsh: Uzbekistan.

We had an amazing adventure travelling a country which so incredibly culturally rich and diverse, and visited Mosques, Mausoleums, Madrassas and tombs along the Ancient Silk Road. A highlight was staying in a yurt in the middle of Kyzyl-Kum desert and visiting the Tomb of Saint Daniel in Samarkand, a pilgrimage site for both Uzbek Muslims and Christians.



Mr Cutting: Iceland

Here are photos of a trip I took to Iceland - while there I went over and through the mountains and glaciers they have on an off-road 4x4 expedition. It was one of the most exciting, and perilous, adventures I have ever been on!

Travelling on a budget... in Italy – Mr Davis.

It may be that during lockdown you are thinking about that idyllic holiday destination – whether that be somewhere hot with sandy beaches, somewhere more cultural with history and beautiful scenery or just anywhere that isn't Sheffield!

Last summer I travelled around Italy on a budget with my friend and ex All Saints maths teacher Miss Fritche (those of you in Year 10 and above might remember the name).

Tip 1: Instagram was a good start for planning our trip – you can see lots of holiday destinations and get ideas from other people's posts in the explore section.



We flew out to Pisa –booked using the Skyscanner app which finds the cheapest flights for your trip. **Tip 2:** As long as you are flexible about when you travel, you should be able to find that your airfare is pretty cheap. If you split your journey by having a stopover at a destination along the way, this can also reduce the price of your flights.

For our baggage we just had one rucksack each which cut down on luggage fees and meant that we could travel around without having to drag suitcases around. Packing for the trip was pretty easy – we saw that the weather was forecast to be sunny so packed t shirts and shorts. **Tip 3:** Think carefully about whether you really need to pack everything – toiletries are pretty cheap to buy when you arrive from local shops.

On arrival in Italy, we had planned out a rough route of key destinations that we wanted to see, but we agreed that we would be pretty flexible in terms of how long we stayed at each stop. We travelled around Italy by train (the train fare was really cheap, and the country is very well connected with regular trains). **Tip 4:** Using the TrenItalia app to plan out which trains we needed to catch helped us to find the most cost effective route and tickets. Using some basic Italian to ask for help where we needed it came in handy too – Buongiorno!



For accommodation, we had booked the first night's hotel the night before using the Booking.com app. **Tip 5:** By booking your rooms the night before you arrive, you can find some really low priced rooms because hotels might have spare rooms that they want to fill so are willing to offer lower prices. We used this principle for every location we stayed in and stayed in some genuinely nice hotels for really low prices because we booked so close to check in.

Eating in Italy can be expensive, but you need to be wise as to where you choose to eat. **Tip 6:** Avoid restaurant chains – go local for a more authentic experience. Most local restaurants can be found down small side streets off the main roads which provide rustic Italian food at reasonable prices.



Above all, budgeting is essential to ensure that you can travel, eat and visit all of the tourist attractions that you want to. **Tip 7:** A top-up card debit card, pre-paid with Euros worked best in terms of the exchange rate, but it is always good to carry cash just in case you visit a shop that doesn't accept card payments.

For somewhere closer to home, you could travel around the UK – Cornwall, Wales, and the south coast all have sandy beaches – ideal for post lockdown travel. Interrail around Europe is another possibility, again when travel restrictions are lifted! Happy planning!
P.s. Never did manage to get the iconic leaning against the tower of Pisa shot!

Need more to do?

- Try Mr Chadburn's boredom quiz - he has sent this round on email – look out for the answers and next week's quiz.
- Mr Cassidy is sending out the Maths Puzzle of the week - these tricky quizzes will keep your brain active, answers and new questions come out every Monday.

Every person everywhere in the world is made in the Image of God – a prayer of thanks for the glories of the world

Dear Lord,

You have given us this world of diverse peoples, cultures and places, thank you, our strength is in our differences, which expand our minds and enhance our experiences. Help us to strive for a world where everyone is treated fairly, and their strengths celebrated.

Sometimes we fall short of the vision of love and equality you hold for us, help us to renew or commitment to this every day.

Amen.

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