

# #JLA NEWS

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## Pudsey Power!



On Friday 15th November, Mr Taylor and the house co-ordinators put on a fundraising frenzy to raise money for BBC Children in Need. Cakes were sold, silences were sponsored, sponges were flung at teachers stuck in a stock, penalties were saved by Mr Dowson and let in by Mr Giles, amongst other activities, and a grand total of **£1,190.07** was raised for a very worthy cause.

**Pictured:** Head of Perseus, Mr Taylor, worked hard along with other house co-ordinators to organise a fantastic children in need.

## SMSC

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings when the Allied forces reclaimed Normandy from Nazi control, Miss Gleeson set up a house competition for Year 7 to decorate wooden boats as a symbol of remembrance. Winning entries were used in a display of 6,939 at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. Miss Gleeson represented JLA in visiting the display and was proud of the efforts of Year 7!



**Pictured:** Entries from Year 7 for the Vessels of Victory house competition.

### Did you know....?

The academy is named after Joseph Alexander Leckie, a politician and previous Walsall Mayor. When Joseph died in 1939, the education committee renamed the school in his memory.

## Teacher Feature



Mrs Manning has worked as a Geography teacher at JLA for 7 years. In her spare time, she enjoys going on holiday in her electric camper van, playing board and video games and supporting animal charities. Previously she has fostered rabbits from Walsall RSPCA and at one point had 10 rabbits, 3 rats, 1 dog, a cat and 4 hamsters!

## BBC NEWS



Mr Potter and the Jewellery Making Club had a fun afternoon working with BBC Midlands. Environment and Technology correspondent David Gregory-Kumar visited the Academy and interviewed students, asking them

about the positive impact a grant from Millennium Point trust has had on their club. The students have used 3D printers purchased from the grant to cast their own jewellery using 3D moulds. The news piece was aired on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of December on BBC Midlands today.

Between 29th and 31st January, 9 A-Level students visited the European Parliament in Brussels as guests of MEP Ellie Chowns. The group was led by Mr Greaves and had a fantastic experience taking part in Britain's final acts as a member of the EU. The group were present on the final speeches of British MEPs and were even mentioned on the floor of the European Parliament itself. The group also enjoyed the sights of the Belgian capital, the House of European History and the Parlementarium.

## Political History



It's refreshing to see young people so motivated by the power for political action and education. Thanks to Ellie and her assistant Helen Heathfield for such a great opportunity.



## Mount Snowdon Charity Trek

A massive well done to all the students and staff who climbed Mount Snowdon in December, in order to raise money for the Homeless Angels in Walsall. The group managed to raise a total £1,837



## Sixth form



Mr Greaves took 12 Sixth Formers to the University of Birmingham to take part in a charity quiz that raised over £2000 for the Lord Mayor's charity. The two teams, selected by Head Girl, Ammarah Lorgat, and Head Boy, Tristan Rabone, competed against over 60 teams from 40 schools from Birmingham and the Black Country. The two teams finished 17th and 23rd respectively; even managing to beat our local rivals Streetly, Blue Coat and Barr Beacon. Well done all!

## Charity Events



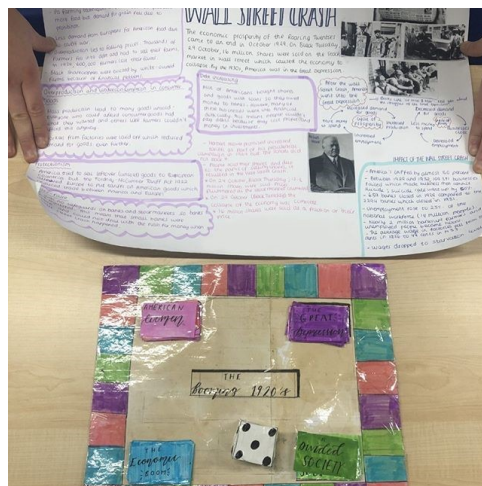
Ja'niah in Year 9 combined her interests in baking and fundraising to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. The home baked cakes sold out in seconds with all proceeds going to charity. Mrs Kauser, Ja'niah's PDP teacher, and Mrs Etches, Ja'Niah's Head of Year, are extremely proud of her efforts and the generosity of the Academy. Ja'Niah herself said that 'she loves baking and knowing it is helping charity makes me happy'.

### Teacher Trivia....?

Which two staff members are born a day apart, in the same hospital, on the same ward, with their beds next to each other and have classrooms next to each other now!

# Lessons in Leckie

Two Year 9 students have produced some fantastic resources at home for Mr Barron in History. The board game took over 5 hours to make with each question card being made and coloured in by hand! Mr Barron was so impressed by the detail of the information poster that he's asked if it could be put on display in his room!



## Star Student

A huge congratulations to Natasha in Year 9 who has been selected to play for the West Midlands Country football team. In their PlayStation Inter Country Trophy first round match, they played and beat Merseyside Country 7-3 but unfortunately lost to Greater Manchester in the second round. She has also been selected for the English Schools Football Association Girls Under 14 team! Our fingers are crossed that she becomes a leading Lioness of the future!

## What's on?

Joseph Leckie offer a range community services and venue hiring.

### Tuesdays

Ladies and children : 6:00pm—6:45pm

Dads and Children: 6:45pm—7:30pm

### Wednesdays

Dads and children: 5:30—6:15pm

Ladies and Children: 6.30pm—7:15pm

Ladies only: 7:15pm—8:00pm

**£1.80 Child Fee**

**£2.80 Adult Fee (18+)**

For other bookings email: [community@josephleckieacademy.co.uk](mailto:community@josephleckieacademy.co.uk)



### Upcoming events at JLA

If you would like to be featured in the next newsletter or have something worth sharing, get in touch with Mr Potter, Mrs Manning, Mr Giles or Ms Sarwar.

- Year 8 parents evening is on Thursday the 5th of March and year 7 parents evening is on the 25th of March.
- Mario Kart house competitions through February and March. See Mrs Potter for details.