



# SACRED HEART R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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We are the living flame and **SHINE** as we come, talk, work, walk & pray **together...**



**BECAUSE THE JOURNEY MATTERS...**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Dear Parents, Children, Staff & Governors,

## WEEKLY NEWS

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**shine**

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**Canonical & Denominational Inspection – 24 May 2012:**

Overall effectiveness – Outstanding, Capacity for sustained improvement – Outstanding,  
Pupil outcomes – Outstanding, Effectiveness of the provision for Catholic Education – Outstanding,  
Effectiveness of Leadership & Management in developing the Catholic life of the school – Outstanding.

The school's leadership is deeply committed to the Church's mission in education. The high aspirations of the innovative Leadership Team and staff are a major strength.

All staff show the utmost commitment to and involvement in caring for each individual. Teaching is consistently highly effective in enthusing pupils and ensuring that they learn extremely well and develop their understanding of the Catholic faith.

The well being of every pupil lies at the heart of everything Sacred Heart School tries to do. Pupils are highly motivated, behave well and are able to sustain their concentration at all levels.

**SECTION 48 RE INSPECTION:** We are delighted to distribute the Inspection Report from our recent Canonical & Denominational Inspection. Pauline Leatherbarrow, who inspected our school, writes:

*Thank you for your great hospitality shown to me on the day of inspection. You clearly have a school to be very proud of and this is only as a result of yours and your staffs' hard work and enthusiasm. Well done!! Share and enjoy the fruits of your efforts with your school community.*

Well done to our community who have worked so hard to build upon our success. Special thanks to Mrs Byrne, our RE Leader.

**HEADTEACHER:**

**DEPUTY HEADTEACHER:**

**CHAIR OF GOVERNORS:**

**MR MARTIN JOHNSON B.A. (HONS.) Q.T.S. NPQH**

**MRS CATHERINE PARKINSON B.ED. (HONS.) NPQH**

**MRS MARY-ANNE YEARN**

*"Care for oneself, care for each other, across cultures, distances and time, and care for the environment [far and near]"*



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## **INSPECTION REPORT**

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Canonical Inspection under Canon 806 on behalf of the Diocese of Salford  
and inspection of Denominational Education under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005

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Date of inspection: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
Date of previous inspection: November 2008  
Reporting Inspector: Mrs. Pauline Leatherbarrow

## Information about the school

Sacred Heart is a voluntary aided Roman Catholic primary school serving Sacred Heart Parish, Westhoughton. The catchment area is one of relative social advantage. There is a socio-economic mix of housing including a large council estate south of the town centre, housing association homes and privately owned houses. There are 334 pupils on roll aged 4-11 of whom 321 are Catholic. 6.2% of pupils are entitled to free school meals. There are 26 children identified as having special educational needs and 2 pupils have a statutory statement of special educational needs. There are 16.8 full and part time teachers employed by the school of which 56% are Catholic. 10 full time staff hold CCRS or equivalent.

## Overall Effectiveness

**Grade 1**

Sacred Heart is an outstanding school with a very strong Catholic ethos.

The school's motto, *'to shine like Jesus'*, permeates all aspects of the life of the school. Sacred Heart School is very welcoming to all. Pupils are well behaved, friendly and polite. They have very good attitudes to their learning and respond well to meet the high expectations of staff. Relationships throughout the whole school community are strong and based on mutual respect and the love of God. Parents are very supportive of the school. Strong home / school / parish links ensure learners are well supported on their faith journey. Both Headteacher and Religious Education leader are Eucharistic Ministers at all masses. The parish priest visits school to celebrate Mass in church and in school.

The well being of every pupil lies at the heart of everything Sacred Heart School tries to do. All staff show the utmost commitment to and involvement in caring for each individual.

The Headteacher gives outstanding leadership, and together with his Leadership & Management Team is supported by a very hard working and dedicated staff and well-informed Governing Body. As a cohesive team, they have a clear vision to ensure that all pupils grow and mature in their learning, love and understanding of God.

## Capacity for sustained improvement

**Grade 1**

The school's capacity for sustained improvement is outstanding. The school has continued to build upon the outstanding practice from their 2008 RE inspection. *'The pursuit of excellence in Catholic education has led to exceptional improvement and has securely maintained and built on previously outstanding performance'*.

Self-evaluation at all levels is based on sophisticated and accurate analysis by staff. Pupils are consistently involved in evaluating how well they achieve. Children engage in self- and peer-assessment to further improve their work.

The committed Governing Body at Sacred Heart clearly understands, and is able to articulate its role in developing the Catholic life of the school. The Roman Catholic foundation of the school is always at the forefront of all governor decisions.

The high aspirations of the innovative Leadership Team and staff are a major strength, and this is mirrored by the very high expectations of parents and governors. Processes for managing the performance of all staff and for their professional development are used effectively to further improve teaching and learning in the future.

The Headteacher and Leadership & Management Team communicate an ambitious vision for the Catholic dimension of the school and use challenging targets to raise standards for all pupils.

## **What the school needs to do to improve further**

There are no issues to address as the school has clearly identified areas for future development in their School Improvement and Development Plan.

However the school has put as their priority to:

- Ensure innovative practice is shared with other schools within Diocese – DEEP Trust.

## **PUPILS**

## **Grade 1**

### **How good outcomes are for pupils, taking particular account of variations between different groups**

Teaching is consistently highly effective in enthusing pupils and ensuring that they learn extremely well and develop their understanding of the Catholic faith.

Lessons observed displayed excellent subject knowledge which challenges and inspires pupils. Children of all abilities make exceptional progress as learners in RE. High quality resources, including technology, are used to great effect, together with the excellent support provided by teaching staff, support staff and volunteers to optimise learning. Consequently, pupils are highly motivated, behave well and are able to sustain their concentration at all levels. Pupils say they enjoy their work because *'teachers try to make everything we do to be creative, fun and never boring.'*

Lessons observed gave opportunities for pupils to critically reflect on the Catholic faith and the responses it gives to questions of meaning and purpose. The innovative and creative use of outdoor spaces, and resources used, help bring the RE curriculum and liturgy to life. An example of this was found in the OLE group of Y4 and Y5 pupils around the campfire in the school grounds, who reflected on Jesus' appearance to the apostles by the sea of Tiberias. This activity provided an opportunity to understand the teachings of Jesus and other key religious figures and how these apply to their own lives.

Pupils were observed to clearly articulate their own personal response to the deeper questions of life. A KS1 lesson observed posed the question, *'The Holy Spirit brings special fruits to us too.... How can we use these in our lives?'*

## **How effective the provision is for Catholic Education**

## **Grade 1**

Sacred Heart makes excellent provision for the spiritual needs of all its pupils. Throughout the school year it provides a wealth of rich and meaningful opportunities for pupils, parents and staff to develop and strengthen their relationship with God. This was clearly evidenced during the *'Stations of the Resurrection'* which was superbly attended and was a spiritually uplifting experience. The service commenced with a Liturgical Dance and then parents, parishioners and community proceeded to visit each class who led prayer linked to each of the 14 Stations of Light. The service ended with the school song which is based upon the words of their purpose statement, *'Shine as we come, talk, work, walk and pray together'*.



Sacred Heart School is at the cutting edge of Religious Education curriculum design. It successfully seeks to improve on the coherence, relevance and excitement of the well-planned opportunities provided. As a result, pupils have the opportunity to be enthusiastic and highly motivated learners, and benefit from excellent opportunities to improve their spiritual and moral development. Prayer spaces are made available in school where activities are changed regularly to encourage different forms of prayer and worship. Teaching observed was effective in enthusing pupils and ensuring that they learn extremely well and develop their understanding of the Catholic faith.

Children are recognised as an integral part of the faith family at Sacred Heart, and their involvement in the Little Church, Sacramental Programme, as welcomers and altar servers, solidifies their role within the community. Pupils regularly prepare and lead prayer and worship with confidence and enthusiasm from their earliest years in a variety of gatherings, for example, the *seedlings* – Reception / *gardeners* – Year 6 service on the theme of *'New Life'*. This was a beautiful reflection using a variety of resources to engage Reception and Year 6.

*'Statements to Live By'* images are displayed each week in the hall on the projector, with music playing associated with the theme, in class as posters, and put into class books, where children can record when they have done something to meet the statement. These statements provide a real opportunity to live out the school's mission statement in their daily lives. For example, the responses by pupils to the statement, *'I know what to do when I see anyone being hurt'*, include: *'When I see someone hurt, I go and comfort them...'* or, *'If I see anyone being hurt I would help them and comfort them and if they needed the teacher I will get her...'*. Lenten promise books observed also involve children in deciding how they can make improvements to the way they live their life in the way of Christ.

## **LEADERS AND MANAGERS**

## **Grade 1**

### **How effective leaders and managers are in developing the Catholic life of the School.**

The school's leadership is deeply committed to the Church's mission in education. Leaders and managers, including the RE leader, promote the Catholic life of the school very effectively. The school's vision, *that all children achieve their potential*, is embedded into the structure of the mission, values and purpose statements. These are referred to frequently in assemblies, classrooms and through the school newsletter. The leadership team put the school's mission statement at the forefront of everything they do, and they encourage staff, pupils, parents and governors to be actively involved in shaping and supporting it.

The Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and RE leader are deeply committed to the Church's mission in education. The Headteacher's infectious enthusiasm inspires all those associated with Sacred Heart to create the best possible place to learn and grow in the love of God. He demonstrates strong leadership and has a clear vision for the school supported by the Governing Body, leadership team and staff.

The Governing Body committee structure ensures that the school is well equipped to carry out its function to be a beacon for education within a Roman Catholic environment. Governors, and in particular the RE Governor, have a very good understanding of, and are able to articulate, the mission of the school. They understand and encourage staff, pupils and parents to reflect on the Diocesan guidelines and seek to put these into practice.

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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012

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Dear Martin

I write to congratulate you on your recent successful S48 inspection, the result I am sure of all the hard work of everyone in your school.

Please pass on my congratulations accordingly to all your staff, governors and not least of all to the children.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



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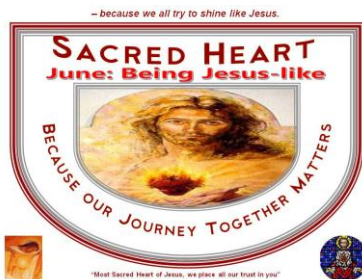
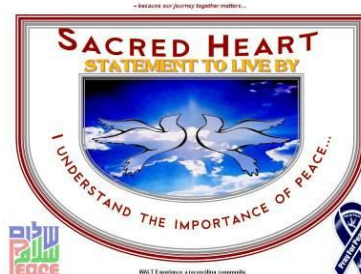
## WHAT IS A SECTION 48 INSPECTION?

The section 48 inspection takes place under Canon 806 and under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005. It is not intended to be identical to an Ofsted inspection but to look at distinctiveness. That is how we understand, articulate and communicate our mission as a Catholic School. This of course includes Religious Education and the Prayer life of the school. Throughout the process of self evaluation we remember the overarching question: ***“Does what we do deepen prayer, enable communion and promote mission?”***

This week's theme is: 'I understand the importance of peace'.

Team work helps us live as a peaceful family. Jesus understood this. John tells us in his Gospel how He gave us a special gift to help us:

Jesus said, "Peace I give to you. My own peace I leave with you.  
A peace which no-one else can offer,  
This is my gift to you.  
Don't ever let your hearts be troubled or afraid.  
My gift to you is my peace."



**RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL:** You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met. You should not be disadvantaged so that you can't do many of the things other kids can do [UNCRC, Article 27].

**PRAYERS:** Please continue to keep Father Quinlan in your prayers. Father Quinlan is in Hope Hospital and making a good recovery.

**JUNE THEME:** Our June theme is being Jesus-like. Tomorrow is the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**LIFTED Super-Learning Shine Week, OUR ROYAL VARIETY**

**PERFORMANCE TO SHINE:** Thank you to all who attended our performances to end Shine Week on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June. All our classes performed, showing off their range of gifts and talents [despite the early refusal of the laptop to operate!] Thank you also to Class 5A who ended the afternoon with the Diamond Jubilee song that they had sung earlier in the day at the cluster event at St Bartholomew's.



**Moment to shine**



**OLYMPIC TORCH:** Thank you to all who turned out to welcome the Olympic torch to Westhoughton on 31<sup>st</sup> May!

Also to the children and staff who started the day early on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June, at the Town Hall steps in Bolton, to wave a special goodbye to the torch.

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## OLYMPIC TORCH SOUVENIR SPECIAL



**BEST VIEW** Spectators gather on the Town Hall steps ready to say farewell to the flame



## THE OLYMPIC TORCH IN BOLTON 2012

## Carriers of the Torch

AS the torch was carried through Westhoughton, the BBC's running commentary reported:

**5.42pm:** The convoy stops in Westhoughton and first off with the torch is **Heath Reilly**, who was nominated for his volunteer work helping youngsters with reading difficulties in two local primary schools. He is

also a member of Halifax Harriers Athletic Club, where he coaches the under-11s.

**5.46pm:** Medwyn "Meds" Roberts, aged 22, has been nominated by his girlfriend, who calls him "the most caring, selfless and genuinely nice person I have ever met".

**5.48pm:** Meds hands over to another 22-year-old, netball coach **Rebecca Swanton**, who is studying to be a teacher. She passes on the flame to a smiling Gregory Sheppard.

**5.54pm:** With the crowds in Westhoughton two and three deep, **Claire Maclean** takes over. She normally walks with a crutch but is walking unsupported today and clearly relishing every moment, waving wildly.

**6pm:** Claire hands over the flame and gives a kiss to 19-year-old **Richard Howarth**, who is blind. Richard was nominated by one of his teachers, who was particularly inspired by his performance in running in the 1500m at the school sports day, along with a sighted guide.

**6.04pm:** **Moir Fields** set up and leads a local Down's Syndrome support group and is also co-chair of POINT, a forum for parents of children with additional needs.

**6.16pm:** Bolton is junior cycling international **Matthew Rotherham**.

**6.23pm:** The flame is now with **Daniel Dolan** who at the age of 16 became only the third British male ever to be accepted into the Bolshoi Ballet School in Moscow.

**6.28pm:** Next to jog through Bolton's streets is **Francis "Franny" Rock** who last year climbed Mount Kilimanjaro as part of a team that raised £170,000 for cancer charity Macmillan. He is currently in training for a

trip to the Everest base camp in 2013.

**6.29pm:** Francis passes the flame to **Colin Renshaw** who was nominated for his "outstanding and



FLYING THE FLAG People line the street as the Olympic Torch passes

# A real warm welcome as Torch visits town

BY JESSICA BELL

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AS it made its way into the borough, people made sure the Olympic Torch was given a real Bolton welcome.

Tens of thousands of people lined the streets to welcome the Torch as it travelled from Westhoughton, through Bolton, along Wigan Road to Victoria Square, before going onwards to Queens Park for the free evening concert.

Flags, bunting and excited faces lined the route up to two hours before the Torch arrived to make sure they had a front row spot.

The grey weather failed to dampen spectators' spirits and then the rain stopped to make way for the Torch to travel through the town.

There was a carnival atmosphere as

communities spilled into the streets and joined in the celebrations.

Groups of schoolchildren waved banners, homemade torches and flags, and even the dogs appeared excited, with some pets wearing Union flags.

Shopkeepers, pub landlords, hairdressers and taxi drivers stopped what they were doing and joined office workers and businessmen, families, teenagers and school parties.

Toddlers sat on their parents' shoulders, children climbed on to railings and people jostled for the best spot to see the historic moment when the Torch arrived.

As it went past, the crowds broke into spontaneous applause and deafening cheers before waving the Torch on its way.



HIGH JINKS Crowd entertainer Paddy Waters in Westhoughton

## Thousands enjoy 'magic experience'

THOUSANDS of people lined Westhoughton's streets to watch the Olympic Torch go past — "surpassing" all expectations.

Families, schoolchildren, workers and pensioners flocked outside to watch the historic moment the Torch went by.

St George's Primary School pupil Amber Boydell said it was a "magical experience".

The 11-year-old added: "I had a front row seat and it was really good."

Peter Todd, aged 61, from Westhoughton, said he felt very patriotic as he stood in Cricketers Way surrounded by Union flags.

"It is fantastic to see people out supporting the Olympic flame and it feels like one big happy family.



PROUD MOMENT Claire Maclean hands the Torch to Richard Howarth

"It is great to see people so happy and enjoying themselves. When you think what a small Torch can do, it really is amazing," he said.

Bolton West MP Julie Hilling watched the flame go past in Westhoughton. She said: "I think it is absolutely

amazing, the turnout has just been brilliant, the people of Westhoughton really have surpassed themselves."

Ms Hilling was joined by Cllr Ryan Battersby, Mayor of Westhoughton, who said: "It is wonderful to see so many people here and the atmosphere has been amazing, really great."

Melanie Sixsmith, from Westhoughton, brought her four-year-old son, Jack, to watch the Torch and said it was something he would "remember forever".

"This is the first Olympics he will know and it is something he can remember for the rest of his lifetime and something he may never get the chance to do again. It has been a wonderful experience," she added.

## Carriers of the Torch

dedicated contribution to his local community, particularly that of the LGBT Community of Greater Manchester". He has worked with Manchester Pride and the Manchester International Festival.

**6.32pm:** Next it's the turn of **Steve Watson** who set up Academy Juniors FC, a girls only football club in Bolton in 2008. He volunteers for the club for about 20 hours per week in the roles of Chairman, Child Welfare Officer and Under 14 coach, and visits as many schools as he can in Bolton to spread the word.

**6.35pm:** Former British 10,000m record holder **Michael Freary**, aged 73, was nominated by his son who says "his devotion to the sport and to helping other is unique. He has coached many local athletes to become World Class, including me when I became World Half Marathon Champion".

**6.42pm:** The crowd is getting a little over-enthusiastic, with security working increasingly hard to clear the road as the flame passes to **Graham Howell**, a 52-year-old marathon-running fundraiser for cancer charities and the Stroke Association. His most recent event was the Snowdonia marathon last October.

**6.46pm:** Graham gives a high five to his replacement **Dave Jolly**, organiser of the Bolton Sports Federation Rounders League.

**6.52pm:** Dave clasps hands in a high five with the next torchbearer **Andy Thorp** who was nominated for his work as a "role model for young homeless men around Greater Manchester".

**6.54pm:** Members of the crowd shouting "Who are you?" don't recognise former swimmer **Martyn Woodroffe**, who won an Olympic silver medal in the 200m butterfly at the 1968 Games in Mexico City. He is now national performance director for Swim Wales.

**6.59pm:** **Nicole Jackson** is the penultimate torchbearer as it approached Queens Park. The 14-year-old winner of the Miss Teen Earth UK pageant was nominated because of her passion for charities and the environment.

**7.03pm:** The final torchbearer of the day is Bolton hero **Amir Khan**, who became Britain's youngest Olympic boxing medalist when he won silver at the 2004 Athens Olympics, aged 17.



## OLYMPIC TORCH SOUVENIR SPECIAL



**DANCING IN THE STREET** Excited spectators waved Union flags and lined Market Street in Westhoughton town centre to watch the Olympic Torch go past. Families, teenagers, pensioners and schoolchildren were joined by workers from the town centre to watch the once-in-a-lifetime event.



**GREAT SHOW** Schoolchildren came out in their hundreds to watch the Torch go through Westhoughton. Youngsters made the most of the celebrations, waving flags, cheering and shouting on the torch bearers.



**TO YOU** Torch bearer Claire Maclean passed the torch to blind teenager Richard Howarth in Market Street, Westhoughton. The 19-year-old singer, who is releasing two songs for the Paralympics, was guided along the route to deafening cheers.



**NEARLY THERE** Richard Howarth waits in Market Street for his turn to carry the torch



**PROUD MOMENT** The crowds clapped, cheered and jostled for the best vantage point as torch bearer Claire Maclean, aged 39, carried the torch along Market Street. She took the flame past the Town Hall, and shook hands with Cllr Ryan Battersby, Mayor of Westhoughton, as she went past.



**OLYMPIC TORCH @ SCHOOL!** On Tuesday morning we were visited by Norman Brown, who carried the Olympic torch through Wigan last week. Children asked questions in our special assembly, and enjoyed to have their class photo taken with the torch in our peace garden.



**SPORTS ROUND-UP:** Sacred Heart next league fixture is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June, home match v St Bartholomew's. Our UKS2 team take part in the Canon-Weston 6-a-side tournament today, 14<sup>th</sup> June.



**SPORTS DAY:** Our Summer Olympic Sports Day will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, **weather permitting**. We anticipate an appearance by the Olympic Torch at our sports afternoon. All classes have been busy designing their Olympic torches to carry around at the sports day.

**NEW INTAKE FAIR:** Welcome to our new families who attended our new intake fair this Tuesday. Our purpose as a school was presented, together with an inspiring talk by Y5 parent, Mr S Walsh about parental engagement, and workshops were offered linked to Reception class procedures, exploring the learning environment, the cLc and ICT, outdoor learning and data collection. We have 59 children who have now accepted places at our school in September.



**TURN THE PAGE TO SEE OUR SCARECROWS!**



**OLYMPIC SCARECROW FESTIVAL:** Yesterday we celebrated our scarecrow festival in Olympic style, as each class created a scarecrow that represented their class Olympic country. The scarecrows are now in their new homes in the **GOAL** area.



**OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:** At the Natures Den at Washacre this Tuesday, our group of Y5 pupils went on a bug hunt, using the pooters, played team games – some related to creatures we might find in our natural environment – and made their first cam-fire, toasting marshmallows.



In our **OLÉ** this morning, the Y4 & Y5 groups, guided by Mr Simpson, painted their wooden fish, found sticks to toast marshmallows over the fire – using the Opinel knives to shave the sticks beforehand. The fire was lit by our **OLÉ** group using the flint. The group then built dens and played group games. Next week the group will make pizza.



If you have any seeds to donate to our outdoor spaces, please send them in. We are also accepting donations of traditional hand tools for our **OLÉ** workshop and logs / clean wood for our fire pit. Clean egg boxes would also be gratefully received.



**SACRED HEART FAMILIES AND SCHOOL TOGETHER - FAST - Registered Charity No. 1131994**

**BONUS BALL:** If you are interested in joining in with the competition please either give your name and contact to Fr. Michael or to the school office marked Bonus Ball - FAO Ann Blezard. (£1 per week-prize £25). **We now have a few numbers available.**

Winning numbers: **15** – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June / **30** – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**NEXT JIGSAW MEETING:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm, at school.

**MUSIC MAGPIE:** We need your old CDs, DVDs and Games to raise money for Sacred Heart FAST!

#### PLANNED FAST EVENTS:

Summer Ball – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (Brookfield Masonic Hall). £25 cost, including 3 course meal – formal dinner dance. Tables can seat up to 10 guests. *Tickets now on sale from church / school.*

Y6 Leavers Party – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2012. Mercury Motel. *Details have been sent in separate letter to Y6 families. All returns by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012.*

Christmas Fair – Provisional Date: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012.

**SACRED HEART WALKING GROUP:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm. Beginners / Intermediate. Meet Rivington, top car park at 2pm. (Signposted for Tower, NE of Hall) via Pike & road to Two Lads c.7 Km/2.5 hrs Rough track & paths. Boots & waterproofs - quite rough underfoot. For further information, or to register your interest or be included in update e-mails, please contact John Clare on 07740929051 or email [Walks@ClareNSL.demon.co.uk](mailto:Walks@ClareNSL.demon.co.uk)



**VOUCHERS & TOKENS:** School is collecting all vouchers and tokens, including Nestle box tops for books, Tesco vouchers etc. Please send them into school. Our collection boxes are in the link corridor by the media suite.

**Y6/Y7 TRANSFER COFFEE AFTERNOON – 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** This is a chance for Y6 children to meet former leavers (Y7 Sacred Heart children) in a question and answer session, 2-3pm. Parents are invited to attend and take part in the session. This is also a chance to meet Mr Hunt informally and to enjoy a morning coffee with other parents. Note the change of time to that in the last newsletter.

**KINGSWOOD – DUKESHOUSE WOOD 2012!** Our Y6 children will travel to Dukeshouse Wood next Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Further details have been issued to those travelling. Thank you to our staff who are accompanying the children – Mrs Owen, Mrs Brannan, Mrs Watkinson, Mr Johnson, Mr Bilinkewycz, Mr Tipton & Mr Simpson.

**DIOCESE OF SALFORD OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY OF PRAYER:** Tickets are available from the main office for the Relay of Prayer concert, 26<sup>th</sup> June, at St Mary's Church, Horwich. Our choir children will perform in the event. [There will be a choir practice for the Relay of Prayer concert – with Sacred Heart, St Ethelbert's, S.S. Peter & Paul's & Mount St Joseph's Schools on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1pm at Sacred Heart, led by Sean Ruane.] The final relay event will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 7-9pm at All Saints High School, Rawtenstall.

**Y1 PHONICS TESTS:** The Y1 Phonics Screening Test will be held 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This is a new National Test for Y1 pupils.

**Y6 L6 PRE-TEST:** Next Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, ten of our Y6 pupils will complete the *NfER technical pre-tests for Level 6 tests in English Reading for high attaining pupils*, 7 from 6CB & 3 from 6T. There will be two one hour tests, which will be invigilated by Mr Les Fairclough, NfER administrator.

**TROUBLE AT T' MILL:** DVD recordings of the recent drama group performance are available for £2 from Miss Middleton, c/o the main office.

**BUGSY MALONE:** Casting is currently taking place as children are auditioning this week. Rehearsals will begin in the Autumn Term, ahead of the performance.

**CLASSES 2012-2013:** Further to the information in our last newsletter, teachers have been provisionally allocated as follows:

YEAR GROUP	Reception Unit	Y1	Y1	Y2	Y2	Y3	Y3	Y4	Y4/5	Y5	Y6 Unit
TEACHER	Mrs C Parkinson / Miss A McGlade	Mrs B Byrne	Miss Y Bukhari	Mr G McMahon	Mrs S Cody	Mrs J Hill	Miss S Middleton	Mr J Callow	Miss H Dewhurst	Mr Z Adam	Mrs C Brannan / Mr B Tipton / Mr J Bilinkewycz
LINK GOVERNOR	Mrs J McCabe	Mrs S Jones	Mr G McMahon	Mrs J Dalton	Mrs A Clare	Fr M Jonhonnott	Mrs K Morris	Mr S Harrington	Mrs C Davies	Mr M Johnson	Mrs M Yearn
PROVISIONAL NUMBER OF PUPILS	29 30	29	27	26	26	24	25	28	22/8	29	19 12 19
CURRENT CLASS		[From R M]	[From R P]	[From 1D]	[From 1B]	[From 2B]	[From 2C]	[From 3H]	[From 3/4M]	[From 4C]	[From Y5 classes]
PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER FOR YEAR GROUP	YR PAN: 60	Y1 PAN: 50		Y2 PAN: 45		Y3 PAN: 40		Y4 PAN: 40		Y5 PAN: 40	Y6 PAN: 40
EXPECTED ROLL FOR YEAR GROUP	Expected roll: 59	Expected roll: 56		Expected roll: 52		Expected roll: 49		Expected roll: 50		Expected roll: 37	Expected roll: 50





**THANK-A-TEACHER DAY:** On the morning of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, we will celebrate Thank-a-Teacher day, with assembly at 9:30am. *[From the thank a teacher website: **Thank a Teacher Day** - On 20<sup>th</sup> June the Teaching Awards announce the results of their judging in the press and send out celebration packs to schools. Judges, trustees and patrons are on hand to help out with the celebrating...they like that! We also encourage schools across the country to take the opportunity to thank their own teachers on this day via our site.]*

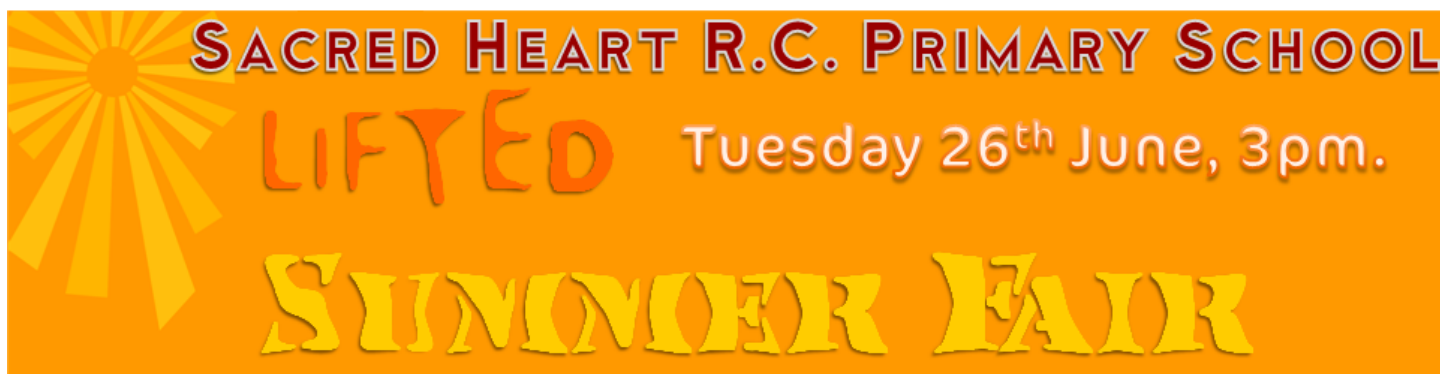
You are welcome to join us for our assembly.

This Tuesday, Mr Johnson & Mr Tipton were interviewed by Nicola Roots from Livewire PR regarding the use of Technology at Sacred Heart, in particular the UniServy cLc learning platform.



**SACRED HEART R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Tell a teacher thank you!**  
**BECAUSE THE JOURNEY MATTERS...**

**THANK A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM:** If you would like to thank a member of our team at Sacred Heart, complete the form at [http://www.teachingawards.com/thank\\_a\\_teacher\\_now](http://www.teachingawards.com/thank_a_teacher_now), entering the text that you would like to appear as thanks. A thank you card will then be sent to them on your behalf. There is a link from the homepage of our cLc learning platform.



**TOMBOLAS @ LIFTED SUMMER FAIR:** It is our pupil led LIFTED summer fair on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, from 3pm. We will be holding a toy tombola. Children are invited to bring a toy **next Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June**. *[On this day, children will receive a packet of crisps / drink and have a half hour disco.]* We will also run an adult tombola – all donations of prizes welcome. If you have **any items** to donate we would be most grateful.

**ZUMBATHON:** Last Sunday a Zumbathon was held in the school hall, in aid of the British Heart Foundation and was arranged by Joanne Riley, in memory of the late Liam Riley, a former pupil of Sacred Heart. *Thank you to Mrs Owen who arranged for school to be open for this event.*



**VACANCY:** Eatock Primary School is looking to recruit a lunchtime supervisor to begin in September 2012. If you are interested, please contact Eatock office on 01942 634672.

**WASHACRE FM:** Washacre FM will visit school to pre-record for their broadcasting week, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June. All classes will contribute to the recording.

**PARENT VOICE PARTNERSHIP:** Will meet on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm. All welcome.

**HEALTHY SCHOOL:** Sughra Nawaz writes:

*Hi Yasmin,*

*Thanks you for inviting me in to your school on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012. I truly enjoyed looking around the school.*

*Attached is a template for the food policy as discussed. Also I have attached the school review report. I hope that this helps.*

*Kind regards, Sughra Nawaz, Programme Development Officer.*



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### **Healthy Schools Biennial review- Sacred Heart R.C. School - 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

The biennial review document was submitted to the healthy schools team in mid May. This document was very detailed and provided an extensive amount of evidence for the healthy schools award to be renewed. Sughra Nawaz visited the school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012 as part of a validation visit..

Whilst touring the school it was clearly visible that the health and wellbeing of all members of the school community is at the heart of this school. The majority of the school displays contained elements of Healthy Schools work.

The whole school community promotes health and wellbeing in all areas of school life.

There is excellent use of facilities for both Key stage 1 and 2.

Key stage 1 is equipped with its own unique catering facilities which are fantastic in promoting the emotional health and well being of young children.

There is excellent PSHE teaching provision throughout the school

There is a lot of evidence to show that all children's needs are met by the adults in the school community. The school also involves and trains their children to be aware of one another's needs and to behave in a supporting and caring manner towards each other. This is done through schemes such as 'Peer Mediation', 'Playground Pals' and 'Gardeners and Seedlings'. All children are given responsibilities and know which staff to talk to should any serious matters arise.

Sacred Heart School is very successful in developing pupils' personal and social qualities; to name just some of the provision available to their children:

Room to grow areas, Peace Garden, Outdoor performance pavilion, Water Fountains and water bottles in all classes, Friendship Squads, Outdoor play provision, Healthy School meals, snacks and lunchboxes, Extracurricular learning activities, Outside agency involvements, SEAL, Sunflower and Nurture groups - small group work 3-6 children, STL B Assemblies and circle times, Famous for a Fortnight Celebration Assemblies

Sacred Heart School encourages the whole school community to adopt healthy lifestyles, for example through making healthy choices from the lunchtime menu. Physical exercise is promoted through the school's very successful physical education curriculum. Overall, the school achieves great success in promoting pupils' good health and well-being.



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### **Retention of National Healthy Schools Status**

Dear Headteacher,

I am delighted to confirm that following successful completion and monitoring of the biennial review your school has retained its National Healthy School Status for a further two years until the end of May 2014.

If you are not already doing so I should like to urge you to move on to the Enhanced programme as this can make a significant impact on your school improvement and will actively support the "Narrowing the Gap" agenda.

The Healthy Schools Bolton Team are here to support your school with all aspects of Healthy Schools work.

I should like to thank you for your continued interest in and support of Healthy Schools locally and look forward to working with you in the future.

Congratulations once again and kind regards

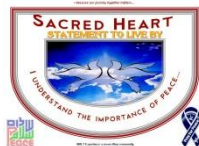
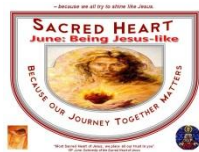
Marie Bisset  
Senior Health Promotion Specialist (Education Settings)

**Chair:** Pam Senior, MA, BSc(Hons), FIBMS, **Chief Executive:** Tim Evans  
For free, confidential information, call NHS Direct on 0845 4647, 24 hours every day of the year

**THIS HALF TERM:** Provisional dates for the half term ahead...

## SUMMER TERM 2

### 11 JUNE



**GROUP PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS**  
**OLYMPIC SCARECROW FESTIVAL & SONGS / RAPS / PERFORMANCE DANCES.**

JUNE THEME: Being Jesus like...

STLB 32: I understand the importance of peace.

11/06: STLB Collective worship, 9:10am.

**LIFTED Pupil Voice School Council, eco-warriors & fair trade** meeting, 9:10am.

**11/06: Full Governing Body meeting, 1:30pm, school.**

11/06: Staff meeting, 4-5pm.

**11/06: Governor Mark training, Castle Hill. Impact statements.7:15pm.**

12/06: LMT meeting, 4-5pm.

**12/06: New Intake Fair, 7pm – All staff to attend.**

13/06: The Big Sing Collective Worship, 1:30pm -

**C4L OLYMPIC SCARECROW CELEBRATION WITH OLYMPIC RAPS / SONGS / PERFORMANCE DANCES [OPENING EVENT – SPORTS DAY NEXT WEEK]**

14/06: Trooping the Colour.

**14/06: Happy Birthday Miss Southern!**

14/06: Developing Leaders for the future – NCSL course, Nottingham [JB] 9am.

14/06: Y6 Leavers' Mass @ Salford Cathedral [Catholic cluster of schools]. [Packed lunch on coach].

14/06: Y6 Author event @ University of Bolton

14/06: Leah Matzke – meeting Mrs Owen

14/06: Mr Johnson to the Gates 14:30 – 17:30

14/06: Y6 Football tournament –Canon Weston - @ Thornleigh Salesian College

**15/06: Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day.**

**15/06: Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Mr Simpson!**

15/06: Anne Gray - Sue Owen – school

15/06: Liz Edge + Usnar Patel – ICT to see Mr Tipton

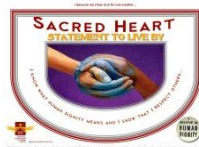
15/06: Y6 induction day @ St Joseph's, Horwich. [£2.50 dinner money needed / coach will transport from Sacred Heart in morning. Bus fare needed for route home - £2 maximum]

15/06: Staff from Forwards Centre to see Mr Tipton re. ICT.

15/06: 3H Assembly, 3pm.

17/06: Father's Day.

### 18 JUNE



**POD – RECYCLE WEEK**  
**INCLUSION PROGRESS MEETINGS**  
**SHARE: PVP MEETING**  
**FINAL REPORT SUBMISSION DATE**

STLB 33: I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others.

18/06: STLB Collective worship, 9:10am.

18/06: Staff meeting, 4-5pm.

18/06: Plenary session – vig – school

18/06: Mr Johnson at St George's

18/06: HR meeting – TIC Centre booked 21.05.2012

18/06: CP/AMC/JD/OD/AR/FL/KS – EYFS INSET – BOLTON ARENA – JAN ROBINSON / LAURA WRIGHT

18/06: Y6 – new parents induction meeting

19/06: **SHARE: Parent Voice Partnership** meeting, 3pm – all welcome.

19/06: LMT meeting, 4-5pm.

20/06: The Big Sing Collective Worship, 9am.

20/06: Thank-a-Teacher Day, 9:30am assembly.

**20/06: Summer Olympic Sports Day, 1:30pm.** [Weather permitting]

21/06: First Day of Summer.

**21/06: Bring a toy donation to tombola, get a free disco, crisps and drink!**

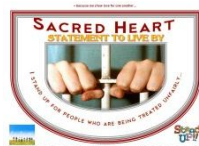
**22-24/06: Kingswood Residential Visit, Y6.**

22/06: Famous for a Fortnight, 3pm.

24/06: Birth of St John the Baptist.

24/06: Sacramental Programme Celebration Mass, 2pm, Church. [Lynne Mullins is coordinating the celebration photography and buffet party.]

### 25 JUNE



**MOVE UP DAY**

STLB 34: I stand up for people who are being treated unfairly.

25/06: STLB Collective worship, 9:10am.

**LIFTED Pupil Voice School Council, eco-warriors & fair trade** meeting, 9:10am.

25/06: Staff meeting, 4-5pm.

26/06: **LIFTED Summer Fair, 3pm.**

**27/06: Westhoughton HT Cluster meeting, 8:30am.**

**27/06: Whole school move up day & new YR Intake Preview am/pm coffee morning / afternoon.**

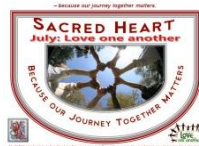
27/06: The Big Sing Collective Worship, 3:00pm .

**28/06: Reception End of year achievement service, 2pm. All welcome.**

29/06: YR-Y6 SS. Peter & Paul Mass, Church, 10am.

29/06: 1B Assembly, 3pm.

### 2 JULY



JULY THEME: Love one another...

STLB 35: I notice that we are the same and we are different.

02/07: Course – MJ/BT/JB – All day.

02/07: STLB Collective worship, 9:10am.

02/07: Staff meeting, 4-5pm.

**02/07: Y6 Leavers' Mass, school hall, 7pm.**

03/07: LMT meeting, 4-5pm.



 <p><b>INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS APP GRIDS FINALISED &amp; HANDLED IN.</b></p> <p><b>SHARE: AWD REPORTS ISSUED</b></p> <p><b>NQT/MENTOR MEETINGS – END OF TERM FORMS COMPLETED.</b></p>	<p><b>04/07: Reception 2011-12 Intake preview sessions – morning / afternoon.</b>  <b>04/07: New Intake Parent cLc workshops – led by BT/CS – morning / afternoon sessions [media suite booked].</b>  04/07: The Big Sing Collective Worship, 3pm  05/07: Leavers' Assembly dress rehearsal, 1:45pm.  <b>06/07: Y6 Leavers' Assembly, 1:45pm.</b>  06/07: Torch Relay final event, 7pm, Salford Cathedral.  08/07: Sea Sunday.</p>
<p><b>9 JULY</b></p>  <p><b>SHARE: OPEN DAY</b></p>	<p>STLB 36: I try to be accepting of others.  09/07: STLB Collective worship, 9:10am.  <b>LIFTed Pupil Voice School Council, eco-warriors &amp; fair trade</b> review / presentation during assembly, 9:10am.  09/07: School Link Professional Meeting, 8:30am. Carol Aspinall.  09/07: Staff meeting, 4-5pm.  10/07: Y6 Leavers' treat day! <i>This may be after school – so please do not make arrangements for an early finish that day!</i>  10/07: LMT meeting, 4-5pm.  11/07: Famous for a Fortnight end of year certificates, 3pm.  12/07: YR-Y6 End of Year &amp; Leavers' Mass, 10am.  12/07: Whole School End of Year Assembly, 1:30pm.  12/07: Summer Term ends, 2:15pm  13/07: INSET day 5.  14/07: Emmeline Pankhurst Day.  15/07: Happy Birthday Miss McGlade!  15/07: St Swithun's Day.</p>
<p><b>16 JULY</b></p>	<p><b>SUMMER BREAK</b>  06/08: Transfiguration of the Lord.  10/08: Happy Birthday Mrs Parkinson!  12/08: Happy Birthday Mrs Snape!  15/08: Assumption of the BVM.  18/08: Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mrs Hudson!  19/08: Happy Birthday Miss Bukhari!  27/08: Summer Bank Holiday</p>

Thank you for your continued support as we **walk** together.

Yours sincerely,

*M. Johnson*      *C. Parkinson*  
Martin Johnson      Catherine Parkinson  
Headteacher      Deputy Headteacher



**One Bolton**

**Bolton 2012**  
Bolton Council Year of Sport

**One Bolton 5K and 2012m Fun Run...**

**A great family day out to raise money for local charities, run and have fun!**

**Sunday 8 July 2012**

**One Bolton 5k**  
Starting from Bolton Arena, run the course through Middlebrook and into the nature reserve. 1.30pm start.

**2012 Fun Run**  
12.15pm start.

For further details see:  
[www.bolton2012.co.uk](http://www.bolton2012.co.uk)  
or Telephone: 01204 673 790





Bringing together partners, communities and individuals from across the Borough to celebrate Bolton's diversity is an important part of our on-going commitment to One Bolton. One Bolton is about us working together to ensure our town continues to be a welcoming and tolerant place where everyone – irrespective of background or belief is welcome.

During 2012, there are many opportunities to celebrate One Bolton and in particular the One Bolton 5K run and 2012m fun run. We are building on the success of last year and people from all of Bolton's diverse communities are running side by side to showcase their commitment to One Bolton, raise money for local charities and have a fun, family day out.



**PHOTO STORY:**





















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## Well done Sacred Heart RC Primary School!

The brilliant £1,689.25 you raised for Sport Relief will go a long way to help change the lives of children like Ramatulai. Thank you!

A minimum of 75p from the sale of each Sport Relief Sweatband is donated to Comic Relief.



'I used to be very scared about collecting water in the dark.  
Now I am not worried about walking to the new well because it is  
right outside my door.'

**Ramatulai, 11**

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### **MASS AND SERVICES**

Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri.	- Mass	- 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday,	- Eucharistic Service	= 9.30 a.m.
Friday	- Rosary	- 9.10 a.m.
Saturday	- Mass	- 10.30 a.m.
	- Confessions	- 11.00 a.m. – 12 noon
Saturday	- Vigil Mass of Sunday	- 6.00 p.m.
Sunday	- Mass	- 9.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.

### **MASSES RECEIVED**

Alan Kinsella, Alan Harper, Fr. P. Quinlan, Ken Batty, James Fox, Michael Fox.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Alan Kinsella, Michael Fox

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Ann Nelson, Owen McDermott, Rachel Davies, Vera Cooke, Gary Parkinson, Marie and Dennis Gillett, Michael Kilgannon, Sheila Wilson, David Darbyshire, Frances Strickleton. John Fallon, Thomas Burke, Bernadette Bateman.

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers as they complete the programme with Holy Communion

The following children will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend –  
Daniel Bateman, Harry Blair,  
Hayden Bradshaw, Kaitlin Brockley,  
Emily Egan, Francesca Hutchinson, Lucy Kitching, Courtney Langstrath,  
Sophie Parkinson, Tia Pimbley,  
Lucy Shackleton, Sam Wallwork.

### **LITTLE CHURCH**

There will be a meeting for all catechists on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 9.00 a.m. in the Parish Room

### **SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

**Outdoor education** Do you have any traditional hand tools that you have no more use for. We are looking for tools to help with our small group of outdoor education work.

**Vouchers** We are collecting all store vouchers.

**SACRED HEART- Families And School Together**  
**(F.A.S.T.)Registered Charity No. 1131994.**

**DINNER DANCE: FRIDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.**

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**Music Magpie:** We are collecting unwanted CDs, DVDs and Computer Games to raise money for FAST funds. The items should be in the original packaging (including artwork and booklet where relevant) which must have a barcode on it. There is a box in the Church foyer or items can be handed in to school.

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### **MASSES RECEIVED**

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# Pals join Zumba epic for cash in memory of Liam



**THREE-HOUR CLASS** Dancers raise charity cash

**>> BY CHARLOTTE DOBSON**

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**FRIENDS** of Liam Riley have taken to the dance floor to raise money for charity.

The 23-year-old was found hanged in January, 2009 at his home in Westhoughton.

His friends and family, who already hold an annual football match in his memory, organised a charity Zumbathon.

It raised more than £500



**TRAGIC** Liam Riley

**“It’s nice that people still remember him**

**JO-ANN RILEY**

for the British Heart Foundation.

Mr Riley’s sister Jo-Ann Riley, aged 24 of Westhoughton, said: “We already hold a charity football match every year for Liam, but this year the girls wanted to do something too so we decided to hold a zumbathon.”

About 30 people took part in the epic three hour Zumba class with three local instructors who led the classes for free.

Miss Riley, a hairdresser, added: “It was tiring

but brilliant. We all had a fantastic time, even though I’m aching all over. The whole thing was a really good laugh.”

Mr Riley, was a courier and repairman and former pupil at St Joseph’s High School, was found hanged in January 2009.

His sister said: “It’s nice to that people still remember him by doing things like this. It’s still hard but it does help. My parents love it.”

“Liam was just a happy, sociable and fun loving person who loved playing football with his friends.”

Mr Riley’s friends launched the charity football match in his honour in 2009.

They wanted to raise money for the Samaritans and to buy a brick with his name on it at the Reebok Stadium.



**MARATHON CLASS** Organiser Jo-Ann Riley at the charity Zumbathon to raise money for British Heart Foundation





**DOUBLE SUCCESS** Academy Juniors Under-10 girls football team have won the West Lancashire League and its cup competition. The youngsters are based at St John's RC School, Bromley Cross