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# SJBC Virtual News

"It is not enough for children to be loved - they must know that they are loved ..."

"Welcome to the latest edition of the virtual SJBC newsletter, helping you to keep in touch with what's happening in the school community during the lock-down. As you will see from the stories and pictures our students are working hard and our school community is pulling together to keep everyone going, despite the many challenges that we face. I am very proud of the students, staff and everyone connected with St John Bosco College for their positive outlook and willingness to support one another and the wider community. Please continue to be assured of the prayers and best wishes of our whole school community. Stay safe and well."  
Mr Dunne  
(Headteacher SJBC)



## Hermione Thomas

Easter Concert Saturday 16th May 7pm

Live streamed from Christ the Prince of Peace Church. (go to [cpp.org.uk](http://cpp.org.uk)). Uplifting music and support for our parish overseas charity:

**Thank You!**



Don Bosco Ashalayam providing a home and education for street children in Kolkata.





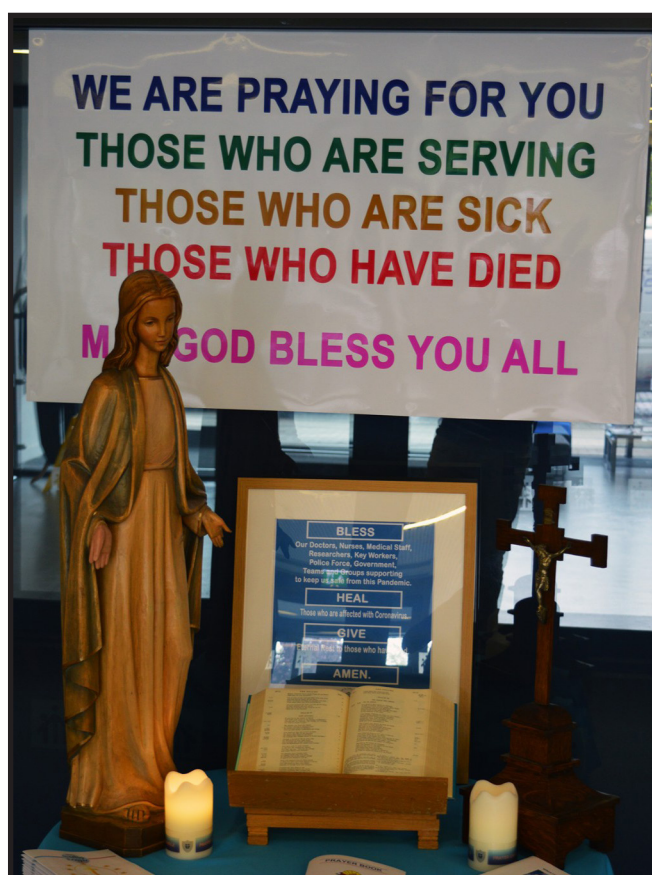
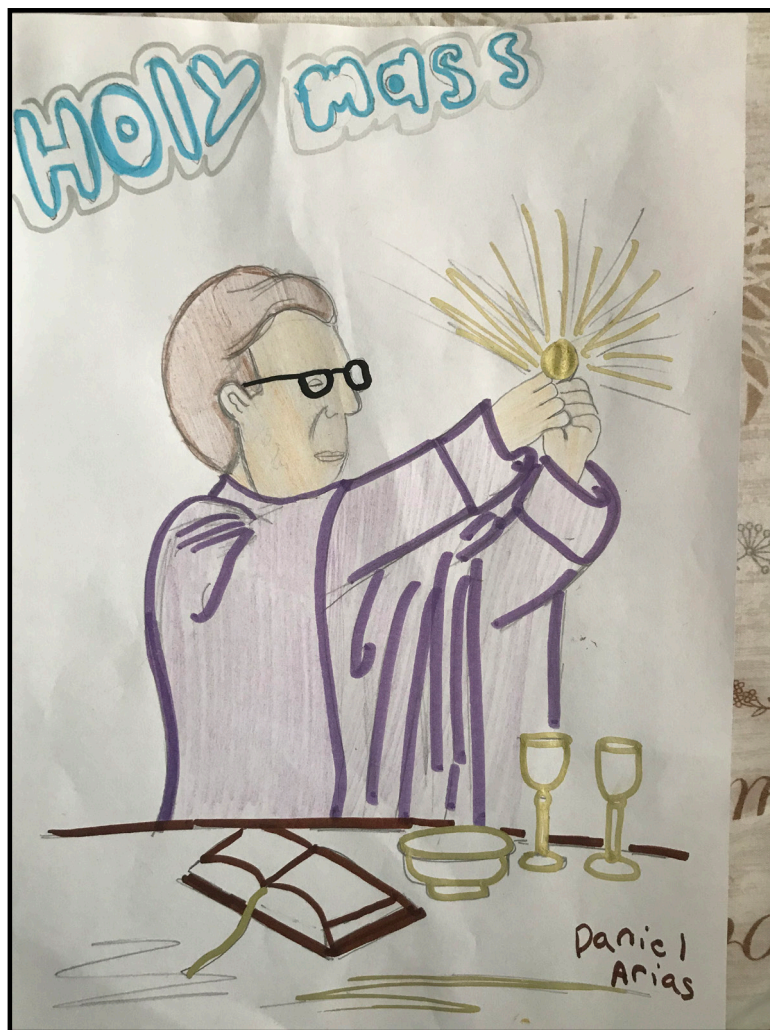
## Radio Bosco

In an episode of 'Riverside Reports', broadcast on 3rd April 2020, SJBC Headteacher Paul Dunne spoke to Leadership Team Member and Science Teacher Mr Anti and Year 8 Bethany about their experiences in the first few weeks of the Coronavirus Crisis - focusing on teaching and learning both remotely and in the classroom.

This show can be listened to on Riverside Radio at: [www.riversideradio.com/](http://www.riversideradio.com/) or on the school's Soundcloud site: <https://soundcloud.com/readiobosco/>



## Daniel A - RE work - His vision of Holy Mass



"We are praying for you, those who are serving, those who are sick, those who have died. May God bless you all."

Our message to the community in the SJBC reception.

## Helping The NHS



SJBC recently received this e-mail from Year 12 Robert, describing how he and his family have helped the NHS during lockdown:

“In these difficult and challenging times, many people are helping the NHS in any way they can.

Being a patient myself some time ago, I have experienced first hand how much hard work, effort, devotion and love not just doctors but all NHS staff are giving to their patients.

My mother is a dressmaker, and one day she received an unusual order - make protective garments known as scrubs for some of these NHS Staff.

We were surprised and also pleased that we could help as well.

My sister Julia helped by pinning with my mother stitching. When they were ready, I helped to fold up the garments before my Dad delivered them to the place where the order came from.

We don't know which hospital they are going to, but we know for sure they will be very useful !!!!

Kind Regards,  
Robert L.”





## Malik's Prayer

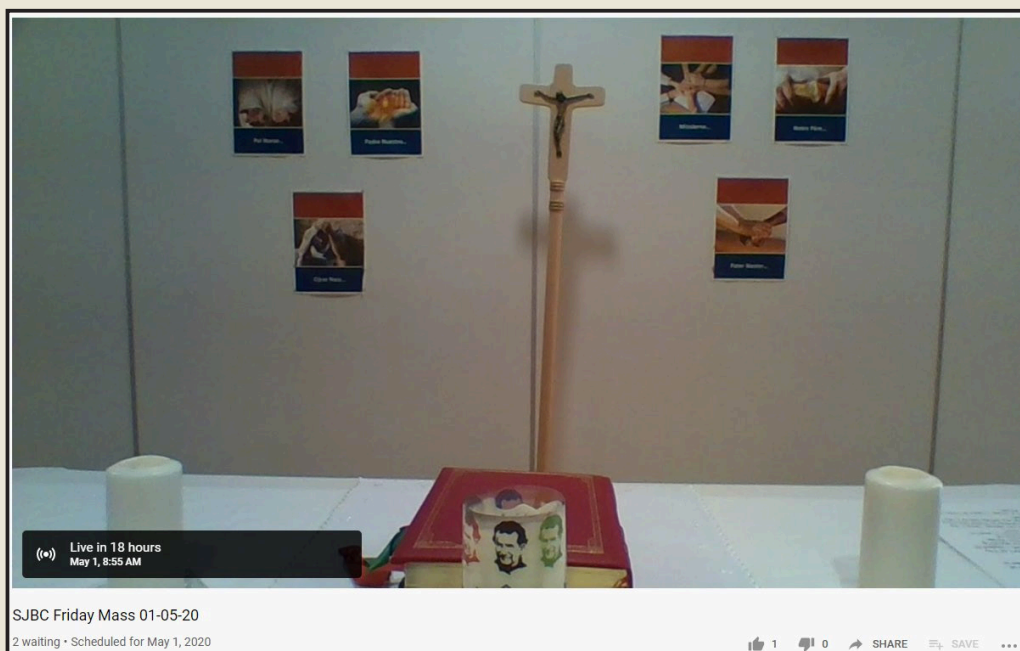
Dear Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for blessing us with  
life and letting us be able to see  
today.

Lord, we pray that as we go  
through this pandemic you may  
have mercy on us all for those  
who are sick and for you to lay  
your healing hands upon them;  
and for those who are bereaved  
we ask for you to comfort them.  
Lord continue to give us the  
strength we need at this time  
and continue to have mercy on  
us all.

This is our first student written  
prayer composed during lock  
down, by Malik F and his mother.



## SJBC Friday Mass



SJBC are streaming their regular Friday morning Mass on the school's  
You Tube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoyPhH7-SzKtlzpTibM9C-Q>

# Thank You SJBC For Goggles

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1 May 2020

Paul Dunne  
Headteacher  
St John Bosco College  
By email to pdunne@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk

Dear Paul

Thank you so much for responding to our request for the donation of goggles for key workers working during the current pandemic. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the efforts you and your colleagues have made and in such a short space of time.

It has been heartening to receive so many donations from organisations and businesses, all working together at this difficult time.

On behalf of the GP practices, charities and care homes that we have distributed the items to, please pass on our very grateful thanks to all concerned.

With kind regards

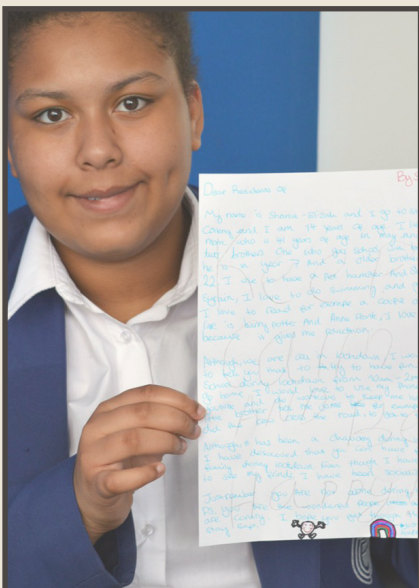
  
Jeremy Fenwick  
Chief Executive

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The letter opposite is one of thanks to all at SJBC who donated PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to the NHS from the Chief Executive of Battersea Healthcare.



# Letters To A Care Home Project



**SJBC's Shanai has been busy alongside other students in a letter writing project, led by Head of English Mr Kilcullen, for isolated residents of local care homes during lockdown.**



**During lockdown, there's always music to lift the spirits - thanks SJBC's Mr Carmo on vocals & keys and our superstar year 11 Alex on bass.**





## 50 Film Guides To Use At Home

As the coronavirus/COVID-19 situation continues across the UK, Into Film recognise that many schools will be closed, and many parents will be looking for ways to keep their children meaningfully occupied outside of school time.

Many of their film guides - which are designed as informal discussion prompts for after viewing a film - also feature extension activities that children and young people can take part in on their own, without the need for constant supervision. Below, they have collected 50 film guides with extension activities to help keep young people of all ages engaged. If you're new to Into Film, you'll need to sign up for a free account and log in to download the resources.

Many of the films are titles they believe people are likely to own on DVD, but where possible, they will also point out some that are currently available to view on streaming services.

Note: The information about films on streaming services is aimed at people at home only, and not for any film clubs still running in schools. Licencing conditions do not permit the access of streaming platforms from a school setting.

<https://www.intofilm.org/news-and-views/articles/film-guides-to-use-at-home>

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FILM**

## Sport For All



**SJBC students stay fit and active with a fun sports exercise in the hall.**



## Plastic Pollution - Miracle Mini-Beasts

**Y**ear 7 have been studying the impacts of plastic pollution in our oceans as well as how we can limit our plastic consumption by reducing/reusing/recycling/rethinking!

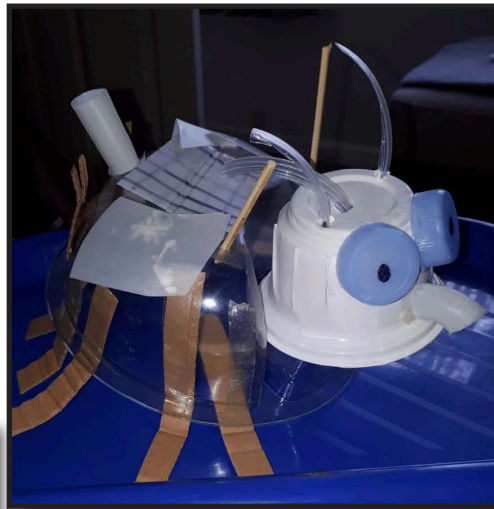
**A**fter exciting news broke about scientists' discovery of a bug that feasts on toxic plastic, students were tasked with reading around the breakthrough and then repurposing plastic waste from their homes to create their very own miracle mini-beast.

**A**s well as getting crafty students needed to engage their geographical brain and think about how the features of their bug had helped it adapt to life on the landfill!

**K**imora additionally submitted a video of her assignment and Ms Blucert was impressed with that additional layer of detail.



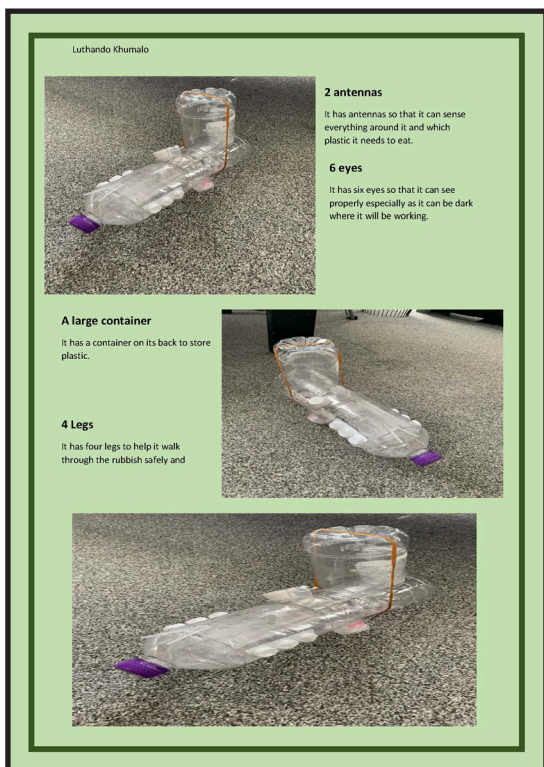
**Liyah**



**Charlie**



**Kimora**



**Luthando**



**Aisha**



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**SJBC's urban  
garden boxes  
maintain their  
bloom despite  
lockdown.**

