

Assembly – January 2014



ST JOHN'S ACADEMY

SEEK THE GOOD

Father,
Whatever this day may bring
Help me to seek the good within
To act in a spirit of generous love
And to grow in wisdom and in grace
In the footsteps of St John the Baptist
Patron of our School
Amen

Welcome back and Happy New Year

The 1st most overused word of 2013 was '**Twerk**'
Which is a kind of dance (if you don't know)

For 2014, 27% of Time Magazine voters want the word banned
(globally it's been very annoying!)

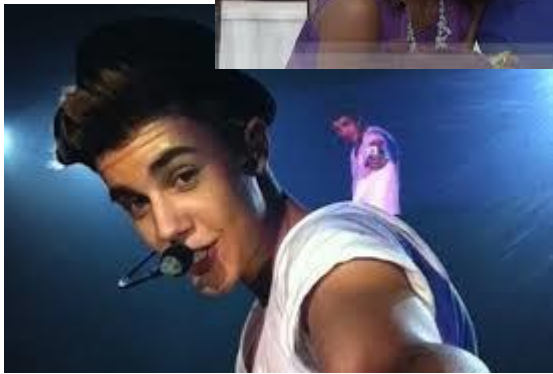
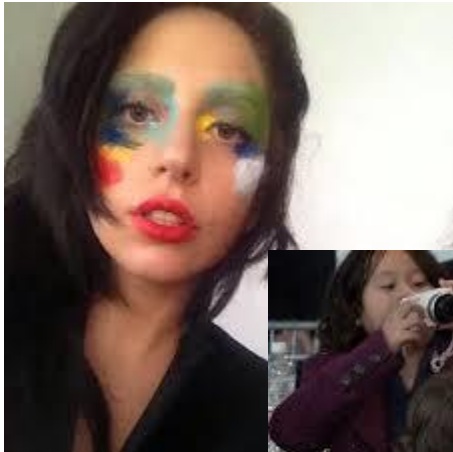
What was the 2nd most over used word for 2013?

Selfie

(n. A photograph that one has taken of oneself)

Also named by Oxford Dictionaries as **word of the year!**

We have all done it ... Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga, the Obama's
and *even* Pope Francis!



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What should be the word for 2014?

Selfie or Selfless

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Selfless

(adj. concerned more with the needs and wishes of others)

In 2013...

- Pupils and staff visited a Romanian hospital, an orphanage and families in need of help with the Mercy Project
- You raised money for MacMillan Cancer, Romania, the Philippines, SCIAF, and many local charities
- You gave thousands of hours of your time through volunteering, in school, parishes and our local communities
- You made friends, were good to each other and made life better

Somehow, somewhere, for someone - you changed the world!

Any New Year resolutions.....?

At St John's RC Academy, let's make our word for 2014 -

Selfless

How? FOLLOW OUR SCHOOL MNEMONIC – SELFLESSLY

St John's RC Academy is a community of Faith and learning where every member is valued and respected

Time keeping and good attendance are essential for success

Joining in, always trying my best and working together helps everyone become successful learners

Organising myself, doing homework and bringing in everything for class helps me to be prepared for learning

Having a 'can do' attitude will allow my talents to grow and develop

Neat and smart uniform unites our school community

Seeking the Good – in ourselves and others, guided by our Gospel Values

How? STICK TO YOUR PUPIL STATEMENT — SELFLESSLY

I belong to the community of St John's RC Academy. I will do my best to behave well, to work hard, to tell the truth, to care for others and to achieve to the best of my ability.

St John's RC Academy Pupil Statement

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For 2014, can we give of ourselves ...

In all of our work

In all of our responsibilities

In all of our relationships

For all school staff and our teachers

For our families

For each other

At home

In school

In our community

“A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and stick out teeth, but if you have good thoughts it will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.”

Roald Dahl – The Twits

If you make 'selfless' your word of 2014 not only will you make someone else's world a better place,
but your own will change in indescribably positive ways.

And it will not matter at all how good your 'selfie' is!!!!