



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023



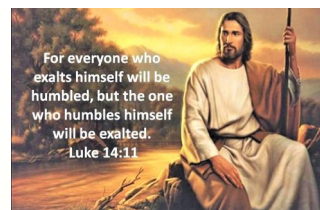
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Feast of All Saints

On Wednesday, we celebrated the special feast of All Saints. Year 3 to 6 listened to Father Cristiano calling on all of us to become saints and also asked us to refresh our memory of the names of some of the child saints like Bernadette at Lourdes and the shepherd children Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta to whom Mary appeared at Fatima. Thank you to all the readers and to Mrs. Ingham for preparing the Mass. In school, the younger children attended their own liturgies to celebrate this most special feast.

Sunday 5th November 2023



Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-11

*Not choosing celebrity
or status*

Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, and they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher;' then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Anti-Social behaviour

Every so often I receive reports from parents about the anti-social behaviour being exhibited either around the Clocktower or in Station Road behind the Duke of York pub; mainly drinking and drug use. I immediately report it to 101 and within a certain timeframe things improve a little but the issues just go elsewhere. I have now been given an email for the ward team (WA-WARDHobbayne@met.police.uk) responsible for our area and would ask that you email the team when you witness anti-social behaviour. The more emails, the more likely we are of intervention. The Police counselled against interaction with the people exhibiting the anti-social behaviour as they may become threatening and violent.

Ealing Parenting Service

Some parents may be interested in some of the parenting workshops that are on offer from the Ealing Parenting Service. I have attached a flyer to the back of the newsletter. All the meetings are on Teams so no need to travel anywhere. Just email parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk to book your place, giving your name/email/mobile no.

Love Learn Believe

PC McGuigan and PC Pidding

On Tuesday, PC Caroline McGuigan came in to talk to Year 6 about how to keep them and their mobile phones safe. The children learned that iPhones are the phones that are most likely to be stolen, and that they should seriously consider getting a cheap (brick!) phone to take to secondary school. They also learnt about the importance of keeping phones out of sight at all times, whether walking to school or on public transport, and that - as most robberies occur upstairs on a bus - sitting (or standing) downstairs is always the safest option. PC McGuigan reminded the children about the age restrictions for social media apps and gave children advice about how to deal with bullying behaviour on phones: never respond to unkind messages, block the number after the second message and always tell an adult. The talk ended on a fun note, however, as some of the children enjoyed trying out a variety of police hats and equipment in exchange for asking good questions!



On Tuesday morning the Year 5 children received a visit from PC Pidding. He spoke to the children about the importance of Internet safety and the dangers associated with cyber bullying. They have learnt that they should not be sharing their personal details online and have been advised to always report any concerns to a trusted adult. The children were excited to hear about his experiences as a Policeman and had lots of questions to ask him about his job.

School Uniform

Almost all children have returned to school this half term wearing our winter uniform. There are still a few polo shirts on view or summer frocks. Please have your child wear the correct uniform for the season. There is a picture below as a reminder.



‘Laudato Si’ project – Caring for our common home

“Refuse” means that you should avoid purchasing or even getting for free something that is not essential. The concept should be interpreted in a broad way: by refusing anything that is unnecessary, including items that have excessive packaging, single-use items, or products that are not energy efficient. It represents a mental and practical stepping-stone after rethinking your consumption habits.

Ways that we can refuse:

- Refuse the offer of bags at the supermarket by taking your own.
- Refuse to use single use plastic straws when ordering a drink.
- Refuse to order through companies who use excessive packaging
- Refuse to buy pre-packaged fruit and vegetables and select your own
- Refuse to buy anything which is not of a high quality/ that will not last.



By being conscious of our consumer actions, and thinking deeply about the effect our purchases have, we can take great strides to avoid unnecessary items and packaging ending up in landfill.

Challenge: Create a mind map of ways in which your family can rethink consumption habits. In what ways can you refuse non-essential things to avoid unnecessary items and packaging ending up in landfill?

Let's make a difference – together!

Black History Month

For all of October, we celebrated Black History Month. The children have been learning about influential people who have made a difference to our world. Today, we celebrated our work with assemblies and a walk around to the other year groups to learn about their special people. Many of the children came in wearing colours representing Resilience (black), Love (red), Optimism/Justice/Fairness (yellow) and Nature (green). Some even came to school wearing traditional and cultural Black African/Caribbean clothing; there was also lots of flag waving. Thank you to everyone for making it an extra special day.



Black History Month



Reception



Year 1

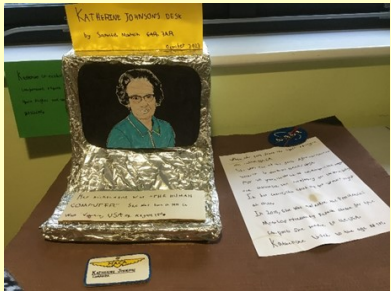
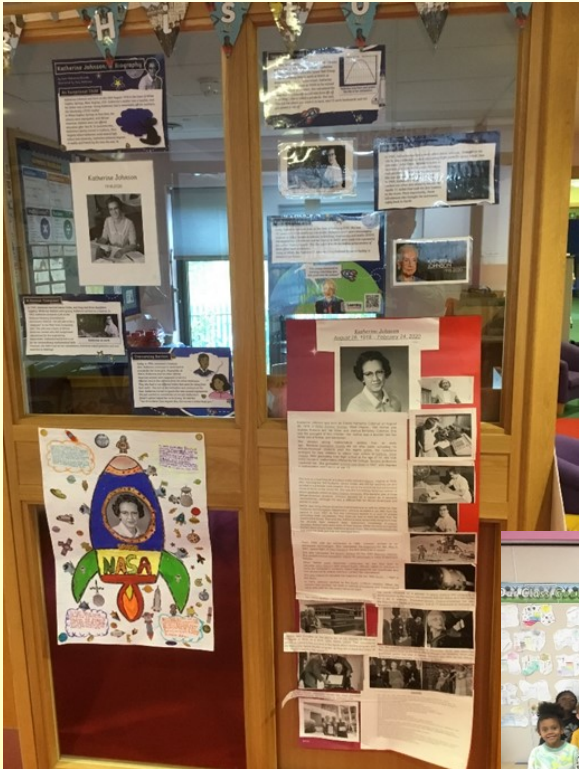


Black History Month

Year 2



Year 3



Black History Month

Year 4



Year 5



Black History Month

Year 6



Celebrations

Religious Education Work of the Week awards are given to children who have shown that bit of extra effort in their RE lessons that week.

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Harry	For good knowledge of class topic.
RB	Jakub	For always willing to help others. Thank you Jakub!
RH	Filip	For beautiful singing in our first hymn singing Collective Worship.
RL	Lily	For setting a great example as the prayer leader for the class.
1AP	Amaia	For her excellent role play showing the importance of Baptism in Catholicism,
1EB	Louie	For working well with his group on the story about Jesus letting the children come to him.
1SR	Micah	For always sharing his knowledge in RE discussion.
2AB	Eddie	For super work in 'Signs and Symbols' in everyday life.
2AF	Patrick	For his excellent knowledge of Signs and Symbols in the community.
2JB	Joshua	For his contribution to class discussion about the differences between signs and symbols.
3AR	Darragh	For his wonderful responses when discussing the importance of Baptism.
3DB	Bruce	For showing great understanding about the importance of Baptism.
3MS	Nichelle	For making insightful contributions to discussions about the sacrament of Baptism.
4AS	Liberty	For writing a superb letter as a disciple who was called to follow Jesus.
4GS	Louie	For being able to understand the difference between the call of Samuel and David.
4S	Elijah	For being able to re-enact the key events from the Calling of Samuel really well!
5AL	Alexander	For explaining how he lives out his mission based on Saint John Henry Newman.
5AS	Lorenzo	For explain how he lives out his mission as a Catholic.
5CR	Dominic	For using his understanding of care and commitment to draw a brilliant picture of friendship!
6LI	Lewis	For clearly presenting new topic vocabulary and scripture references.
6MS	Maxim	For creating a beautiful title page for our Vocation and Commitment topic.
6WL	Victoria	For worshipping God through song by singing beautifully during our All Saints Day Mass.

Headteacher awards are presented each week to children who the staff think have put that little bit of extra into their work. Well done to the children listed below:

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Helena	For expanding her circle of friends.
RB	Bentley	For joining in during carpet time with more confidence.
RH	Joyce	For always trying her best and working hard at school.
RL	Thomas	For his excellent work on Black History Month.
1AP	Troy	For his excellent effort in reading.
1EB	William	For working so hard on his writing to write his own story.
1SR	Annabelle	For a great improvement in reading and comprehension.
2AB	Gabriel	For working very hard to improve his handwriting.
2AF	Hubert	For his excellent work in addition.
2JB	Antonio	For his enormous effort to improve his listening skills in class.
3AR	Arianna	For her focus and concentration when solving subtraction problems using the column method!
3DB	Rich	For trying hard and producing more written work.
3MS	Naiyana	For working well in a team to create a wonderful performance of a poem.
4AS	All of 4AS	For leading Year 4, 5 and parents in their excellent Collective Worship Assembly!
4GS	Melania	For immaculately presented work and content, across all subjects.
4S	Beatrix	For writing a fantastic poem using similes!
5AL	Maddy and Charlotte	For writing a fantastic poem, using similes, for Poetry Evening.
5AS	Alex	For always being positive and supportive.
5CR	Dahlia	For writing a brilliant persuasive text about orangutans in English.
6LI	Wiktor	For using compasses to draw accurate circles and create patterns.
6MS	Lilly and James	For writing a super poem about The Workhouse in English.
6WL	Aidan	For being our first ever Rock Hero with a studio speed of 0.88 seconds.

Good Disciple awards are given to children who have shown exceptional love and kindness to fellow pupils and are helping to build God's kingdom here and now. Well done to the children listed below:

Phase	Name	Reason
Lower	Zoe Nur.	For her outstanding manners.
Middle	Daisy 2AB	For always being kind and considerate to everyone.
Upper	Kei'aire 4AS	For always going out of his way to help other children in the class.



EALING PARENTING SERVICE AUTUMN '23 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR AFTER OCTOBER HALF TERM

Tuesday, 7th November

10:30am-12:30pm via MS Teams

Understanding Your Teen

This workshop will look at emotional development through adolescence, to help better understand teenage behaviour and enable us to empathise with their experience. The workshop will also discuss mental health and the support available

This session is for parents/carers of young people aged 12-18 years

Tuesday, 14th November

10am-12pm via MS Teams

Impact of Domestic Abuse on Children & Young People

This workshop will help you to recognise domestic abuse in its various forms. You will develop an understanding of how to recognise the impact of it on children and young people and how it can also impact on your parenting. You will gain knowledge and awareness of the local support services available to you.

This session is aimed at all parents/carers

Tuesday, 21st November

10am-12pm via MS Teams

Helping Children Cope with Separation & Divorce

In this workshop, we will look at practical steps parents can take to ease the impact of their separation on their children, and help them feel safe and secure amid their parents' break up.

This session is aimed at all parents/carers

Tuesday, 5th December

10am-12pm via MS Teams

Tips on Reducing Parental Conflict

This session is for parents/carers who are experiencing conflict in daily life whether you are in a relationship or separated. We offer the opportunity to gain awareness on the impact of conflict, and to learn practical strategies to manage emotions

This session is aimed at all parents/carers

Please email parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk to book your place, giving your name/email/mobile no.