



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

6th December 2024



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PTA Own Clothes Day

Everyone looked resplendent in their own clothes today as part of the PTA's Own Clothes Day. Thank you to all the children who brought in gifts for a child for the PTA Christmas Fayre. If you did not remember to bring a gift in, please bring it in on Monday or Tuesday. Thank you.



Countdown to Christmas

Please look at the back of the newsletter to find the countdown to Christmas. All our events and times are listed for you to be able to access dates easily.

Sunday 1st December 2024

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-31



Cure of two blind men saved by their faith in Jesus

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes and said, "according to your faith let it be done to you." And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, "See that no one knows of this." But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district.

Catholic Social Teaching – Year 5 Bake Sale

As part of Year 5's Catholic Social Teaching mission for Preferential Option for the Poor, they hosted a bake sale on Wednesday after school. They were raising money for Mary's Meals, a charity the children learnt about in their RE lessons. It is an incredible charity that serves nutritious daily meals to some of the world's poorest children. It costs just £19.15 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year! The bake sale was a huge success and the children raised £205.08 which will feed lots of children.

Thank you to everyone who bought something and well done to the Year 5 children who donated all of the cakes and treats! Thank you also to the Year 5 teachers for organising.



International Day of Persons with Disabilities

This week, our school celebrated the [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#) with a meaningful assembly led by our Truth to the Power representatives. They shared the history and importance of the day, emphasising inclusion, equality, and accessibility for all.

Drawing inspiration from Jesus' teachings and Catholic Social Teaching, the children encouraged us to care for those in need and ensure everyone feels valued in our community. They also highlighted our fundraising efforts to provide inclusive sports equipment and reminded the children of the upcoming visit from a professional athlete to inspire us during the week.

The assembly ended with reflections on how small acts of kindness can make a big difference, reminding us to live with love and respect for all. Thank you to everyone who supported this important initiative! Thank you to Mr. Doak for organising.



Sporting Greats

This week, our children had the incredible opportunity to participate in a sponsored exercise session led by British Olympian Victoria Ohuruogu. The event was not only an active and engaging experience but also an inspiring one, as Victoria shared her journey as an athlete and the challenges she has overcome through perseverance and resilience. The children were captivated by her story, learning the value of determination and hard work in the face of adversity.

Seeing an Olympic medal up close was a highlight for many, but the excitement did not end there. The funds raised through the sponsored exercise will go towards a very special cause. As part of our celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the money will be used to purchase equipment that will increase the availability and range of inclusive sports at St Joseph's.

We are proud to support an environment where every child has the opportunity to participate and thrive, and this initiative reflects our commitment to Catholic social teaching principles, particularly the preferential option for the poor and marginalised.

We would like to thank all families and sponsors for your generosity. Together, we are making our school an even more inclusive and welcoming place for all. Thank you to Mr. Doak for organising.



Westminster Advent Carol Service

On Wednesday, 86 children went to Westminster Cathedral, for an Advent Carol Service. The children sang Christmas Carols, and really got into the festive spirit. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied the trip.



Ealing Food Bank

Hello from Ealing Foodbank,

In the final month of 2024, we'd love to thank you for all of your support this year and wish you a peaceful and happy holiday season.

Please find our latest shopping list attached to the back of the newsletter. If it's not easy to drop off donations, but you'd still like to purchase food items for the foodbank, it's really easy with GiveToday. On their website, you can buy specific items and GiveToday will deliver them straight to us. <https://givetoday.co.uk/ealingfoodbank/> If a QR code is easier, we've added one to the shopping list. Scan it with your phone to access the website that way.

Kind regards,

Ealing foodbank team



December

- UHT Milk – *Whole milk only please*
- Breakfast Cereal
- Rice – 500g & 1kg
- Ready Made Custard & Rice Pudding
- Savoury Biscuits & Snacks
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Free Online Workshops

Please look at the back of the newsletter for free workshops on a variety of topics.

School Office is going cashless

The School Office will be going cashless after Christmas and will no longer take cash payments for the Early Morning Drop-off Club, school trips and music lessons etc. Please download the Teachers to Parents app and register in order to make payments, if you need any help please contact the office.



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
Nur	Aurora	For re-telling the story of Jesus' birth.
RB	Evelyn	For writing a thoughtful Advent Promise. Well done!
RL	Henryk	For understanding that we are all part of God's family.
1AP	Alice	For identifying the times when she has to wait and knowing that Advent is a time of preparation.
1EB	Zuzanna	For super work when learning about the Advent wreath.
1SR	Caimin	For being respectful and concentrating during prayer times.
2CF	Lucy	For trying her best to retell the Annunciation story.
2AF	Annalie	For her wonderful retell of the Annunciation story.
2JB	Elliot	For a great retelling of the story of the Annunciation.
3AR	Amelia	For coming up with lovely ideas of how we can give to others this Advent.
3DB	Viktoria	For thoughtful work on how we can show kindness and love to those in need during Advent.
3SM	Yanet	For leading a fantastic celebration of the Word.
4AS	Arianna	For thinking carefully about the gifts of friendship.
4GS	Sandor	For always completing his RE class work to a high standard, being thoughtful and reflecting deeply on his beliefs. Well done!
4S	Nikodem	For understanding why gifts are important.
5AL	Elijah and Helen	For representing St. Joseph's so well at Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday.
5AS	Pinelli	For writing some excellent promises to live out during the season of Advent.
5CR	Samuel	For thinking of great tasks to undertake each day in Advent which shape the life of a Christian.
6MS	Zemirah	For creating a beautiful card explaining key vocabulary for a priest's ordination.
6LI	Louis	For thinking about the vocabulary used in the Advent hymn 'Maranatha'.
6WL	Ayla	For giving excellent examples of the expectations we have of ourselves and others.

Celebrations continued..

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
Nur	Helena	For a better understanding of class rules.
RB	Nathan	For reading with more confidence. Well done and keep it up!
RL	Felipe	For working hard to improve your handwriting.
1AP	Jamie	For his wonderful use of adjectives in his poem.
1EB	Kuba	For amazing independent writing, well done.
1SR	Angela	For always being reliable and helpful.
2CF	Louie	For always being a kind friend.
2AF	Micah	For his consistently beautiful singing as we practice for our Carol Service.
2JB	Yuvan	For having a good time in Year 2. Good luck – we wish you all the best!
3AR	Benjamin	For making a HUGE improvement with his handwriting and the presentation of his work.
3DB	Ansel	For always trying his best and having a positive attitude!
3SM	All of 3SM	For working hard as a team to deliver a fantastic Collective Worship Class Assembly.
4AS	Maja	For trying her best even when faced with challenges.
4GS	Aminadab	For his excellent recall of times tables and his ability to experiment with Maths. Well done!
4S	Arthur	For being helpful around the class.
5AL	Malannie	For her amazing effort in learning across all areas.
5AS	Louie	For displaying excellent behaviour on our trip to Westminster Cathedral.
5CR	Oliwier	For brilliantly helping at the Year 5 bake sale!
6LI	Xavier	For recognising when he needs help in Maths in order to move on.
6MS	Nikodem	For his super defending skills in goal in hockey.
6WL	Franciszek	For excellent examples and explanations given in our topic on Light.

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	Tara	For including others in games that you were playing.
Middle	Elly 3SM	For being a kind, compassionate and caring member of the school.
Upper	Angeline 4GS	For being a kind and considerate member of the class.



Countdown to Christmas

Date	Time	Year/Class	Event	Where
9/12/24	2.00pm	Year 5 audience	1SR Nativity	Junior Hall
10/12/24	2.00pm	Year 6 audience	1EB Nativity	Junior Hall
11/12/24	2.00pm	Year 4 audience	1AP Nativity	Junior Hall
12/12/24	9.15am	Siblings only	Early Years Nativity - RB supported by Nursery	Infant Hall
12/12/24	9.30am	Choir	Choir @ Hanwell Community Centre	Hanwell Community Centre
12/12/24	2.15pm	Siblings only	Early Years Nativity - RL supported by Nursery	Infant Hall
13/12/24	All day	All classes	PTA Christmas Fair	Dance Studio
16/12/24	All day	All classes	Christmas jumper day	
16/12/24	Afternoon	All classes	Class Christmas Parties (Santa Visiting)	
17/12/24	Lunch	All classes	Children's Christmas Lunch	
17/12/24	4.30pm	Choir	Carol Singing at Hanwell Station	Hanwell Station
17/12/24	7.00pm	All	Year 5 Advent Service	Church
18/12/24	4.30pm	Choir	Carol Singing at Hanwell Station	Hanwell Station
19/12/24		Nursery	Last day	
19/12/24	9.30am	Years 1-3	Pantomime	Junior Hall
19/12/24	1.30pm	Years 4-6	Pantomime	Junior Hall
19/12/24	2.30pm	Year 2	Year 2 Carols on Green	Playground
20/12/24	10.45am	Year 3 - 6	Carol Singing	Junior Hall
20/12/24	1.30pm	Rec to Year Six	Finish for Christmas	



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FREE
online parenting workshop

MANAGING CONFLICT

Conflicts are regular occurrence in family lives. It's often a normal part of everyday life. However, studies have shown that incidents of conflict that are frequent, intense, and poorly resolved, can have a significant negative impact on mental health.

Tuesday 10th
December 2024

10am-12pm
via MS Teams



This workshop would explore types of conflict, causes of conflicts in families and the impact of parental conflict on children, as well as practical steps that parents/carers can take to reduce conflict

Delivered by
Chris Kolade
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