



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024



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World Book Day

Yesterday, St. Joseph's celebrated World Book Day. The children enjoyed lots of fun activities throughout the day. We had a book swap so each child was able to choose a book (either fiction or non-fiction) to take home with them, Miss Smith organised an excellent Masked Reader video where the children had to guess who the mystery readers were. As usual, we had the costume parade accompanied by music in each of the three phase assemblies. There were many other activities in classes to promote the love of reading. Thanks to all the staff and to all the parents for their support and thank you to Mr. Brooks for organising the day. See the back of the newsletter for photos.

Sunday 8th March 2024

Gospel: John 20:19-31



The presence of the risen Jesus banishes fear and brings peace to his friends

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

St. Joseph's will be taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel event from the 11th March to the 22nd March. The Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's biggest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school competition.

The Junior Travel Ambassadors have delivered an assembly to the children this week to introduce the event. The aim is to inspire pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world. On each day, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of pupils using active travel to come to school. The school's best five days will determine our final position. There will also be an in-house competition between classes and the winning class will receive an extra playtime. Please support this initiative if you are able to! Further details can be found at bigwalkandwheel.org.uk.



Love Learn Believe

Parking

Please read the letter I received recently from a local resident. Not only does it paint a poor picture of our parent body who drive to school but also highlights the dangers of irresponsible parents who park where they like...I have lost count of how many times I have included items in the newsletter about parking. Please take note, a terrible accident is waiting to happen unless the drivers change their ways.

I live on Springfield Road and walk my children to St Mark's Primary School each morning.

In addition to running the usual gauntlet of cars manoeuvring around Hanwell motors and the Duke of York pub, this morning my 5 year old narrowly escaped being clipped by a BMW cutting across the pavement on the corner of Uxbridge Road, as the car turned into Station Road, then parked on a double yellow line.

Also this week, a car was parked on the southernmost corner of Springfield Road and Station Road yesterday morning, impeding visibility and blocking the dropped kerb where we usually cross the road.

I also witnessed an incident a couple of weeks ago where a St. Joseph's pupil was hit by a reversing car behind the Duke of York pub, which I'm sure you are aware of but highlights the quite shocking risks posed by cars to young children near schools, including the invisible damage of air pollution (idling is a persistent problem).

No doubt you already encourage alternative modes of transport to school and I'm not sure what can be done short of blocking Station Road to cars during school hours, but felt the need to share this with you, in case there is anything you can do to try and improve the current situation for residents.

I know that you don't permit cars on York Avenue for this reason and it is unfortunate that equal consideration wasn't given to those who approach from, and live on, the other side of the school - especially since the volume of cars in this area has increased noticeably since the restrictions on York Road were implemented.

Nursery Trip

Last week, Nursery class continued to learn about People Who Help Us. In one of their lessons, they have been talking about the work of postal workers. They were very keen to learn about the work at the post office and the process of sending and receiving letters and parcels. Children have written their own letters, and on Friday, they went on a trip to the local post box. They were very excited to post their letters! Thank you to Ms. Martin and Ms. Delaney for making the trip happen and also to all the parent volunteers.



Swimming Star

Ellie in Year 6 made a splash at a recent swimming competition, she won 6 medals in a Regional qualifier. Lots of hard work and dedication has paid off, not only for personal gain but also to learn this vital skill. Well done Ellie, you are an inspiration to us all!



Catholic Social Teaching

Continuing with our focus on Community and Participation, this week have a think about how you are contributing to our local community through your active participation. What are you involved with in the local area? How do you take part in community life? Think about the clubs/groups you belong to. Do you or your parents help out with local projects? Have you taken part in local fundraisers?



Challenge: Share this with a friend. Maybe you could introduce somebody new to a club or group that you participate in.

Medical Tracker

As of Monday, we will be using Medical Tracker to track first aid incidents, medicines, medical conditions and administration of medicines within school. We will no longer be sending yellow head bump letters home, instead an email will be sent to the first contact. I have attached a copy of the letter sent to parents earlier today with further details.

TFL

Today, the Middle and Upper Phases received a Railway Safety talk from our friends at TFL. Richard and Adam talked to the children about the dangers of playing near railway lines and also talked about how to stay safe at stations and how to use the call points. Thank you to Richard and Adam for such an important safety talk.



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	Henryk	For making a beautiful cross using paint.
RB	Sadbh	For being prayerful during our Celebration of the Word. Well done!
RH	Serah	For singing the 'Our Father' prayer beautifully and clearly...God definitely hears your prayers!
RL	Emily	For beautiful singing in our Collective Worship Hymn Practice
1AP	Antoni B	For taking the lead in the 'Our Father' prayer.
1EB	Gabriel	For always giving great answers in RE lessons.
1SR	Lucyna	For beautifully reading the prayer in our class assembly
2AB	Everyone	For working so hard to prepare for their Class Collective Worship Assembly.
2AF	Ella	For being a beautiful prayer monitor.
2JB	Sebastian	For his retelling of the story of the Last Supper.
3AR	Maja	For her interpretation of the Beatitudes and linking them to everyday life.
3DB	Steve	For his lovely artwork of the Garden of Gethsemane.
3M	Joseph	For showing which emotions you thought Jesus felt when in the Garden of Gethsemane.
4AS	Alan	For creating a beautiful prayer card for the Our Father prayer.
4GS	Julia K	For naming three different Rites that make up the Eucharist in the correct order.
4S	Chloe	For designing a beautiful prayer card and being able to give reasons for the use of the prayer.
5AL	Diya	For beautifully illustrating that the Eucharist is a memorial sacrifice.
5AS	Zuzanna	For explaining the meaning of the hymn 'I am the Bread of Life'.
5CR	Isaac	For creating his own mystery of faith acclamation addressed to Jesus.
6LI	Sophie	For exemplary work which she is proud to share with our RE visitors (Advisor and RECs).
6MS	Taran	For his thoughtful, reflective comments about Jesus being the 'Bread of Life'.
6WL	Kacper	For a thoughtful explanation about Jesus being called the 'Bread of Life' in John's scripture.

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	George	For ordering numbers up to 20.
RB	Michael	For sitting quietly during our Class Collective Worship yesterday. Well done.
RH	Szymon	For asking a great question when a pilot came to talk to Reception; great speaking Szymon!
RL	Lily	For excellent Maths work on subtraction.
1AP	Emmanuel	For his brilliant effort – the time to half past.
1EB	Joseph	For working hard in all of his lessons.
1SR	All of 1SR	For a brilliant class assembly on The Enormous Turnip.
2AB	Natan	For writing a super letter of apology to ‘Hamish’ the cat.
2AF	Fiorella	For her wonderful reading this week!
2JB	Audrey-Lorraine	For her excellent problem solving in multiplication.
3AR	Mariusz	For huge improvements with his reading and reading aloud to the class with confidence!
3DB	Veronika	For helping others and showing empathy towards a friend.
3M	Darina	For your constant hard work and determination.
4AS	Ola	For always demonstrating she is a respectful, thoughtful and kind member of 4AS!
4GS	Enda	For always taking an active part in class discussions across all subjects.
4S	Sophia	For fantastic participation in our quiz for World Book Day!
5AL	Alex	For demonstrating excellent speed and knowledge when completing TTRS.
5AS	Leo	For making a massive improvement in his attitude towards learning.
5CR	Maya	For having a brilliant understanding of the characters in our new book! Great evidence from the text used.
6LI	Nicole	For participation in lessons; offering her thoughts and opinions.
6MS	Riley	For writing an excellent alphabet poem in English.
6WL	Ylaissa	For producing fantastic poems about WWII using figurative language.

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	Lily 1AP	For being a wonderful friend to her new peers.
Middle	Marcelina 2AB	For being a kind and thoughtful friend to all.
Upper	Ezekiel 6LI	For always being ready to volunteer and be helpful.

World Book Day photo's....



Middle Phase really enjoyed World Book Day. 2AB kick started the day with a wonderful assembly on the importance of books. Throughout the day the children across the phase completed book reviews on their favourite books and designed their own front covers. The children particularly enjoyed swapping books within their classes so thank you to all those that donated books, most children have gone home with a new book to read!





Headteacher: Mr J Rakowski BSc. Hons, NPQH

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs C Kenny BEd. Hons

8th March 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Re: First Aid Incident and Medication Administration Notifications

As you know we try very hard to keep parents regularly informed about first aid incidents and medication administration at school. We have found sending paper notifications home can be rather 'hit and miss' with notifications often going astray along the way.

We are also increasingly aware of the substantial cost, time and environmental impact associated with the amount of paper and photocopying involved with this.

To help make improvements in these areas we have decided to use a service called Medical Tracker. Medical Tracker not only allows us to inform parents / carers of first aid incidents and medication administration by email but it also allows us to analyse the data we record.

Medical Tracker will be beneficial to you because:

- We can better record and track first aid incidents that involve your child
- We can better record and track medication administration that involves your child
- You can be notified immediately by email if your child has a head bump at school
- You can be notified immediately by email after medication has been administered

Please be assured that Medical Tracker is registered with the Data Protection Registrar and guarantees that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

Important – When we start using Medical Tracker, email messages will be sent to the first contact from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk. Please add this address to your email address books (or approved sender list) to prevent messages from being blocked by your SPAM/JUNK filters.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rakowski
Headteacher

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TIME		
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09:30	PRE SCHOOL	STAGE 2
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Week B: Tue 02 to Fri 05 Apr 2024 (4 days)

Week C: Mon 08 to Thur 11 Apr 2024 (4 days)

• **Open to Children:** aged 5-12 years - Only

• **Venues:** across London (look right>)

• **Times:** 9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs). Extended hours 8:30am-4pm.

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