



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Feast of the Ascension

On Thursday, we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension when Jesus ascended to heaven. We celebrate the special feast day forty days after Jesus' resurrection. Reception to Year 2 held a Liturgy in the Infant Hall led by Mr. Brooks. Years 3 to 6 held their Liturgy in the Junior Hall led by Mrs. Ingham. Thank you to all the children who took an active part in the Liturgies, either by singing or reading, and to Mrs. Ingham, Mr. Brooks and Mr. Wesolowski.



Sunday 12th May 2024

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53



Jesus promises his followers the Holy Spirit and sends them out to witness

Jesus said to his disciples, "So it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

First Holy Communion

We have entered First Holy Communion season. In our Parish, many children celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend; congratulations to you all. Over the next few weeks, neighbouring parishes will also be celebrating this special sacrament. Please pray for all the children. Later in June (10am on 11th June) we will celebrate our Presentation Mass where all the children who made their First Holy Communion will again celebrate together.



Social Media

Most social media platforms are age restricted to 13+ years; with good reason. Apart from the legal reasons to do with data collection of under 13s, I also feel that many children are not mature enough yet to read situations that arise in chats. In the last couple of weeks, I have had to deal with children using social media to be unkind about other children over platforms such as Snapchat and WhatsApp. This amounts to online bullying and will not be tolerated at St. Joseph's. It normally begins very innocently but then someone posts something which is mis-interpreted and it spirals into something quite horrible with words used by children which are wholly inappropriate. This usually happens outside of school during evenings and weekends.

If you do allow your child to access social media, I ask you to be vigilant. Please monitor your child's phone for inappropriate messages and even better if you switched on parental controls – phones and gaming consoles. If you see any inappropriate messages, please challenge your child on acceptable levels of usage. We have done so much work in school on online bullying that it saddens me that these situations continue to crop up. Please work with us.

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Mission Together

The Upper Phase sponsored run, the Middle Phase Lenten Quiz and the Lower Phase Pyjama Day has shown our fundraising for good causes reach new heights. Our whole school effort raised £5,498.15 for Mission Together! Thank you to all the sponsors of the events for donating this staggering amount of money to Mission Together.



Staff Wellbeing

On Tuesday after school, members of staff enjoyed a delightful cake decorating session. Our expert baker, Miss Richardson, not only shared her expert guidance but also baked over 100 cupcakes for our staff to decorate. The atmosphere in the room was filled with focused determination, as everyone relished the opportunity to acquire a new skill...and devour the fruits of their labour. Thank you to Miss Richardson and to the staff Wellbeing Committee for organising the event.



Book Fair

We will be holding the Scholastic **Half-Price** Book Fair next week: 13th -17th May 2024. The Book Fair will be set up in either the Infant or Junior playground at the end of the school day. Each year group has been allocated a specific day to visit the Book Fair:



Days	Year group	Area
Monday 13 th May	Nursery, Reception & Year 1	Infant playground
Tuesday 14 th May	Nursery, Reception & Year 1	Infant playground
Wednesday 15 th May	Years 2 & 3	Green area in the Junior playground
Thursday 16 th May	Years 4 & 5	Under the canopy in the Junior playground
Friday 17 th May	Year 6	Under the canopy in the Junior playground

We look forward to seeing many of you there as it is a great opportunity for the children to purchase some real bargains as all books will be **half-price**.

Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching states that all work has value and as such all workers should be equally valued. This means all workers should receive a fair wage, are treated with justice, and have a say about their workplace and how it runs.

The fair trade symbol lets us know that farmers have been given a fair price, look for this symbol when shopping. Catholic Social Teaching about Solidarity teaches us that by using these products we are standing together as one with our global family.



Challenge: Let's investigate the differences between Fairtrade and non-Fairtrade items. Try to find products that are comparable i.e. they are the same weight or there are the same number of them. See if you notice anything about prices. An example is given for you. If you wish you can add up the total prices and see which would be cheaper, Fairtrade or non- Fairtrade.

Try to keep a record of your findings. You could present them in a table like the one shown below:

Product	Fairtrade item	Price	Non-Fairtrade	Price
pineapples	1 pineapple	£1.75	1 pineapple	£0.80
bananas				
cocoa				
chocolate				
tea				
coffee				
fruit juice				
honey				
sugar				
football				
Total				



What do you notice?

Why do you think this is?

Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week (13-19 May) is Mental Health Awareness Week 2024. This year the theme is 'Movement: Moving More For Our Mental Health'. We will be carrying out some activities in school, including putting conversation starters out for the children at lunchtime to encourage communication.

On Thursday 16th May, the Children's Wellbeing Committee would like us to participate in 'Wear it Green Day'. All children are invited to come into school wearing a green clothing item or accessory along with their usual school uniform. Further information can be found at www.mentalhealth.org.uk.



Walk Way

The staff has noticed an increasing number of parents using the walk way in between the Lower Phase and the Upper Phase. Please refrain from using this passage and use the pavements on the street instead. The passage way is too small to safely escort after-school children from one area of the school to another. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hanwell Hootie

Tomorrow we celebrate Hanwell Hootie! If you are stuck for something to do, head on down to the different venues of free events which begin from noon.



Cooking Club – Middle Phase

'My Little Chef At Home' is starting an after-school cooking club on Fridays 3:15pm– 4:15pm from 7th June. The children will get a chance to learn how to cook, be creative and whip up delightful sweets or savoury recipes each week, all in the space of 1 hour. Please see the flyer at the back of this newsletter. Click the link below for more details:

<https://mylittlechefathome.classforkids.io/term/62>



Plants

St. Joseph's was successful in winning plants from the Schools Veg Plant Give-away competition and last week and I went to Horsenden Farm to collect our box. Hopefully, over the coming months the plants will grow under the tender care of our green fingered children so that we can send in some photos to the organisers to hopefully win another competition. The organisers hope that our school has a fantastic time learning and growing and that we inspire the next generation of 'growers'; I am sure we will.



SATs

Next week, our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs. After a hearty breakfast, they will be ready to take up the challenge. I wish them a restful weekend and all the best for Monday to Thursday. If you have a spare moment, please pray for them.

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	Alicja	For helping during class prayer.
RB	Kate	For giving 100% to learning the 'Hail Mary'. Well done Kate.
RH	Krishna	For great knowledge and understanding of the events of Pentecost and producing work to show this.
RL	Eyuas	For his wonderful singing in Collective Worship Hymn Practice.
1AP	Troy	For his brilliant explanation on why we should follow God's Promise.
1EB	Joseph	For his work when we found our favourite line from Isaiah's reading.
1SR	Marcin	For his thoughtful; written work on how we can follow God's will.
2AB	Ben	For great ideas about how the Holy Spirit helps people today.
2AF	Joseph	For his lovely writing about how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to his disciples.
2JB	Michal	For his thoughtful ideas about how people in school show they have the Holy Spirit within them.
3AR	Dafidi	For excellent work when relating the gifts of the Holy Spirit to our everyday lives.
3DB	Thomas	For his thoughtful comments about the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
3M	All of 3M	For working well in groups to explore the gifts the Holy Spirit gives us.
4AS	Adon	For sharing good answers about the Holy Spirit in RE lessons.
4GS	Rory	For his interest and engagement in learning about Islam.
4S	Jessica	For writing a diary entry showing how good news impacts people's lives
5AL	Jethya	For explaining Saul's conversion through and artists impression.
5AS	Brendon	For showing excellent understanding of the Ascension during our Liturgy.
5CR	Elijah	For a brilliant letter giving the reasons of how belief in the Holy Spirit can empower and change your life.
6LI	Alice	For showing an understanding that the Holy Spirit works in the lives of Jesus' witnesses.
6MS	Maja	For her thoughtful reflections about the lives of modern witnesses to Jesus. Well done.
6WL	Joel	For a detailed, thoughtful information page about Sr. Stephen.

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	Evelyn	For showing others kindness.
RB	All of Butterflies	For an amazing assembly; so proud of you all!
RH	Kacen	For making great progress in reading and writing!
RL	Charlotte	For trying really hard with her reading.
1AP	Mason	For being an excellent role model to his peers.
1EB	Ethan	For his enthusiasm when learning about reptiles and birds in science.
1SR	Tessa	For always trying her best in all areas of the curriculum.
2AB	Amelia	For writing a fantastic continuation of the story 'The Whales' Song'.
2AF	Freddie	For his brilliant continuation of 'The Whales' Song' story in English.
2JB	Mateusz	For showing a positive attitude to all areas of his learning.
3AR	Mary	For an excellent start to her Egyptian Myth in English.
3DB	Kayden	For making a huge effort to make better choices in class. Well done!
3M	Naiyana	For practicing hard to learn your lines for our production.
4AS	Pavel	For writing an excellent diary entry from the point of view of Henry VIII.
4GS	Vanessa	For a fabulously written playscript, using all the necessary features. Well done!
4S	Mila-Mae	For fantastic participation during our digestive system experiment!
5AL	Richy	For excellent understanding of how to convert improper fractions to mixed number fractions.
5AS	Henry	For creating some excellent newspaper headlines.
5CR	Domonic	For always starting the day with a smile and having a positive attitude to learning.
6LI	Alexander	For working on challenging tasks with determination and focus.
6MS	Laura	For developing a more focused attitude towards her learning. Well done – keep it up!
6WL	Mila-Anne	For the effort, attention and care that she demonstrates in all subjects.

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	Iga 1SR	For always being caring and considerate.
Middle	Mia 2JB	For tidying up after others without being asked.
Upper	Karol 6MS	For always having a positive and friendly attitude.

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COOKING CLUB

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY
7TH JUNE - 12TH JULY 24

FRIDAYS
3:15PM - 4:15PM

After-school
Cooking Club

Culinary Creativity in just one
hour

Whip up delightful sweet or
savory recipes each week



Developing Life Skills

- ✓ **Nutrition**
- ✓ **Literacy**
- ✓ **Creativity**
- ✓ **Numeracy**
- ✓ **Independence**
- ✓ **Confidence**
- ✓ **Teamwork**
- ✓ **Problem Solving**



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