



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023



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PTA

The current PTA committee's term of office is ending in January. They have put out 'feelers' to try to encourage parents to engage in the process but are getting concerned that there will be nobody to hand over to. We have always had a strong committee raising funds for the benefit of the children at St. Joseph's. The PTA help fund the 'extras' that my school budget does not allow for. Please discuss your interest with a committee member as soon as possible so that our long held tradition of service to the children continues unabated.



Sunday 12th November 2023



Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

We must be ready to meet the Lord when he comes

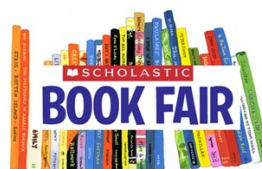
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair next week: 13th-17th November 2023.

The Book Fair will be set up in either the Infant or the Junior playground at the end of the school day (3.15-3.40pm).

Each year group has been allocated a specific day to visit the Book Fair:



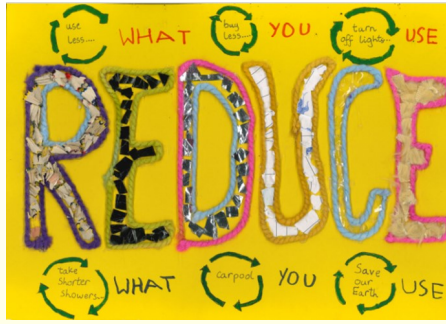
Days	Year group	Area
Monday 13 th Nov	Nursery, Reception & Year 1	Infant playground
Tuesday 14 th Nov	Nursery, Reception & Year 1	Infant playground
Wednesday 15 th Nov	Years 2 & 3	Green area in the Junior playground
Thursday 16 th Nov	Years 4 & 5	Under the canopy in the Junior playground
Friday 17 th Nov	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 good quality books or even presents in preparation for Christmas.

Please note: cash only

Love Learn Believe

'Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home.



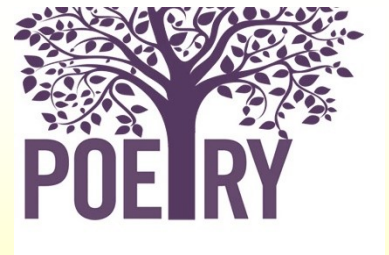
The idea behind this R (Reduce) is to be mindful of what we use and what we waste so that we can establish what we really need. This can be achieved through a heightened awareness of areas of waste, reduced with careful planning ahead and can be applied to many aspects of our lives, such as our food shopping, mealtimes, Christmas present buying and our energy consumption at home.

Challenge: This weekend pay attention to signs of waste – lights left on, food thrown away, items with unnecessary excess packaging, duplicated items that aren't needed. Write a list for the adults at home and come up with a plan to reduce this waste.

Let's make a difference – together!

Poetry Evening

On Thursday 9th November, we enjoyed an excellent Upper Phase Poetry evening. Almost 60 children took part in the evening. Some children from each Upper Phase class performed a published poem and other children recited their own poetry. This was a great opportunity for the children to practise their public speaking skills, building on their oracy sessions in class. We were so impressed with all the children who performed - especially when performing in front of 120 people! Also very well done to the children who wrote their poems. Thanks to all of the Upper Phase teaching staff for encouraging and helping the children with their poetry skills and to Mr. Brooks for organising the event.



BBC 500 Words 2023 Competition

Congratulations to Yasmine who has been acknowledged with a fantastic certificate for taking part in the BBC's 500 Word competition. This was a national competition and Yasmine wrote about a girl who was assigned a mission to find a fairy. You will have to ask Yasmine if the hero of the story was successful. Well done!



Winter 2023 HAF programme

The HAF programme provides funded holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities, for children and young people in Reception to Y11: who reside in or attend school in Ealing and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (FSM), or who are vulnerable and would benefit from a HAF place.



Children in Reception to Year 6 who are in receipt of the universal FSM offer are **not eligible** for HAF.

Ealing's Winter HAF will run from Friday 22 December 2023 and Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 January 2024

Eligible children and young people can attend for a maximum of **5 days** over the Christmas school holiday.

Booking information and FAQ: [HAF pages on Ealing's Families Directory](#) .

HAF bookings open Wednesday 15th November and close Thursday 21st December

Ealing Mental Health Services

I have attached a flyer to the back of the newsletter from the Ealing Mental Health Support Team. They are running a series of workshops on a variety of topics that make be of interest to our community.



Our Lady & St Joseph's Church

Christmas Fayre

2nd December 2023 - 11:00am to 3:00pm



The Church is holding their Christmas Fayre for the first time since 2019. It's a lovely parish event with stalls for everyone including the children. Santa also makes an appearance.

Early next week your child will bring home a book of raffle tickets as part of this fund raising event, there are 5 tickets in a book, and they cost £1 per ticket. The main prizes are an iPad, Smart TV, £50 Amazon Voucher and many other prizes.

Please return the ticket stubs and money to the school office and any unused raffle tickets you do not want to buy.

Thank you for your support, this is a very important event in the Church's calendar.

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	Esther	For good concentration during class prayers.
RB	Serena	For great listening during class discussions. Well done!
RH	Leo	For sharing his knowledge about Remembrance Day.
RL	Zachary	For always using good manner in the classroom.
1AP	Mason	For making brilliant contributions to our class discussions about Baptism.
1EB	Bea-Rose	For her writing about Baptism. Well done.
1SR	Tessa	For showing great knowledge of the three main parts of the Baptism.
2AB	Toby	For excellent work on signs and symbols used in Baptism.
2AF	Taro	For his excellent participation and understanding of symbols used during a Baptism.
2JB	Sarah	For knowing the Signs and Symbols used during Baptism that welcome the baby to God's Family.
3AR	Blanka	For sequencing the Rite of Baptism correctly. Well done!
3DB	Albie	For his beautiful Remembrance Day card.
3MS	David	For your creation of your own Litany of Saints.
4AS	Taijah-Lee	For creating an informative leaflet about the Sacrament of Confirmation.
4GS	Calum	For a good, colourful leaflet and overall understanding of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
4S	Jessica	For making a lovely Confirmation prayer card.
5AL	Ayla	For creating a wonderful card for our discussion about the Sacrament of Marriage.
5AS	Henry	For giving wonderful responses in our lesson about the promises made during marriage.
5CR	Joy	For creating a brilliant wedding card with a prayer asking for God's strength and guidance.
6LI	Felix	For thoughtful responses in discussions about showing 'commitment' in different jobs and roles.
6MS	Ethan	For excellent responses explaining Jesus and the Disciples' reaction to being called.
6WL	Mila-Anne	For an excellent response to our work on Jesus' Baptism.

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	Ziju	For settling in to Nursery.
RB	Sadbh	For working hard in Phonic lessons.
RH	Alan	For making a great effort with sounding and blending.
RL	Maya	For her thoughtful work on Remembrance Day.
1AP	Harrison	For always being a wonderful role model in lessons.
1EB	Max	For his super writing about Remembrance Day.
1SR	Lucyna	For her fantastic sketches of toys in Art.
2AB	Connor	For excellent work on addition.
2AF	Viktoria	For her fantastic work in addition.
2JB	All of 2JB	For being a pleasure to teach. You have all worked so hard!
3AR	Blake	For an imaginative character profile on Grandma from George's Marvellous Medicine.
3DB	Kayden	For showing great sportsmanship during PE.
3MS	Anaiya	For always taking initiative and making sure she is ready for every task.
4AS	Juan	For being a quick learner of Netball skills and demonstrating successfully.
4GS	Julia	For wonderful title page on Electricity and understanding in all Science lessons.
4S	All of 4S	For a fantastic Collective Worship Class Assembly!
5AL	James	For planning a detailed narrative about a plane crash and using new vocabulary.
5AS	Nikodem	For thinking of excellent descriptive sentences for his writing.
5CR	Sara	For always being willing to help and making sure she is working as part of the class team!
6LI	Reis	For a fabulous Victorian diary from Jim's perspective.
6MS	Eli	For excellent responses in our work about random and linear searches.
6WL	Caleb	For increasing his score four-fold on Times Tables Rockstars – Wow!

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	Pablo RL	For always being kind and considerate to everyone.
Middle	Lily 3AR	For being a thoughtful and caring friend.
Upper	Gabi 5CR	For being the only person on a table at lunch to move to sit with another child when they were eating alone and feeling upset.

Ealing Mental Health Support Team



Workshops for parents/carers - Autumn term 2023

Over the Autumn term, Ealing Mental Health Support Team will be running a variety of workshops for parents and carers of children who attend a school in Ealing.

If you would like to sign up to one of our workshops, please do so on the below website or scan the QR code.

<https://forms.gle/EE7eGmXmjSemf2te9>

If you have any questions, please do email us on:
Ealing.mhst@nhs.net



Transitions 12th September 2023 4pm	Introduction to Autism 29th September 2023 4pm	Exam Stress 20th October 2023 4pm	Understanding Behaviour in Children with Additional Needs 27th October 2023 1pm
Student Anxiety 17th November 2023 4pm	Introduction to Autism 24th November 2023 1:30pm	Student Low Mood 1st December 2023 4pm	Understanding Behaviour in Children with Additional Needs 19th December 2023 11am



Promoting hope & wellbeing together

FREE

online parenting workshop

Domestic Abuse

and the impact on children & young people

Increase your knowledge of how to recognise domestic abuse



Develop an understanding of how to recognise the impact and effects of domestic abuse on children & young people



Learn how domestic abuse can impact on parenting



Gain knowledge and awareness of local support services



10AM-12PM
TUESDAY 14TH
NOVEMBER 2023
VIA MS TEAMS

The chance to have your questions answered in a confidential space

delivered by **Pat Chapman & Michelle Saupe**
SAFE family practitioners

email parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk to register or for more info



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