



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Pauline Williams RIP

Most of you will have already read my letter but it is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Ms. Williams. She was one of our longest serving Teaching Assistants and in the last couple of years fought bravely against illness. We will remember her as always being there for the children and her colleagues; always with a big smile on her face.



May she rest in peace.



Third Sunday of Advent
JOY



Sunday 12th December 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

And the crowds asked John, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you."

Coronavirus

Parents will be aware that, in addition to getting a jab, regular testing for those without symptoms of COVID is a key part in keeping our whole community safe, particularly over the holiday period. COVID infection rates in Ealing are high in the school age population and that has now moved into the 40 to 49 year old group. Parents and carers are able to order LFD test kits online www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests or pick them up from pharmacies. I am trying to see if I can get some delivered here to give out to families.

PTA Perivale 5 Mile Run

Last Sunday, the PTA team, including Miss Redding and Mr Sampaio, ran the Perivale 5 Mile Run. It was a bitterly cold morning but everyone did the two laps of the course. None of our team won the race, but they are all winners in my mind! The real winners are the children who will benefit from the £5,500 plus raised. Thank you to the organisers, runners and all the sponsors.



PTA

Over the years, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at St. Joseph's has taken a very active part in school life and raised lots of money for the benefit of our children and staff. The PTA is run by a handful of dedicated volunteers who give their time and energy to fundraising and working in partnership with our school.

The lifecycle of our current PTA committee is coming to an end and it is looking for volunteers to take up the mantle. I know that everyone's time is precious and that joining a PTA can seem daunting. However, it is a fantastic way of getting to know other parents even if you only have a small amount of time. For more information about the PTA or details of how to join get in touch with the office.

In previous years, monies have gone to funding new playground equipment, playground benches and tables, wet play games for all classrooms, Christmas crafts, Christmas crackers, theatre trips, ice lollies, Yr 6 hoodies and more. These are all extras that school budgets would not cover. The PTA do a fantastic job.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Monday 13th December, it will be the children's Christmas Jumper day. This coincides with their class Christmas parties also. Please look out for slips of paper in book bags about what items to bring to school that day. A traditional monetary donation to Save the Children is also requested that day.



Congratulations

Congratulations to the catering team! Inspectors were in and we retained the 5 stars Food and Hygiene Standard. Well done to Nazeema and her team.



The calm before the storm!

These are the pictures of the Christmas Fayre set up before the children entered this morning. The dance studio does not look like this now! Thank you to the PTA for the tremendous effort in collecting the presents and to you, parents, for donating such marvellous gifts.

The PTA will be selling unused gifts in the playground after school.



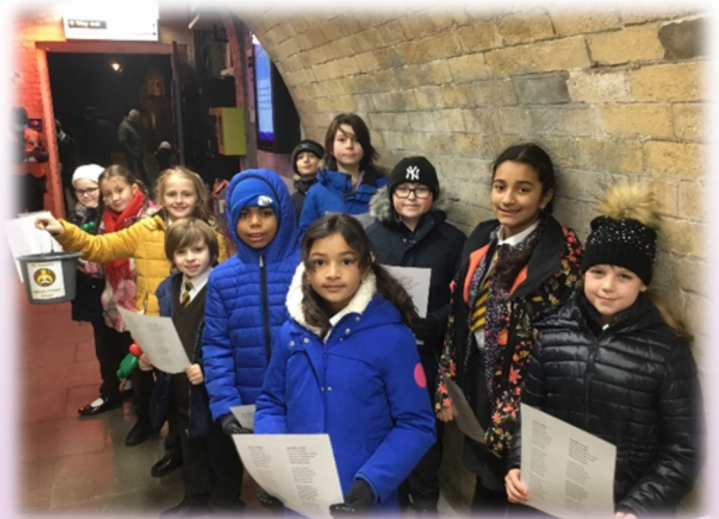
Yr 6 Victorian Day

This week Year 6 had their Victorian Day. I was very impressed when I walked innocently into a Year 6 classroom and all the children stood up, how times have changed...for the better, allowing children to carry on with their work. The children and staff made a real effort to dress up. Well done to all.



Carol Singing at Hanwell Station

Our carol singers were out in force on Wednesday evening at the station. The children sang their hearts out and were even visited by Santa and his Elves. Our children were 'wowed' by some Elf magic before raising about £190 for the Save the Children fund. This is an incredible amount considering that few people carry cash anymore. The group are singing again next week. Thank you to all the children and Ms. Bush who organised the event.



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Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home



With less than two weeks to go until Christmas, many of you will have been busy buying your loved ones presents. Please take a moment to consider how you will wrap these gifts. Across the UK it has been estimated that we will bin what equates to 108 million rolls of wrapping paper, with the average UK household using 4 rolls of wrapping paper each.

Before you wrap consider this:

- Do you have any gift bags/ boxes that you can reuse from previous years?
- Can you avoid paper loaded with glitter? Not only will this save the problem of Hoovering later, it also prevents this form of microplastic making its way into our seas and affecting marine life. In fact many UK councils are now rejecting recycling bins containing glitter altogether, deeming the entire load to be 'contaminated'.
- If you are adding ribbons, can you forego the sellotape? This will reduce the use of plastic and will mean that it may be easier for the receiver to reuse their paper.

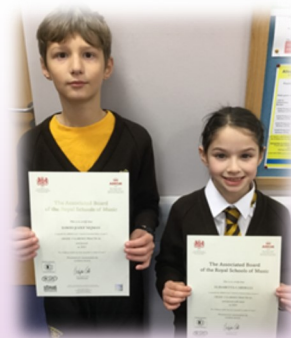
Challenge: Get inventive with your wrapping. Can you use plain brown paper and add painted pine cones, holly, stamps, or draw pictures to personalise it? Be aware of not using too much paper for one item. Dig out gift bags you have kept and reuse them.

Why not take a photo and send it in with your child to their class teacher to encourage others to play their part too?

Let's make a difference – together!

Talented Musicians

Not only do we have talented singers, we also have talented musicians. Elisabetta was awarded her grade 1 clarinet practical with merit and Dawid was awarded his grade 1 clarinet practical. Well done to both children and thank you to Mr. McKay for his tuition.



School Lunch—Feeding Hungry Minds

If you have ordered a Christmas lunch for your child please make sure you have paid Feeding Hungry Minds in advance.

A link for Feeding Hungry Minds can be found at the bottom of the front page on the school website. If you are having problems registering or paying online please contact the school office for help.

Nativities, Liturgies, Advent Services, Performances and Assemblies

Please look out for the recordings of the children on the class pages on the website from Monday 13th December.

Celebrations

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
1K	Veroniki	For being a great help during Nativity rehearsals.
1AS	Esme	For extraordinary enthusiasm and effort singing in the Nativity.
1SS	Zofia	For great effort with telling the time to the hour.
2JB	Liberty	For her tenacity to find all the properties of common 3D shapes.
2EB	Sarah	For working hard to develop her writing.
2SL	Mins-Rose	For great effort in all her school work.
3AR	Nina	For wonderful ideas on how to be a good 'steward' for our 'common home'.
3DS	Jethya	For good responses to how we can help save God's planet.
3SR	Gracie	For displaying a great understanding of 3D shape.
4AS	Sara	For showing excellent understanding in Maths.
4MS	Mila-Anne	For creating an excellent fact file about a river in Geography.
4W	Dominic	For showing improved focus and engagement in all lessons leading to very good outcomes.
5B	Isabelle	For her excellent participation and the fantastic work she produced during our Maths lessons about angles
5L	Tala	For her sensible and mature attitude in PSHE lessons.
5W	Elena	For fantastic comparison sentences about 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar'.
6B	Kacper	For his interesting narrative set in the Victorian times.
6I	Eunice	For working with focus when finding 10%, 20% and 5% of an amount.
6J	Eddie	For a fantastic rhyming poem on Mary's feelings of anticipation and expectation in response to Angel Gabriel's visit.

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	Zuzanna NR	For being
Middle	Kayden 2EB	For always looking out for others.
Upper	Diego and Ted 5L	For consoling a friend in need.



PTA News



Last Sunday our fabulous team of runners all completed the Perivale 5 mile race. The team consisted of parents and staff from St Joseph's school community. They ran to raise money for the PTA funds. Currently the total raised stands at £5,733.60, although the go fund me page is currently still active. The money, as always, will be spent on the children. We will let you know in the coming weeks how the money will be spent.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the runners, those who donated and those of you who tirelessly promoted the event and those of you who turned up on the day to support the team. A special thank you to Breedge Delaney who came up with the idea and planned and organised the event. Also to her husband Martin who funded the runners t shirts and medals. What an amazing and generous community we have. Thank you all so much.



Today your children will be enjoying choosing their gifts at the Christmas Fayre. Thank you all so much for your donations. Thank you class reps and parents for all your all hard work in helping to organise and run this event. We will be selling items left over from the fayre after school today in the junior playground.

The current PTA will be standing down at the end of January 2022 as their two year term comes to an end. If you are interested in taking a role in the PTA please contact the PTA on stjosephs_pta@yahoo.com for more information on what is involved. We would encourage you all to consider taking on a role as it is so fulfilling and rewarding and a great opportunity to get to know your school community.

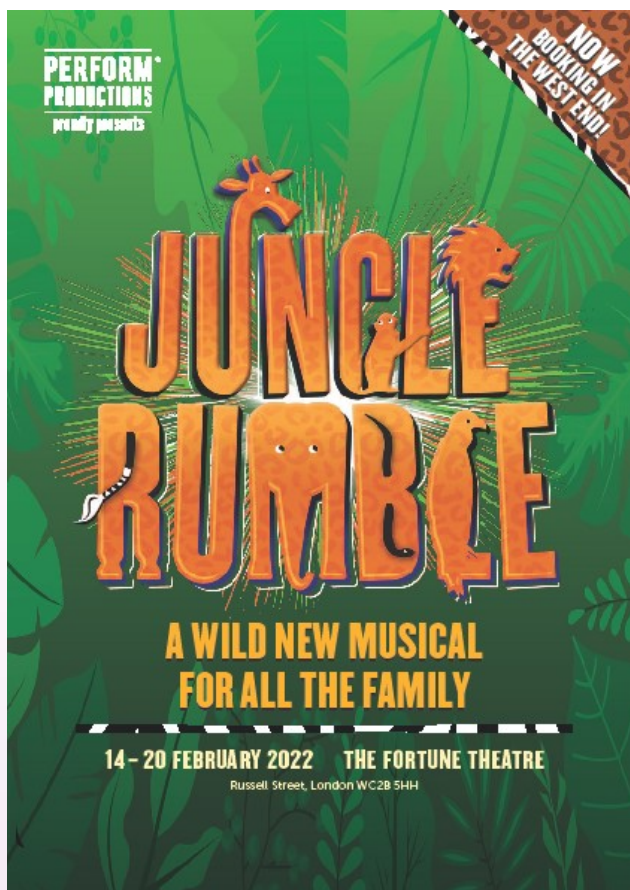
As always thank you all for your continued support.
Best wishes.
PTA.



Contacting the school office

If you have a general office related enquiry please use ask@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk. Please do not use the Admin domain for correspondence as it will not be picked up.





JUNGLE RUMBLE

WILD, UNTAMED AND LIVE IN THE WEST END

In February half-term, a sensational West End cast will bring the jungle to life in Jungle Rumble, an unforgettable family musical and a perfect half-term treat.

Jungle Rumble tells the story of ancient elephant Eeli, shy zebra Zella and cheeky monkey Boo, as they journey deep into the heart of the jungle on a fearless expedition to rescue Snow, the last white lion, from the evil Lord Braggard.

With thrilling choreography, uplifting songs and an inspirational message about working together to protect the Earth, Jungle Rumble is the perfect half-term treat for the whole family as well as being an ideal way to introduce your child to the magic of live theatre.

SHOW DATES AND TIMES

Mon 14th Feb
at 14:00 and 15:45

Tue 15th Feb
at 10:00 and 11:45

Wed 16th Feb
at 11:00, 12:45 and 15:00

Thu 17th Feb
at 10:00 and 11:45

Fri 18th Feb
at 11:00, 12:45 and 15:00

Sat 19th Feb
at 10:00 and 11:30

Sun 20th Feb
at 10:00, 11:45, 14:00 and 15:45

BOOK NOW!
14-20 FEBRUARY 2022
THE FORTUNE THEATRE
 Russell Street, London WC2B 5HH

To book tickets visit: atgtickets.com

Find out more at junglerumble.show

For Access bookings, please call 0800 912 6971

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