



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Final 6 weeks and 2 day push!

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year. Although this half term will no doubt continue to present challenges for our community, not least because of the rising infection rates due to new variants of the coronavirus, we will endeavour to complete our usual planned activities for the children under the continuing restrictions we are all living under.



Watch out for...

The better weather and easing of coronavirus restrictions have meant an increase in reports of violence. I recently attended a safeguarding briefing where the presenter highlighted the increased number of robberies in parks and acts of violence towards the public. Please talk to your children about 'displaying' their phones in public areas.



Sunday 13th June 2021

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

Ealing Schools' Catering Consortium

St. Joseph's is part of the ESCC; a large group of Ealing schools joining together to provide food for our children. For the past few years, Harrison Catering have been the school meals provider. However, just before the pandemic the company lost the contract but the ESCC came to an agreement that Harrison Catering would continue until the end of this academic year. The new company is ISS Education and they will be taking over the kitchens in September. On Thursday 17th June, our school office will be closed for enquiries between 10am and 11.30am whilst Mrs. O'Rourke and Mrs. Banks are trained on the new online payment system that ISS Education use; emergency calls will continue to be taken. Mrs. McNee will be receiving training on special diets and will be able to help parents complete forms for children with allergies. I have attached two information flyers from ISS Education to the back of this newsletter for your information.

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.



Love Learn Believe

Safer Streets

The pre-implementation survey for our School Street is open until the end of Monday (closes at midnight on the 14th June). Below is a table that shows the response rate as of 6th June. We have had a stronger response than some of the schools and I am sure that the numbers will have changed since last Sunday. Please click on the link to submit your survey. I will remind the staff to do their bit also!



The council is asking parents, carers and residents to complete the survey to collect views, before deciding whether the scheme should go ahead. The children will complete the survey in class with their teachers. I ask you to please support the school by completing the parent/carers survey which can be found by clicking on this link: www.ealing.gov.uk/newschoolstreets

| School Street Survey respondent rate 6/6/2021 | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Pupil Survey | Staff Survey | Parent Survey |
| School | 0 | 3 | 48 |
| School | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| School | 0 | 13 | 10 |
| School | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| School | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| St Joseph's Catholic | 0 | 3 | 27 |
| School | 0 | 2 | 15 |

Near fatal accident

It has been reported to me by a concerned resident of Grove Avenue that a child from St. Joseph's had a very near miss with a car yesterday. I cannot stress enough the importance of educating your children on how to cross roads safely. We try and do our bit, but it must be a united effort.

The same concerned resident also complained about parents riding with children on electric scooters and adults cycling on pavements, all illegal.

I am not the pavement police, but I bear the brunt of complaints made against our wonderful school community. Fortunately, it is only a minority so improvement and change can happen quickly.

Please scooter, cycle, drive and park responsibly for the sake of all our children!

Year 6 Sponsored Fancy Dress 5K

This year's PGL trip had added unforeseen costs associated with it - the move to summer and increased coach prices. The Year 6 children are doing a sponsored 'Fancy Dress 5K for a Fiver' to help make up some of the deficit. Any monies raised will go to make up the deficit, and go to charity. Please sponsor generously!



School Trips

Luckily, school trips are going ahead this term. Some year groups will need parent volunteers to help meet adult to pupil ratios for safety reasons. If you volunteer to accompany a trip, I ask that you collect a Lateral Flow Test device pack from me and submit the result to me the evening before the trip; I will explain everything to you. I ask that you also test yourself after the trip.



PC McGuigan

On Monday, PC McGuigan made her final visit to Year 6. The children were invited to name 'good' and 'bad' drugs they had heard of and to discuss their effects on the body and consequences on a person's life. The children decided that 'good' drugs are those you can get from the doctor or chemist and use safely by following the instructions. PC McGuigan always talks candidly and tells the truth; the children were very engaged by her real-life accounts of how drugs affect people's lives and families. The children discussed drug dealers and addicts; they saw some before and after images of people who had become addicted to drugs and the effect on their body. Advice was given that if children are ever worried about a family member or friend being affected by drugs: talk to a trusted adult, contact Police or 'Talk To Frank' by phoning 0300 123 6600 or visiting the website: www.talktofrank.com



World Book Day

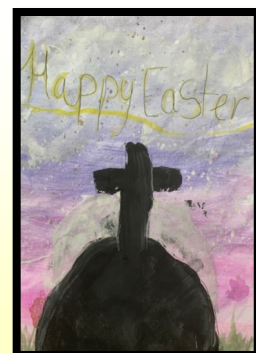
We will be marking our postponed World Book Day on Wednesday 23rd June. We were in lockdown back in March when WBD normally takes place. On this day, we are asking all children and staff to come to school dressed as a book character from one of the books we have read in class this year. We will be doing some other activities that day too based on WBD characters.

Parent Governor Election

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor—please look out for the letter being sent home next week giving more details.

Knights of St. Columba

You will remember that I recently published some Knights of St. Columba art competition winners in our newsletter. Well, another winner has come to light. Ruby, in Year 6, wrote her name and class in a very light pen which was illegible to the panel and so her entry was put to one side. Luckily for Ruby, an eagle eyed Knight of St. Columba was able to make out her name and she wins a £10 voucher. Congratulations to Ruby and thank you to the Knights of St. Columba for running the competition.



Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home



This is the last week of The Great British Spring Clean 2021 challenge which began on 28th May and runs until 13th June. The campaign asks us to join Keep Britain Tidy and a community of #Litterheroes on #MillionMileMission to clear litter from our streets and parks. On a visit to the Bunny Park last week it was upsetting to see how much litter was left behind, strewn across the playground. When you visit the park, get into the habit of packing a bag for your litter and make sure that you take it home with you. Why not give 20 minutes of your time this weekend, pull on some gloves and see if you can fill a bag with rubbish.

Challenge: Commit to 20 minutes of litter picking this weekend. Get the whole family involved and see who can find the most.

Please do share your ideas with us by emailing your photos in to school and we will upload them to the Year Group page.

In the event...

In the event that somebody in your household wakes up with a fever ($>37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$), or a new, continuous cough or a loss of the sense of smell or taste do not send your child to school. Immediately inform the school via email or phone and then book a test for the person. The whole household must then self-isolate. If the test returns negative and nobody has any ongoing symptoms, the child can return to school and the household no longer needs to self-isolate. If a positive result is returned, the household must self-isolate for 10 days and resume normal activity after 10 days as long as they have been symptom free for 48 hours.

If your child has a sniffle, runny nose or is sneezing, they are not coronavirus symptoms and your child should come to school if well enough.



EU Settlement Scheme



This item has been in the news and also in our newsletter previously. This is a timely reminder for any EU citizens who have not yet applied for settled status under the EU settlement scheme. The deadline for applying to the scheme is 30th June 2021. Please see link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/what-settled-and-presettled-status-means>

Sports Days

Lots of Sports Days take place next week in school, sadly behind closed doors! Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school and a water bottle.



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 |
|-------|--------|--|
| 1B | Carla | For super work creating arrays. |
| 1S | Hassan | For brilliant improvement in reading! |
| 1SW | Keeva | For working hard in her writing tasks. |
| 2AL | Nina | For her positive attitude and great effort in every lesson. |
| 2B | Lena | For her fantastic effort to read with greater fluency. |
| 2SL | James | For his superb effort with his maths this week, solving addition problems using the expanded column method! Well done! |
| 3AR | Felix | For making a huge improvement with his arithmetic tests, his scores are great!! |
| 3DS | Sofia | For making an effort to improve her presentation. |
| 3SR | Mya | For working very well to investigate perimeter around the classroom. |
| 4B | Oisin | For having a great first week at St. Joseph's. |
| 4C | Laura | For challenging herself with Times Tables. |
| 4S | Elena | For showing great confidence since starting St. Joseph's. |
| 5B | Natan | The AMAZING progress he has made in maths. Both Mrs. Murphy and Miss Barry are very proud! |
| 5S | Rafal | For always trying his hardest in his maths learning. Well done! |
| 5W | Rosie | For looking carefully at the architectural features of art galleries using virtual tours in computing. |
| 6B | Maja | For always showing a mature and focused approach to her learning. |
| 6I | Judyta | For beautifully presented work on chapter 1 and 2 of Skellig. |
| 6J | Aleen | For a fantastic effort in her learning across the curriculum. |

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 | Angeline | For always being kind, caring and helpful. |
| Middle | Yasmin | For always being a good role model and remaining calm and patient no matter the circumstance. Well done! |
| Upper | Jude | For including children in games which he plays with a sense of fairness. |

PTA Pyjama Day

Today, the school was the most colourful I have seen it for a long time. All the children and staff came to school in their pyjamas and the array of colours was spectacular. Thank you to all for supporting our wonderful PTA in this event. Below are some pictures of our children in their PJs.



Hello! from your new school caterers



ISS Education is delighted to have the opportunity to provide catering services at your school from September. Our mission is to feed hungry minds! We create our menus based on the principles of the Soil Association's Food for Life Silver Served Here standards, which have been developed to reflect best practice in healthy and sustainable school food.

Our food is...

- Over 85% freshly prepared
- Includes meat from farms which satisfy UK welfare standards
- Is made with free range eggs – where eggs are used
- Includes a wide range of seasonal and local/British produce
- Contains no undesirable food additives or hydrogenated fats
- Does not include any GM ingredients

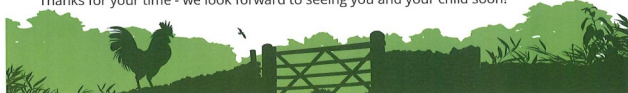
You will receive a full version of your new menu soon!

If your child requires a personal menu due to a **special dietary requirement(s)**, please complete our **Special Diet Referral Form** and return it to your school office.

If you would like more information on any of the above, or if you have any questions regarding other school food matters, please do get in touch:

- @ Send us an email: hello@feedinghungryminds.co.uk
- 📧 To find out more about us, visit www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk

Thanks for your time - we look forward to seeing you and your child soon!



Each day your child can enjoy the following:



More than lunch...

- As well as great food, we also support schools with:
- Cookery Sessions
 - Gardening Workshops
 - Nutrition Talks
 - International Food Events
 - Parent Tasting Sessions
 - Food Education Event Days
 - Annual Green Fingers Event
 - Assemblies
 - Farm Visits
 - Themed Menus
 - School Event Support
 - Educational Activities



Dear Parents and Guardians,

ISS will be introducing a new meal ordering and payment system from September 2021. The system, known as BlueRunner is user-friendly and offers several exciting benefits including:

- A clear and easy-to-use design
- An automatic registration and password reset process
- A shopping basket function to track meal selections
- Easy functionality around adding children to an account
- Printable meal plans for each child on your account
- The ability to order and cancel meals
- Automatic email confirmations of orders and changes
- Notifications and reminders to top up your balance
- Online user guides and videos

Parents who previously paid/ordered via the telephone will still be able to do this. There will be a new telephone number which we will share with you over the next few weeks.

You will receive further communications from us over the coming weeks in the lead up to the launch of the system. These will include a series of 'How To' and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

If you have any questions in the meantime, please get in touch with us at: feedinghungryminds@uk.issworld.com

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