St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter Friday 11th March 2022



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Fortnight of Fundraising through Fiction

The 'Fortnight of Fundraising through Fiction' total continues to increase. We had raised a whopping £2,262.20 but this has increased to a mammoth £2,661.65. Thank you to all contributors. The money is going to Caritas Ukraine who are helping people affected by the invasion.





Sunday 13th March 2022

Gospel : Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Medical supplies

If you remember a parent had asked me to appeal to you to donate emergency medical supplies such as bandages, painkillers, post-burn gels and plasters, burn creams, gloves, alcohol wipes. These items have slowly been coming in but more is needed.

If you prefer to make donations through websites to charities, then here are some that are collecting for the Ukrainian people in no specific order:

https://unitedhelpukraine.org/

https://voices.org.ua/en/

https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal

Help Ukraine Emergency Appeal

https://www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine

Set up earlier this month by the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB), the appeal is raising funds to provide accredited and registered Ukrainian charities with medicine, food and vital services. Donations can also pay for blankets, hygiene packs and trauma counselling.

British-Ukrainian Aid (Registered UK Charity)

https://british-ukrainianaid.org/make-a-donation

All members of the group are volunteers and work on the charity's projects after their day jobs. Fundamental principles are transparency and ethical integrity. British-Ukrainian Aid supports people suffering from the war and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine by aligning UK and Ukrainian efforts. They offer assistance to vulnerable individuals who have been physically, mentally or socially disadvantaged, including the injured and wounded, or-phaned children, the elderly, internally displaced persons and families who have lost their main earners.

The Questors Theatre

Benjamin in Year 4 is performing in a pantomime at the Questors Theatre, "Snow White" from the 11th to the 27th of March 2022. This show was originally scheduled for the Christmas period, but due to COVID19 all the performances were cancelled. The show is back on, "Oh no it isn't. Oh yes it is!"

Support our local theatre, I attach the flyer to the back of this newsletter.



Ealing's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme - Easter 2022

Ealing HAF programme will again be running this Easter and open to children who reside in Ealing and are in



aren who reside in Ealing and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (FSM). Ealing's spring HAF Programme will run from Monday 4 April – Friday 8 April and Monday 11 April – Thursday 14 April 2022. Booking information will be available through the <u>HAF pages</u> <u>on Ealing's Families Directory</u> (link is external)

The booking system will go live to view and book the available activities from Wednesday 9th March 2022. Click on the link below to view the brochure.

https://www.egfl.org.uk/sites/default/files/Spring% 202022%20HAF%20Leaflet.pdf

PC McGuigan

Yesterday, PC McGuigan gave her second talk to the Year 6 children. In this session, we learnt all about mobile phone safety and how to keep ourselves safe on the streets and whilst travelling on public transport. This was extremely beneficial for our Year 6 children who might be travelling alone to their new high schools in September. We also learnt what to do if we ever saw or were sent something inappropriate over social media. At the end of the session, we asked lots of great questions and some of us got to try on some police uniform!



Laudato Si' project - Caring for our common home



12th March is 'Plant a flower' Day. Planting flowers has environmental benefits. According to Project Green, plants help to remove pollutants from the air. During the process of photosynthesis, the flower's leaves absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen. Plants such as trees or flowers are also shown to have a positive impact on people by increasing a person's overall feeling of wellbeing and fostering a sense of pride in their surroundings. It will also help to keep pollinators such as bees and wasps busy in the spring and summer.

Challenge: Buy some seeds and plant them in a plant pot or in the garden. Help your family to prepare the garden or window boxes for planting this spring. Can you take on the responsibility of remembering to water your plants?

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!

Support for Ukraine On Monday 7th March, most children and staff came to school wearing blue and yellow clothes. Each person donated £1 and we raised £615.14.









Year 6 History Projects

This term we have been learning about World War Two. In January, we were assigned a history project (of our own choice) - it could be about any aspect of World War Two that interested us. Some themes included 'Poland during the German invasion'; WW2 Aircraft; Wartime Fashion. We had the opportunity to present our project as we liked e.g. posters, stand-up display, PowerPoint, scrapbook. This week we presented our projects to the whole year group as an exhibition - we could visit, read, discuss and learn from others' projects plus we could leave feedback by writing a positive comment inside a feedback card.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and it was fun seeing everyone's creations and information!

by Freya and Hanna in 6I



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	Maria	For using her imagination in story writing.
1AS	Alicja	For sharing fantastic ideas about spring in a class discussion.
1SS	Anaiya	For more effort in her writing tasks.
2JB	Krystian	For following instructions carefully to perform gymnastics shapes really well.
2EB	Avishan	For improving his efforts in class and making good progress as a result.
2SL	Patrick	For being well prepared for all aspects of his learning this week. Well done!
3AR	Sara	For her improved effort with her spelling.
3DS	Jacob	For working hard at improving his handwriting. Keep it up Jacob!
3SR	Artemiy	For trying his best in all that he does.
4AS	Petrus	For showing excellent knowledge in our lesson on digestion.
4MS	Bianca	For her fantastic answers to questions in all lessons this week.
4W	Wiktor	For making great improvements in his written work though hard work and proof reading.
5B	Christina	For improving her attitude towards home learning and producing some very good work!
5L	Caelan	For trying so hard in learning multiplication.
5W	Jaiden	For improved confidence in whole class discussions.
6B	Finbar	For a well presented WW2 project on RAF aircrafts.
61	Rosie	For a thoughtful, engaging and well-presented History project.
6J	Emily	For a fantastic WW2 alphabet poem including 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	Mia RB	For being a very kind and helpful member of butterflies.
Lower	Sarah RH	For being friendly and welcoming to everyone.
Middle	Anyah 2JB	For supporting her classmates with enthusiasm during our assembly.
Upper	Hubert 6I	For setting the example as to how Year 6 should focus on their work.







School Disco

The school disco held on Friday 4th March was a great success and the children loved getting into the party mood. Thank you for all the PTA volunteers who helped make the disco such a fantastic night. Thank you also to Miss Smith who helped us look after the children. We are really pleased to say that the disco raised £1068.09.



The Nursery and Reception Disco will take place on the 20th May. Further details to follow.

Easter Egg Raffle

This year we will be holding the Easter Egg Raffle on the 29th March. We ask for as many eggs to be donated as possible to make the event a success. The children are to take the eggs to their classrooms and GB Liners have kindly donated 23 boxes to store them. The children will be helping to decorate the boxes and there is a competition for the class in the Upper, Middle and Lower phase which collects the most eggs. The winning class from each phase will enjoy a class treat e.g. movie and popcorn. So remember to send the Easter eggs into the class with the children, not the school office. Boxes will be placed in the classrooms from Monday 14th March and raffle tickets will sold at the school gates from Tuesday 15th March. Raffle tickets will cost £1 per strip. If anyone can help sell the raffle tickets on the gates please contact the PTA.

Preloved Uniform Collection

From Monday 14th March, boxes will be put on each gate to collect preloved uniforms so that we can sell these later in the year. Offering a preloved uniform service at our school helps with the cost of uniform, while at the same time raising money for the school and keeping perfectly usable items out of landfill. Depending on how much is collected the sale will take place before Easter, date to be confirmed. Please make sure the uniforms are suitable for resale and have the new St. Joseph's logo on them.

Summer Fête 25th June

The planning for the Summer Fete has started! This is the biggest event of the year and takes quite a lot of preparation but is so much fun for the school and local community. The PTA welcome any suggestions for stalls and entertainment. Much of the money that is raised comes from raffle ticket sales and sponsorship, if you work for a company which might be able to donate a raffle prize or would like to place an advert in the fête brochure please let the PTA know. And if you would like to part of the team helping to organise the summer fete please contact the PTA.

Thank you St Joseph's PTA. stjosephs_pta@yahoo.com





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