



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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'Lest We Forget'

Yesterday we marked Armistice Day. At the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we remembered all the fallen soldiers and their families. The whole school stopped for two minutes.

The Lower Phase were in their own classrooms observing the silence. A lovely display by the library reminds all the children of the reason why we must remember November.



The Middle and Upper Phases formed class circles and they all observed the silence together. In the distance, you could hear the cannons going off to mark the beginning and end of the observance; very moving.



Sunday 14th November 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

"Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."



10 Day Active Travel Challenge

We completed our 10 Day Active Travel Challenge a couple of weeks ago. The challenge was about encouraging parents and children to walk, scoot or cycle to school rather than use a car. As if by magic, this was also the beginning of the Safer Street and so the two complemented each other really well. Thank you to Miss Reddin, Mrs. Kenny and Mrs. Whybrew for organising the super display of ways that families got to school without using a car. Well done to all!



Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, Monday 15th - 19th November will be Anti-Bullying Week. The theme for this year is 'One Kind Word'. To mark the beginning of this week, we are asking the children to participate in Odd Socks Day on Monday. This is an opportunity for the children to celebrate what makes them unique. To take part, all you need to do is wear odd socks to school on Monday - a really simple way to celebrate a great cause!



Fratelli Tutti – Praying Across Borders

On Wednesday, the majority of the Upper Phase took part in our Deanery group prayer session. It was led by St. Vincent's and it will be our turn in June/July.



Wellbeing assemblies at St. Joseph's

One of our priorities this year has been the wellbeing of our children. From the beginning of term we have conducted a series of wellbeing assemblies and class follow ups. I just wanted to share with you some of the work that has been done. Our assemblies focus on promoting positive wellbeing and ways of achieving it. Thank you to the Upper Phase for their display and as you can see, lots of room to add following more assemblies.



Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home



The clocks have gone back and the temperature is dropping, not good news for energy saving. There is always a spike in energy consumption at this time of year as the evenings become darker and colder and there is an increased need for light and heat. However, we can all make an effort to avoid unnecessary energy overuse.

Challenge: Walk around your home. Are there any lights on in rooms with no-one in them? Turn them off. Are the radiators turned up in the bedroom during the day when you are at school? With your parents' permission, ask if you can turn the radiator down in the morning when you make your bed and up again at night when you are using the room.

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

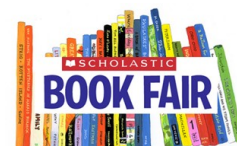
Let's make a difference – together!

PTA

A fantastic team of runners has been assembled, including St. Joseph's staff, to run in the Perivale 5 Mile Run to raise money for the PTA. As we all know it has been a rather challenging 18 months for fundraising but the PTA began with a successful Film Night and are following it up with this run. Please give generously to their Go Fund Me page: <https://gofund.me/84478489>

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair next week: 15th -19th November 2021. The Book Fair will be set up in either the Infant or Junior playground at the end of the school day (3.00/3.10-3.30pm). To prevent too many people in one place at any time, each year group has been allocated a specific day to visit the Book Fair:



Days	Year group	Area
Monday 15 th November	Nursery, Reception & Year 1	Infant playground
Tuesday 16 th November	Year 2	Green area in the Junior playground
Wednesday 17 th November	Year 3	Green area in the Junior playground
Thursday 18 th November	Year 4	Under the canopy in the Junior playground
Friday 19 th November	Years 5&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.

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	Diliana	For great effort with writing.
1AS	Ksawery	For putting outstanding effort into all of his work.
1SS	Samuel	For great non-fiction writing.
2JB	Cody	For his fantastic description of a painting of the Great Fire of London, including the word 'vanquished'!
2EB	Kayah	For creating some good expanded noun phrases to describe paintings of the Great Fire of London.
2SL	Julia	For showing patience and perseverance when working as a team to solve Maths problems!
3AR	Lily	For creating an excellent multilink animal in Maths and calculating its value.
3DS	Georgina	For good use of onomatopoeia and similes in Bonfire Night poetry.
3SR	Brendan	For his fantastic effort during Maths week.
4AS	Nelly	For always working hard even in difficult lessons.
4MS	Sofia	For making excellent progress with her swimming.
4W	Christian	For excellent preparation and delivery of his assembly lines. He always does his best.
5B	Adrian	For his fantastic participation during our Science lessons and for sharing very interesting facts!
5L	Hanna	For creating a fantastic tessellation during Maths week.
5W	Zuzanna	For making use of her vocab book in English lessons. A great habit!
6B	Olivier	From his interesting diary entry from the perspective of Jim Jarvis.
6I	Hubert, Joe and Karol	For solving the 'Deca Tree' puzzle in World record time during Maths week!
6J	Kiera	For an excellent piece of RE work on why St. John Vianney is the patron saint of priests.

Celebrations

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	Annabella 1K	For always being kind and helpful.
Middle	Carina 2SL	For showing great maturity and sensitivity.
Upper	Wiktor 4AS	For being a thoughtful member of our class and supporting other children when they have struggled with their work.



Nursery

In Nursery we focused on Fibonacci as our mathematician. We looked at spirals found in nature. We enjoyed reading a story and talking about the different spirals we can find in our surroundings. On Monday, we went on an autumn walk around St. Joseph's. We spotted lots of different signs that show us autumn has arrived. We enjoyed sorting leaves by shape and size as our maths activity. We discussed the meanings of the words- taller, shorter, bigger, biggest. We also learnt about ordering. We have been using conkers to count and learnt a song called 5 shiny conkers to help us count in sequence. We also used different autumn materials to make pictures. We made patterns and shapes. We talked about our pictures using positional language.



Reception

In Reception we have been looking at patterns in the environment as inspired by the mathematician Fibonacci. The children then created their own patterns using different mediums and resources.





Year 1

In Year One we learnt about the mathematician Ada Lovelace. She wrote the world's first machine algorithm for an early computing machine. We have been giving each other instructions to make animals out of cubes and to create a symmetrical pattern. We competed to make as many triangles as we could on geo-boards. We then went on an amazing problem solving scavenger hunt. We finished by making a whole class artistic geometric collage. We have really enjoyed the fun activities during Maths week and giving each other algorithms.



Year 2

Year 2 have been showing off their brilliant Maths skills this week and have proven themselves to be super Mathematicians! They know Maths is all around them! Our week included lots of fun problem solving activities and the children enjoyed using their Maths skills to solve problems both in the classroom and outdoors. We played Active Maths 'Golfing', took part in a number 'hunt', completed a Maths trail and even made an 'Archimedes screw' to finish off the week on Pen down Friday!





Year 3

This week Year 3 have used their English text *George's Marvellous Medicine* as a stimulus for some fun Maths work. We have used our understanding of capacity to follow a recipe and make our very own marvellous medicines. Using rulers and metre sticks we have made smaller versions of Grandma by halving measurements. As well as that, we have done Maths golf in PE, made multilink animals and completed a maths quiz based on our school environment.



Year 4

For Maths week, year 4 have been doing some problem solving activities and games. We started with some premier league football card Maths challenges. Children were required to use the 4 operations to solve problems involving premier league players. We then moved on to our lessons around our Mathematician, Rene Descartes. We read a story about how he created the cartesian coordinates system. The children then completed some coordinates Artwork and even played the classic board game battleships. We finished off the week by playing some Maths golf which combined physical skills with some Mathematical Knowledge.



Year 5

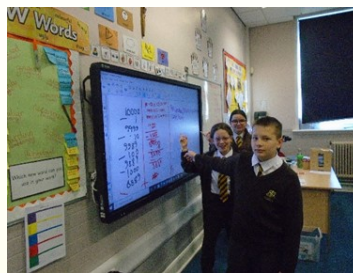
Year 5 have had lots of fun during this Maths Week! In our maths lessons we have focused on Escher and tessellations. In class we used card board to make a tile to create our own tessellation. We drew around the card on an A3 piece of paper and then used two or three colours to colour it in. In PE we played a game of bingo. We had to run and collect the answers to mathematics questions and take them back to our team and bingo card with the question on. Some of the cards had exercises on for us to do!





Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have been doing lots of exciting activities involving maths. We have celebrated Maths Week by creating Maths Hats which we will show off in a parade on Friday 12th November. Activities from this week had lots of cross curricular links e.g. a maths number hunt involving Morse Code, a golf style maths activity, a Premier League players maths activity, as well as other problem solving games. It was a great opportunity to work with children from different maths groups and classes and do lots of fun, outdoor activities.



Quotes from children:

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Reception Jacob : I made colourful patterns!

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Samuel B 2SL: My favourite activity was going on the Number hunt because we had to work as a team to find the answers.

Eddie 3SR: I had a great time making a marvellous medicine. I mixed oil, glitter, food colouring and shampoo to make a crazy potion!

Lucas 4AS: I loved making a robot picture using the coordinates. We listened to a cool story about Rene Descartes. I learnt lots about this famous mathematician!

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MATHS WEEK!

Maths Hats:



Love Learn Believe

PTA News

Perivale 5

Thank you to all those that have registered to participate and help raise funds for the PTA on 5th December at Perivale Athletics Track. The final order for t-shirts has now been placed and no more will be purchased.



The Go Fund Me page is now live. Thank you to those that have already contributed. Don't worry if you haven't had a chance to yet, the link will be sent via text. Please give whatever you can to support the enrichment of our children's education. <https://gofund.me/84478489>

Christmas Fayre

Today marks the start of our preparations. Many thanks to those families who brought in gifts for a child today. Next week (19th November) we would like you to bring in a gift for an adult female. On 26th November please donate a gift for an adult male. These gifts do not need to be wrapped. The suggested spend is £5 per gift. All gifts should be new and we ask no sharp utensils or alcohol.



The children will have the opportunity to shop for 2 people at the Christmas Fayre on 10th December. They will not necessarily get the gift they donated. The third gift will be organised and distributed by the PTA.

Your class representatives will be in touch to organise the collection of your carrier bags. Your child's bag must be clearly labelled with their name and class. It should contain 3 sheets of wrapping paper, 3 pre-written gift tags detailing the names of each person receiving a gift. Lastly a form stating the 3 people who your child is shopping for and £3.

We hope your child enjoyed the Pens Down afternoon and look forward to seeing your crazy hair next Friday.

If you have any questions please contact your class representatives.

Contacting the school office

If you have a general office related enquiry please use
ask@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk.



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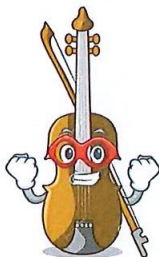
Cadenza

'Cadenza' is Ealing Music Service's well established music centre in the heart of Ealing, focussed solely on ensemble playing. We host a wide range of ensembles for over 100 young musicians from Ealing and beyond.

From January, we are opening two wonderful pre-Grade 1 ensembles: '*Super Strings*' (for violin, viola, 'cello and double bass players) and '*Wind Whizzers*' (for flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, trombone, french horn and drum kit players).

The ensembles will meet once a month on Saturdays at Grange Primary School and will also include membership to Ealing Young Voices Choir!

If your child has been playing for under a year and/or is under a Grade 1 level and wants to have loads of fun playing with other young musicians, this is a great opportunity for them.



Cadenza ensembles meet on Saturdays, once a month at Grange Primary School.

To register your interest for one of these amazing new ensembles please email Caroline Swan (Ensemble Development Lead)

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