



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Ms. Williams' Funeral

Today, about 20 members of staff were able to attend the funeral of our dear colleague, Pauline Williams. She worked with the children of our school for many years and will be sorely missed by children and staff alike. The family has asked that if any donations wish to be made, could they be made to Kidney Care UK or Leukaemia UK.



May she rest in peace.



Sunday 16th January 2022

Gospel: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward."

'Amber' status

I had hoped that the Christmas holiday period would have acted as a 'circuit break' and reduced the spread of coronavirus in our community. However, our case numbers have been increasing slowly and therefore the London Coronavirus Response Cell have stated that we are still in 'Amber' for another two weeks. On the positive side, it shows that families are testing at home. Thankfully, most positive cases are of asymptomatic children and staff with very few cases of illness. I pray that we see a reduction in case numbers soon. Please continue to follow guidance and do not send your child to school if they have symptoms.

Safer Street Update

My apologies for not coming back to you last week about the School Street camera, I have been waiting for a response from Parking Services. Apparently, there has been an unfortunate delay due to an error with the Purchase Order for the power supply for the new column. This has now been given urgent priority. Once the PO is raised SSE will be commissioned to arrange the supply and the camera will be relocated.

In the meantime, I implore you to follow the traffic regulations for the safety of our community.

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Illness

If your child is ill at home, with whichever illness, they should not be doing school work at home; they need to recover. If your child has tested positive for coronavirus and is self-isolating and is well, please email the year group email so that a link can be set up to work at home. Teachers will not provide work for children who are in perfect health but whose parents are choosing for them to stay at home, unless it is for an exceptional reason.

Virtual Athletics

Over the past few months, due to COVID, our school has been taking part in Virtual Athletics organised by the Willow Tree Sports Partnership. The children in Years 3 to 6 took part in sporting activities like standing long jump, shuttle runs, chest pushes, vertical jumps and speed bounces. The activities were either timed or counted and the results uploaded to the organisers. I am really pleased to inform you that we came first in both age groups – Years 3 and 4, Years 5 and 6. Well done to all!



Bowling

On Wednesday a group of children took part in the Willow Tree School Sport Partnership Ten Pin Bowling competition. It was the first competitive experience for the children. All children came home with a medal and will be presented with a certificate from Mr Rakowski. Thank you to Mrs. Sargeant, Mrs. Bahadrian and Mr. Sampaio for taking the children.



Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home



The Laudato Si' homework task for this month focuses on raising awareness of meat-free days. In January, people are increasingly taking on the 'Veganuary' challenge which asks people to eat a plant-based diet for the month. At St. Joseph's, we would like it if families could think about increasing their meat-free days. But why?

- Eating less meat and dairy benefits health
- It reduces our carbon footprint. Did you know that if the whole world became vegan it could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 70%?
- It is a great way to accustom our children to the tastes of different vegetables and plant-based foods and provide them with more immune boosting vitamins.

Homework task challenge:

Lower Phase: Send in a photo of you and your family eating a meat-free meal.

Middle Phase: Help to prepare a meat-free meal and enjoy it with your family. Send in a photo.

Upper Phase: Research a meat-free recipe. Help to prepare the meat-free meal and send in a photo, along with the recipe, of you enjoying it with your family. We can create a meat-free recipe book with your recipes.

Let's make a difference – together!

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	Nikodem	For staying focused on his maths task.
1AS	Elizabeth	For demonstrating fantastic gymnastic skills in PE!
1SS	Harrison	For great listening in class and working hard with his tasks.
2JB	Carla	For her fantastic effort and great improvement in reading.
2EB	Martyna	For completing some excellent work when organising books into fiction and non-fiction.
2SL	Malannie	For showing fantastic verbal communication in class!
3AR	Jack	For excellent contributions during our Stone Age lesson in History.
3DS	Valmarie	For being able to show a well-balance nutritious meal.
3SR	Resa	For his continuous effort to improve his reading.
4AS	Joey	For showing excellent understanding of analogue and digital time.
4MS	Joel	For always putting 100% effort into every lesson. A great role model!
4W	Hubert	For a mature, conscientious and neat approach to all of his work.
5B	Michal	For solving addition and subtraction calculations in a real life context.
5L	Adam	For making detailed notes about a character and using evidence to support his thoughts.
5W	Joseph	For demonstrating fantastic inference skills relating to our class reader.
6B	Grace	For consistently putting 100% effort into ALL her learning.
6I	Julia	For demonstrating good knowledge about the significance of the Bible.
6J	Mary	For a fantastic character description using parenthesis to add extra information.

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	Antoni NRD	For always helping to keep the classroom neat and tidy.
Middle	Alan 3DS	For showing fairness and good sportsmanship in the classroom and on the playground.
Upper	Hanna 5L	For always offering to help hand books and resources before being asked.

PTA News

Happy New Year to all of you.

The PTA will be holding an Annual General Meeting on 28.1.22 at 7pm at school. At this meeting the current PTA will stand down as our two year term has come to an end. A new PTA will be voted in at the meeting. If you are interested in taking on a role in the PTA, please ensure that you attend the meeting as there are still roles available. Any questions you may have regarding the roles will be answered at the meeting. Please do consider becoming involved as the money raised by the PTA is spent solely on enhancing your child's education and development.

We are looking for a chartered accountant to look over the PTA accounts before we step down. Are you or someone you know a chartered accountant and if so would you be willing to spare a couple of hours to look over the accounts. If you can help please email us at stjosephs_pta@yahoo.com

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Very best wishes
PTA.



SUPA STARS
BASKETBALL SESSIONS

BASKETBALL SESSIONS FOR YEAR 2-ADULTS
BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME

WHEN: EVERY FRIDAY FROM 7TH JANUARY
WHERE: EALING FIELDS HIGH SCHOOL,
LITTLE EALING LANE W5 4EJ

TIME:
5-6PM - YEAR 2-6 - 1HOUR
5-7PM - YEAR 2-6 - 2HOUR
6-7PM - YEAR 7-10 - 1HOUR
7-9PM - YEAR 10-ADULT - 2HOUR

COST: £10/ SINGLE SESSION
£48/ TERM (£8 /SESSION)

WHAT TO WEAR: SPORTS GEAR
WHAT TO BRING: WATER BOTTLE
& BASKETBALL (IF AVAILABLE)

MORE INFO: WWW.STAYSUPA.COM/BOOK-ONLINE
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