St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Extreme Heat Health Alert

Ealing has issued an Extreme Heat Health Alert for Monday and Tuesday. Headteachers have been told that schools should remain open but to do everything possible to lessen the effects of the hot weather including keeping children hydrated, avoiding physical activity, encouraging children to wear appropriate clothing/sunhats and to use sunscreen in the morning.

To this end, **Monday and Tuesday will be** a non-uniform day and children should come to school in cool, loose fitting, light coloured clothing and sun hats.

Enjoy the summer break

My best wishes go out to all our children, parents, staff and governors. This has been a very busy year following two years of disruption. I congratulate you all on the way that we have pulled together as a community and worked hard to get back to normality.

I hope that you all have a fantastic time over the summer holidays. School starts back for the children on Monday 5th September. On behalf of the staff, we very much appreciate your messages and most generous gifts, thank you.



Sunday 17th July 2022

Gospel : Luke 10:38-42

Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Marv. who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saving. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked. "Lord. do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Message from our Chair of Governors

I'm sure we are all relieved to have reached the end of this academic year without any lockdowns. We have been able to return to some normality with parents able to attend events at school as well as the children attending Mass at our church. Let's hope this will continue next year.

As ever, everyone has worked very hard, and I would like to say well done to the children as well as thank you to parents for their support. Thank you also to the teaching staff for their continued hard work and dedication to our children.

On behalf of the Governors, I wish you all a safe, restful summer holiday.

Anita Marshall

Leavers

We pray for all the children who are leaving St. Joseph's and wish them good luck. Whether they are Year 6 and moving on to high school or leaving because of family commitments elsewhere, please remember the friendships you made at St. Joseph's and the values we hold so dear; they will stand you in good stead wherever you go. Our prayers are also for Mrs. Sagajllo who is retiring and for Ms. Bush, Miss Barry, Miss Jaffer, Mrs. Rusakiewicz and Mrs. Dahanayake who leave our school to move on to new challenges. May God bless them all.

Safer Street Camera

On Tuesday, the Ealing Safer Streets team installed the camera which faces into York Avenue from Station Approach. Please be mindful of the times that it is in operation, I would not want you getting any tickets.



End of Year Mass

Years 1 to 5 celebrated our end of year mass in the church. The children read well and sang beautifully. Thank you to Father Michael, who stood in for Father Cristiano who is on retreat. Thank you also to the readers, Mr Brooks for his musical accompaniment and to Mrs. Ingham for organising the Mass.

'Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home.

This marks the final Laudato Si challenge in the newsletter for this academic year and is a good opportunity to say thank you to you, and your families, for all of the efforts you have made throughout the year to take up our challenges. Your efforts can, and will, make a huge

difference to our world.



29th July – 5th August Love Parks Week. Follow these simple rules to care for our local spaces.

It would be great to start the next academic year with inspirational ideas of how to care for our common home. What can you do this summer break to make a difference? Take a photo for your new class teacher and we will publish them in the newsletter or The Saint to inspire others to make a difference too.

Let's make a difference – together!

Careers Fair

On Thursday, we held our careers fair for Years 4, 5 and 6. We were fortunate enough to have a range of brilliant volunteers working in different sectors including the Metropolitan Police, Department for Education, the NHS, Her Majesty's Treasury and the Air Accident Investigation Branch. We'd like to say a special thank you to volunteers from our parent body for giving up their time. The children were fascinated and teachers have commented on how much the children enjoyed it! Each class had the opportunity to find out about what each of the volunteers does and what their organisation does to promote equal opportunities. The children's behaviour throughout the day was particularly excellent! They listened attentively and asked great questions; the volunteers really enjoyed the conversations. We hope the fair has inspired the children to know that they can be whatever they want to be! Thank you to Mr. Buckfield for organising the day and to our volunteers who gave up their time to help inspire our children.





Year 4 Trip to Hampton Court Palace

On Wednesday, Year 4 enjoyed a fabulous day out when they visited Hampton Court Palace for the day as part of their learning about Tudor history. Many of the children arrived for the day determined that Henry VIII was a villain but found out in their tour of the kitchens that he was in fact well liked and considered a generous master by his servants and subjects. We learned all about his many talents - he was a keen sportsman, hunter, accomplished dancer, very tall and handsome and was an entertaining host at his many banquets. He showed off his wealth by presenting his guests with an array of confectionary. In spite of these sweet banquets, we learned that Henry VIII would only have eaten, in his entire lifetime, the amount of sugar an average child eats in a month! We ate our picnics in the beautifully kept gardens, explored the palace including the haunted hall-way said to be haunted by Catherine Howard and spent an hour playing together in the sunshine in the Magic garden. It was a fantastic day. Thank you to all the parent helpers and staff who made the trip possible.











Discovery Centre - Year 2 trip

On Monday, Year 2 enjoyed their trip to the Outlook Discovery Centre in Bracknall. We travelled on two coaches. 'When we got out of the coach, a man named Ken told us the rules. We played in the playground and had lunch on the tables outside. We went into a classroom and learned about minibeasts. Then we tried to catch some minibeasts in a net and look at them. Finally we went inside to play with the interactive games. It was a fun day in the sun.' Thank you to all the parent helpers who accompanied the children and thank you to all the staff who planned the trip.













Year 3 Carnival Day

This week, as an end to their Geography topic on South America, Year 3 celebrated by having a carnival themed day. The children came to school in lovely bright colours and learned the importance of carnival to Brazilian people and the traditions and customs that it comes with. They also learned some samba dancing, made Brazilian masks and tried some Brazilian cheese bread called Pão de Queijo and some tropical fruits.



Reception Farm Trip

On Thursday, our three Reception classes visited Hounslow Urban Farm. The children were very excited about the day and settled on to the coaches for our journey there. The children had the opportunity to see, touch and hold creatures they had never seen before, for example a Blue Tongue Skink lizard, a Tarantula spider, a Tortoise and a Boa Constrictor snake! They also had the opportunity to be up close to some more familiar farm animals; goats, sheep, chickens, rabbits, pigs and horses. The animals were very grateful for the food the children fed them too! The children were very well behaved and the Reception staff would like to say a big thank you to all the adults that accompanied us. A big thank you also to the staff who made the trip possible.









William Hobbayne Charity

The Trustees gives out much needed uniform grants to relieve hardship for children who live in W7. This year, for children who are entitled to benefits related free school meals, the charity has agreed to pay £70 for primary applications and £100 for children in secondary schools. In total, 25 families in our school will benefit from the grant this year. In previous years, all costs were covered but the charity has been inundated with requests for help and needs to spread their generosity as much as possible.

If you should happen to come across a William Hobbayne Charity collection box in the future, please think about the generous grants they give out to our families and maybe donate some spare change.

Neighbours

I have had an email from a neighbour who has emailed me before. The neighbour is again complaining about parents trespassing on property, sitting on private garden walls, congregating immediately outside homes.

Please be sympathetic to our neighbours and refrain from sitting or congregating near walls. Thank you.

Crossrail - Elizabeth Line

Our friends from Crossrail have asked a favour of me. They would like to find out about any community groups in the local area that they could contact. They are trying to connect with residents who may have an interest in looking after their local station or getting involved with the Elizabeth line e.g. local reading groups, walking groups, recycling groups or local allotment groups. If you are a member of such a group, let me know your details and I will forward them to Elizabeth and Joyce.

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	All of 1K	For being an amazing class.
1AS	Kayden	For showing great kindness in his first few days at St. Joseph's.
1SS	Zofia	For great independent work on patterns.
2JB	All of 2JB	For being a joy to teach all year! A very hardworking class!
2EB	Alan	For his efforts and progress across all subjects.
2SL	Patrick	For making fantastic progress in all aspects of his learning. Keep it up!
3AR	Olivier	For improved effort with all of his work and positive contributions in lesson time.
3DS	Lena and Martyna	For writing an in-depth description of Rio based on Catholic Social teaching.
3SR	Manna	For making a fantastic improvement in reading.
4AS	Yousef	For making great progress in all areas of his learning.
4MS	Milla	For creating a lovely memorial to Oscar Romero in RE.
4W	Hailey	For a thoughtful, informed representation of Mother Teresa in our RE hot-seating task.
5B	Jonathon	For a fantastic review of Year 5.
5L	Hanna	For overcoming her fear of getting things wrong and trying her best in all lessons.
5W	Jaiden	For clear expressive reading aloud.
6B	Grace	For always putting 100% effort into work throughout the year.
61	Filip	For making a positive and mature contribution in RSE.
6J	Niamh	For being a shining example to her classmates giving 100% effort all of the time!

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	Alisa RL	For always being kind and helpful.
Middle	Leena 3SR	For her consistent kindness and caring attitude towards everyone.
Upper	Leon O 6B	For showing kindness and compassion when comforting a friend.

Ealing Parks

The Education Officer for Ealing Parks sent me an email to pass on to families. The education office is running workshops for children during the summer holidays where children are able to do all sorts of fun activities on certain days. Please see the full size leaflet at the back. The sessions were well attended last year in a park that is getting an incredible facelift!



Medical supplies

We continue to collect medical supplies for a parent who will forward them to the people of Ukraine. The appeal was for donations of emergency medical supplies such as bandages, over the counter painkillers, post-burn gels and plasters, burn creams, gloves, alcohol wipes.

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

British-Ukrainian Aid (Registered UK Charity) https://british-ukrainianaid.org/make-a-donation



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