



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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First Holy Communion

We continue the First Holy Communion celebration season. Although many children in our Parish celebrated their First Holy Communion a couple of weeks ago, many children in neighbouring parishes continue to celebrate this most special sacrament. Please pray for all the children. Later in June (10am on 11th June) we will celebrate our Presentation Mass where all the children who made their First Holy Communion will again celebrate together.



Sunday 12th May 2024

Gospel: John 14:15-16;
23-26



*The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
will teach you everything*

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever...."

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you."

Mr. Doak

Congratulations to Mr. Doak who was appointed by governors as our new Deputy Headteacher. He will see out the rest of the academic year at St. Vincent's and will begin with us in September, replacing Mrs. Kenny who will be retiring.



Mixing up classes

Every year, roughly 90 children start Reception and the staff make every effort to balance the classes as much as possible in terms of age, gender, language acquisition, ability and educational needs. However, as the children progress through the school the classes become less balanced due to a variety of reasons. For this reason, we re-balance the classes by mixing up the children at the end of Year 1 and at the end of Year 3. Staff in the Lower and Middle Phases will begin to plan the carefully thought-out re-structuring of classes over the next month.

Tests

This week, the children in Year 6 have been sitting their SATs. I believe that they have gone well and the children were far more positive this year about the Reading SAT compared to last year. Thank you to all the staff who helped lay on breakfasts for the children and helped prepare the children for the tests.

The children in Year 2 have been sitting optional Year 2 SATs, they have the month of May to complete them. In a few weeks, Year 4 will undertake the Multiplication Tables Check and then soon after, Year 1 will complete their Phonics Screening tests.



Cricket

On Monday, we were lucky enough to have a coach from Middlesex Cricket come into school and deliver some coaching to the children. Yolanda worked with children in Years 1 and 3. The purpose of the coaching was to introduce the children to cricket; teaching them skills that they would be able to use when playing the sport. They had lots of fun working in teams to accumulate as many runs as possible whilst being given the opportunity to both bat and field. Thank you to Miss Redhead for organising.



The Cardinal Wiseman School

Mr. Coyle has asked me to share their recent Ofsted report with families. Click on the link below to have a read:

<https://www.wiseman.ealing.sch.uk/page/?title=OFSTED%2FSEF%2FSGP&pid=50>

Book Fair

The Book Fair has been going all week in various locations around the school and I hope that you have snapped up a bargain or two in this **half price** fair. The children who formed teams are competing against each other to see which team was the best seller. Last chance to buy half price books is this afternoon in the junior playground, under the canopy. Next week I will be able to announce which team won the competition.



Mental Health Awareness Week

This week we have celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week in school. The theme this year has been 'Movement: Moving More for Your Mental Health'. The children have begun to understand how movement can help support their mental health. Activity and movement make us feel better. Yesterday was 'Wear it Green Day' to highlight the need to keep moving. Lots of children and staff wore an item of green clothing.

The teachers were encouraged to give the classes more time for movement breaks allowing for a mental and sensory break. There were also oracy starter cards put out on the lunch tables so that children can have discussions on their tables. The children's Wellbeing Committee organised some 'feel good' notes around the playground too. Thank you to Mrs. Day, Miss McEwen and the Wellbeing Committee for making the week so special.



Catholic Social Teaching

As we continue with our focus the 'Dignity of the worker' as one of the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching, this week let us think about the word 'respect'.

The dignity of work has been a key principle of Catholic social teaching from the very beginning. Catholic Social Teaching believes that **work is dignified, special and very important**. Therefore, workers must always be **respected** – this includes fair wages and fair working conditions.

What does respect look like?

How can we show respect to others?

What is the impact of being respectful to others?

How does respect make us feel?

How does it feel if we are disrespected?



Challenge: With the help of someone at home, have a think about the different places in which you can show respect and put this principle into **action**...

Use the template as shown below (also attached) to guide your thoughts and jot down your ideas!



Cooking Club – Middle Phase

I have included the same article from last week about our new cooking Club. 'My Little Chef At Home' is starting an after-school cooking club on Fridays 3:15pm–4:15pm from 7th June. The children will get a chance to learn how to cook, be creative and whip up delightful sweets or savoury recipes each week, all in the space of 1 hour. Please see the flyer at the back of this newsletter. Click the link below for more details:

<https://mylittlechefathome.classforkids.io/term/62>



Polish School

At the back of this newsletter is a flyer for an open day at the Tadeusz Kosciuszko Polish School happening tomorrow at St. Benedict's School in Ealing. Please have a read for more information.

Celebrations

Religious Education Work of the Week awards are given to children who have shown that bit of extra effort in their RE lessons that week.

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Yousef	For being respectful to other religions.
RB	Zuzanna	For your fantastic account of what happened at Pentecost. Well done!
RH	Rosie	For always saying prayers so nicely.
RL	Mira	For her brilliant understanding of the events of Pentecost.
1AP	Marcel	For being a wonderful and confident prayer leader.
1EB	Joseph	For writing about holidays in our Holydays/Holidays topic.
1SR	Petr	For his great contribution to class discussions in RE lessons.
2AB	Connor	For a lovely re-enactment of the story of Pentecost.
2AF	Barnaby	For his lovely work describing what happened on Pentecost Day.
2JB	Lorena	For showing knowledge of the story of Pentecost.
3AR	Mary	For her contributions when learning about the importance of the Mosque.
3DB	Kayden	For carefully labelling the different parts of the Mosque.
3M	Amen	For sharing your knowledge on Islam.
4AS	Avishan	For writing an excellent diary entry based on the scripture Acts 8:26-30.
4GS	Zofia	For a fabulous diary entry where you have really identified with the Ethiopian as he became a believer of God.
4S	Malannie	For asking a fantastic question during role-play demonstrating her understanding.
5AL	Alex	For explaining how he has been blessed by the fruits of the Holy Spirit.
5AS	Lidia	For describing ways that she uses the 'fruits of the Holy Spirit' in her life.
5CR	Xavier	For a good understanding of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and how he shows them!
6LI	Hailey	For being a confident example of a prayer leader; using a loud voice and clear actions.
6MS	Olly	For his explanation of how some people are modern witnesses to Jesus. Well done.
6WL	Christian	For always giving thoughtful responses in RE which demonstrate his faith.

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
Nursery	Emmie	For kind and caring approach towards others.
RB	Hanna	For a great improvement in your writing. Well done!
RH	Ruby	For clear speaking in the Honeybees' Celebration Assembly practice.
RL	All of RL	For an amazing performance in the assembly; so proud of you all!
1AP	Lourdes	For her excellent non-chronological report plan.
1EB	Niccolo	For some super work finding three quarters of different amounts.
1SR	Elliot	For using the sharing method well to find fractions of amounts.
2AB	Izabela	For excellent jumping in PE.
2AF	Dominic	For his consistent, brilliant attitude in class and to his learning, well done!
2JB	Olaf	For his excellent effort during SATs this week.
3AR	Scarlett	For settling in to her new class so well, very well done!
3DB	Steve	For working hard to learn his lines for the production.
3M	Esme	For working hard on your handwriting and achieving your pen licence.
4AS	Freddie	For working incredibly hard in all lessons this week, and showing a great attitude to learning.
4GS	Louie	For great participation and responses in our class discussions about 'The Suitcase Kid'. Well done!
4S	Noah	For always showing fantastic teamwork in PE!
5AL	Michael	For explaining the life cycle of an insect and an amphibian in science.
5AS	Manna	For sharing wonderful facts about Gandhi.
5CR	All of 5CR	For an incredible celebration assembly! So proud of your performance. Well done!
6LI	Anthony	For polite manners in a variety of situations.
6MS	Thalia	For her amazing David Hockney inspired sketch!
6WL	Joel	For giving his best effort in all he does and always with a smile on his face.

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	Matilda Nur.	For helping others understand class rules.
Middle	Scarlett 3AR	For being warm, kind and considerate when welcoming a new member to our class, well done!
Upper	Alfie 4S	For always coming to school with a brilliant positive attitude and showing resilience.

Love Learn Believe

Ways to Show Respect

Either on your own or with a buddy, think of all the different ways respect can be seen, felt or heard in these different settings and with these different groups of people.

In the classroom:

In the playground:

At home:

In assemblies:

To my peers:

To adults:

To myself:





COOKING CLUB

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY
7TH JUNE - 12TH JULY 24

FRIDAYS
3:15PM - 4:15PM

After-school
Cooking Club

Culinary Creativity in just one
hour

Whip up delightful sweet or
savory recipes each week



Developing Life Skills

- ✓ **Nutrition**
- ✓ **Creativity**
- ✓ **Independence**
- ✓ **Teamwork**
- ✓ **Literacy**
- ✓ **Numeracy**
- ✓ **Confidence**
- ✓ **Problem Solving**



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TADEUSZ KOSCIUSZKO POLISH SATURDAY SCHOOL

The Polish Saturday School in Ealing was established over 70 years ago. Throughout the years we remained faithful to our roots, celebrated Polish identity and continued to be home away from home for the Polish diaspora.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

- Established over 70 years ago
- We teach Polish, History, Geography and RE
- GCSE & A-level
- Polish-English class
- Celebrating Polish culture and tradition
- Education for 4-18 year olds

ADMISSIONS ARE NOW OPEN

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Open Day

18 May 2024

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