



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 17th November 2023

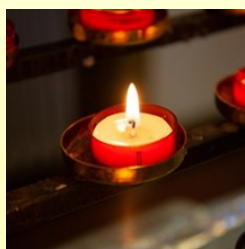


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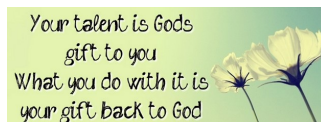
#### Children in Crisis – Own Clothes Day Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Many thought that the fighting in Gaza would be over very soon. Sadly, it still goes on with what seems like little intervention from any major nations. All this time, the children in Palestine and Israel suffer immeasurably, some with little or no food, water or fuel. To help the struggling children we will hold a non-uniform day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November where children are asked to bring in a minimum of £1 for wearing their own clothes. The money collected will go towards charities engaged in helping the children in the region.



#### Sunday 19th November 2023

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30



*The parable of the Talents is a challenge to use our gifts to achieve what God expects from us*

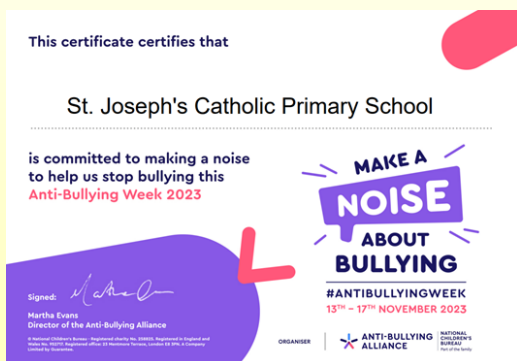
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who, before going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

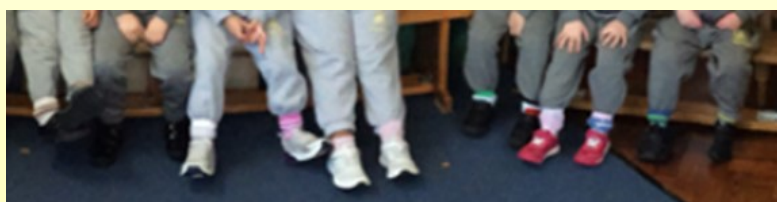
But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

#### Anti-Bullying Week

This week we have taken part in Anti-Bullying Week. In classes, we discussed bullying and what it actually means and the harm it does. We have also talked about how to stop bullying. Importantly, we understand that we can make a difference together and take a stand against bullying. We created posters and displays to raise awareness. Although incidences of bullying are thankfully rare at St. Joseph's we must 'Make a Noise About Bullying' to keep up awareness and not be silent when we see bullying take place... report it! To celebrate being different Nursery children wore odd socks, well done to them. Thank you to Mrs. Day and the rest of the staff for celebrating Anti-Bullying Week.



## Anti-Bullying Week continued..



## Children's Commissioner for England

The Children's Commissioner has asked that we share this survey with our community. Dame Rachel De Souza has a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. She will be sharing the responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard. Her national campaign 'The Big Ambition' seeks to ensure that the voices of all children are fairly represented. This is also a great opportunity for us to teach the children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice. Our children in the Middle and Upper Phases will begin the survey next week in school. Children or parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

## Friday 24th November: Crazy Hair Day — Bring in a child's gift

Watch your child unleash their inner creativity with fun and crazy hairstyles! In return, please send in a gift to baby/child or teen (think games, arts and crafts, puzzles).



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



The idea behind this R (Repurpose) is to give items a new life or 'purpose' by using them in a different way from which they were originally intended. 'Repurposing' is also commonly referred to as 'upcycling'. So, where to start? Many containers can be repurposed. For example:

- Glass dessert pots can become flowerpots
- Ice cream tubs can become storage containers
- Bottles can become candle holders
- Bottle tops can be made into tealights
- Crates can be turned into planters

Challenge:

Try to visit websites such as Hipcycle which will inspire you to look at everyday, household items in a new light.

Let's make a difference – together!

### Winter 2023 HAF programme

The HAF programme provides funded holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities, for children and young people in Reception to Y11:

who reside in or attend school in Ealing and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (FSM), or who are vulnerable and would benefit from a HAF place.



Children in Reception to Year 6 who are in receipt of the universal FSM offer are **not eligible** for HAF.

Ealing's Winter HAF will run from Friday 22 December 2023 and Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 January 2024

Eligible children and young people can attend for a maximum of **5 days** over the Christmas school holiday.

Booking information and FAQ: [HAF pages on Ealing's Families Directory](#)

HAF bookings open Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November and close Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

## 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	Sienna	For a good discussion about birthdays.
RB	Kate	For her excellent knowledge about Baptism. Well done!
RH	Joyce	For fabulous writing about a Baptism in RE.
RL	Caimin	For his good knowledge on Baptism.
1AP	Ayanne	For her excellent piece of writing about Baptisms.
1EB	Isaac	For super work about the importance of Godparents and the Baptismal Candle.
1SR	Zuzanna	For being a great prayer leader and setting a great example during prayer times.
2AB	Natan	For writing a great description on the symbolism of water and oil in Baptism.
2AF	Dominic	For great writing on Signs and Symbols used in Baptism.
2JB	Mia	For understanding that Christians are Baptised with water because Jesus was.
3AR	Scarlett	For her great recall of the different parts of a Baptism.
3DB	Aiden	For describing the sequence of a Baptism ceremony in great detail.
3MS	Oleg	For sequencing and describing each step of the Rite of Baptism.
4AS	Noar	For understanding the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
4GS	Jack	For including the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit in his Confirmation prayer card. Well done!
4S	Samuel	For making fantastic links between Sean Devereux's life choices and the Corinthians.
5AL	Jethya	For her beautifully presented work on the Sacrament of Marriage.
5AS	Edore	For explaining how partners should behave within a marriage.
5CR	Georgina	For creating a brilliant double page spread showing the different parts of a marriage liturgy.
6LI	Martina	For finding out several reasons why St. John Vianney is a good patron saint for priests.
6MS	Lucas	For his thoughtful and perceptive responses to questions about the qualities required of someone wishing to join the priesthood.
6WL	Zachary	For demonstrating good understanding of the parts to the Sacrament of Ordination.

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	Henryk	For learning to do up his coat independently.
RB	Abilaash	For beginning to write sentences independently. Well done!
RH	Luca	For making fantastic progress in reading and writing.
RL	Mira	For her great work on forming numbers.
1AP	Ezra	For working wonderfully with 3D shapes.
1EB	Olivia	For trying so hard with her writing.
1SR	Marcin	For reading with great fluency and understanding.
2AB	Kornelia	For super work on finding lines of symmetry in 2D shapes.
2AF	Tatiana	For great improvement to her handwriting.
2JB	Maks	For his excellent effort to improve his phonic knowledge.
3AR	Hassan	For excellent problem solving skills in Maths! Well done!
3DB	Thalia	For showing great perseverance in Maths when mastering division.
3MS	Esme	For your fantastic work as a line monitor. You have shown great leadership skills.
4AS	Olivia	For trying her best in all areas of the curriculum! Well done!
4GS	All of 4GS	For a fabulous Class Collective Worship, singing in Spanish and creatively designing your masks.
4S	Michael	For great effort during Maths this week!
5AL	Alexander	For showing great enthusiasm during Geography lessons and learning facts about mountains.
5AS	Jack	For showing excellent understanding of mountains around the world.
5CR	Piero	For using everything we've learnt in our English lessons to write a great opening to a shipwreck story.
6LI	Allessandro	For being active and curious in our discussion about the Industrial Revolution.
6MS	Sinead	For working extremely hard at drafting her balanced argument in English.
6WL	Shivangi	For an excellent biography about Queen Victoria.

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	Adrianna 1SR	For always leading by great example.
Middle	Ella 2AF	For always including others during teamwork activities and playtime.
Upper	Nathanael and Christian 6LI	For showing patience and understanding whilst helping a friend learn how to play a card game