



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th March 2022



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### St. Joseph's Day Mass

This morning we went to Mass together for the first time in a long while. Not only was it special to be celebrating our Patron Saint's feast day but it also drew to a close our much-extended 'Year of St. Joseph'. We were lucky enough to be joined by some of our Deanery schools who sent their pupil chaplains to represent their own schools. Each school brought wooden crosses to symbolise St. Joseph's carpentry skills. The designs reflected that St. Joseph was a caring father figure. Thank you to Father Sanjeeb for celebrating Mass and to all the readers and singers who also made it extra special. Thank you also to Mrs. Ingham for organising this most special Mass.



**Sunday 20th March 2022**

**Gospel: Luke 13 : 1- 9**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did."



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### Parking

A long time past parent emailed me in the week complaining about the dangerous parking that a minority of our parents are continuing to exhibit in Station Road; they are not adhering to the highway code.

Disappointingly, I have already mentioned this twice in recent newsletters. Parents and carers should be setting good examples to their children of good citizenship by ensuring they park responsibly and do not put others in danger.



### The Questors Theatre

Benjamin in Year 4 is performing in a pantomime at the Questors Theatre, "Snow White" from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2022. This show was originally scheduled for the Christmas period, but due to COVID19 all the performances were cancelled. The show is back on, "Oh no it isn't. Oh yes it is!"

Support our local theatre, I attach the flyer to the back of this newsletter.



### Medical supplies

Our total for our fundraising to date is £3,448.79. Thank you so much for your contributions, whichever form they take.



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, 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>

Set up earlier this month by the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB), the appeal is raising funds to provide accredited and registered Ukrainian charities with medicine, food and vital services. Donations can also pay for blankets, hygiene packs and trauma counselling.

British-Ukrainian Aid (Registered UK Charity)

<https://british-ukrainianaid.org/make-a-donation>

All members of the group are volunteers and work on the charity's projects after their day jobs. Fundamental principles are transparency and ethical integrity. British-Ukrainian Aid supports people suffering from the war and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine by aligning UK and Ukrainian efforts. They offer assistance to vulnerable individuals who have been physically, mentally or socially disadvantaged, including the injured and wounded, orphaned children, the elderly, internally displaced persons and families who have lost their main earners.

### Fratelli Tutti - Praying Across Borders

This week it was the turn of St. Raphael's Catholic Primary School in Northolt to lead our Deanery in child-led prayer. Our whole community joined via Teams to listen and pray together. If ever there was an important time to have prayers reach across borders, this is it. The invasion of Ukraine has caused devastating consequences in the country. I hope that through prayer and discussions, peace will prevail.



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



It is World Water Day on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022. Extreme weather events are making water more scarce, more unpredictable, more polluted or all three. Life relies on water to survive and flourish. We often include water based challenges for the Laudato Si' project from turning off the taps during teeth brushing, to having shorter showers, refilling water bottles or collecting rain water to water plants. Can you think of another way to reduce water wastage?

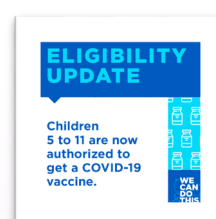
**Challenge: Come up with a different idea for reducing water waste at home/ school.**

Watch out for the March Laudato Si' homework challenge in the newsletter next week! 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!**

## Covid-19 vaccinations

I have been asked to forward this information to our parent body. Please read below.



- Covid-19 vaccinations for 5 to 11 year olds in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed** - Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the Covid-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)\(link is external\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book\(link is external\)](#). Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years\(link is external\)](#) published by UKHSA. The DfE have published some [frequently asked questions\(link is external\)](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19.
- Covid-19 vaccinations for healthy 5 to 11 year olds** - Following [advice from the JCVI\(link is external\)](#), healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the Covid-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April. With the planned NHS rollout offer of vaccinations to all 5 to 11 years olds from 19th April, work continues in selecting host sites.

## Ealing's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme - Easter 2022

Ealing HAF programme will again be running this Easter and open to children who reside in Ealing and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (FSM). Ealing's spring HAF Programme will run from Monday 4 April – Friday 8 April and Monday 11 April – Thursday 14 April 2022. Booking information will be available through the [HAF pages on Ealing's Families Directory\(link is external\)](#)

The booking system will go live to view and book the available activities from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Click on the link below to view the brochure.

<https://www.egfl.org.uk/sites/default/files/Spring%202022%20HAF%20Leaflet.pdf>





### **Sports Discovery Festival**

On Friday 11th March, 10 children from Year 5 and 6 visited Cardinal Wiseman to take part in a Sports Discovery Festival. Here, we were introduced to some sports we have never played before like Kurling, Badminton and Sitdown Volleyball. We also completed some events in athletics but with a difference - we were blindfolded! This was really fun but we had to rely on our teammate to guide us through. Throughout the 9 activities we were rewarded for exemplifying the Sports Games Values and AJ in Year 5 received a certificate for demonstrating an important skill, Self-Belief. Thank you to Miss Bertorelli and Ms. Males who took the group.



### **Football match—St. Joseph's v Fielding**

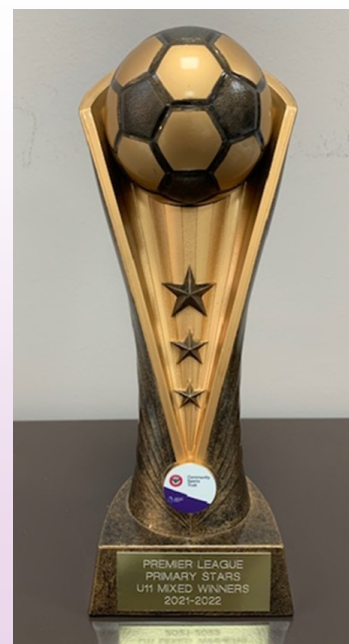
On Monday, St. Joseph's girls and boys competed in a Peal Shield match against Fielding Primary School. The girls kicked off first and immediately made an impact against their opponents. They got two early goals in the fixture which put them in a good position to win the game. Fielding stayed in the game and managed to score two back. In the final minutes of the game St. Josephs scored an outstanding goal which won them the game.

Well done to Florence, Nancy, Estelle, Diana, Sienna, Grace, Freya, Eimear, Bonnie and Keira.

The boys team faced a well drilled Fielding side who had not lost a match prior to this fixture. They proved to be difficult opponents by scoring two goals in the first 5 minutes of the game. St. Joseph's stayed strong and managed to score two goals before the end of the first half. A lack of concentration in the second half allowed for Fielding to score another goal making the score 3-2. Fielding then continued to show their skill in this half and went on to score 3 more goals. Throughout the second half, St. Joseph's showed outstanding determination and refused to give up until the final whistle was blown. The boys should keep their heads held high after giving a fantastic performance and pushing themselves throughout the whole game. Well done to Finbar, Joe, Pedro, Jonjo, Callum, Oliwier, Ted, Charlie, Tom and William. A special thank you to Miss Delaney, Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Sampaio for accompanying the children.

### **Brentford Football Tournament**

On Thursday, 8 boys from St. Joseph's travelled to Gunnersbury Park to compete in a tournament organised by Brentford Football Club. A total of 14 teams competed in the group stages of the competition. St. Joseph's faced some tough opponents in the group stages including local rivals St. Gregory's. This match was full of thrills but ended in a draw between the two sides. In the rest of the group stage, St. Joseph's won 4 out of their 6 matches and scored numerous goals in these fixtures. The boys felt confident as they progressed through to the knockout stages of the competition. The quarter final and semi final seemed to repeat themselves as super sub Ted came on to score the winner in both fixtures; each game ending 1-0 to St. Joseph's. The boys waited in anticipation for the announcement of their final opponents. A rematch against St. Gregory's was the final hurdle that the boys had to overcome. St. Joseph's did not disappoint in the final. 2 fantastic goals from St. Joseph's was enough to keep St. Gregory's at bay and bring home the first place trophy. The boys had outstanding performances in every game of the competition. Well done to Finbar, Charlie, Ted, Oliwier, Callum, Jonjo, William and Joe. Thank you to Mr. Sheehan and Ms. Males for accompanying the children for this event.



## 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    | Sophia    | Foe being a fantastic role model during assembly rehearsals.                                    |
| 1AS   | Nathan    | For great improvement in independent writing.                                                   |
| 1SS   | Angeline  | For putting super effort into all her tasks.                                                    |
| 2JB   | Chris     | For the excellent presentation of his work in all subjects.                                     |
| 2EB   | Grania    | For working hard to create an excellent 3D model lighthouse.                                    |
| 2SL   | Julia     | For being an excellent role model at all times. Well done!                                      |
| 3AR   | Alexander | For writing a fantastic play script based on 'Gregory Cool'                                     |
| 3DS   | Julia     | For always contributing confidently in class discussions.                                       |
| 3SR   | Paul      | For a brilliantly written play script based on 'Gregory Cool'.                                  |
| 4AS   | Riley     | For always showing a fantastic attitude towards his learning.                                   |
| 4MS   | David     | For his excellent effort writing a narrative in English.                                        |
| 4W    | Nicole    | For using a wide variety of sentence starters, and punctuation, in her narrative writing.       |
| 5B    | Evan      | For his positive mindset towards all areas of the Year 5 curriculum!                            |
| 5L    | Aoibhnn   | For showing enthusiasm during PE lessons recently.                                              |
| 5W    | Senula    | For a thoughtful response to the sacrifices young carers make and the cost of these sacrifices. |
| 6B    | Callum    | For beginning to ask good questions to further extend his learning.                             |
| 6I    | Patrick   | For sharing his D&T sawing skills to assist others.                                             |
| 6J    | Angelina  | For outstanding examples of jumps, rolls and balances with controlled movement.                 |

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  | D'Law 1AS     | For supporting her classmates in 1AS's class assembly.                              |
| Middle | Charlotte 3SR | For being a kind and caring friend.                                                 |
| Upper  | Oliver 4MS    | For always going out of his way to help other children and adults in the classroom. |

## Class photos—Wednesday 23rd March

Class photos will be taken on Wednesday 23rd March for all classes from Nursery to Year 6. Please note the following:

**Year 2 children should come into school wearing their uniform.**

**Class 3DS should come into school wearing their uniform and bring their PE kit to school.**





### Easter Egg Competition & Raffle

The competition has started and the boxes to collect the Easter eggs for the raffle on the 29th March have been delivered to each classroom. Some of the classes have had great fun decorating their boxes. The more eggs collected the more successful the event and the more fun the children will have. The competition is for the class in the lower (reception & year 1), middle (year 2 & 3) and upper phase (year 4, 5 & 6) which collects the most eggs. The winning class from each phase will enjoy a class treat of a movie and popcorn. Remember to send the Easter eggs into the class with the children not to the school office.

Raffle tickets to win Easter eggs are on sale on the infant and junior gates and cost £1 per strip. If anyone can help sell the raffle tickets at the gates please contact the PTA. As always thank you to everyone that has volunteered to sell the tickets.



### Preloved Uniform Collection

As the weather has been unpredictable a preloved uniform collection bin has been placed in the front office so that items donated can remain dry. If you have any items of uniform you no longer require please donate these. We accept clean and good quality, current logo uniform or sports uniform. We are grateful for all donations received and, depending on how much is collected, the preloved uniform sale will take place before Easter, date to be confirmed.

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers to help with our events are always very much appreciated and often make the difference between an event being possible or not. We have a WhatsApp group for PTA helpers, please email us your telephone number if you are interested in joining. You won't be expected to help all the time but it's an easy way to know when events do require some extra help and what help is needed.



Thank you  
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**The Questors**  
THEATRE

## **EALING'S PANTOMIME**

**11 - 27 MARCH 2022**

See reverse for showtimes



### **BOX OFFICE**

questors.org.uk | 020 8567 5184

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