



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024



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Junior Adventures Group

Before the Christmas holiday a few parents were in touch with me to see if our after school provision could be improved in terms of the activities that are on offer. I reached out to Junior Adventures Group and they have sent through a survey to fill out to get an idea of the types of activities that parents are after. Please click on the link below to fill out the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/IEZPWBwC40>

PTA Annual General Meeting

On Monday, the PTA held its Annual General Meeting. The outgoing committee shared their report and there was an election to form a new committee. I would like to thank the outgoing committee – Ms. Hawissa, Ms. Balls, Ms. Jamiru, Ms. Busuttil and Ms. Zapala - on behalf of all the staff, children and Governors at St. Joseph's for their unrelenting and sterling efforts over the past couple of years to raise money for the benefit of the children at St. Joseph's. All of the children have very much enjoyed the various events laid on by the PTA and I have also enjoyed working with them; thank you.



Ms. Rogantin, Ms. Flynn, Mrs Saunders, Mrs. Demkov Dlugosz, Mrs. Crampton and Mr. Kostelecki were voted in as the new committee. I am looking forward to working with the new committee and trust that the whole school community will welcome them 'on-board'.

Sunday 21st January 2024

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20



"Repent, and believe in the good news."

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea-for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Children's Wellbeing Committee

The other day I stumbled upon a Children's Wellbeing Committee meeting. The group were working on ideas that would help the children here at St. Joseph's. They have some super ideas: Create assemblies on how the team can help and tips on how to look after our wellbeing.

Posters for around school with tips on how to look after our wellbeing; positive self-talk tips; who to go to for different reasons. New pupil tour of school showing them around and giving tips and information about St. Joseph's.

Different badges for committee members who could help children with different wellbeing needs.



Travel Ambassadors

Well done to the St. Joseph's Junior Travel Ambassadors for their 'Be Bright Be Seen' stall, held on the Infant playground this week in support of our School Travel Plan. Thank you to Alicia, Esme and Joseph from Year 3. A special thanks to Joseph for stepping in at the last minute to help! The JTAs will be running the stall again next week in the Infant Playground on Tuesday 23rd January at 3:15. They will be selling a range of hi-visibility items, such as stickers and key chains. Items are priced from 50p to £1 and the sale is cash only. Thank you to Mrs. Day for organising.



Arguing Parents

On Thursday morning, two men were seen arguing vehemently close to our school. It was quite upsetting for some of our children as they were making their way to St. Joseph's. The men were parents of children who attend Hobbayne Primary School and were arguing over an incident that their children had been involved in at their school. Thankfully, I know such an incident would not happen at St. Joseph's as all parents know that any issues that arise should be taken to the class teachers and not sorted out outside school.

Catholic Social Teaching

This term our Catholic Social Teaching focus throughout the school is 'Solidarity and Peace'. Solidarity is a word which can be overused and little understood. However, it is fundamental to the way in which we treat one another. If we truly believe that we are all sisters and brothers of one another, made in God's image and likeness as seen in the guideline of human dignity, then seeking the good of one another cannot be ignored. The quotation from St John Paul II is an ongoing challenge. Solidarity is not just feeling sorry for those who suffer. It is a commitment to action. "We are all really responsible for all" – all of us. Wherever we are. Whatever our age. Whatever our circumstances. We are all responsible for one another, those close by, and those far away. All of our actions have consequences locally and globally. From how we treat people we meet in the street, to the coffee we buy in the supermarket. It is how we live out Caritas, love in action.

The next six week's challenges will be focusing on ways in which we can work towards solidarity and peace in our lives through love in action. Please try to complete the challenge each week. Class Teachers will be looking forward to seeing your hard work!

Challenge:

This week, take some time to research charities that work towards peace in our world (Red Cross, Christian Aid, Pax Cristi etc.)

Choose your own unique style to present your research and hand in to your Class Teacher by Wednesday 24th January.

Rise in measles in North-West London

In the last few weeks there has been an increase in the number of cases of measles in North-West London, including a few among Ealing children. This is in the context of a rise in measles nationally and in London, linked to low immunisation coverage. Measles is extremely infectious and can cause serious illnesses, including pneumonia and meningitis. I attach the previous letter to the back of this newsletter.

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	Karol NRdps	For amazing ideas about celebrations.
RB	Yesandi	For showing a good understanding of the Presentation story – well done!
RH	Kacen	For being enthusiastic to take part in role playing the Presentation story.
RL	Eduvie	For re-telling the story of the Presentation of Jesus.
1AP	Antoni C	For always being a wonderful prayer leader for 1AP.
1EB	William	For his work learning about the special jobs in Church.
1SR	Adrianna	For great role play in RE.
2AB	Leon	For writing a thoughtful response on what the Bible means to him.
2AF	Jacob	For his great ideas and participation in RE this week.
2JB	Jarvoise	For his lovely contribution that the Bible is all about the love of God.
3AR	Meabh	For excellent contributions when discussing the seasons and events in the Liturgical Year.
3DB	Sebastian	For his beautiful work on his personal journey throughout the year.
3M	Shane	For completing your yearly journey work.
4AS	Kei'Aire	For presenting information about the disciple Thomas clearly to the rest of the class,
4GS	Joshua	For knowing about and being able to name the 12 Apostles, who formed part of Jesus' community in spreading the Word of the Lord.
4S	Carla	For always presenting her RE work beautifully. Well done!
5AL	Alexander	For creating a detailed leaflet about Westminster Cathedral.
5AS	Eddie	For creating an interesting leaflet about Westminster Cathedral.
5CR	Olivia	For creating a brilliant leaflet about Westminster Cathedral.
6LI	Kai	For a thoughtful and informative 'Solidarity and Peace' poster for our CST topic.
6MS	Dacya	For creating a super poster about Solidarity and Peace.
6WL	Arsen	For treating the Bible with reverence when looking up scripture in the Old and New Testaments.

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	Esther	For her perseverance during activities.
RB	Sravan	For showing a good understanding of Pictograms. Well done!
RH	Christian	For showing improvement all round.
RL	Isla-Rose	For giving 100% effort in Maths.
1AP	Hope	For putting in her best effort when reading. Well done!
1EB	Emma	For her effort in all of her lessons. Well done!
1SR	Ophelia	For her great written work on Baby Bear's journey to the moon.
2AB	Josiah	For great work on adding different amounts of money.
2AF	Lamis	For settling into St. Joseph's so well!
2JB	Henry	For his excellent typing skills when using Microsoft Word.
3AR	Scarlett	For her improved effort when working across all subjects.
3DB	Nikodem	For making a huge effort to improve the quality of his written work.
3M	Nichelle	For working hard to create strong friendships and show kindness.
4AS	Isla	For showing brilliant shading and sketching skills in Art.
4GS	Adam	For making vast improvements in the presentation of his work. Well done, keep it up!
4S	Shaina	For always trying her hardest across every subject.
5AL	Diya	For being a fantastic role model and working hard in all lessons.
5AS	Henry	For making a fantastic effort with his presentation.
5CR	Louis	For brilliant history work with great ideas of what we could learn in our Mayan topic!
6LI	Alice	For producing high-quality work consistently across the curriculum.
6MS	Lucas	For his interesting contributions and questions about the causes of WW2 in History.
6WL	Logan	For writing a detailed, well-structured summary of 'evacuation'.

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	Asena 1EB	For always showing great kindness to others.
Middle	Mikaela 2AF	For always being a kind, caring and a helpful member of 2AF.
Upper	Lewis 6LI	For always being a willing and happy volunteer.

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8 January 2024

Dear parent/carer,

Re: rise in measles in north-west London

In the last few weeks there has been an increase in the number of cases of measles in north-west London, including a few among Ealing children. Measles is extremely infectious and can cause serious illnesses, including pneumonia and meningitis.

Immunisation

Make sure your child gets two MMR vaccines on time; the first at 1 year old and the second at 3 years, 4 months. Having both doses gives long lasting protection against measles, mumps, and rubella. You can find more information about the MMR vaccine on the [NHS website](#) or if you have any questions or worries about vaccinations, here's a [video link](#) that helps explain them.

If you or your child missed these vaccines, it's not too late. Ask for a free vaccine from your family doctor (GP) if you or your children aren't up to date. If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine immunisations, please check their 'red book' (personal child health record) or contact your GP practice. Your GP or practice nurse will be able to review your child's immunisation status and answer questions about immunisation.

Symptoms of measles

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. Stay away from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.

Symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; and a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the first symptoms.

Please note that when children are feeling unwell, most of the time, they can still attend school, and should be encouraged to do so. It is usually appropriate for parents and

carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. If you are unsure, please seek advice by calling NHS 111 or your GP.

Contact with a measles case

The UK Health Security Agency will be notified of all cases of measles and advise on the public health management including contact tracing. Please note that if your child has not had one dose of MMR vaccine and someone else in the same house gets measles, they will not be able to go to school for 21 days after contact with the infected person (the time infection can take to develop).

For more information on measles, please go to the [NHS website](#).

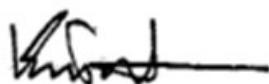
Yours sincerely,



Anna Bryden, Director of Public Health, Ealing Council



Robert South, Strategic Director of Children's Services, Ealing Council



Dr Vijay Tailor, Borough Medical Director, Ealing Borough Based Partnership

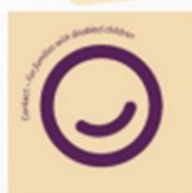
FREE
online parenting workshop

contact *For families
with disabled children*

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This workshop will look at the support available
for families of children & young people with
additional needs, including information on
education, health, social care and financial issues

There will also be the opportunity to have your questions
answered



Delivered by
**The Contact Ealing
Team**

**Wednesday, 31st
January 2024
10am-12pm
via MS Teams**

email parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk to register or for more info



**SUPPORTIVE
ACTION FOR
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EALING PARENTING SERVICE SPRING TERM 2024 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Tuesday, 23rd January

10am-12pm via MS Teams

Understanding Your Teen

This workshop will look at emotional development through adolescence, to help better understand teenage behaviour and enable us to empathise with their experience. The workshop will also discuss mental health and the support available

This session is for parents/carers of young people aged 12-18 years

Wednesday, 31st January

10am-12pm via MS Teams

The Contact Ealing Team

This workshop will look at the support available for families of children & young people with additional needs, including information on education, health, social care and financial issues

This session is aimed at all parents/carers

Tuesday, 20th February

10am-12pm via MS Teams

Employment, Benefits & Retraining

This workshop will be delivered by Think Family Plus work coaches. You will discover what support is available for you, get advice on returning to work. You will receive help around retraining for a different career and will get a chance to have your questions answered

This session is aimed at all parents/carers

Thursday, 29th February

10am-12pm via MS Teams

Playful Interactions

Explore your inner child as a way of connecting and communicating with children through playful interactions.

This session is aimed at all parents/carers

Please email parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk to book your place, giving your full name/email address/mobile no.