



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Happy St. Joseph's Day!



Today was no ordinary St. Joseph's Day for us at school. Not only did we celebrate the feast of our patron saint like we would normally do, but we also began our celebration of the 'Year of St. Joseph'. Pope Francis proclaimed a 'Year of St. Joseph' to recognise the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. We have chosen to start 'the year' on his feast day as the majority of the children have not been in school and it seemed like the perfect introduction to 'our' version of the year. Today, we had assemblies and class PowerPoints that taught the children a little more about our patron saint and his extraordinary life. Each Phase also chose to celebrate his life in different ways – Lower Phase created prayer cards, Middle Phase created displays and wrote poems, Upper Phase made book marks. After lunch, Father Cristiano celebrated a most special Mass.



Sunday 21st March 2021

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
Gospel John 12: 20 - 30**

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must

follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

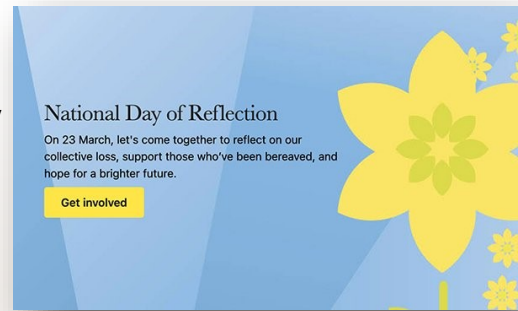
Burst Water Main

On Thursday, we had a slight emergency in that a water main burst a few streets away and our school lost all mains pressure. We could not get any response from the water company to find out when the problem would be resolved. In that instance without water for drinking, washing hands, flushing toilets etc. I had to close the school. I appreciate that it was an inconvenience to many parents but I thank you for your co-operation. Some parents have said that they did not get texts from our text service. We have been in touch with the provider and they have explained that some parents may have chosen to download the App to receive notifications. If that is the case, then the App would get the notification and there would be no text message. Parents may wish to change the notification settings to get an SMS instead of an App message. If you did not get a text or a notification to your App, please let the school office know so that we can check your contact details.



National Day of Reflection for COVID-19

Tuesday 23rd March has been designated as a National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown. There will be a minute's silence at midday and then doorstep vigils of light at 8pm. In school we will reflect on what has taken place and our Pupil Chaplains will lead us in prayer.



Idling engines

I have received several complaints from parents and neighbours about parents sitting in their cars and leaving the engines running. It is actually an offence against the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002. Why expose your children to harmful gases - carbon dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases?



Lent

Please remember about our virtual pilgrimage during Lent. So far, 51 families have begun the virtual pilgrimage, I am sure many more will take part as we get closer to Easter. Click on the link below to take part and donate a coin to the Catholic Children's Society.



<https://forms.gle/SFjqXKF4mVdpT2SS6>

Online Remote Learning Survey

The survey is now closed. Thank you to all our parents who gave their honest and important feedback on our online and remote learning provision. I will publish a summary of your responses next week.



Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home

It is World Water Day on 22nd March 2021. 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 tasks for the Laudato Si' challenges - 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. Take a photo and share it with your teacher and class so that others can learn from your great ideas.

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!

In the event...

In the event that somebody in your household wakes up with a fever ($>37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$), or a new, continuous cough or a loss of the sense of smell or taste do not send your child to school. Immediately inform the school via email or phone and then book a test for the person. The whole household must then self-isolate. If the test returns negative and nobody has any ongoing symptoms, the child can return to school and the household no longer needs to self-isolate. If a positive result is returned, the household must self-isolate for 10 days and resume normal activity after 10 days as long as they have been symptom free for 48 hours.

If your child has a sniffle, runny nose or is sneezing, they are not coronavirus symptoms and your child should come to school if well enough.

Reception Toilet Block refurbishment

The builders continue to work very hard. They are putting 'whiterock' wall cladding on the walls. They have re-wired the rooms and created new inspection covers for the sewerage chambers. Our new doors have arrived also, but they will not be fitted quite yet.



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
1B	Krystian	For learning to count in 2s past 100.
1S	Kayden	For being a great classroom role model, who is ready to learn!
1SW	Kaiden	For working hard with his reading.
2AL	Maddalena	For contributing great answers to class discussions.
2B	Casey	For being a superstar all year! We wish you all the very best and will miss you!
2SL	Bethne	For always trying her best in everything she approaches. Well done!
3AR	Natalia	For a detailed diary entry with careful editing.
3DS	Millie	For working with determination to master column multiplication.
3SR	Julia	For her tremendous effort to improve her independent writing.
4B	Staś	For his recount of 'Gorilla'.
4C	Olivia	For excellent sentence writing.
4S	Robin	For showing amazing understanding in our multiplication lessons.
5B	Leon	For his eager attitude towards learning this week!
5S	Lili-Ella	For being a great role model and consistently putting 100% effort into every subject.
5W	Kacper	For showing great perseverance when creating an Islamic pattern using a compass.
6B	Alex	For working hard to include new vocabulary in his writing.
6I	Arthur	For fantastic 'Alma' writing ideas to make it 'Extra-Hot'!
6J	Ruby Mae	For fantastic use of figurative language in her first person recount of Alma!

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	Alan	For making the new children feel welcome.
Middle	La'Kel	For being honest.
Upper	Charlie	For being extraordinarily helpful to other children.

Other notable achievements...

During lockdown, Year 6 carried on with their WW2 topic and here is some evidence of their working from home. The children were asked to further develop their learning by undertaking a personal project on an area that they did not know anything about. I could see that lots of time and effort had been put into the work. Well done to all.



Children's Multi-Activity

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5th - 16th April*
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*Excluding Good Friday and Easter Monday
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1 week before start of camp.



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OUR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
• Science Workshops • Daily Arts and
Crafts Workshops • Gymnastics
• Specialised Sports, Football, Netball,
Tennis, Athletics • Rhythm Workshop
• Musical Theatre and Dance
• Chess • Nature Club

Children will be assigned a bubble with a dedicated team leader which they will remain in for their time with us. Each participating family will have a mandatory health form to complete the week prior to attending. When you book your place with us, more information will be sent on Arrivals/Departures, Snacks/Lunch and how we will schedule our day. Please specify when booking if your child has friends that they would like to be placed with in our bubbles. We will endeavour to meet all requests.

Cancellation If a child is unable to attend due to Covid-19 related sickness, Aktiva will credit your account with makeup days which can be used for up to 12 months. Please email any questions to bookings@aktivacamps.com

Contacting the team Our phone lines are really busy, if you need to speak to us it may be quicker to do so by emailing us at bookings@aktivacamps.com with your query and number and we will get back to you.

Easy Online Booking:

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March Shopping List

- UHT Milk – *Semi Skimmed or Full Fat, **not** Skimmed*
- Long Life Fruit Juice & Squash
- Pasta Sauce / Cook in Sauce
- Tinned Fish
- Savoury Biscuits & Crackers
- Ready Made Custard – *tins or cartons*
- Vegetarian Chilli & Curry
- Instant Drinking Chocolate
- Shower Gel / Hand Soap / Hair Shampoo
- Nappies – size 5 & 6

Thank you!

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