



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st April 2022



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Year 4 Easter Liturgies

On Thursday and Friday, 4AS and 4W respectively, led the Easter liturgies. The children and staff have worked hard to produce a faultless set of liturgies that re-enact the Easter story. The children spoke beautifully and the acting made us realise the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Well done to the children and thank you to the staff who made it happen. We now look forward to the resurrection liturgy 'performed' by 4MS when we return after Easter.



Holy Week

Good wishes for the Easter holiday

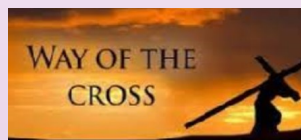
The children and staff have worked really hard this term and now deserve a good break. Our holiday now gives us time to focus on the last weeks of Lent and the Easter weekend. I wish you and your family a prayerful, safe Easter holiday - a time of hope, renewal and new life.

Everyone back on Tuesday
19th April 2022.



Way of the Cross

On Tuesday evening, Year 6 led a most moving and emotional portrayal of Jesus' last hours in their 'Way of the Cross' liturgy in the Church. This was the first time in a long time that this liturgy has been 'performed' and it was well worth the wait. I am sure that those who were present would agree that Year 6 set the tone for the end of Lent and the lead up to Easter. Thank you to **all** who made it so special. The retiring collection amassed a most generous £360.49 to help the people of Ukraine.



PE kit

A short while ago, some girls approached staff to ask if the white PE shorts could be changed to black ones. Governors agreed that our PE shorts should become black; a far more practical colour than white. I have checked with Juniper and PMG and they say that they have an abundant supply of black shorts. There will be a period of grace of 24 months where the white shorts may still be worn.



Sunday 3rd April 2022

Gospel - John 8:1-11

"If there is one among you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

PTA Easter Egg Raffle

This year, the PTA held a competition to see which classes could gather the most eggs. Thank you for all the egg donations and the buying of raffle tickets. The raffles were held on Tuesday morning and all the children were very 'egg-cited' about the prospect of winning chocolate eggs. Happily, lots of children won eggs, and those who did not win big eggs got to choose some smaller eggs. Thank you to the PTA for organising the event. The overall winning class was 4AS, congratulations! They receive a piñata full of chocolate and a cup amongst other goodies. The first runners-up were 3SR, the second runners-up were 3AR and the third runners-up were 1SS. I am sure they will enjoy eating their prizes!





Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home

Across the school, the children's homework for Laudato Si' is to take part in the 'Great British Spring Clean'. 600 bags have been pledged – 26 bags have been collected so far - come on St. Joseph's! Year 1 children have been total superstars with half of the bags collected coming from them.

Class 1AS is in the lead.

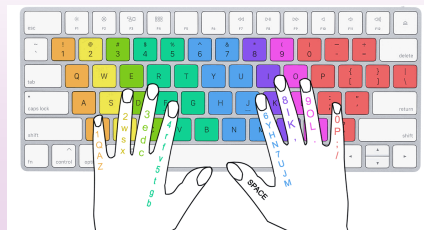
Litter picking homework challenge - send photos to laudato-si@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk



Let's make a difference – together!

Touch Typing

Congratulations to Natan, Dacya, Milly, Patrick, Natalia, William, Julia, Scarlett and Wiktor who have all made progress on their Touch-Type Read and Spell Computer Course. Touch typing is a skill that we all need now and into the future. Well done to all and thank you to Mrs. Murphy for working with the children.



Knights of St. Columba Nativity Scene Competition

A little while ago, the Knights of St. Columba asked our children to enter an Art competition that they were running depicting the Nativity. As you know, six of our children did very well and got prizes. However, Lena went on to win the overall prize; very well done! Thank you to the Knights of St. Columba for running the competition.



Medical supplies

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>

British-Ukrainian Aid (Registered UK Charity)

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



Football

The girls' and boys' football teams travelled to St. Vincent's for their final group match of the Peal Shield and Ealing Girls' Cup competitions.

The boys displayed excellent skill and teamwork in their game but were not able to capitalise on their chances. The boys deserved to walk away with another 5 or 6 goals after their performance but unfortunately finished the game with a 2-1 loss. The boys football team should still be excited as their outstanding performances throughout the season have resulted in qualification for the semi-finals of the plate competition. Well done to the team: Finbar, Ashton, Robin, Tom, Ted, Joe, Callum, Oli, Liam and William.

The girls' team went into their game knowing they had to win in order to achieve qualification. A game winning attitude showed throughout the entire match. The girls were relentless, creating chance after chance. They scored some impressive goals over the 40 minutes and proved that they were worthy of their eventual qualification. The girls' team should be extremely proud of their achievement and their qualification for the next stages of the plate competition. Well done to the girls' team: Florence, Orla, Sienna, Eimear, Grace, Rosie, Nancy, Diana, Angelina and Lena. Thank you to Mr Sheehan, Ms Delaney and Mr Sampaio for accompanying the children to the match.



OFSTED News

Unfortunately, it looks like we will not get our report/letter before we break up for the Easter holiday. I received the draft report/letter on Friday 24th March and I had five days to tell OFSTED if it was accurate. The report/letter contained two factual errors which I notified OFSTED about on Friday 25th March hoping that we would get a quick turnaround. It has not arrived back yet! If it arrives during the holidays I will forward it to parents.



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 9th March 2022. Click on the link below to view the brochure. <https://www.egfl.org.uk/sites/default/files/Spring%202022%20HAF%20Leaflet.pdf>



Class Photos

The proofs have been sent home, you can either pay online or return the form to the school office no later than Friday 22nd April.



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	Joshua	For beautiful pointilism artwork.
1AS	Ella	For a great poster about extreme weather in Geography.
1SS	Monika	For putting more effort in her writing tasks.
2JB	Oliwier	For his excellent retelling of Palm Sunday and understanding of why Jesus entered on a donkey.
2EB	Hassan	For sharing his scientific knowledge about living things and their habitats in our classroom discussions.
2SL	Isabelle	For being very kind throughout the Easter Egg Raffle.
3AR	Elise	For writing an interesting setting description using expanded noun phrases.
3DS	Lidia	For writing a very persuasive letter to Mr Rakowski suggesting he visits the State of Mississippi.
3SR	Kacper	For a tremendous effort to learn his spellings, letters and sounds. Keep it up!
4AS	Laura	For reading her Liturgy lines clearly and confidently.
4MS	Maciej	For his enthusiastic contribution to our discussion about 'Journey' in English
4W	Martina	For an excellent diary entry about the Way of the Cross.
5B	Eva	For writing an exciting story in the style of Neil Gaiman.
5L	Andi-Rae	For working incredibly hard during her time isolating at home.
5W	Zosia	For making a fantastic effort in her independent writing.
6B	Pippa	For her energy and enthusiasm when practicing hymns for 'The Way of the Cross'.
6I	Joshua	For maintaining and demonstrating a mature attitude towards all Year 6 activities.
6J	Ezekiel	For working hard to edit his group's promotional video of the school.

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	Thevin RB	For always being kind and helpful.
Middle	Abigail 3DS	For taking care of a friend in need.
Upper	Olaf 6B	For sharing Easter eggs when he had plenty and others had none.



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 been 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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An Invitation to Years 5-11 pupils and their Parents/Carers: Complete a 30-minute survey about cycling for a £10 Amazon gift card

Researchers at **Brunel University London** and the Ealing Council School Travel team are conducting a survey to understand the **factors that influence 9-16-year-olds' cycling behaviour**.

It will take ~30 minutes for the pupil and their parent/carer to complete together, and the pupil will receive a **£10 Amazon gift card** for doing so. They can also choose to be entered into a draw for 3 additional studies:

- A joint pupil-and-parent/carer online interview (**£25 Amazon gift card** for each pupil interviewee)
- A cycle monitoring study in which the pupil would be eligible to purchase an **award-winning See.Sense ACE rear light for only £10 (RRP £44.99)**
- A Virtual Reality Cycling Competition (**£250 worth of Amazon gift card prizes** for the Top 3 performers)

If you would like to complete the survey, then please email Huma Waheed at hayat.waheed@brunel.ac.uk; she will send you a unique link for you to access the survey.

If you have any additional questions after reading the information at the beginning of the survey, then please email the Principal Investigator, **Dr Dan Bishop**, at daniel.bishop@brunel.ac.uk. Thank you.

NB: This study is being funded by The Bikeability Trust and the Department for Transport and has been approved by the College of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences Research Ethics Committee, Brunel University London. It runs from Monday 10th January to Friday 29th April, OR when 1,000 responses have been received. Thank you.



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NEW JUNIOR GOLF HOLIDAY CAMP!

AT BRENT VALLEY GOLF COURSE
& FITNESS CENTRE

During each day PGA Pro Coach Warren will cover all aspects of golf including putting, chipping, long shots and how to play the game. There will be lots of games and challenges to showcase what you are learning.

All abilities of golf welcome, from complete beginners to juniors that have played some golf before.

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th April
10am – 2pm | £25 per day


Free for juniors on the HAF Programme
For ages 11 to 16 years




For more info please contact Brent Valley Golf Course on
0208 567 0489 or brentgolfdm@everyoneactive.com

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FREE Easter holiday 2 and 4 day cycle courses for children in Ealing

An opportunity for your child to learn how to ride a bike and improve their skills with two and four day courses, this Easter break!

Please book your place by visiting: bit.ly/EalingHols



SOUTHALL PARK

4th - 7th April

Level 2, Two groups 9.30 -11.30 & 12.15 - 2.15

5th & 6th April

Beginners, 10.00-12.00 & Level 1, 12.45 - 2.45

7th & 8th April

Beginners, 10.00-12.00 & Level 1, 12.45 - 2.45

GUNNESBURY PARK

11th - 14th April

Level 2, Two groups 9.30 -11.30 & 12.15 - 2.15

11th & 12th April

Beginners, 10.00-12.00 & Level 1, 12.45 - 2.45

13th & 14th April,

Beginners, 10.00-12.00 & Level 1, 12.45 - 2.45

- For children aged 5 +
- Gain confidence and improve cycling skills
- Learn how to safely navigate your local area



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