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Prayers for First Holy Communicants

We continue to pray for the children in our Parish and the surrounding Parishes as the First Holy Communion season carries on. Our Presentation Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 14th June at 10am in the Church. The Mass will be for children in Year 3 and other children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion. Year 2 and Year 4 children will also be attending to celebrate the occasion.

'Aladdin Trouble'

What a fantastic set of productions! Our three Year 3 classes pulled out all the stops and produced performances worthy of the West End. It was so lovely to get back to 'normal' and witness the children show off their talent. The shows were marvellous and gave the children the ability and confidence to perform in a supportive and nurturing environment. Thank you to all the parents who supported their children at home with learning of lines and preparing costumes. Thank you to Year 3 staff who produced the show in such a short timeframe.





Sunday 22nd May 2022

Gospel: John 14: 23-29

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him. and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name. will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

PTA Disco

On Wednesday, the PTA laid on a fantastic disco for the Early Years children. The children in Nursery and Reception boogied the late afternoon away to classic children's hits and were also entertained by the DJ who ran games and competitions. Thank you to the PTA who organised this marvellous event and thank you to the Early Years staff who also turned up to 'bust some moves'.

Queen's Jubilee Celebration

On Friday 27th May, we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The children will have a fantastic day and the PTA will also be running a cake sale. I am looking forward to seeing lots of scrumptious delights on offer – either shop bought or home-made but please be mindful that donations **must be nut free.**



| Friday 27 th May | Cake Sale |
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| | Raffle tickets will go on sale Deadline for entrances to the summer fete brochure design com- petition |
| Friday 10 th June | Break the Rule Day – Silly Hair |
| | Bring in a bottle for the tombola stall |
| Friday 17 th June | Break the Rule Day – Silly Socks |
| | Bring in a cuddly toy for hook the duck |
| Saturday 25 th June | Summer Fete |

Further information on some of the above events will be provided in future school newsletters.

SCHOOL DISCO 18TH MAY

The nursery and reception school disco took place on Wednesday, it was a great evening. It was fantastic to see all the children and parents really enjoying themselves. Thank you to the volunteers and staff that made the event possible and thank you everyone that bought tickets and supported it.

A final thank you for all the lovely messages that the PTA received, it's great to get feedback as it helps shape future events.



A cake sale will be held on the 27th May. It will be a lovely end to the term and we hope as many people as possible help bake cakes, cookies, brownies, cupcakes and muffins.

The cakes can be sent into the school with the children. They will then be sold to the children in the afternoon. The cakes will cost between $50p - \pounds 1$. Any cakes not sold to the children will be sold in the playground to parents at afternoon pickup.

If you send the cakes in trays or tupperware mark them with the child's name and class so they can be returned to you. Please also let us know if the cake needs to be refrigerated.

It would great if you could you let the PTA know if you are able to bake a cake or make some cookies so we can gauge how many there will be.

SUMMER FETE 25TH JUNE

Stalls

We are finalising the list of stalls that will be at the summer fete, a full list will be announced next week. We asked each class which stalls they would like to see at the summer fete and we are delighted to say that the most voted for stalls will be at this summer fete. These include firm favourites: bouncy castles, hook a duck, nail polish, tattoos and face painting to name a few.



Raffle Prizes

The raffle tickets have been ordered and 2 books will be sent home before half term. The money and counterfoil of any purchased tickets should be handed into the office as soon as possible. If you do not wish to buy or sell the raffle tickets please give them back to the office.

We are have been donated some fantastic raffle ticket prizes. The prizes are:

- 1st prize is an IPad and keypad donated by Doyle Sales and Lettings
- 2nd prize is a Nintendo Switch donated by Delmond Construction
- 3rd prize is £150 Love To Shop vouchers
- 4th prize is a £150 Love To Shop vouchers
- 5th Prize is £100 cash donated by Juniper Uniform
- 6th prize is a £50 Boden voucher

Can you help with any of the following?

Can you volunteer on the day? Can you help setting up, manning the stands, if so please let the PTA know.

We also need someone that can help with designing the brochure layout and an electrician to help set up in the morning.

We are still asking for raffle prizes. If you have contacts or work for a company who would be willing to donate a prize please let the PTA know. Alternatively if you provide us with the contact details, we will be more than happy to get in contact with them.

Any help, no matter how small is gratefully appreciated.

Thank you St Joseph's PTA stjosephs pta@yahoo.com

Brentford Football On Tuesday, St. Joseph's boys travelled to Watford FC to compete in the Premier League Primary Stars tournament. Having won a local competition earlier in the year the boys earnt the chance to represent Brentford FC. All 20 Premier league teams had schools representing them so only the best talent from around the country were in attendance. The boys faced off against Leeds, Tottenham, Southampton and Arsenal in the group stages of the competition. In each game, the boys gave it their all but with the amazing skill on display it was always going to be difficult to progress through to the semi-finals. Our team narrowly missed out on beating Leeds after a lapse in concentration in defense. Arsenal and Tottenham showed outstanding



ability in these fixtures which our team struggled to match. However, the boys did create a well worked opportunity against Arsenal resulting in a fantastic finish by Joe. Against Southampton, the team really dug their heels in with rock solid defense and plenty of impressive chances. This game was a highlight as a combination of pace, accuracy and precision ended with an outstanding finish by William to win the game. Exceptional team spirit and unity were present in this match and the boys will always remember this triumph over Southampton at a Premier League, just, stadium. Well done to the team: Joe, William, Callum, Jonjo, Finbar, Charlie, Ted and Oli.

Thank you to Mr Sheehan, Mr Sampaio and all the spectators who supported the boys.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

If you want to order a Year 6 Leavers Hoodie please don't leave it too late, the online shop closes at 11pm on Monday 23rd May 2022.

https://www.leavershoodies.com/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school-leavers-2022-

Supermarket vouchers for May half term holiday to support families

The household support fund grant has been allocated to councils to enable them to support vulnerable households with essentials over the coming months as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic. Ealing Council are planning to once again use part of this fund to provide families with vouchers for the May 2022 half term school holiday. Details will be sent out by the office.

Father Bernard

Many parents will fondly remember Father Bernard who was our Parish Priest for many years. A picture that was previously donated to the Parish will now hang in the school. At 4pm on Thursday 23rd June, there will be an 'unveiling' in the presence of Father Bernard. If you would like to attend, please email me (head@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk) putting 'Father Bernard' in the subject bar.

Careers Fair

A reminder that Mr Buckfield is looking for volunteers for his careers fair... On Thursday 14th July, we will be holding a careers fair for children in Years 4 to 6 and are looking for volunteers to participate to give children an insight into the types of professions and careers that are out there. This has been a very successful event in the past but relies of volunteers to give up their time. Volunteers would ideally be available for the whole day (9am - 3pm). If you or anyone you know would be interested, please contact Mr Buckfield via the Year 2 email: year2@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk

CAREER FAIR

Year 4 Deanery Maths Challenge

This morning, a group of Year 4 children attended the Deanery Maths Challenge at St. Gregory's. Aidan, Mila-Anne, Thalia, Maxim, Allianah and Filip pitted their totally awesome times tables skills against children from other schools in the Deanery. Our 'mathletes' put their maths knowledge to the test in a series of times table and mental arithmetic rounds, culminating in a thrilling final in which teams could amass a vast quantity of points whilst poaching points from other players. Well done to our team for their super effort today! Thank you also to Miss Smith and Ms Males who accompanied the children.



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:

| 1K | Arthur | For fantastic effort in writing! |
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| 1AS | Darragh | For brilliant sentence writing in English. |
| 1SS | Eloise | For great reading and blending. |
| 2JB | Carla | For her calm approach and determined attitude during SATs. |
| 2EB | Jane | For her great approach to every lesson. |
| 2SL | Taijah-Lee | For being focused and working hard throughout the week. Keep it up! |
| 3AR | All of 3AR | For a wonderful effort when performing Aladdin Trouble. |
| 3DS | All of 3DS | For working so hard at their production of Aladdin Trouble. |
| 3SR | All of 3SR | For their fantastic performance of Aladdin Trouble – hard work pays off! Well done! |
| 4AS | Maya | For making a great effort in our computing lessons. |
| 4MS | Ben | For his beautiful Tudor purse design in D&T. |
| 4W | Filip | For always pushing himself to achieve more in his lessons. |
| 5B | Michal | For working cooperatively with others in Maths and for dou- bling decimals at a fast pace! |
| 5L | Ryan | For settling back to school and rebuilding friendships. |
| 5W | Tommy | For thoughtful responses when learning about the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. |
| 6B | Sienna | For showing good understanding of how the Holy Spirit guid- ed Stephen as Jesus' witness. |
| 61 | Daniel | For creating 'fifties fashion fit for the Queen!' |
| 6J | Greta | For a beautifully designed dress for Queen Elizabeth II. |

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:

| Lower | James Nur | For being kind to others. |
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| Middle | Krystian 2JB | For taking good care of a friend in need. |
| Upper | Darragh 5L | For welcoming, supporting and being very attentive towards 5L's new classmate |

Football Peal Shield

This week the girls' and boys' football teams played in the semi finals of the Peal Sheild/Ealing Girls plate competition. The teams had already played some fantastic football to get to this point in the competition but really shone this week. A frenzy of goals were on display in both matches. On Monday, the boys won 7-4 against St. Raphael's and the girls won 11-2 on Wednesday. Both teams have progressed to the final for the chance to win some more silverware for St. Joseph's.

Well done to the girls' team of Florence, Keira, Bonnie, Nancy, Sienna, Diana, Grace, Eimear, Pippa and Orla.

Well done to the boys' team of Finbar, Jonjo, Johnathan, Ted, Charlie, Joe, Callum, Liam, William and Oli.

Thank you to Ms. Delaney, Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Sampaio for accompanying the players.

Laudato Si' project - Caring for our common home



This weekend at home have a think about all the ways that we can make our supplies last longer. During the school day do you make sure that you replace lids on pens; rule under your last piece of work so that you can do the next piece of work on that page; avoid printing off sheets (where possible)? When you have your food do you make sure that you only take as much as you need; don't waste any snacks; drink up all your drinks; don't throw away leftovers? When you leave a room do you turn off the light / TV / game consoles / your toy batteries?

Challenge: Think about your family members. What one thing could they do to help save energy or make supplies go further? Challenge them, and yourself, to make small changes that can make a big difference.

Please do share your ideas with us by emailing your photos in to school and we will upload them to the Year Group page.

Let's make a difference - together!

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, over the counter 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: <u>https://unitedhelpukraine.org/</u>

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





Introducing... 'Olé' Guitar Ensemble – a new ensemble for players between Grades 2 and 6

On Saturday 18th June, the newly formed 'Olé' Guitar Ensemble will meet for their first rehearsal. The ensemble is aimed towards classical and acoustic guitar pupils

between Grades 2 and 6 standard (pupils do not need to have passed any exams) and will rehearse from 10:30 – 12:00 at Grange Primary School, Faling as part of our Saturday Music Centre 'Cadenza'.

Cadenza is Ealing Music Service's well established music centre in the heart of Ealing, focussed solely on ensemble playing. We host a wide range of ensembles for over 120 young musicians from Ealing and beyond.



All our ensembles are lead by expert teachers and conductors who focus on high quality music making whilst having fun and learning together. Playing in an ensemble is a vital part of learning to play a musical instrument; ensemble playing helps with aural and sight reading skills, improves confidence and allows pupils to meet like-minded musicians. Above all, it's great fun!

To register your interest please email Caroline Swan (Ensemble Development Lead) SwanC@ealing.gov.uk



Cadenza



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