



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Deputy Headteacher

After starting her career at St. Joseph's in September 2000, Mrs. Kenny is retiring at the end of the summer term. She has taught for many years and finally took up a leadership role in the past few years. She has made a huge impact on the lives of many children and staff and we will miss her lots. We are interviewing for a replacement in April.



St. Joseph's Day



On Tuesday, the whole school celebrated St. Joseph's day, the unsung hero and father figure to Jesus. Celebrations began in Church with Mass for years 1 to 6. The children sang beautifully and I was very impressed with the way our Year 1 children took part in Mass. Thank you to the readers and to Mrs. Ingham for making the Mass extra special and thank you to Father Cristiano and Father Julio for celebrating the Mass.

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Year 5 Reconciliation

Thank you Fr. Julio who came in to school on Tuesday to lead the children of Year 5 in the sacrament of Reconciliation.



Sunday 24th March 2024



Palm Sunday

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Year 6—Way of the Cross

We are looking forward to the Year 6 Way of The Cross Liturgy, next Tuesday 26th March at 7pm in our Lady and St. Joseph's Church. All welcome!

St. Joseph's Day continued..

Lower Phase

Nursery children started their celebration by attending their first Phase Liturgy, where they learnt interesting facts about St. Joseph. In class, the children learned the 'St. Joseph was a Carpenter' song. They had the opportunity to decorate lilies using white pompoms, colour in pictures of lilies and use toy tools during role-play. Nursery children have also been drawing pictures of the tools St. Joseph used at his work as a carpenter.



The children in Reception went to a Liturgy in the morning and in the afternoon each class rotated around the Reception classes and enjoyed some St. Joseph focused activities; building with Lego, happy dancing and Mindfulness. All the children gave it thumbs up!



For the very first time, Year 1 were very excited to join the rest of the school at Mass on St. Joseph's Day. The children sang beautifully in Church. In the afternoon, the children had a carousel of activities in the three Year 1 classrooms. They built Lego, made a lily and decorated a biscuit with a hammer made out of icing to celebrate the day. The children really enjoyed the day.



The Middle Phase

The Middle Phase thoroughly enjoyed our St. Joseph's Day celebrations. In the afternoon, the children got creative and decorated wooden crosses in honour of St. Joseph, made a small, framed stained glass windows using tracing paper and decorated a biscuit using our St. Joseph's colours, brown, yellow and white. The staff and children made the day really special and lots of fun was had by all!



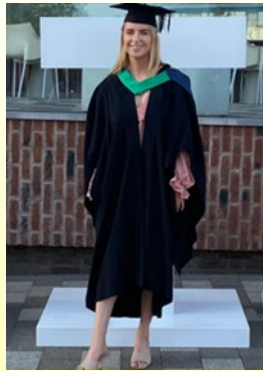
The Upper Phase

Year 5 attended the solemnity of the feast of Saint Joseph. When we returned to school, we wrote down class 5AL's winning prayer to St. Joseph into the RE books, and decorated the page. In the afternoon, Year 5 children got the opportunity to attend three creative activities to celebrate the feast or their school patron saint. These included designing prayer cards, making tool boxes and creating origami lilies. It was a splendid day!

Year 6, following Mass, some Y6's looked after Y1 children by setting a wonderful example and encouraging them to notice what Fr. Cristiano was doing. Y6 had a restful afternoon watching 'Goodnight Mister Tom'. This has been our class reading text since January and has helped us in both English and History. It tells the story of William Beech, a neglected evacuee from London, who is placed with an older man named Tom Oakley for the duration of the war. At first, they seem total opposites but as they spend more time together, Tom soon becomes the father figure William has never had. William thrives under Tom's care and guidance and they grow to love each other - no spoilers, but by the end, William calls Tom 'Dad'. It's a lovely parallel with the relationship we learn about St. Joseph being the 'father' for Jesus, guiding and helping him to develop through his early life.

Congratulations

Well done to all our wonderful ECTs who recently attended their graduation ceremonies. Miss Frost, Miss Phillips and Miss Richardson attended their ceremonies last Saturday and Mrs. Garcia attended hers back in July. It is a great accomplishment and a testament to their hard work and dedication during their studies.



Catholic Social Teaching

When we look at the world around us, it's clear that there is a great need for God's mercy and love. The Church encourages us not to turn away, but to look at how things could be. To ask ourselves: What kind of world do I want to be a part of? Then to consider: What can we offer, individually and as a community, to build it?



The Catholic Church encourage us to turn to Scripture, especially the Gospels. In the Scriptures we learn how God wants us to live. We see this most clearly through the words and actions of Jesus. What lessons can we find in passages like this from the Gospel of Luke?

“Some people came carrying a paralysed man on a stretcher, and they tried to put him in front of Jesus. Because of the crowd they could find no way to take him into the house. So they carried him up on the roof, made an opening in the tiles, and let him down into the middle of the group in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw how much faith they had, he said to the man, ‘Your sins are forgiven, my friend... get up, pick up your bed, and go home!’” – Luke 5:18-24 (abridged)



You can watch this short video clip based on Luke's Gospel.

<https://youtu.be/8cmppSIQUX4?si=FOCpD16XZ5eaBdBr>

Challenge : THINK AND DISCUSS

This week, with your family, take some time to watch/read through this scripture and think about what we can learn from the story. What do you think we can learn from this passage, about Community and Participation?

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Message from Governors

As Co-Chairs of Governors it was a pleasure for us to meet so many parents and children at the recent Parents Evening. It was very heartening to hear so many positive comments about the school from both parents and children, including, "I've only got good things to say about the school and teachers", "My child is very happy here", "Behaviour and discipline is good", "I like the daily routine and punctuality at the beginning and end of the day".

St Joseph's strives to do the very best for your children and whilst it is very encouraging to hear so many positives, if you have any comments or suggestions about how the school can be even better, we would love to hear them. Governors can be contacted by email on ask@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk

We look forward to continuing to work together to ensure your children receive the very best education and care they rightly deserve.

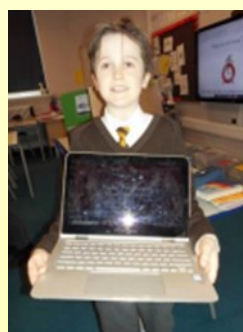
Anita & Hilary

Co-Chairs of Governing Body

Year 6 Extended Project

Over a month ago, Year 6 were set an extended research project on World War Two. Even though it's a fascinating topic to study, we don't have time to talk about or teach every single thing the children are interested in. They were sent home before February half term with some suggestions about what they could research and different ways they could present their findings. Last Friday, the Year 6 classrooms transformed into project galleries so that each child could present their project at a 'stall' as well as visit others. Year five then came up to view the projects and hear the Y6's share their knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject they had chosen.

A few highlights were... Sophie's 'proper book' called Abby's War – the story of an evacuee; Ellie's standing display reflecting on the Holocaust; Paddy's documentary, filmed on location at Leicester Museum; Livia's knowledgeable talk which accompanied her PowerPoint presentation and a joint effort by Oliver P and Kacper who made a large model of a Spitfire and included detailed information.



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Music Evening

On Thursday, we held our annual music evening. This was a chance for the children who learn to play musical instruments to showcase their skills. The children showed off their talents beautifully and all the parents present were thrilled with the performances. Thank you to Mr. Wesolowski for organising the event and to Mr. Brooks for accompanying musicians. Although not present, thank you also to Mr. McKay and Mr. Jimenez for their peripatetic tutelage. I attach a link to get a sample of the quality on show.

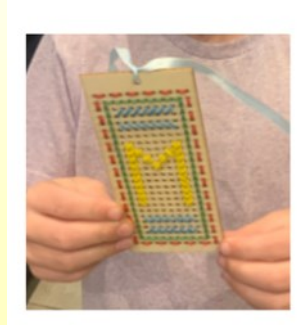
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Sewing Club

Well done to the fifteen Year Two pupils who created magnificent bookmarks in Miss Smith and Mrs. Whybrew's sewing club. Over the course of 6 weeks, the children designed their creations and learnt the following stitches - running, back, diagonal and cross - in order to produce their final bookmarks. Sewing can be a fiddly process but the children showed patience and perseverance throughout - fantastic!

A special thanks must also go to Alice (6LI) and Myles (3AR) for being super helpers.



Hanwell Community Library

Hanwell Community Library is looking for help from us. They are trying to find out how the library can better serve the community. To this end they would like you to fill out a questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/49zo7jAVi4D9SDMB9>

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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	Darcie	For making beautiful palms for Palm Sunday.
RB	Noa	For your excellent writing about St. Joseph. Well done!
RH	Leo	For wonderful singing in Collective Worship Hymn Practice.
RL	Andrii	For his fantastic writing on St. Joseph.
1AP	Hope	For showing her understanding that Lent is a time for people to change.
1EB	Ahmad	For his work thinking about how he has changed.
1SR	Olivia	For setting a fantastic example of great behaviour in Mass on St. Joseph's Day.
2AB	Delia	For writing a beautiful prayer to St. Joseph.
2AF	Viktoria	For writing a lovely Eucharistic prayer.
2JB	Lena	For her enthusiastic approach to all our St. Joseph's Day activities.
3AR	Myles	For his understanding of the sacrifices Jesus made for us on Good Friday.
3DB	Alicia	For her Lenten story about being a peacemaker.
3M	3M	For writing a beautiful prayer for St. Joseph's Day.
4AS	Pavel	For thinking carefully about how we can pray, fast and give during Lent.
4GS	Alan	For singing clearly and beautifully at the solemnity of St. Joseph Mass
4S	Helen	For an excellent understanding of how praying, fasting and giving are actions associated with Lent.
5AL	5AL	For creating a beautiful St. Joseph's Day prayer.
5AS	Thomas	For giving excellent input during our discussion about resisting temptation.
5CR	Brendan	For having a great understanding of Lent and how it is a time to turn away from evil.
6LI	Reis	For setting a wonderful example and helping Year 1 children focus and understand Mass.
6MS	Nelly	For her thoughtful, mature acting in our Way of the Cross rehearsal.
6WL	Milla	For making good verbal contributions to our whole class St. Joseph's Day prayer.

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	Iga	For expanding her circle of friends and including others in play.
RB	Jan	For giving 100% effort in phonics. Well done Jan!
RH	Samuel	For trying his best and showing improvement in phonics.
RL	Liliana	For her growing confidence in expressing herself.
1AP	1AP	For being excellent in our class assembly. Well done!
1EB	Hayden	For his efforts with his writing.
1SR	Eyob	For making a tremendous improvement in all areas of the curriculum.
2AB	Julia	For excellent work on finding half of a number.
2AF	Lily	For always singing so beautifully.
2JB	Debora	For her confidence to participate more in class discussions.
3AR	Antoni	For his excellent work in Maths on converting seconds to minutes.
3DB	Joshua	For always being kind and humble.
3M	Marie	For being a strong role model to others.
4AS	Zayn	For being a helpful and considerate member of 4AS, all the time!
4GS	Mina-Rose	For including Year 4 statutory words in your writing and using every writing technique learnt in your writing. Well done.
4S	Krystian	For a superb understanding of rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000!
5AL	Richy	For excellent contribution and engagement in English lessons.
5AS	Nikodem	For producing a wonderful setting based on quotes from our text Coraline.
5CR	Antony	For producing some brilliant work to celebrate St. Joseph.
6LI	Christian	For excellent effort in improving handwriting.
6MS	Livia	For talking confidently and knowledgeably about her WWII project. Well done!
6WL	Sofia	For always listening to feedback and giving her best effort.

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	Filip RH	For always being helpful and a thoughtful friend.
Middle	Marie 2AF	For always being kind and considerate to all her friends in 2AF
Upper	Yasmin 5AL	For happily working alongside any of her peers.

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