



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome to The Summer Term!

Happy St. George's Day! I hope the three whole weekends of the Easter holiday finds you and your family well rested and ready for the wonderful summer term. This week saw us finish off our Easter liturgies with 4S's Resurrection liturgy. Thank you to all the children for reminding us of what true sacrifice and true love means and to the staff for using their newfound video and editing skills to great effect.

You will be glad to read that I got no reports of COVID19 during the holidays. I trust this means that the stringent measures that we have in place in school, the measures that the government has in place and the good work of our community are working to reduce infection rates. Please do not let your guard down as a spike in cases is expected two to three weeks after schools return after the Easter break.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Contacting the school office

If you have a general office related enquiry please use ask@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk.

Pavements reminder

The pavements outside our school are for everyone to walk along. However, with parents and children lining up to get into school they do sometimes get blocked. I ask that parents and children line up as best they can along the walls in single file so as to allow people to pass safely. I thank you in anticipation of your assistance.



National survey of children, The Big Ask, launches

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, launched 'The Big Ask' this week – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. The Big Ask aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the pandemic. You can play your part too! Parents are invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back. Please take the time to fill it in.



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Year 6 Police Visit

On Monday, PC McGuigan visited Year 6 and led an informative, socially distanced talk about knife crime and the consequences of joining a gang. Children learnt about different strategies they could use and helpful people they could turn to if ever they were asked to do something they felt uncomfortable with. This session was extremely useful in helping our children all understand the correct decisions to make as they move on to high school. Last term, children in Upper Phase entered a competition where they had to design a poster, turning a Hero into a Superhero! Although we did not win first place, two children from St. Joseph's got an honorary mention for their fantastic work. Well done Marianne and Lena.



Reception Toilet Block refurbishment

The builders (London Office Interiors) finished during the holidays and they left us with a fantastic new toilet block. They will need to come back at some stage to finish off a few bits and pieces but the refurbishment looks wonderful. Now children, let's keep them looking like that! I attach a few photos.



Safer Streets Programme

You will remember from a previous newsletter where I mentioned that many parents had been in touch wanting to know if we could adopt the Safer Streets Programme. The Safer Streets team have been in touch and they have noted our interest and will begin a consultation with residents and stakeholders. If successful, it will mean that York Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic during school start and finish times making it safer for the children.



Toothbrush Club

I have been brushing my teeth for over half a century and having read the flyer I realise I have been doing it incorrectly all these years! Read the flyer at the end of the newsletter and join the club. The sessions will continue until the first week in June at 4.30pm (every Tuesday), all welcome.

Catholic Children Society Boxes

Please remember to return your boxes!



Year 1 and 3

Every year, 90 children (52 known from Nursery, 38 unknown) start Reception and the staff make every effort to balance the classes as much as possible in terms of age, gender, language acquisition, ability and special educational needs. However, as the children progress through the school the classes become less balanced due to a variety of reasons. For this reason, we re-balance the classes by mixing up the children at the end of Year 1 and at the end of Year 3. Staff in the Lower and Middle Phases will begin to plan the carefully thought out re-structuring of classes over the next couple of months. Further details will follow by letter later in the year.

Online activity

I have been made aware of two fantastic websites that inform you about the websites, Apps and games that your children may have access to at home on the web. They are from Net Aware and the Police Digital Security Centre. They give information on age ratings, content and security; well worth a look.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

<https://www.policedsc.com/security-advice/safeguarding>

Ealing Summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme Survey

Ealing Council has received funding to run holiday activities in the summer holidays for children entitled to Free School Meals and they would like to find out what activities would interest your child. The activities will run for 4 hours per day, 4 days per week for 4 weeks. Each day a nutritional meal will be provided. Use the link below to complete the survey to help Ealing plan for the summer. The survey is anonymous and should take no more than a couple of minutes to complete. Please complete by 5th May: [HAF summer 2021 parent carer survey\(link is external\)](#)



Eco week At St Joseph's

We kicked off the first week of summer term with 'Eco-Week'. Every year group had lots of fun incorporating eco-lessons into their day e.g. using mathematical skills to decide how many planters would fit in the playground, sketching the beautiful daffodils in Claire's Classroom and writing newspaper articles about gorillas as endangered species.

As you will see from some of the pictures below (more pictures will be published later in The Saint), children across the school had lots of fun orienteering, making a reusable bag using an old t-shirt and creating eco-poems. On Thursday, Earth Day, every year group came into school wearing an outfit made out of recyclable materials for a fashion show. The creativity of the children blew the staff away! As a school, we also came up with an eco-code using the letters **St. Joseph's**.

Save water by turning off taps when they are not needed.

Try to enjoy our outdoor areas, the insects and plants **BUT** don't leave your rubbish.

Junk can be reused to make fun things, so don't throw everything away!

Open your hearts to care for our World.

Save our school environment by turning off all electrics when you are not using them.

Eco week has inspired us to become better stewards of our whole school surroundings.

Promote healthy eating.

Happily help by using less paper.

St. Joseph's are trying to save energy by travelling to school by bike, scooter or foot, if possible.



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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	Sarah	For excellent participation in our maths lessons on 'wholes'.
1S	Grania	For great work in maths this week!
1SW	Alan	For great progress with his writing.
2AL	La'Kel	For excellent contributions shown in RE lessons on the topic of Islam.
2B	Nikodem	For the increased confidence he is showing in his spelling.
2SL	Kacper	For always sharing a smile and his overall positive attitude to all things. Thank you!
3AR	Emmanuella	For a fantastic effort when making her T-Shirt bag and helping others when she'd finished.
3DS	Mehreen	For working very hard in maths.
3SR	Nathanael	For his brilliant ideas when constructing our class poem for Eco-Week.
4B	Maisie	For her all round efforts and progress. Well done and keep it up.
4C	Elisabetta	For being a superb role model in all subjects. A star!
4S	Zosia	For producing an excellent bar chart during our Eco week maths lesson.
5B	Dawid	For the creative raincoat he made using plastic bags. Well done!
5S	Hannah	For her kindness in helping others to make their Eco bags.
5W	Eloise	For making an excellent start to the Summer Term in all subject areas.
6B	Harley	For his own skill and words of encouragement to others in our D&T lessons.
6I	Mikolaj	For accurate measuring, cutting and gluing in D&T to make a frame structure
6J	Jakub	For helping others with accurate measuring and cutting wood pieces for our Anderson Shelter project.

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	Alicja	For always listening and being caring towards her friends.
Middle	Tymon	For tidying up the classroom without being asked.
Upper	Brian	For always looking out for others and ensuring they have someone to work with.

Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home



Yesterday, 22nd April, was world 'Earth Day' and we have made a great effort, as a school, to bring recycling, sustainability and environmental awareness to the forefront of people's minds. This time of year is often associated with cleaning and clearing away – often referred to as a 'spring clean'. But how many of us still use products that we saw our parents use as children? Many of these are chemical-laden products which can cause harm to our surroundings. In our grandparents' and great-grandparents' time they relied on everyday non-toxic items to help make their homes spotless. Here come the tips...

- Countertop stains - Lemons have amazing antibacterial qualities and will leave your kitchen smelling fresh. They can be used to combat tough stains on kitchen countertops - simply leave lemon juice on the stain for a few minutes, and then wipe it away with a wet cloth.
- Cleaning the microwave - Mix up a small amount of table vinegar and the juice of one lemon, pop it in the microwave and switch it on for 2 minutes. Then, simply wipe down the inside with a damp cloth and dirt and grime will come away easily.
- Drain cleaners - Start by pouring a healthy dose of bicarbonate of soda into your plughole, followed by a good slug of white vinegar, and leave the chemical reactions to work their magic. Then, after about 20 minutes, pour some boiling water from the kettle down there.

Challenge: Have a go. Instead of reaching for your usual kitchen surface cleaner try to use a natural alternative and see if Grandma really did know best! When shopping why not add an environmentally friendly cleaning product to your basket?

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!

In the event...

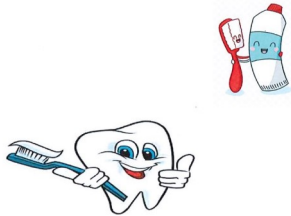
In the event that somebody in your household wakes up with a fever ($>37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$), or a new, continuous cough or a loss of the sense of smell or taste do not send your child to school. Immediately inform the school via email or phone and then book a test for the person. The whole household 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.



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Tooth Brushing Club



02:00

Come join our Tooth-brushing Club
And brush your teeth for 2 minutes



It is important to brush your teeth twice a day for 2 minutes
Spit out the tooth paste
Do not use water and wash the tooth paste away

Adele Francois is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

After School

Topic: Tooth brushing club

Time: Apr 20, 2021 04:30 PM London

Apr 27, 2021 4:30 PM
May 4, 2021 4:30 PM
May 11, 2021 4:30 PM
May 18, 2021 4:30 PM
May 25, 2021 4:30 PM
Jun 1, 2021 4:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945932764?pwd=L2hMei90eU9rSUizV1BZWWDUrUHBGQT09>

Meeting ID: 869 4593 2764
Passcode: and67S

