



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 25th February 2022



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'Living with COVID-19' plan

The Government has published its plan for COVID-19 and also reduced COVID-19 restrictions. In line with this, and also because our case numbers have reduced significantly, adults are no longer required to wear face coverings when they collect children, but I would recommend that you continue to do so. We should all be considerate of others who may be at risk or vulnerable. Adults will still be required to wear face coverings when attending class assemblies indoors.

Children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with others for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. I am sure that you will agree that a pupil with key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school, given the potential risk to others.



Gospel:

Luke 6:39-45

Sunday 27th February 2022

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No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks."

Conflict

You will no doubt have heard about the worrying escalation of warfare in Ukraine. This is a very worrying time for us all and also for our families with Ukrainian and Russian heritage.

We pray for a swift cessation of hostilities and keep our families in our thoughts.



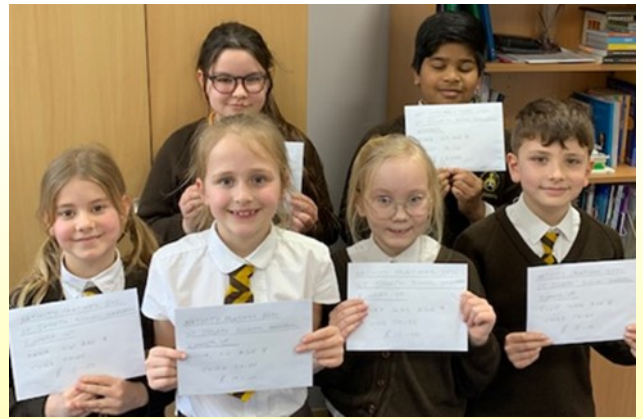
25 Years of Service

Yesterday, Mrs Bordi celebrated 25 years at St. Joseph's. She has devoted her time to ensuring the welfare of children and staff alike. It would be difficult to put a number to the amount of plasters, ice packs and sick bags she has distributed over the years, but it is many. However, First Aid is not the only thing Mrs. Bordi does in the school as she takes on lots of tasks including dealing with photographers, Flu vaccinations etc. I thank her for her valuable contribution to life at St. Joseph's.



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. Six of our children did very well; we got two age group winners in Lena and Evan and four runners-up in Lilia, Filip, Anna and Lilly. Well done to all! The children received very generous voucher prizes. Thank you to the Knights of St. Columba for running the competition.



Girls' Football

Yesterday, the Girls' football team travelled to a cold, wet and windy Gunnersbury Park to compete in the Premier League Primary Stars tournament. St. Joseph's started off the group stages losing to a well drilled team. However, the girls kept their heads held high and went on to get a win and a draw in their next two matches. The highlight of the day was in match 4 as the girls came alive on the pitch and managed to beat their opponents 4 - 0. Even more impressive was the fact that the opponents would eventually place second in the group. In the final match, the girls narrowly missed out on an all important win which meant that St. Josephs placed 4th in the group. All the girls showed great determination throughout the tournament and should be extremely proud of their performances. Well done to Sienna, Bonnie, Florence, Mary, Grace, Diana, Eimear, Keira. Thank you to Ms Delaney and Mr Sheehan for accompanying the team.

Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home

Fair trade fortnight began this week (21st February – 6th March) and shines a spotlight on those who have been exploited and underpaid for their work and their products. The campaign raises awareness of the struggles of farming and demands living incomes for farmers. 1.9 million farmers are currently involved in the Fairtrade scheme. A 'living income' means enough money to live a simple but dignified life, paying for essentials such as clothing, medicine and food. Fairtrade standards make sure that women are given a voice in their community and an independent income, and works to support farmers to protect the environment by enabling them to invest in climate resilience and adaptation.



Challenge: Visit <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/> and read one of the farmer's stories. Familiarise yourselves with the Fair Trade symbol and try to swap one or two items in your weekly shop to a Fair Trade item.

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!

Year 6 RAF Hendon Trip

On Wednesday, Year 6 visited the RAF Museum in Hendon. They enjoyed two workshops: Air raid workshop and War time classroom. Both workshops gave the children an insight into what life was like during the Second World War. Children had the opportunity to wear RAF uniforms as well as see other artefacts which they have learnt about in their History lessons. Many children were astounded by the size and designs of the aircrafts. Overall, a fun and informative day! Thank you to Miss Bertotelli, Mrs. Ingham, Miss Jaffer, Ms. Rowlands, Ms. Males, Ms. Bahadrian, Mr. Sampaio, as well as the parents of Olaf 6B, Maria 6I and Kiera 6J.



Love Learn Believe

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	Olivia	For enjoying learning about suffixes.
1AS	Myles	For writing brilliant sentences using verbs.
1SS	Alexi	For trying hard with her reading.
2JB	Joshua	For his fantastic knowledge of stories involving Jesus, beyond what we learn in Year 2.
2EB	Kinda	For always trying her best in every lesson and making the progress her efforts deserve.
2SL	Keeva	For working really well in PE to create a brilliant sequence of travels and shapes!
3AR	Franciszek	For making a bigger effort with his writing and over contributions in class.
3DS	Dylan	For focusing well on his work in all his lessons.
3SR	Nikodem	For displaying great knowledge and enthusiasm in Spanish.
4AS	Lucas	For showing an excellent attitude towards learning.
4MS	Rawan	For always trying her best in every subject. Well done!
4W	Filip	For applying his punctuation and grammar skills learning to his writing.
5B	Mia	For being an eager and enthusiastic learner. Keep it up!
5L	Stas	For working very hard in all lessons.
5W	Cosme	For using his prior maths knowledge in maths lessons.
6B	Oliver	For showing honesty and good team work in our game 'Jumpball'.
6I	Oliver	For fantastic examples of figurative language linked to our WW2 topic.
6J	Filip	For listening with interest and answering questions on Yr 6 trip.

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	Tymon 1SS	For being an excellent role model.
Middle	Patrick 2SL	For being a supportive friend, showing kindness and compassion.
Upper	Livia 4AS	For setting a fantastic example to others and helping her classmates to overcome difficult challenges.

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PTA School Disco 4th March

The school disco will be held on the 4th March in the Junior Hall. There are two time slots depending on the year group:

Years 1 - 3 - 16.30 - 18.00

Years 4- 6 - 18.30 - 20.00

Admission to the disco will be ticket only and these will be on sale from the junior and infant gates. Tickets are priced £2.50 and will continue to be available to buy at both gates at the morning drop off and evening pick up.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to sell the tickets and help on the night.

There will be a party for the Nursery and Reception classes organised after the Easter break, further details to follow.

Next PTA meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 9th March 2022. Please come and join us.

Thanks PTA



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