



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 25th March 2022



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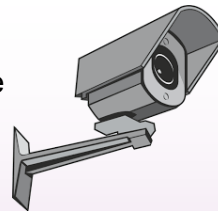
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#### Finally...

On Thursday, our OFSTED letter/report arrived for senior leaders to scrutinise before it gets released to parents. We can only check for factual errors and report back to OFSTED. After five days, it gets published, hopefully just before the Easter Holiday.

#### Safer Street

Just to let you know the power for the York Avenue camera is due to be in place by 8th April, so the camera should be operational when we return from the Easter break. The Safer Street cameras operate term time only, according to the dates published on Ealing Council's website Academic year 2021/22.



**Sunday 27th March  
2022**

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-2, 11-32**

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

#### Peer Review

On Tuesday, we had the pleasure of welcoming four headteachers to St. Joseph's for them to complete a peer review. It is a school improvement activity that we do as part of the Ealing Learning Partnership. Our visitors spent the day talking to children and staff and they also spent some time in lessons and looked at books. The headteachers were mightily impressed!

#### Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home

Laudato Si' whole school homework challenge

Spring has arrived and it is time to get our parks and local area ship-shape ready for the community. At St. Joseph's, we are committed to taking part in 'The Great British Spring Clean – Keep Britain tidy' campaign which runs from 25<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April. Our pledge is to collect 600 bags of rubbish over this period – that is one (bin) bag of rubbish per child - to do our bit and care for our common home. Your homework task will be to head out into your local area with a bin bag and a pair of gloves to pick up litter (with an adult). Once your bin bag is full, take a photo and send it in to our Laudato Si' email. The class which collects the most litter will win the 'Laudato Si' trophy for the month and some photos will be included in the next edition of The Saint.



Please take a photo and email it to [laudatosi@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:laudatosi@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk)

Let's make a difference – together!

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## St. Joseph's Day Celebrations

### Upper Phase

Year 6 celebrated St. Joseph's day by going to Mass. In the morning, Years 3-6 headed to Our Lady and St. Joseph's Church. When we arrived, we waited for some other pupils from different schools to arrive to help us celebrate this day. Each school (including ours) brought a wooden sculpture in honour of St. Joseph. We listened to the Gospel of Matthew 2:13-22 which told us about how Angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph in his dream. At the front of the Church we had a group of singing leaders who sang beautifully to help us with the hymns.

When we got back to school we completed a 'Yo Jo' activity which was a WhatsApp message; we could fill in our own conversation with questions we would like to ask St. Joseph and his possible responses. We also made a special Shrine card using coloured card and included lovely photos of St. Joseph too. We wrote our special prayer to St. Joseph and decorated this nicely. On our way back from lunch we walked past the statue of St. Joseph where we took a photo with it.

Three fun facts we learnt about St. Joseph are:

- \* He was a dreamer
- \* He taught Jesus about his Jewish faith
- \* He was a carpenter.

By Sienna and Freya 6I



In Year 5, we enjoyed attending St. Joseph's Day Mass, singing hymns and celebrating St. Joseph with the chaplains from the other schools. We were reflecting about St. Joseph and all he did to care for and guide Jesus and how he was his earthly father. We each made a shrine dedicated to St. Joseph. We created a shrine template, chose our favourite image of Joseph and Jesus, sketched it and put it as the centre piece. We wrote informative facts about St. Joseph around the image. We also wrote a response to the prayer of St. Joseph in our RE books and said how the prayer made us feel. Lastly, we played a variety of games in PE in the sunshine to celebrate the special day.

In Year 4 we had a very nice St. Joseph's day PowerPoint and it was about how other countries including Spain and Italy celebrate it, and how thoughtful he was when he grew up with his wife Mary and son Jesus.

Secondly, we went to Mass and Father Sanjeeb told us about Joseph. Big shout out to our fantastic readers plus some Year Sixes were given their first Holy Communion.

Then we wrote a prayer about St. Joseph and illustrated it beautifully.

Finally, we made stained glass windows of St. Joseph: one of him, his wife and son, St. Joseph and Jesus working, St. Joseph holding a long stick with lilies. It was a really fun day.

## St. Joseph's Day Celebrations cont'd.. Middle Phase

Years 2 and 3 enjoyed celebrating The Feast of St Joseph, our patron Saint on Friday 18th March. In the morning, Year 3 joined the Upper Phase children for Mass at Our Lady and St Joseph Church whilst Year 2 had a liturgy with Year 1 and Reception back at school. In the afternoon, inspired by St Joseph's own example, the Middle Phase children had three different activities where the children were making things. In Year 2, the children decorated glass jars, decorated biscuits and made a St Joseph shrine card. In Year 3, the children decorated biscuits, made a St Joseph shrine card and also planted sunflower seeds which is also part of their science topic.



## Lower Phase

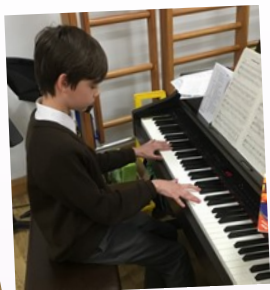
We started off with a prayerful Liturgy in the Junior hall. We enjoyed singing hymns and learning about how Saint Joseph was faithful and obedient and did as God asked. In Reception we worked together to create a beautiful collage of our school logo. In Year One we enjoyed making stained glass windows of Saint Joseph and Jesus, using our school colours.





## Music Evening

On Thursday evening, we held our music evening. It has been over 2 years since the children have been able to perform 'publicly' in our hall and this was a chance for the children who learn to play musical instruments to showcase their skills. The children 'showed off' their talents beautifully. The concentration levels were fantastic and the quality was excellent. It was clear to see that the children had put a lot of effort into learning to play their instruments. Thank you to Ms Bush for organising the event and to Mr Wesolowski for the accompaniment. Thank you also to Mr Jimeno and Mr McKay for their musical input during lessons and to Mrs Banks for her administrative support. A final thank you to you, our parents, who donated £78.75 for the children of Ukraine.





## Music Evening cont'd..



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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
1K	Joseph	For great improvement in writing.
1AS	Lily	For painting your pointillism flower so carefully and beautifully!
1SS	Tymon	For excellent focus in all your tasks.
2JB	Oliver	For excellent adding when answers cross into the next ten.
2EB	Semhal	For improving your reading and working hard in phonics lessons.
2SL	Samuel	For showing great enthusiasm towards all aspects of your learning.
3AR	Louis	For writing a brilliant persuasive letter about the State of Florida in Geography.
3DS	Alan	For accessing and completing your online learning brilliantly!
3SR	Isaac	For great effort to improve your presentation.
4AS	Olly	For making an excellent effort to learn your lines for the Liturgy.
4MS	Logan	For performing your lines for our Easter Liturgy beautifully.
4W	Oliver	For a carefully written story setting.
5B	Filip	For writing a super story opening using descriptive language.
5L	Kai	For demonstrating excellent understanding through your participation in maths lessons.
5W	Suzie	For fantastic effort making 3D shapes in maths.
6B	Leon	For developing a competent shooting action in netball.
6I	Cole	For having a mature attitude towards your learning.
6J	Pedro	For exemplary two handed shooting skills in netball.

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	Annabelle Nur.	For being a good friend to others.
Middle	Alan 2EB	For comforting a classmate in a time of need.
Upper	Ted 5L	For offering to ask a friend to look after Radin in his new school.

### 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>

### The Questors Theatre

Benjamin in Year 4 is performing in a pantomime at the Questors Theatre, "Snow White" from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2022. This show was originally scheduled for the Christmas period, but due to COVID19 all the performances were cancelled. The show is back on, "Oh no it isn't. Oh yes it is!"

Support our local theatre, I attach the flyer to the back of this newsletter.



### Easter Egg Competition & Raffle

The competition has started and the boxes to collect the Easter eggs for the raffle on the 29th March have been delivered to each classroom. Some of the classes have had great fun decorating their boxes. The more eggs collected the more successful the event and the more fun the children will have. The competition is for the class in the lower (reception & year 1), middle (year 2 & 3) and upper phase (year 4, 5 & 6) which collects the most eggs. The winning class from each phase will enjoy a class treat of a movie and popcorn. Remember to send the Easter eggs into the class with the children not to the school office.

Raffle tickets to win Easter eggs are on sale on the infant and junior gates and cost £1 per strip. If anyone can help sell the raffle tickets at the gates please contact the PTA. As always thank you to everyone that has volunteered to sell the tickets.



### 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 being 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  
St Joseph's PTA.  
[stjosephs\\_pta@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephs_pta@yahoo.com)



# PITZHANGER

MANOR & GALLERY

## RANA BEGUM DAPPLED LIGHT

Vibrant installation, sculpture and painting

25 March - September 2022

Book Now (Members Go Free) • [pitzhanger.org.uk](http://pitzhanger.org.uk) • @pitzhanger • Ealing Green, W5 5EQ



The Questors  
THEATRE

### EALING'S PANTOMIME

11 - 27 MARCH 2022

See reverse for showtimes



## Snow White

BY BEN CROCKER

BOX OFFICE

[questors.org.uk](http://questors.org.uk) | 020 8567 5184

DISCOVER THEATRE IN EALING

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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](https://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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