



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### Thursday 28th March 2024



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#### Good wishes for the Easter holiday

This year, the Liturgical and school calendars have aligned nicely and Easter follows immediately after our Holy Week preparations in school. The holiday after gives us time to reflect on a time of hope, renewal and new life. I wish you and your family peace this Easter season and a lovely break afterwards. Everyone back to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.



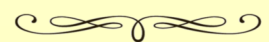
#### Sunday 31st March 2024

*Gospel: John 20:1-9*



*The empty tomb seen by Peter and the Beloved Disciple is a sign of the resurrection of Jesus*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.



#### Message from Governors

On behalf of the Governors, we would like to wish all the staff, children and their families a very happy and holy Easter. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break and we look forward to seeing you in the summer term.  
Anita and Hilary, Co-Chairs of Governors.

#### Farewell

Today, we said our goodbyes to Miss Scotts and Miss Bobbin. Miss Scotts has secured a Teaching Assistant role in her old primary school and so she will still be working with children, but at a different school. Miss Bobbin is relocating to the countryside and has not yet decided on her future but she will be making her decisions in relative tranquillity. I thank them both for their service to Catholic education and wish them health and success in the future.



## Easter Liturgies

Yesterday and today, 4AS and 4S respectively, led the Easter liturgies. The liturgies were a wonderful re-enactment of the Easter story...so far. The children spoke beautifully and the acting made us realise the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Well done to the children and thank you to the staff who made it happen. We now look forward to 4GS and their resurrection liturgy when we return after Easter.



## Way of the Cross

On Tuesday, Year 6 led a most beautiful and spiritual portrayal of Jesus's last hours in their 'Way of the Cross' liturgy in the Church. The children acted out the 14 stations, focusing on specific events of Jesus's last hours, beginning with His condemnation. At each station, the children also read out specific prayers. The whole year group sang beautifully. Thank you to all the children who made the evening so special and to Mrs. Ingham, Ms Smith, Mrs Whybrew, Mrs Murphy, Ms Szyszka and Ms Bahadrian for organising them.



## Easter Celebrations in Nursery

This week, Nursery children were learning about Easter. On Wednesday, the children came in wearing their Easter bonnets. They had a parade, egg and spoon race, Easter Egg Hunt and made Rice Krispies cakes. They had their own Easter Egg Raffle as well. They even made crosses using lolly sticks and pipe cleaners. What a busy time in the Nursery!



## PTA Easter Egg Raffle

On Tuesday, the PTA once again organised a fantastic Easter Egg Raffle. A total of 1422 eggs were donated by families and other organisations for the raffle. The PTA would like to thank all families for their wonderful generosity. There was a competition to see which class could collect the most eggs. The winners in each Phase were:

6MS in the Upper Phase - 117

3DB in the Middle Phase - 92

Nursery in the Lower Phase - 118

The overall winners were Nursery. Well done! The winners will receive their treats after the holidays. Thank you to all the parents who donated eggs and thank you to the PTA for organising the raffle.



## Earth Day

On Monday, 22nd April, we are going to be celebrating Earth Day. All children are asked to come in to school wearing green and blue clothing as a symbol of our support for the protection of the environment. Throughout the week, children will be learning about why plastic is an environmental threat to human health and Earth itself. They will be taking part in a variety of activities to help them understand this issue and think of ideas on how to protect planet Earth. They will be taking a closer look at environmental issues in our local area and promoting the right to a healthier planet. Together we can make a difference! Thank you to Ms. Martin for organising this.



## Lent Fundraising

On Tuesday 12th March, the Lower Phase held a pyjama day when all the children and adults came to school dressed in their pyjamas in exchange for £1. The money raised was for Mission Together. The children also brought in a teddy from home which they were able to talk about for an oracy task. Thank you to Mr. Brooks for organising.



The Middle Phase decided to do a sponsored quiz to raise money for their chosen charity, Mission Together. The children were given a couple of weeks to research the answers to the questions at home; a huge thank you to all the parents who helped their children do this. The children were sponsored per question and Miss Reddin was pleased to report that all of the children managed a really high score! They have spent the last couple of weeks gathering their sponsor money. The Middle Phase have been totally overwhelmed by the amount raised and the children's commitment to contributing to the charity and helping others. Thank you to everybody who has taken part, the response has been wonderful! Thank you to Miss Reddin for organising.

On Friday 22nd March 2024, children in the Upper Phase took part in a Fun Run Lenten Appeal to raise money for Mission Together. Each class had 10 minutes to complete laps around the playground. They pushed themselves and some even achieved 20 laps. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to Mrs. Llewellyn for organising the fundraising.



## Ten Ten Parent Consultation

Thank you to all the parents who contributed to the Ten Ten Life to the Full RHE consultation. Over the Easter break I will look at the responses and feed them into our programme where I can. The consultation period is now closed.



**Love Learn Believe**