



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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PTA Pyjama Day

Everyone looked a bit snoozy today in their pyjamas! Thank you to all the children who brought in gifts for a male for the PTA Christmas Fayre. If you did not remember to bring a gift in, please bring it in on Monday.



Sunday 1st December 2024

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36



And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea and of the waves; Men withering away for fear, and expectation of what shall come upon the whole world. For the powers of heaven shall be moved; And then they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud, with great power and majesty. But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand. And take heed to yourselves, lest perhaps your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and the cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly. For as a snare shall it come upon all that sit upon the face of the whole earth. Watch ye, therefore, praying at all times, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that are to come, and to stand before the Son of man.

Joiners and Leavers

On Monday, Miss Cull joined our staff at St. Joseph's. She is working in the office and helping to run the day-to-day office administration as well as taking over the finance role. Friday 20th December will be a sad day for us and for Mrs. O'Rourke as she retires after 23 years of service to Catholic education. She is already looking forward to winding down a little bit but I am sure that she will be keeping herself as busy as ever. May God bless her!



Countdown to Christmas

Please look at the back of the newsletter to find the countdown to Christmas. All our events and times are listed for you to be able to put specific dates in your diaries.

Drama Workshops

On Monday 25th November, each class in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a fun drama workshop led by Perform. The workshop was called 'Blast off Like a Rocket'. The children strapped on their astronaut suits before blasting off into space. They had to collect enough magic moon dust to sprinkle on the nasty green frog monster to turn him good again! Each class managed to do this to save the day. Well done to all the classes - the children had a great time. Thank you to Mr. Brooks for organising the workshops.



Catholic Social Teaching

A gentle reminder that it is better to send a card to the class. The children really enjoy reading out their cards to the class and see the class cards on display – all in the knowledge that they were making a difference to the planet. Let's give Planet Earth a happier Christmas by reducing our paper waste and also save some money.

Challenge: We are asking that children create/ write one 'whole class' Christmas card.

- Write all of your classmates' names on it.
- Write a special Christmas message inside.

Classes can then put the 30 cards on display in the classroom for you to look at throughout Advent.



Road Safety Week Follow Up

On Tuesday, 4 of our Ambassadors held a 'Be Bright Be Seen Stall' in the Junior playground. This was the sale that had been postponed due to the rain last week.. We thank you for your support in keeping our children safe when travelling. A special thank you to the Ambassadors and to Mrs Day.



Year 6 Victorian Day

This week, Year 6 travelled back in time to the 1800s. The children were invited to come in dressed as Victorian children and they experienced a day in the life of a Victorian child at school (including the severe punishments - which they particularly enjoyed!). They practised their Victorian handwriting, chanted times tables and even completed a 'drill' session in the playground. Children learnt all about Victorian schooling and jobs children had in the 1800s - safe to say they are all VERY grateful to be living in the 21st Century. Well done to all the Year 6 children for the effort they put in; they really entered into the spirit of the day. Thank you to the Year 6 team for organising the day.



Free Online Workshops

Please look at the back of the newsletter for free workshops on a variety of topics.

Upcoming Year 5 Bake Sale

As part of our focus on Catholic Social Teaching this half-term, Year 5 have been learning about the principle of the Preferential Option for the Poor. After reflecting on this, Year 5 were eager to put their learning into action. As a result, we have decided to organise a bake sale to raise funds for our chosen charity, Mary's Meals. This will be taking place on Wednesday 4th December 2024 after school in the Upper Phase Playground. ALL ITEMS WILL BE 50p EACH. We hope to see many of you there!



School Office is going cashless

The School Office will be going cashless after Christmas and will no longer take cash payments for the Early Morning Drop-off Club, school trips and music lessons etc. Please download the Teachers to Parents app and register in order to make payments, if you need any help please contact the office.



A Heartfelt Thank You to the PTA

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the PTA for their generous funding of new glockenspiels for our music program. These new instruments have replaced our old, worn-out, and damaged glockenspiels, and we couldn't be more excited for the impact they will have on our students.

Thanks to the PTA's support, our young musicians now have access to high-quality instruments that will inspire creativity and enhance their learning experience. We are incredibly grateful for the PTA's ongoing commitment to enriching our students' education and fostering a love of the arts.

Thank you once again for making this possible!



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
Nur	Casey	For knowing all the words to our Nativity songs.
RB	Zachary	For contributing to our class discussion about the Annunciation. Well done!
RL	Valentina	For always being friendly to your classroom friends.
1AP	Arabella	For always being confident to lead our class prayers beautifully.
1EB	Zuzanna	For beautiful work on the new topic words for 'Waiting'.
1SR	John	For being a great help when decorating our class poster on St. David.
2CF	Francisco	For his wonderful Advent card.
2AF	Fatma	For her beautiful Advent window, all about the love God has given us this year.
2JB	Nina	For her thoughtful idea of donating to the poor as a way of preparing for the coming of Jesus.
3AR	Chloe	For coming up with great ideas about how we can 'Walk in the Light of Christ'.
3DB	Freddie	For creating an excellent booklet based on the Rite of Baptism.
3SM	Lena	For having lots of ideas for how we can 'Walk in the Light of Christ' at school, home and for the world.
4AS	Grace	For remembering about the Hindu books from her own learning and sharing with the class.
4GS	Meabh	For great enthusiasm whilst taking part in the story of the Six Blind Men (Hinduism).
4S	Shaynie	For fantastic participation in the Six Blind Men story in Hinduism!
5AL	Teaganmarie	For creating a beautiful poem about 'Waiting in Hope'.
5AS	Enda	For making excellent links to Isaiah when speaking about Advent.
5CR	Isla	For a great news report on the hopeful excitement of Jesus' coming!
6MS	Edore	For designing a beautiful card celebrating a priest's ordination.
6LI	Antony	For explaining his understanding of the vows taken by a person entering Religious Life.
6WL	Yasmin	For showing understanding of the vows an ordinand makes when becoming a priest.

Celebrations continued..

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
Nur	Shae	For showing a more mature attitude towards learning.
RB	Aoife	For excellent understanding of patterns.
RL	Abesalat	For remembering all the words to our songs. Well done!
1AP	Leo	For their best effort in all lessons this week.
1EB	Yanis	For learning his lines well and using a loud voice in practice.
1SR	Leyna	For displaying a great understanding of addition.
2CF	Roksana	For always being well behaved and a great role model.
2AF	Karolina	For her superb summary of Little Red Riding Hood in English.
2JB	Fiachra	For his excellent ideas for his letter based on 'The Day the Crayons Quit'.
3AR	Teodor	For his responses in Geography when learning about Climate Change.
3DB	All of 3DB	For all of their hard work in preparing for our Collective Worship Class Assembly.
3SM	Antoni	For writing a fantastic newspaper report.
4AS	Lilly	For showing great effort across all areas of the curriculum.
4GS	Alexi	For inspiring her class to further investigate different materials that would make a complete circuit. Well done!
4S	Arthur	For using fantastic oracy skills in class discussions.
5AL	Cody	For working so hard and improving the presentation of his work.
5AS	Adam	For creating fantastic art, inspired by poetry.
5CR	Alicja	For always being kind and polite to fellow pupils and staff.
6LI	Tymon	For determination and effort to improve handwriting.
6MS	La'Kel	For great focus, hard work and enthusiasm in Maths this week.
6WL	Julia	For giving her best effort in all Maths lessons.

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	Anna Nursery	For helping her friend during snack time.
Middle	Harrison 2AF	For consistently being helpful, thoughtful and kind to everyone.
Upper	Sara 6LI	For assisting a new pupil with translate app so that they can access class activities.



Date	Time	Year/Class	Event	Where
4/12/24	10.30am	Year 5	Advent Carol Service	Westminster Cathedral
9/12/24	2.00pm	Year 5 audience	1SR Nativity	Junior Hall
10/12/24	2.00pm	Year 6 audience	1EB Nativity	Junior Hall
11/12/24	2.00pm	Year 4 audience	1AP Nativity	Junior Hall
12/12/24	9.15am	Siblings only	Early Years Nativity - RB supported by Nursery	Infant Hall
12/12/24	9.30am	Choir	Choir @ Hanwell Community Centre	Hanwell Community Centre
12/12/24	2.15pm	Siblings only	Early Years Nativity - RL supported by Nursery	Infant Hall
13/12/24	All day	All classes	PTA Christmas Fair	Dance Studio
16/12/24	All day	All classes	Christmas jumper day	
16/12/24	Afternoon	All classes	Class Christmas Parties (Santa Visiting)	
17/12/24	Lunch	All classes	Children's Christmas Lunch	
17/12/24	4.30pm	Choir	Carol Singing at Hanwell Station	Hanwell Station
17/12/24	7.00pm	All	Year 5 Advent Service	Church
18/12/24	4.30pm	Choir	Carol Singing at Hanwell Station	Hanwell Station
19/12/24		Nursery	Last day	
19/12/24	9.30am	Years 1-3	Pantomime	Junior Hall
19/12/24	1.30pm	Years 4-6	Pantomime	Junior Hall
19/12/24	2.30pm	Year 2	Year 2 Carols on Green	Playground
20/12/24	10.45am	Year 3 - 6	Carol Singing	Junior Hall
20/12/24	1.30pm	Rec to Year Six	Finish for Christmas	

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**FAMILY
SUPPORT
WORKSHOP**

In-person workshops designed to enhance family emotional wellbeing, specifically tailored for parents and caregivers.



**SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S
EMOTIONAL WELLBEING**

Connect-Ed delivers mental health support at St Joseph's RC Primary school. This workshop will provide parents and carers with space to explore common challenges, learn new strategies and share with others.

**COME JOIN US ON TUESDAY THE 3RD OF
DECEMBER FROM 9AM TO 10AM**

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Disclaimer St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is happy to use the newsletter to support activities, events and publications. However, we have not vetted these services and are not specifically recommending them.

FREE
online parenting workshop

MANAGING CONFLICT

Conflicts are regular occurrence in family lives. It's often a normal part of everyday life. However, studies have shown that incidents of conflict that are frequent, intense, and poorly resolved, can have a significant negative impact on mental health.

Tuesday 10th
December 2024
10am-12pm
via MS Teams



This workshop would explore types of conflict, causes of conflicts in families and the impact of parental conflict on children, as well as practical steps that parents/carers can take to reduce conflict

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