St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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National tests

The Key Stage 1 window for SATs opens next week and the children in Year 2 will be undertaking their papers over the course of the month of May in a very relaxed atmosphere. Year 6 will be sitting their papers in the week commencing 9th May. After that, it is the turn of Year 1 with their Phonics Screening and Year 4 with their Multiplication Tables Check in June.

Bank Holiday

Please remember that it is May Day Bank Holiday on Monday and the school will be closed. See you on Tuesday 3rd May.



Sunday 1st May 2022

Gospel: John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

Careers Fair

A reminder that Mr. Buckfield is looking for volunteers for his careers fair...

On Thursday 14th July, we will be holding a careers fair for children in Years 4 to 6 and are looking for volunteers to participate to give children an insight into the types of professions and careers that are out there. This has been a very successful event in the past but relies of volunteers to give up their time. Volunteers would ideally be available for the whole day (9am - 3pm). If you or anyone you know would be interested, please contact Mr. Buckfield via the Year 2 email: year2@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk

Cricket

On Thursday, the Y6 Girls' Cricket team participated in a tournament at Ealing Cricket Club. The girls were nominated by the five other schools to be awarded a golden trophy as they made so much progress over the day. Well done to Diana, Sienna H, Orla, Grace, Sienna K, Hanna K, Florence, Emily, Angelina and Rose! Also a big thank you to Miss Jaffer and to Mr. Pereira who accompanied the children.



Laudato Si' Award

Every week, Mrs Whybrew includes a Laudato Si' article in the newsletter to highlight a particular concern or threat to the environment. Recently you will have read about our litter picking challenge. The children were asked to pick up litter, with and adult, in the afternoons and the weekends and then take a picture of the litter and send it in to Mrs Whybrew. We had lots of photos, hoped for a few more but the winning year group was Year 1. Well done! One third of all the litter picking was done by Year 1 children; you have set a great example. Year 1 wins our 'living' trophy, a Bonsai Tree. The award will stay with Year 1 until the next challenge. Thank you to Mrs. Whybrew for organising the challenges.





Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home

Get ready to take part in 'No Mow May'. Plantlife, an organisation working in collaboration with the National Trust, is asking everyone to pack away the lawn mower during May to allow plants to flower on the lawn. This allows lawn flowers such as daisies, buttercups, dandelions, cuckooflowers and white clover to flower which can create enough nectar for ten times more bees and other pollinators. There are also lots of plants you can grow in your garden, window box and vegetable patch that will attract pollinators. These include rosemary, lavender, apple blossom, strawberries and tomatoes. Insects such as bees support our ecosystem by pollinating the flowers that produce the nuts, seeds and fruit that we eat.

Challenge: Give it a go! Leave the lawn and focus on the plants which attract our pollinators.

Please do share your ideas with us by emailing your photos in to laudatosi@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk

Let's make a difference – together!

Kit Design Competition

Some of our children entered the Willow Tree Sports Partnership Kit Design Competition. The children were asked to design a sports kit. There were some excellent designs and two entries from St. Joseph's were very well received. Giada in 5AL came third and so receives a lovely certificate, cup and glitter gel pens. Lena in 6B won the competition and so receives a gold cup, certificate and a scented colouring collection. Have a look at their impressive designs...





Virtual Skipping Competition

The children in Key Stage 2 took part in the Willow Tree Sports Partnership Virtual Skipping Competition not too long ago. The competition was split into Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2 children, so the Year 3 and 4 children and the Year 5 and 6 children. I find skipping such a strenuous exercise but our children are experts! The Year 3 and 4 children came first in their competition. Not wishing to be outdone by the Year 3 and 4 children, the children in Year 5 and 6 also came first! Well done to all who took part.





PE kit

A reminder that the Govening body approved the wearing of yellow school polo shirts for girls and also black shorts for PE for everyone. There will be a period of grace of 24 months for the old white shorts

Uniform reminder

Please label all school uniform and PE kit, it helps to speed up the return of lost uniform and resolves issues quickly with mixed up PE kit in the classroom.

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	Marie	For a great improvement in phonics and reading.
1AS	Dylan	For a fantastic retelling of the story of Zacchaeus in RE.
1SS	Dunja	For creating beautiful drawings.
2JB	Julius	For remembering what he has learnt before about parts of a plant.
2EB	David	For writing an impressive recount of 'The Bridge' story.
2SL	Patrick	For working really hard to learn his 2X tables and achieve his Stage 1 certificate. Well done!
3AR	James	For making a tremendous effort to learn his lines for the production.
3DS	Maya	For always contributing valuably to class discussions.
3SR	Brendan	For his great understanding of why the River Nile was so important to the Ancient Egyptians.
4AS	Sinead	For making a fantastic effort to learn her times tables.
4MS	Caleb	For his excellent effort in Maths this week.
4W	Lewis	For working really hard on conversion in Mathematics.
5B	Brayan	For his fantastic effort at interpreting information from timetables.
5L	Oisin	For working incredibly hard and writing a fantastic diary entry from the viewpoint of Cleopas in RE.
5W	Cosme	For your well thought out questions that invite whole class discussions.
6B	Natan	For encouraging members of his cricket team and offering helpful advice.
61	Estelle	For a greater effort and focus on homework and revision.
6J	Nancy	For putting extra effort into revising Maths topics.

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	Eliza Nur.	For welcoming and looking after our new classmate.
Middle	Alexander 3AR	For being a wonderful role model and a perfect example of good behaviour for all.
Upper	Natalia 5W	For going out of her way to help Miss McEwen with anything that needed to be done.

Change to lunch menu

Please note there has been a change to the lunch menu:

Week 2 Thursday—children will served Jacket Potato with Cheese and Baked Beans instead of Shepherds Pie

Week 3 Thursday—children will be served Cheese & Tomato Pasta instead of Vegetable Loaf.

Please see the updated menu at the back of the newsletter.

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, over the counter painkillers, post-burn gels and plasters, burn creams, gloves, alcohol wipes.

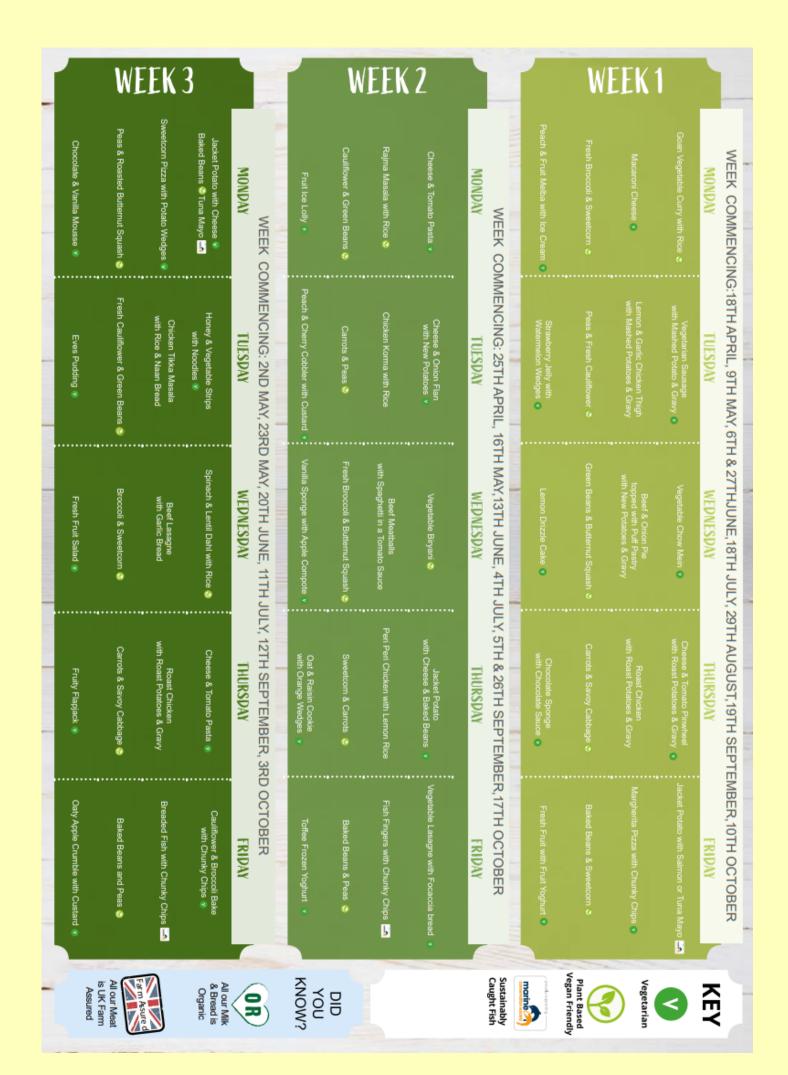
If you prefer to make donations through websites to charities, then here are some that are collecting for the Ukrainian people in no specific order: https://unitedhelpukraine.org/

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











Tuesday 3rd May	Tickets on sale for the Nursery and Reception school disco
Wednesday 4 th May	PTA Meeting
Friday 27 th May	Cake Sale
Friday 10 th June	Break the Rule Day – Silly Hair
	Bring in a bottle for the tombola stall
Friday 17 th June	Break the Rule Day – Silly Socks
	Bring in a cuddly toy for the hook a duck stall
Saturday 25 th June	Summer Fete

Further information on some of the above events will be provided in future school newsletters.

SCHOOL DISCO 18TH MAY

Tickets for the nursery and reception school disco will go on sale on Tuesday 3rd May at the lower phase gates, nursery gates and a limited number will be available from the front office. Tickets will be priced £3 per child (this will include entrance, snack and a soft drink) and £1 per adult. As the disco is for the younger children they will need to be accompanied by an adult. Small toys will also be on sale starting from £1 and adults will also be able to purchase hot drinks and cakes.

Tickets for the previous disco's sold out really quickly so to avoid disappointment please make sure you buy them early.



SUMMER FETE 25TH JUNE

Thank you everyone that has agreed to place Doyle Sales and Lettings boards outside their houses. Doyle Sales and Lettings are once again a major supporter of the summer fete and we need 30 in total so if you are able to place one outside your house for 2 weeks, please let us know the name of the street and your telephone number.

We are still asking for raffle prizes, if you have contacts or work for a company who would be willing to donate a prize please let the PTA know.

The weeks leading up to the summer fair we will also be asking for second hand books, preloved uniform, donations of bottles for the tombola, and cuddly toys for the hook a duck, we will send further details closer to the time.

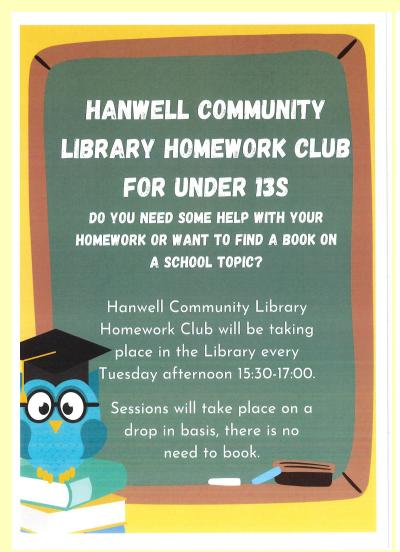
Thank you St Joseph's PTA

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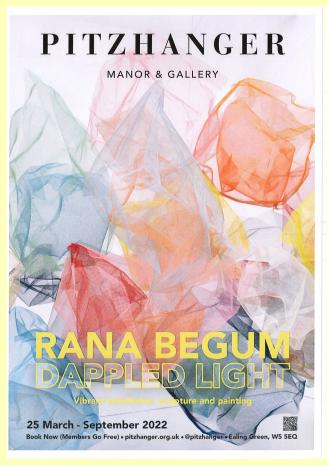












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