



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Coronavirus

I am really glad to report that, at the time of writing this item, in the last three days we have had only one child and one adult contract coronavirus. Thank you for following our rules, it does make a difference. Please continue to wear face coverings in crowded areas during drop-off and pick-up.

On another note, I was speaking to a parent midweek who reminded me that it was not only children who fall ill with coronavirus but also the parent body. We extend our prayers to all our community by praying the prayer below during assembly. If you have a spare moment, pray as well.

Loving God,
We place our worries in your hands.
We place our sick under your care
and humbly ask that you
restore your servants to health
again.
Above all, grant us the grace to
acknowledge your will and know
that whatever you do,
you do for the love of us.
Amen



Sunday 6th February 2022

Gospel : Luke 5: 1 - 11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

Parent Evenings

Parent evenings take place on Tuesday 8th February and Thursday 10th February. Most teachers are saying that appointments have been filled up but are still waiting for a few parents. Please make appointments as soon as possible and also check that you have login details before the day. If you are unable to access Teams at home for whatever reason, please email the class teacher who will make arrangements for an appointment on a different date.

Upcoming INSET day

A reminder to parents that the school will be closed to children on Friday 11th February. The staff are having a training day; Religious Education being the focus.



Laptop Donation

Deloitte has donated 50 laptops to St. Joseph's! This is a huge unexpected bonus to our Computing provision and one that I extend a huge thank you to the company. One of our parents put forward our school as part of Deloitte's pledge to donate 7,500 laptops to schools, charities and community groups in response to the growing digital skills gap exacerbated by COVID-19. You can read a little more about Deloitte's laptop donation programme here [The big catch up in education | Deloitte UK.](#)



Hanwell Community Library

I have been asked to attach a flyer to the newsletter from the library. The library is such a wonderful resource that is not used as much as it could be. The opening times are:

Tuesday 10am-1pm then 2-5pm

Wednesday 10am-1pm then 2-5pm

Thursday 2-5pm

Saturday 10-4pm

Read the flyer and hopefully join up!



Kurling Competition

On Friday 28th January 2022, Dacya, Julia, James, Dennis, Dominik, Paddy and Wiktor in Year 4, all took part in a New-Age Kurling Competition. Our two teams competed in a tactical game which involves sliding weighted stones towards a circular target. The children took part in a number of fun and engaging challenges, with one team from St. Joseph's even winning Gold! Well done! All our children exemplified the School Games values of honesty, determination and self-belief. Thank you also to Ms. Smith, Mrs. Bordi and Mr. Sampaio who accompanied the children.



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WhatsApp Groups

WhatsApp is a useful tool for parents to quickly engage with a large group to seek answers e.g 'My child has lost their homework sheet, can somebody post a picture?' or 'Are the children supposed to bring in a toy today?' WhatsApp or other platforms should not be used to contact parents directly over issues to do with children.



Experience tells us that making contact directly, however well intended, can be taken out of context and lead to the resolution taking even longer.

If you have concerns or worries about your child, please make an appointment to speak to the class teacher in the first instance. If you still have concerns, then please ask to meet with the Phase Leader. If your concern still has not been satisfactorily resolved please make an appointment to see Mrs Kenny or Mr Rakowski.

First Family Friday Book

Today is a chance for you to look through your child's books and celebrate their learning with them. Please remember to return them all on Monday!

Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home



In Laudato Si', the letter written by Pope Francis, the Pope asks us to show care for others – to recognise that we need one another and that we all need to encourage a 'culture of care'. Across the school, the children have been learning about the importance of charitable works in PSHE, and ways in which we can help others by fundraising and donating to charity. In February and March, the Laudato Si' home learning tasks will link with our PSHE work and focus upon works of charity.

Next week we will be sending home a sponsorship form for each pupil. The children will be taking part in 'February fundraising through Fiction' in aid of CAFOD. We are asking the children to raise funds through sponsorship by pledging to increase their reading for a fortnight. This can be done by:

- doubling the amount of time they read each day
- setting themselves a challenge of reading a target amount of books within the fortnight
- setting themselves a target amount of pages to read each day.

Challenge: Encourage your child to choose a challenging, but achievable, target. Encourage them to ask family and friends for sponsorship and encourage them as they achieve their goals each day.

Let's make a difference – together!

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	Elissa	For trying hard to stay focused.
1AS	Steve	For huge improvement in lesson participation in all subjects.
1SS	Krystian	For demonstrating great computing skills.
2JB	Sophie	For her increased effort to spell words more carefully.
2EB	Sophia	For trying her best in all lessons and making good progress as a result.
2SL	Vanessa	For her thoughtful responses in RE. Well done!
3AR	Maria	For a wonderful effort with her online learning at home.
3DS	Rayan	For showing empathy and helping out a friend in difficulty.
3SR	Zuzanna	For displaying great confidence and imagination in Dance.
4AS	Ronell	For showing fantastic understanding of Fractions
4MS	Victoria	For always doing her best to be kind, polite and friendly.
4W	Reis	For giving her best effort in every task.
5B	John	For his super participation during our History lessons about 'The Maya'.
5L	Hannah	For working hard in RE lessons and finding out about the Salvation Army.
5W	Elizabeth	For always being enthusiastic when answering questions in class.
6B	Leon	For his enthusiasm when investigating how the number of cells in a circuit affects the performance of a component.
6I	Liam	For a careful and thorough investigation using electrical components in circuits.
6J	Ysabella	For a very creative and colourful portrait design in the style of Picasso.

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	Kemi Nur	For always being a kind friend.
Middle	Alan 2EB	For his caring attitude to all his classmates.
Upper	Eva 5B	For going out of her way to help support remote learners while isolating herself.

Books books books!

Here at Hanwell Community Library, we have a vast array of books for children and teenagers. In our Children's Library, we have:

- Picture books
- Phonics/learning to read books
- Dual language books
- Audio books
- Dyslexia friendly books
- Junior fiction and junior non-fiction books
- Books suitable for early readers
- Junior graphic novels

In our teenage collection we have:

- Teenage fiction books
- Teenage non-fiction books
- Revision guides
- Teenage dyslexia friendly books
- Audio books



Study space and activities

The Library provides a safe and quiet study space. We have free WI-FI and desks that can be used for studying. Users are welcome to bring their own laptops.

We also offer a regular Storytime session for younger children and parents on Wednesday mornings at 11am.

Going forward, we will also be starting a homework club, dates and times TBC.



Join the Library or arrange a visit

The Library is open on:

- Tuesday 10am-1pm then 2-5pm
- Wednesday 10am-1pm then 2-5pm
- Thursday 2-5pm
- Saturday 10-4pm

Joining the Library is free and allows you to take books home as well as order books from libraries across London. It also gives you access to the Library computers. To join the Library, please fill in the online registration form at:

<https://llc.ent.sirsidynix.net.uk/custom/web/registration/index.html>
this will generate a registration number. Please note the number and bring it into the Library and we will issue you with a library card.

If you are a teacher and would like to arrange for your class to visit the Library, please email hcl@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk



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