



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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'Fortnight of Fundraising through Fiction'

We have been busy counting and collecting all of the children's contributions from our 'Fortnight of Fundraising through Fiction'. The response has been fantastic, £2537.40 - well done to all of the children. Our intention had been to send all funds raised to CAFOD and, after checking the CAFOD website, have seen their appeal for funds for their sister agency Caritas Ukraine who are helping people affected by the invasion. We trust that all families will be happy for the funds raised to be sent there. Thank you to Mrs Whybrew and Miss Redhead for organising.

CAFOD
Just one world

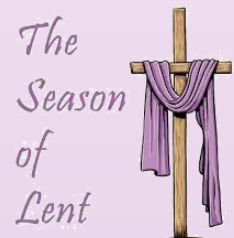


Sunday 6th March 2022

First Sunday of lent

Gospel : Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"



Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent began this week. Father Sanjeeb led two liturgies in school to ensure the majority of our children and staff received ashes. The children thought carefully about fasting, prayer and almsgiving and also about how they could help others who are less fortunate than ourselves and pray a little more. We will be raising money for our Lenten Charities.



Support for Ukraine

It is right that as a community we should do everything that we can to help the innocent people who are suffering in the Ukraine.



On Monday 7th March, for the price of £1 children may come to school wearing blue and yellow clothes (the colours of the Ukrainian flag) instead of their school uniform. All monies collected will go to charities that support the Ukrainian people affected by the Russian invasion.

A parent has asked me to appeal to you to donate emergency medical supplies such as bandages, painkillers, post-burn gels and plasters, burn creams, gloves, alcohol wipes. These can be dropped off at the school office and will be collected by the parent and then sent on.

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Support For Ukraine cont'd

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://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

<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>

Set up earlier this month by the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB), the appeal is raising funds to provide accredited and registered Ukrainian charities with medicine, food and vital services. Donations can also pay for blankets, hygiene packs and trauma counselling.

British-Ukrainian Aid (Registered UK Charity)

<https://british-ukrainianaid.org/make-a-donation>

All members of the group are volunteers and work on the charity's projects after their day jobs. Fundamental principles are transparency and ethical integrity. British-Ukrainian Aid supports people suffering from the war and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine by aligning UK and Ukrainian efforts. They offer assistance to vulnerable individuals who have been physically, mentally or socially disadvantaged, including the injured and wounded, orphaned children, the elderly, internally displaced persons and families who have lost their main earners.

Ealing's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF)

programme - Easter 2022

Ealing HAF programme will again be running this Easter and open to children who reside in Ealing and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (FSM). Ealing's spring HAF Programme will run from Monday 4 April – Friday 8 April and Monday 11 April – Thursday 14 April 2022. Booking information will be available through the [HAF pages on Ealing's Families Directory \(link is external\)](#)

The booking system will go live to view and book the available activities from Wednesday 9th March 2022. Click on the link below to view the brochure. <https://www.egfl.org.uk/sites/default/files/Spring%202022%20HAF%20Leaflet.pdf>



The Questors Theatre

Benjamin in Year 4 is performing in a pantomime at the Questors Theatre, "Snow White" from the 11th to the 27th 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.

Drugs Aware

On Tuesday, two Year 6 children on their way home were stopped by a woman and offered drugs. The two Year 6 children did the right thing and hurried home and reported it to their parent, who then reported it to me. I have reported it to our Ealing School Safe Scheme who will distribute the report to other local schools



Parking

A little while ago I mentioned that we had a complaint from a person who witnessed illegal parking and dangerous driving on the junction of Uxbridge Road and Station Road by the Duke of York pub during drop-off times. Thankfully, there has been a bit of an improvement but the witness has emailed me again to say that it is still going on but not to the same extent. Parking on double yellow lines endangers pedestrians, please refrain from doing this.



Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home

Food Waste Action Week 2022 begins next week on the 7th March. Did you know that around a third of the food produced globally is lost or wasted and it's having a real impact on climate change, contributing 8–10% of total man-made greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions? Combined with the recent increases in the cost of groceries, it makes sense to help our Earth, consciences and our pockets by reducing the amount of food waste in each household. What about these ideas:



- Rather than serve dinner on plates, allow the family to help themselves from central dishes. People will take what they think they can eat (and can always help themselves to more), and you may even have enough leftovers for the next day's lunch.
- If your child has a packed lunch, ask them to bring home their leftovers rather than throwing them away. You will be able to see if your child is eating the portions that you are giving them.

Challenge: Just before your next grocery shop write a list for your parent of all the items left in the fridge/ larder which have passed their sell-by date and need to be thrown away. Is it always lettuce/ Potatoes/ Bread? Then help your parents come up with meals for the week. Meal planning helps to eliminate waste and impulse purchases.

Let's make a difference – together!

Planters

18 planters were delivered at school this week. The PTA funded project will allow each class to have an outdoor garden where they can grow their own fruit and vegetables. Another five planters are being donated by the Nurkowski family in school. Research shows that more than 96% of children are not eating enough fruit and vegetables and that children in schools which grow food eat more than one and a half more of their five-a-day than other school children.



Internet Safety

A while ago we had some children trying to access images of a scary doll “Momo”. We put a stop to it very quickly but the issue has arisen again. Please ensure that you remain vigilant of your child's searches of online content on phones, tablets, computers and gaming platforms to ensure content is appropriate. Inappropriate use of the internet in school will be dealt with swiftly and we ask you to work with us to keep your children safe while online.



Recycle4charity

Thank you to all the children and parents who have been recycling ink cartridges at St. Joseph's. We have already raised some money which will go towards resourcing our school. We ask you to continue recycling any dried up or used inkjet cartridges. You will find the recycling box in the lobby area outside the school office.

For more information please visit: <https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/InkjetCartridges>



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Reception

The children in reception had a fantastic day. We started the day with a World Book Day parade in the Infant Hall with Nursery and Year 1. The children had great fun walking along the cat-walk to music. In class, we discussed the importance of World Book Day, the book brought in by the children. We have shared lots of wonderful stories and created our own bookmark. In the afternoon, the children in year 6 came down to share a story with every child. It was wonderful to watch both Reception and Year 6 children so engaged with each other.



Year 1

We really enjoyed WBD. We dressed up and had a lively fashion parade in the hall with Reception. The Year 5 children visited us to read stories to us. We made book-marks and puppets of characters from the story of The Enormous Turnip.



Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed World Book Day. There were a range of costumes on display, including characters from some of the books we have been reading. We had a fashion parade, read some stories, made book-marks, had a quiz. The children had great fun working out which teacher was behind which mask in The Masked Reader.



Year 2 cont'd



Year 3

Year 3 looked fantastic in their costumes and had great fun during World Book Day. They created a watercolour landscape based on the class reader – Gregory Cool. They also wrote a book review on this. They then designed a book cover for a book of their choice – it was great to see them use their imagination. During assembly, the children loved parading their costumes to the rest of the Middle Phase. The children displayed great enjoyment and knowledge of books in the quiz. A highlight for the children was The Masked Reader, where they had to guess the teacher and the blurb being read behind a disguise.



Year 4

Today, for World Book day, Year 4 were asked to come to school as characters from books. At 9am, we walked into the hall and performed a parade by walking around the hall and then we watched 'The Masked Reader' where the teachers had to read using Snap-chat and we had to guess who was reading. When we returned to class, we created our rap about World Book Day which we are going to record on Audacity to create class songs. In the afternoon, we designed our own human-like animal character and gave them a voice. By Alice 4W



Year 5

We started the day with a costume parade and a Masked Reader quiz. After that, we took part in a Soundscape, based on a stormy scene by Claude-Joseph Vernet. We then visited the Year 1 classes and read a book which they had chosen. This was lots of fun! After lunch, we created a character using the ideas from well-known authors and illustrators. To end the day we challenged ourselves to a Reading Quiz. Overall, it was a fun-packed day and it was great seeing everyone's costumes.



Year 6

We began World Book Day by showcasing our costumes in an Upper Phase Parade. Here, we watched a brand new series called 'The Masked Reader'; we had to guess which teacher was in disguise and which book they were describing to us – check it out on the website!

Later, we also designed our own book covers and blurbs for a book of our choice. In the afternoon, we particularly enjoyed reading with Reception and helping them to develop a pleasure for reading.



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	Sophia	For diligent phonics work.
1AS	Rosie	For great enthusiasm whilst dancing in PE.
1SS	Naiyana	For excellent singing and actions in our class assembly.
2JB	Isla	For her fantastic effort with her lines for our assembly, which she read loudly and clearly.
2EB	Pavel	For working hard and making good progress in all subjects. Keep it up!
2SL	Diego	For working carefully in Maths to solve division problems. Well done!
3AR	Lily	For making excellent progress with her reading.
3DS	Max	For completing his research on North America well.
3SR	Cameron	For a great improvement in his written work. Keep it up!
4AS	Marcel	For making a huge improvement in all areas of his learning.
4MS	Paddy	For his excellent interpretation of a Frida Kahlo portrait in Art.
4W	Milly	For listening attentively and offering interesting, well-explained answers in class.
5B	Gabriela	For including all of the key features in her playscript about Coraline.
5L	Radin	For writing an amazing sentence about the mystery of faith in RE.
5W	Thomas	For an improved attitude to home learning.
6B	Orla	For her kind and caring attitude when reading with younger children.
6I	Filip	For understanding WW2 propaganda and creating modern propaganda reflecting current events.
6J	Igor	For fantastic artwork reflecting the Eucharistic prayer, inspired by Elizabeth Wang.

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	Lily Nur	For always being very kind and helpful/
Middle	La'Kel 3AR	For helping the younger children during our Ash Wednesday liturgy when they were unsure of what to do.
Upper	Natalia 5W	For setting a fantastic example to younger children daily when doing her morning job.

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The school disco is this afternoon/evening and we really hope the children have a great time. The PTA would like to thank everyone who sold tickets (they sold out much faster than we had expected) and for helping on the night.

In usual circumstances, the disco would have been held earlier in the year but with COVID restrictions it was not possible. As the disco is during Lent, we have changed the snacks that will be available. Instead of chocolates and sweets the PTA will be selling, crisps, mini cheddars, rice cakes and dried fruit snacks, these will be 50p each. We will also be selling some toys for the children to purchase, glow rings, spinner bracelets and snap wrist bands etc. these will be priced from 50p to £2.00.

As there is limited space in the hall we ask parents to drop their children off and take their coats with them. This will also help when the children are leaving, they won't need to hunt through a mountain of coats to find their own.

Due to the hall capacity we know that some children weren't able to buy tickets, we hope the disco is one of many events that take place this year so children who haven't been able to go can take part in another event.

The next PTA meeting is Wednesday 9th March at 7 pm. We will be organising the Easter Raffle, Uniform sale and Summer Fair so please come along and join in.



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Try Gaelic Football

First Session Free

Pre season Training at Will to Win, Lammas, W13 9NJ: Friday from 4th Mar - 1st April, 7pm - 8pm

Summer Training at Boston Manor, Playing Fields TW8 9LR: Friday from 22nd April, 6pm - 7:30pm

New Players Welcome: All Abilities, No Experience Necessary

ST JOSEPH'S JUNIORS GAEILIC FOOTBALL CLUB

Boys U7/U9/U11/U13 Girls U7/U9/U11

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The Questors
THEATRE

EALING'S PANTOMIME

11 - 27 MARCH 2022
See reverse for showtimes

Snow White

BY BEN CROCKER

BOX OFFICE
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