



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th May 2022



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Prayers for Year 2 and Year 6

The staff, children and parents have all worked hard to get the children ready for their SATs. Year 6 begin their tests on Monday and Year 2 follow on the week after. We are confident in their abilities but a combination of good night of sleep, breakfast and prayers are always helpful.



Sunday 8th May 2022

Gospel: John 10:27-30

And Jesus said to his disciples: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

PTA

The PTA committee is working hard with preparations for the Summer Fete on Saturday 25th June. The committee has asked me to ask you for volunteers to have an Estate Agent type board located at your property advertising our fete. If you are able to help, please let the PTA know by emailing them: stjosephs_pta@yahoo.com. If you live in rented accommodation, please make sure that you have the owner's permission.

Month of Mary

May is the Month of Mary and as a school we celebrated the beginning of May with the 'Crowning of Mary'. Each Phase celebrated the event in their own way but were united in the way we worshipped Our Lady through readings and prayers. This ancient May tradition reminds us that Our Lady is worthy of honour and we crown her as Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God.



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School Safe Scheme

Every so often I get emails from the School Safe team who alert schools about unsavoury things that happen in their localities. These incidences are usually specific to a particular school and do not need to be shared further. However, yesterday I received a report about an attempted abduction of a Year 6 girl walking to school alone in the morning. A man in a large white van pulled up alongside her and tried to pull her in. Mercifully, the girl screamed and the driver got back into his van and sped off. Details have been passed to the Police. Thankfully, these types of incidences are few and far between but it is important to keep our children aware of dangers when walking to or from school alone.

Holy Communion

The season for Holy Communion is upon us and many children will be celebrating their first eucharist across the parishes which our children belong to. I pray that all the masses go to plan and that our children and families celebrate in a fitting way.



Year 6 Cricket Competition

On Thursday, Year 6 played in the Mixed Cricket Competition which was held at Ealing Cricket Club. Teams consisted of Willow Tree, St Gregory's, Our Lady of the Visitation, Hobbayne, Gifford, Horsenden and St. Joseph's of course. Our team won four matches and secured 2nd place - all of the children were proud to be awarded silver medals. Well done to Diana, Grace, Callum, Finbar, Ken, Dawid, Pedro, Liam and Filip. Thank you to Miss Jaffer and to Mr Pereira who accompanied the trip.



Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home

Next Saturday (14th May) is Fair Trade Day. In the 'first world' it is often easy to take our coffee, bananas, jeans and trainers for granted, but there are many people in other countries that are not so lucky. Every day, tens of thousands of people in various Asian, African and South American countries - men, women and even children - work themselves to the bone in nearly unbearable conditions for pennies so we can continue to enjoy those things.

Fair Trade Day was created because there are many people in this world who feel that everyone deserves decent wages and working conditions, regardless of where they live. Shopping for Fair Trade items also helps towards sustainability as Fair Trade status is only given to companies which also source, and create, their products ethically and responsibly.

Challenge: Commit to buying some Fair Trade items in your supermarket shop next week. Look for the Fair Trade symbol and know that when you add one of these items, you are doing your bit to help address some of the world's injustices and are improving lives.



Please do share your ideas with us by emailing your photos in to school and we will upload them to the Year Group page.

Let's make a difference – together!



Children's Wellbeing Committee

I was really pleased to get a request from Mrs. Day asking if our children's Wellbeing Committee could record an assembly ahead of SATs week for the Year 2 and 6 children, with some general information and wellbeing advice. I thought it was a marvellous idea!

The group of children recorded the presentation which was about 3 minutes long. They covered topics such as:

- What to do if you are feeling low, stressed, worried or upset...
- Talk to a friend who will understand how you're feeling
- Remember to do things that make you happy – like hobbies and sports
- Eat well and remember to get enough sleep
- Keep things in perspective!
- Remember – as long as you do your best, that is good enough!
- You are not on your own – there are always other people feeling the same way as you.

What a mature bunch of pupils! Well done to Olivier C, Weronika, Mariam, Oliver C, Eloise, Karol, Sophia, Maria, Victoria and Jacob. For your information, the group meet every 2 weeks to discuss ways to improve our children's wellbeing. They organise events such as 'Random Acts of Kindness' and 'Wellbeing Wednesdays'. On Wednesday 15th June they will be hosting a 'Wellbeing Wednesday', more information to follow.

And at the end of the presentation there was a lovely prayer which typifies their selfless endeavours. When you have a moment, maybe you would like to pray it yourself:

Dear Lord,

Give me strength today to show kindness in all that I do. Help me to open my arms to those less fortunate and extend my hand to those who may need it, so that they may see You in my kind words and actions.

Amen.

How fortunate are we to have children who give up their time for the benefit of others. Thank you also to Mrs. Day and Ms Mullin who give up their time to help the children.

Panathlon Challenge

On Tuesday morning, some Year 2 children went to Ellen Wilkinsons School for Girls, to participate in the Panathlon Challenge. They had a fantastic time playing seven different sports: Precision Bean Bag, New Age Kurling, Boccia Blast, Flight Path, Skittles, Slam Dunk and Messi Football Skills. The team played against teams from two other schools and managed to come in second place overall, bringing back silver medals each and a trophy! Well done to Luca, Olivia, Martyna, Patrick, Kaiden and Samuel! Thank you to Miss. Smith, Mrs. Moat and Mr. Sampaio for accompanying the trip.



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	Chipo	For beautiful reading during Liturgy.
1AS	Aiden	For great improvement in reading and phonics.
1SS	Joshua	For making a great start in Year 1.
2JB	Enzo	For always doing the right thing and being an excellent role model.
2EB	Shaina	For always putting all her effort into every lesson.
2SL	Samuel	For showing increased levels of engagement and enthusiasm for all his lessons!
3AR	Elijah	For displaying great thoughtfulness and respect during our Crowning of Mary.
3DS	Jakub	For always giving his best in everything we do!
3SR	Zuzanna	For always trying to up level her work through her use of her extensive vocabulary.
4AS	Maja	For making a massive improvement in her Maths work on addition and subtraction.
4MS	Paddy	For making great progress in knowing his times tables.
4W	Rajia	For becoming a more confident performer in RE and her TED talks.
5B	All of 5B	For the enthusiasm and effort they put into their celebration assembly. Well done!
5L	Hailey	For putting a real good effort into her Maths lessons on fractions.
5W	Charlotte	For smashing speech marks!
6B	Marcel	For his understanding of how some animals have adapted to their environment over time.
6I	Eloise	For a consistently positive attitude.
6J	Johnathan	For a brilliant understanding of how plants and animals have evolved over time.

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	Harry RL	For welcoming and looking after our new classmate.
Middle	Evie 2SL	For being a good friend.
Upper	Abigail 6I	For constantly doing kind, helpful and supportive things for others.

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.

PE kit

A reminder that the Governing 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.

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 on 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

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>

University of London Research Study

Would you and your child be interested in helping with a research study at University College London? We are currently conducting a range of studies focused on understanding how the autistic mind works, and how it differs from non-autistic development. Our research looks at sensory reactivity, social cognition and the effect of culture in autistic children.

Currently, we are looking for non-autistic children ages 3-8 and autistic children ages 4-17. These projects will include both the parent and the child and can be conducted via video call, with no need for you to travel to the university.

We are also recruiting mothers of autistic or non-autistic children to participate in an in-person research study.

You are welcome to participate in as many or as few studies as you would like, and we can break up the activities across different sessions. You will receive an Amazon voucher or bank transfer to thank you for your time.

Please contact lucy.heap.21@ucl.ac.uk if you are interested in learning more about these projects.



Friday 27th May
Friday 10th June

Friday 17th June

Saturday 25th June

Cake Sale
Break the Rule Day – Silly Hair
Bring in a bottle for the tombola stall
Break the Rule Day – Silly Socks
Bring in a cuddly toy for hook the duck
Summer Fete

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

SCHOOL DISCO 18TH MAY – TICKETS SELLING FAST

The tickets for the nursery and reception school disco are selling fast with only a limited number still available. This will be the first social function that the children will have at St Josephs and we hope it will be a great evening.

Tickets are still on sale at the lower phase and nursery gates and a limited number are available from the front office. Tickets are 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 be on sale starting from £1 and adults will also be able to purchase hot drinks and cakes.



SUMMER FETE 25TH JUNE

The PTA meeting took place on Wednesday evening and the plans for the Summer Fete are well underway. It should be a brilliant day with food stalls, bouncy castles, entertainment and much more. Many people have offered their support to the event, thank you. We still need some more volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, setting up, manning stalls, catering, etc please let the PTA know if you are available.

In addition to volunteering on the day we still need help with the following:

Doyle Sales and Lettings are providing estate agent boards to promote the event. If you are able to place one outside your house for 2 weeks, please let us know your address and telephone number.

We are still asking for raffle prizes. Raffle prizes can range from physical products to gift cards and vouchers for services (haircuts, facials etc). 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
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ST JOSEPHS PTA

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DISCO

18TH MAY 2022

NURSERY AND RECEPTION CHILDREN

4.30PM
TO
5.30PM

TICKETS COST
£3.00 PER CHILD (THIS INCLUDES A SOFT DRINK
AND SNACK)
£1 PER ADULT (TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE TO BUY)

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

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HANWELL COMMUNITY LIBRARY HOMEWORK CLUB

FOR UNDER 13S

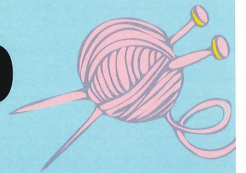
DO YOU NEED SOME HELP WITH YOUR
HOMEWORK OR WANT TO FIND A BOOK ON
A SCHOOL TOPIC?

Hanwell Community Library
Homework Club will be taking
place in the Library every
Tuesday afternoon 15:30-17:00.

Sessions will take place on a
drop in basis, there is no
need to book.



The Craft Club



Starting on Thursday 5th May, The Craft Club will take place once a month, 15:30-16:30 at Hanwell Community Library. The Craft Club will be a free and informal way for young people to learn basic knitting and sewing skills.

If your child would like to attend, please email
HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk.
Please note, this club is suitable for those aged 7+. Parents are asked to attend with their children.



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