## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter Friday 7th May 2021



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### May, the Month of Mary

We dedicate the month of May to Mary, Our Lady. At school we set aside time to pay tribute to our Queen of Heaven. In the past week, children at

school have been taking part in the 'Crowning of Mary' where we offer up to Mary our special prayers. Usually, we would venerate Mary in our phases, but this year we have had to do it in our socially distanced year groups. Here are some pictures below:





Sunday 9th May 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter Gospel: John 15 : 9 - 17

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.





Contacting the school office

If you have a general office related enquiry please use ask@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk.



#### Bees

Every year, the bees living high up in an air vent at the front of the school swarm at the beginning of summer. A new queen bee leaves the nest and a swarm of worker bees follow her to set up a new colony somewhere else. In the past two weeks, this has happened three times, a very unusual occurrence. The swarm settles in a nearby location and then flies off to find a suitable nest or hive somewhere else. Bees are protected and are important flower pollinators. We just have to keep clear if we see them buzzing around.



#### Swimming returns

Parents will be glad to know that swimming lessons have resumed for Year 4 children. However, I have also sent Year



5 children as they missed out on a chunk of their lessons last year because of the pandemic. Year 4 lessons take place on Tuesdays and Year 5 lessons take place on Wednesdays. Please remember to send your child in to school with their kit on their allotted day. From September, we will revert to offering swimming lessons to Year 4 children only.

#### **Mental Health Awareness Week**

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week and gives us a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the work we do to promote mental health and wellbeing across the school.



### Knights of St Columba Competitions

Before Christmas, the Knights of St. Columba ran a nativity scene painting/drawing competition for children. Alan in 1SW came third in his age group and was presented with a lovely framed certificate. Whilst dropping off the certificate, our entries for the Easter competition were collected, so expect to hear some news about how we fared in that competition.



### Laudato Si' project - Caring for our common home



Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May is Fair Trade Day. It is often easy here in the first world 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 who also source, and create, their products ethically and responsibly.



Challenge: Commit to buying some Fair Trade items in your supermarket shop this 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!

### **COVID19 restrictions**

As restrictions begin to lift, it is really important that we continue to adhere to the most up to date regulations. Our year 6 children are looking forward to going away on their school journey a week on Monday. It would be a real misfortune if we had to close their bubble or any other bubble because of an outbreak.



### In the event...

In the event that somebody in your household wakes up with a fever (>37.8°C), or a new, continuous cough or a loss of the sense of smell or taste do not send your child to school. Immediately inform the school via email or phone and then book a test for the person. The whole household must then selfisolate. If the test returns negative and nobody has any ongoing symptoms, the child can return to school and the household no longer needs to self-isolate. If a positive result is returned, the household must selfisolate for 10 days and resume normal activity after 10 days as long as they have been symptom free for 48 hours.

If your child has a sniffle, runny nose or is sneezing, they are not coronavirus symptoms and your child should come to school if well enough.

### 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
1B	Natalie	For showing great understanding of fractions.
1S	Euan	For great improvement in reading!
1SW	Martyna	For great effort with her reading and writing.
2AL	Lorenzo	For speaking up more and getting involved in class discussions.
2B	Atila	For his great improvement in his phonic knowledge and reading ability.
2SL	Gabriela	For always working hard and being an excellent role model! Well done.
3AR	Ellie	For her enthusiastic approach to all areas of her learning. Well done!
3DS	Dominic	For engaging more in class discussions.
3SR	Oliver	For his impressive understanding of adding 3 digit numbers mentally.
4B	Aoibhinn	For working extra hard to learn her times tables.
4C	Evan	For better focus in all subjects since March.
4S	Jimeelah	For being a fantastic student in all lessons.
5B	Leon	For the enthusiasm he showed during his swimming lessons and for his fantastic swimming skills!
5S	Michael	For participating much more in class. Well done!
5W	Julia	For using her summarising skills to write a clear and concise summary of Hua Mulan.
6B	Marcel	For writing an excellent letter with a proposal for how to improve the school.
61	Joshua	For thoughtfully applying maths skills to reasoning.
6J	Kevin	For his perseverance in 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	Debora	For being a good friend to all.
Middle	Julia	For listening to feedback and acting on it.
Upper	Oliver	For always being so polite and friendly to all.

### Boards around the school...

Lovely lockdown memories and a St. Joseph's board in Year 2...



A celebratory Year 6 History board of the Victorians and WW2...



### Boards around the school...

Year 1 boards with 'Animals' as part of science topic, a maths 'working wall' and children showing off their computing skills...



