



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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#### New Classes

This afternoon, the school will be awash with excitement as the children get to find out which teachers they will have next year during the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions and which members of support staff will be working with classes.

#### Yr 6 Production

The Year 6 production of Treachery at Traitors' Quay, over two nights, was truly magnificent. It was always going to be a challenge to cast 86 children but the Year 6 team did a splendid job splitting the cast in two. The quality of performance on both evenings, and also the earlier dress rehearsals was top notch. I would gladly have paid West-End prices to watch it. Congratulations to all!



**Sunday 10th July 2022**

**Gospel : Luke 10:25 - 37**

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

### Nursery trip – Hounslow Urban Farm

On Wednesday, the Nursery children went on their first school trip to Hounslow Urban Farm. The children encountered lots of different animals. They watched an exotic animal and fluffy animal talk. During these they got to look at, stroke and hold different creatures such as lizards, mice, a chicken and a snake. The children walked around the farm and fed goats, sheep, pigs and alpaca. It was a wonderful day and all the children had a fantastic time and were able to make great links with their current topic 'Creatures'. Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who made the trip possible.



### TED Talk Finals

Back in September our Deanery schools set up a TED talk type oracy project for KS2 children to get them 'talking again' after lockdowns. In the spring term we held heats and I have already reported on how our semi-finalists fared. On Wednesday, Alice (Year 4) accompanied by Danayt (Year 5) attended the Deanery Mini TED Talk finals at St. Augustine's Priory. Alice competed against three other finalists, all from Year 5 and, although she did not win, she presented her talk on 'What adults can learn from children' beautifully. The judges commended her for her clear, engaging delivery and persuasive, well-structured argument. Very well done to Alice, and all the children who participated in this year's TED Talk competition! Thank you to Ms. Smith and Mrs. Bahadrian who accompanied the children.



### Chess news

The main reason we have a chess club at St. Joseph's is that Mrs. Milewska, one of our parents, organised for the school to receive 12 chess sets through her own interest in chess. She has long promoted chess and is going to India for a Chess Olympiad during the summer holidays. She recently was placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the Women's English Championship. We wish her all the best in Chennai.





### Science Fair

Last week, as part of Science Week, children in Years 4 to 6 worked on science investigations of their choice. On Friday 1st July, finalists from Years 4 and 5 came together to compete in our own St. Joseph's Science Fair. Sadly, the majority of Year 6 children were visiting secondary schools on this day. The range of ideas was very impressive and the all the finalists spoke confidently and demonstrated scientific understanding of the concept of their investigation. Well done to the overall winners Robin and Ashton from 5W, Year 5 winner Liliana from 5B and Year 4 winners Joel, Aidan and Oliver from 4MS and Filip and Hubert in 4W. Thank you also to Karol and Wiktor from 4AS and Darragh from 5L for their entries as well. It was a close contest! Thank you to Mr. Buckfield for organising the event.



### Year 5 trip to Legoland

Wow! What a super day Year 5 had at Legoland. We thoroughly enjoyed using our mapping skills to navigate our way around. We also enjoyed making curriculum links as we made our way around Legoland. The land of the Vikings reminded us of our History topic and the city deep sea adventure reminded us our science topic Living Things and their Habitats. The sun topped off a brilliant day. As the children said, "Best school trip ever!" Thank you to all the staff who accompanied the children.



## Knights of St. Columba

The Knights have again sponsored competitions and children from St. Joseph's have done very well. Sara, Christian and Laura were placed in the Easter competition and Sara won a prize for her Easter scene competition entry. Thank you to all the children who entered the competitions and gave a headache to the judges. Thank you also to the Knights of St. Columba for sponsoring the competitions.



## Year 3 trip to Kew Gardens

Last week, Year 3 enjoyed a trip to Kew Gardens. They took part in a lovely workshop where they discovered how to survive in a tropical rainforest using only plants to help them. They had some time to explore the rest of the gardens where they saw the Waterlily House, The Hive, the Rose Gardens and lots more. They even squeezed in a session in the playground of course! The children may even have seen a brand-spanking new water lily species which was recently discovered in Kew Gardens. Thank you to all the staff who made the trip possible.



## Ealing Parks

The Education Officer for Ealing Parks sent me an email to pass on to families. The education office is running workshops for children during the summer holidays where children are able to do all sorts of fun activities on certain days. Please see the full size leaflet at the back. The sessions were well attended last year in a park that is getting an incredible facelift!





## 'Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home.

Let's make a difference – together!



This week your child's teacher will be assigning a Laudato Si homework task. Throughout the year, a number of our challenges have centred on reducing plastic waste. This is because it is one of the single most important things that we can do to save our planet. It is such a problem that the UK has dedicated the whole month of July to addressing the problem. July is 'Plastic free July'. We are asking families to become part of the solution to plastic pollution. To help inspire the children for their 'Plastic pledge' visit:

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/>

and make your pledge this month to reduce plastic waste. You can start off small by changing one thing that you do. Perhaps you can choose one goal for each of your family members. Do Mummy or Daddy buy a take away coffee most days? Ask them to invest in a refillable coffee mug. Cafes will fill these now. Do your favourite snacks come wrapped in lots of plastic? Can you find a new snack which doesn't?

### 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	Jakub	For great progress in reading.
1AS	Oleg	For writing a brilliant acrostic poem
1AS	Leon	For writing fantastic sentences using the prefix un.
1SS	Ethan	For working hard with his spelling words.
2JB	Oliwier	For his excellent use of scientific vocabulary in describing materials.
2EB	Xuanshi	For her efforts and progress across all subjects.
2SL	Antonia	For a good improvement with focusing during class time. Keep it up!
3AR	Edore	For great perseverance when creating your geometric Islamic pattern.
3DS	Daniel	For being a role model in both behaviour and work attitude.
3SR	Mateusz	For approaching all areas of school with great maturity.
4AS	Lilly	For writing an outstanding poem about the Firework Maker's Daughter.
4MS	Scarlett	For writing an excellent poem using figurative language.
4W	Milly	For always engaging well in class discussions each lesson.
5B	Kira	For motivating her peers during PE. Well done!
5L	Darragh	For creating some fantastic sentences using alliteration for his poem about the Soweto riots.
5W	Holly	For her improved spelling.
6B	All of 6B	For their hard work and enthusiasm when performing their Year 6 production.
6I	All of 6I	For fantastic performance on both nights of the Year 6 production.
6J	All of 6J	For their fantastic performance of 'Treachery at Traitors' Quay'

### **Celebrations continued..**

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	All of Nursery	For being so wonderful and so well behaved on school trip.
Middle	Julia 2JB	For supporting a friend in need, like 'The Good Samaritan'.
Upper	Cassiella and Hanna (5L)	For going the extra mile to welcome back an old friend and making her feel special.

### **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](mailto: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>



## FREE WILDLIFE FAMILY FUN THIS AUGUST AT BOSTON MANOR PARK

Learn about the Park's wildlife! Make bird feeders, dissect owl pellets, create clay creatures and lots more!

Join us between 1 - 4pm on these dates.

Last session starts at 3pm

Tues 9 and 16 Aug

Wed 10 and 17 Aug

Thurs 11 and 18 Aug

Fri 12 and 19 Aug

Brilliant Birds

Nightlife

Precious Plants

Brilliant Bugs

Activities aimed for age 4 and up.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Activities will take place by the playground.

Regular sessions run from 1-4pm.

Sign up for the next session when you arrive.

Contact email: [bostonmanorpark@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:bostonmanorpark@hounslow.gov.uk)



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# Cadenza

'Cadenza' is Ealing Music Service's well established music centre in the heart of Ealing. Now with 16 ensembles and classes catering to over 120 pupils from Ealing and beyond, and with manageable monthly rehearsals, Cadenza is the chosen music centre for many young musicians in West London.



Cadenza prides itself on being a friendly, supportive and relaxed setting where young people come to learn and make high quality music with professional teachers and conductors. We are proud to provide a wide variety of excellent ensembles and look forward to welcoming you for the year 22/23.



Our ensembles rehearse monthly on a Saturday at Grange Primary School, Ealing. The centre opens at 9:00am and our ensembles and classes run from 9:30am throughout the day until our last rehearsal finishes at 5:30pm.

If your child plays a musical instrument, loves to sing, would benefit from music theory classes then Cadenza is the place for them to expand their musical skills, meet friends for life and get involved in our numerous ensembles, choirs and performance opportunities. To check out what fantastic opportunities we have available, head to our website...

[www.ealingmusicservice.com/cadenza](http://www.ealingmusicservice.com/cadenza)



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