

# The Saint

Our school, our news, our voice



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is very proud to present its very own newspaper designed and written by our students – The Saint. We are very excited about revealing our very first edition to you and hope that you enjoy it. In true St Joseph's style, the new academic year has got off to a cracking start, with the children eager to share some of their best news!

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In all my years as a teacher, I have seen lots of school newspapers come and go. However, I get a feeling that 'The Saint' will be a long lasting school newspaper. It is written by our marvellous children for our brilliant community. There seems to be a fantastic buzz about it - from the staff who are helping to oversee the editorial side of things to the children who actually write the articles, create the quizzes and features.

The older I get, the less time I seem to have to sit down and read a newspaper. 'The Saint' is one newspaper I will definitely make time to read because of the quality of reporting and when I have time I will contribute articles to the newspaper.

**Mr Rakowski**



# What have we been learning in our year groups?

## Reception



11.11.20.  
We made a  
POPPY in class  
to remember  
all the  
people that  
died in  
wars.



11.11.20.  
I enjoyed learning  
about 2D shapes a hexagon  
has 6 sides.



In Reception this week we have been learning about Baptism. We role played a baptism in our classrooms.



We made a poppy and wreath in Reception to mark Remembrance Day. We learnt that it is a time to remember the people who died in the war and a mark of respect for people suffering then and now.



# What have we been learning in our year groups?

## Year 1

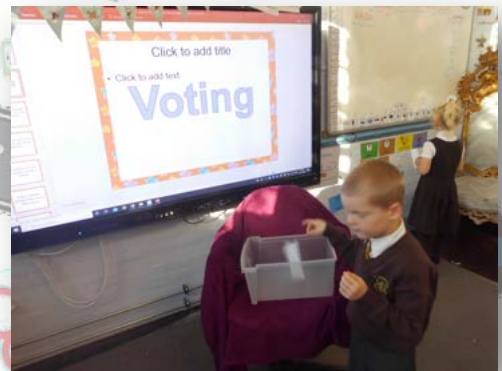
This week I am learning about baptism. I've started music lessons. I really enjoyed music especilly when it was my turn with the instruments.



This week we learned about poppies and decorated jars and made candle holders, and we done compating and algorithms. We learned the names of 3D shapes.



We are learning about algorithms in our Computing lessons.



We have been learning about the importance of voting. We took votes in class for how we would like to spend extra time.

# What have we been learning in our year groups?

## Year 2

It has been great being back at school! (And being taught by professionals).

Our first Dance lesson back in P.E was REALLY FUN! It made us very happy. Learning how to programme Beebots in computing was really fun too. Mine looked like it was dancing (Maybe it had been spying on our dance lesson). We have also been learning about different exercises and answering questions like which was the hardest.

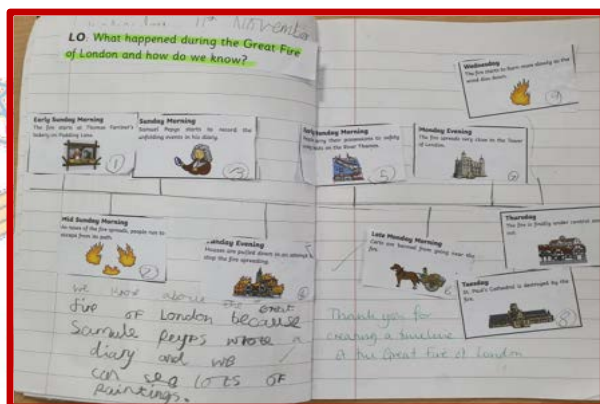
In English, we have been learning about 'The Great Fire of London.' This topic has been super interesting. But, seriously, how can you call a fire great?

The fire lasted from Sunday until Thursday. So that's why it is called 'Great'. I get it now! It's because it was so massive. Did you know it burned down over 13,000 homes? There are a lot of reasons why the fire was so large, mainly because the houses were made of wood and were very close together. People whose homes had burned down lived in tents in the fields around London while buildings were rebuilt.

Every day we watch Newsround and news which was getting bigger and bigger was the election between Donald Trump and Joe Biden. Playtimes in Year 2 are really fun. We play fun games and have lovely friends that play with everyone. We missed everyone over lockdown.



Good news coming up is that we have freestyle hair day and pens down Friday soon so remember to bring in £1 for the PTA! We already broke the rules last Friday (Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>!) by wearing our own clothes!





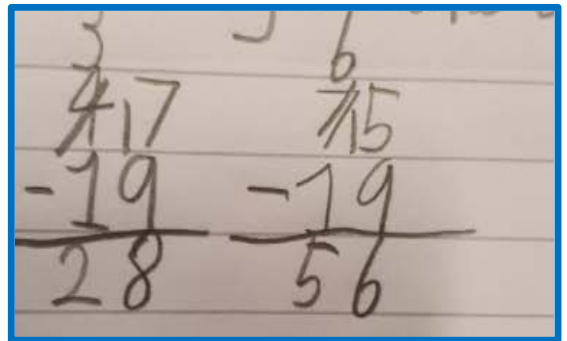
# What have we been learning in our year groups?

## Year 3

Hi everyone. In Year 3 we have been learning all about column method in Maths and we are all really good at it. It was a bit tricky at first but we practised a lot, even after break. Would you like to see some examples?

Ethan and Livia were so good at it – well done to them!



Two examples of column subtraction written on lined paper. The first example shows 417 minus 19 equals 28, with a small '3' written above the 4. The second example shows 615 minus 19 equals 56, with a small '6' written above the 6. Both examples have a horizontal line under the bottom number.

We also had a super fun P.E lesson where we did lots of different things with our bodies. When Ms Reddin, our teacher, said 'Winter', we had to put two body parts on the floor. Rupert, he's in our class, cleverly put his head and knee on the floor. Everyone loved it.

Our History topic (combined with Art) has been really interesting. We have been learning about our local area, Hanwell. Did you know that the Viaduct in the Bunny Park was built in the Victorian times? You can find the sketches of our work on our display!



# What have we been learning in our year groups?

## Year 4

In Year 4, for History we have been learning about the Romans. This is a really fun topic. We have learnt about Roman Numerals and how the Romans invaded Britain. Their technique for this was called 'the turtle' – see, it looks like a turtle! Military of the Roman Republic and Empire wore loosely regulated dress and armour. The contemporary concept of uniforms was not part of Roman culture and there were considerable differences in their detail. They also had a helmet and a shield. You might laugh when I tell you this, but the Romans invented toilets!!

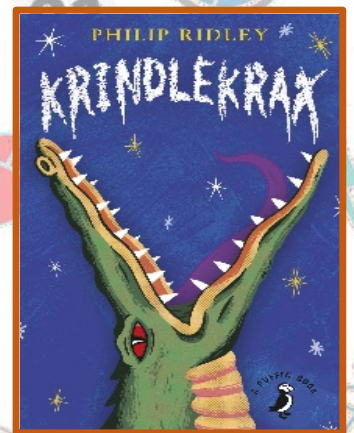


Maths is really fun in Year 4. We have just started to learn about the angle family. Have you heard of it? Their names are: obtuse, acute, right and reflex angles. Be careful though – the right angle can be anywhere. They could be in the bottom left, bottom right, top right or top left!

In English we heard about a story called Krindlekrax. He is a crocodile from....THE SEWERS. When you are in Year 4, you will learn all about it too! Now, we are reading The Iron Man – it has made us all very curious. Where did he come from? How far did he walk? Maybe I'll be able to let you know next time!



Do you use loads of electricity at home? I bet you do! You will love what we have been learning about in Year 4. We made our own light! We used a light bulb, light bulb holder, 2 crocodile clips (which are very snappy), 2 batteries and a cell holder. But be careful. Electricity can be dangerous too. It is important that we do not put our fingers in a socket because we will get electrocuted. If you're worried, ask an adult to help you.





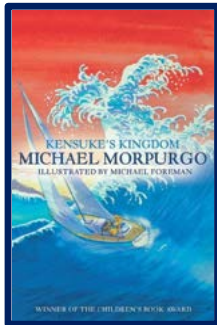
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## Year 5

Hey guys, we are happy to be writing for you. We will begin by writing about the book we a reading in Year 5.

We have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. Have you heard of it? It is about a 12-year-old boy called Michael and his dog called Stella Artois. Michael is on a journey around the world with his parents. During a storm near Australia, he separates from his family and lands on an island where he meets a strange Japanese man called Kensuke.

We have used this book to extend our knowledge in different subjects.



In English, we wrote a persuasive text about endangered species in rainforest. We also created a soundscape to see what it would've been like for Michael in the jungle – I enjoyed being the orangutan.

This half term, all 3 Year 5 classes have each performed their own assembly! All the assemblies are posted on our class pages so now you can watch them together with your mums and dads at home!

We were also lucky enough to speak to the Year 5 teachers and find out more about them!



In Art, we created a picture of a wave in the style of Hokusai, a famous Japanese painter. We used acrylic paints and water colours. Our fantastic work is now on display in the Year 5 area – next time you walk past, take a look!

We are now reading 'The Wreck of Zanzibar' (also by Michael Morpurgo). I wonder what awesome art linked to this book we will create!!



# What have we been learning in our year groups?

## Year 6

Hello everyone! I am one of 6B's journalists! In this article, I will be explaining what we have done in Year 6 so far!

For English, we have been learning about the book 'Street Child'. The story is about a young boy who lost both of his parents and was separated from his sisters. Because of this, the main character, Jim, was sent to the workhouse. What is a workhouse you ask? Well, a workhouse is a place where poor people go to. Believe it or not, the workhouse is WORSE than prison! The conditions there are TERRIBLE! If you did something wrong, you would get beaten. Sorry for scaring you guys!



So, recently, Year 6 did a multiplication bingo with loads of different schools in the borough and St Joseph's won a bingo (specifically someone from 6B!)



Have you guys heard? They have found a COVID-19 vaccine. A vaccine is a bit like medicine and can help to prevent us from getting an illness. This is amazing news! Even though there is a vaccine, the war against the corona virus isn't over sadly. So, make sure you still wash your hands, don't touch your face and follow the social distancing rules!



**Now, here are a few facts we have learned in Year 6:**

Did you know...Queen Victoria is 5'2"! Most of my classmates are as tall as her! Are you? Have you ever wondered how shadows are formed? A shadow is formed when an object blocks light. Priests are not allowed to be married because they need to be committed to the church and to God. Most children in the workhouse are orphans (a child that has no parents).

I hope you enjoyed reading this article! Not only that, but I hope you have learned some new facts when reading this! It was a pleasure to be one of 6B's journalists! Hopefully see you around – and remember – DO YOUR BEST IN SCHOOL!



# What have we been learning in our year groups?

## Year 6

Hello

Think being a student at St Joseph's is hard – try a day in a Victorian School!

In 1880, a law was passed making it compulsory for children below 10 to attend school in Britain. This was a HUGE change to society.

Do you enjoy art, creative writing, computing or exciting Science experiments – if so, a Victorian school is NOT for you. Attending a Victorian school means starting promptly at 9:00am. Lots of English, arithmetic and Bible studies would fill your day. Everyone reads the same book at the same time, line by line. Pupils had a tedious and tiresome day reciting tables over and over again.



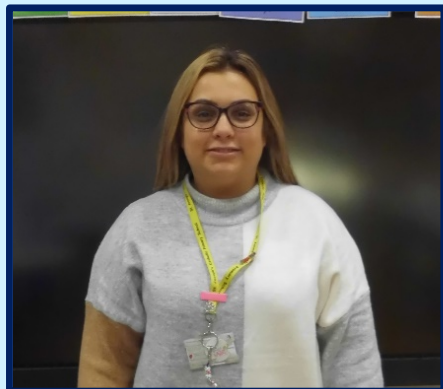
Bad luck boys: the school rules say boys should be given harder arithmetic than girls. Stereotypes in the curriculum meant that whilst the boys did wood work, the girls did cookery and embroidery.

However, playtimes were the bright light in a dull day. Children played with a wide range of toys such as: hoops, tops, skipping ropes and marbles.

Nowadays, teachers are trustworthy and people who we would want to talk to. In contrast, Victorian teachers were strict and cruel. If you had trouble learning, you could end up wearing the dunce cap - a HUGE cap with a D on it. How would you feel if you ended up wearing it? (Humiliated). Probably the most well-known punishment – THE CANE!!! You would be either whacked on the bottom or hand – ouch! Some children even put a book in their trousers before getting the cane.

So, next time you think school is tough or a lesson is hard or teachers are mean – THINK AGAIN!

# Meet the Year 5 Teachers



Miss Welland



Miss Barry



Ms Smith

**Where did you grow up?**

Miss Welland: Brentford

Miss Barry: In Ireland – the beautiful Tipperary

Ms Smith: Kent

**Why did you want to be a teacher?**

Miss Welland: I have always wanted to work with children.

Miss Barry: My dad was my headteacher in Primary school so he inspired me.

Ms Smith: I wasn't always a teacher...I changed my job because I wanted to do something more worthwhile.

**What is your favourite food?**

Miss Welland: Bread and Cheese

Miss Barry: Pasta

Ms Smith: Curry

**What is your favourite animal?**

Miss Welland: Elephant

Miss Barry: Elephant

Ms Smith: Cat

**If you could be a biscuit, which biscuit would you be?**

Miss Welland: A chocolate hobnob – it's got a good crunch and it's sweet!

Miss Barry: A Kimberley Mikado – a taste of home ☺

Ms Smith: A custard cream! I have no idea why – it's my favourite!





# Colour The World With Kindness

In Upper Phase, we watched a video which taught us that every time we do something positive, it brightens up the world.

We are aiming to do lots of kind things for our friends, families and teachers to brighten up our school community.

Has anyone shown kindness to you this week? Why not say 'Thank You' by e-mailing us at [thesaint@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:thesaint@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk) . Tell us who showed you kindness, what did they do and how did it make you feel. We can publish it in 'The Saint' to inspire more people. 😊

SURROUND  
yourself with  
PEOPLE  
who are  
ONLY GOING  
to lift  
YOU HIGHER.

WINNERS  
ARE NOT  
PEOPLE  
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Life IS NOT  
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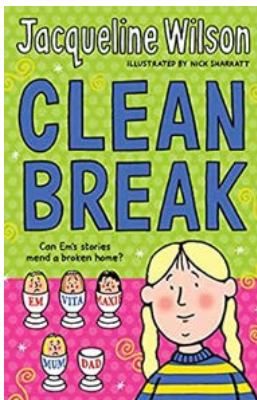
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# Book reviews

## Clean Break

Clean Break is about a girl called Emily (Em) and her mother gets divorced from the father. She wants her father to be with the mother again but the mother doesn't want to. She has a sister called Vita and a brother called Maxi who she needs to take care of. The kids and the dad get a day to meet each other so they go to their Dad's new wife's house (Sarah). They didn't really like her. I think the book is called Clean Break because Em breaks her arm so has a break from school. It is a very interesting book and I would recommend it to children who like family stories and stories with happy endings.

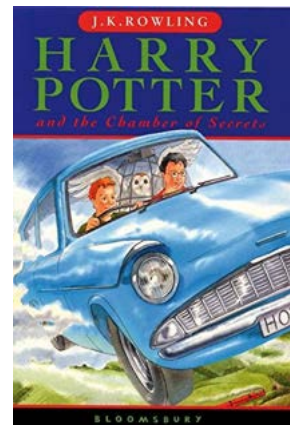
Lena 5B



## Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

This book is about magic, evil vs good and wizards. It takes place in a school called Hogwarts where wizards and witches learn magic spells. The main character is called Harry Potter. I like this book because it is interesting and very exciting. There are seven books in this series. I have read two of them but I do plan on reading the rest soon.

Casey 2B





# WANTED



## Eco-Worriers

Do you want to do your bit to save the planet?  
Are you interested in making a positive change at  
St Joseph's?

Miss Barry (Year 5) is looking for two enthusiastic pupils from each year group to become an '**Eco-Worrier**' (children who are worried about the environment) and lead the way in shaping a greener future for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

The Eco-Committee will meet every half-term to discuss the actions we need to take to help make St Joseph's a greener environment. One week we might be energy-saving inspectors; the next week we could be the litter crew, green gardeners, bug buddies or waste warriors? The Eco-Committee would also be in charge of planning, running and promoting fun and exciting Eco-events across the school e.g. growing our own fruit and vegetables and achieving school gardening awards.

So, do you have what it takes to be an '**Eco-Worrier**'? If you do, please write a paragraph to explain why you think you would be perfect for this role and return it to your class teacher who will give it to Miss Barry.

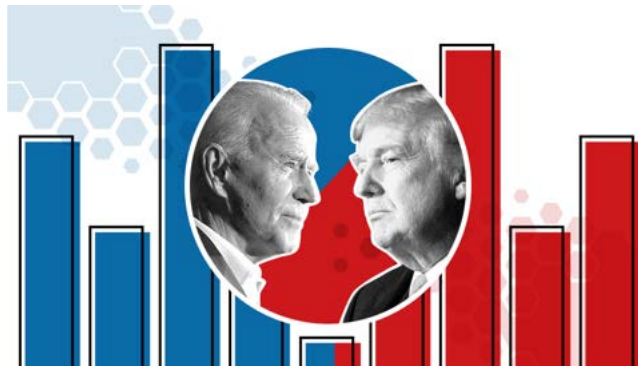
Freya and Rose 5B



## US Election

Over the past couple of weeks, news which has been dominating the world is (no, not the coronavirus spread), but the nail-biting presidential election between Joe Biden and the current U.S President – Donald Trump. The two candidates battled it out for the mark of 270 electoral college votes and the title of President. It was tough and there was tension all the way through, but there was only one candidate that was to take the title. The results of this election ended with Joe Biden winning the with over 270 electoral college votes and Trump with about 214! Overall, this was quite a fair election and we give great luck to Joe Biden with his new job – The President of the United States.

*Yzabella 6J*



## Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is when we think about all the people who died in terrible wars like World War 1 which were fought in countries like France, Belgium and other big countries. We celebrate it because we want to remember the hardworking people who have sadly fallen and given their life for their country. We also celebrate it so everyone in the future knows and remembers them. To celebrate in our school, we had an assembly all about Remembrance Day and drew poppies. The reason we wear poppies is because they were the first flowers to grow in the battlefield after the war had ended. *Senula 4S*





# A quick sports round-up



## Football

Recently, England faced the Republic of Ireland and beat them a whopping 3-0. Go England!

France lost to Finland (0-2).

Portugal battered Andorra – a massive 7-0.

Poland played Ukraine.

Poland came through and won 2-0.

Netherlands drew to Spain – 1-1.

Italy scored 4 goals against Estonia.

## Boxing:

Heavyweight fighter Luis “King Kong” Ortiz stopped Alexander Flores in all of 45 seconds. WOW!





I'M GONNA  
PICK UP THE  
PIECES AND  
BUILD A LEGO  
HOUSE

# LEGO® Club





# Writing Competition

Complete the story with an exciting plot. Why not send  
your entry to

[thesaint@stjosephs.ealin.sch.uk](mailto:thesaint@stjosephs.ealin.sch.uk)

We will publish the best one from each phase.



## The Mysterious Machine

My Uncle Jameson is an inventor. Last summer my brother and I went to visit him for two whole weeks. While he was in town one evening, my younger brother and I decided to go exploring in Uncle Jameson's attic. We found a strange machine with many buttons, knobs, dials, and multi-colored levers. We had never seen a machine like this before. On one side of the machine, there was a bright blue button that read "ON". All of a sudden the machine

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## CALLING ALL PET OWNERS

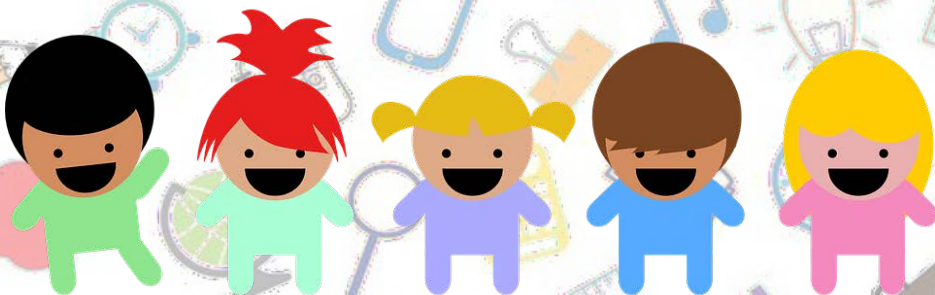
Do you own pet? Do you take endless pictures of them? Why not send in the funniest photo you have of your pet! We will publish the best 3 photos!

Email: [thesaint@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:thesaint@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk)





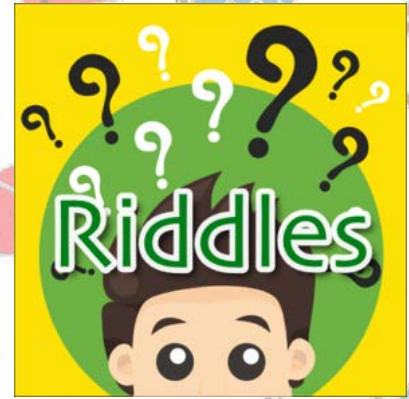
Can you guess who the teachers are from their baby photos?





# Riddles

1. How many months of the year have 28 days?
2. What has hands and a face, but can't hold anything or smile?
3. It belongs to you, but your friends use it more. What is it?
4. When Grant was 8, his brother was half his age. Now, Grant is 14. How old is his brother?
5. It has keys, but no locks. It has space, but no room. You can enter, but can't go inside. What is it?



## Jokes

1. What do you call a dinosaur that is sleeping?
2. Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert?
3. What did the left eye say to the right eye?
4. How do you know if an ocean is friendly?
5. How does the moon cut his hair?

Riddle Answers:  
• All of them! Every month has \*at least\* 28 days.  
• A clock.  
• Your name.  
• His brother is 10. Half of 8 is 4, so Grant's brother is 4 years younger. This means when Grant is 14, his brother is still 4 years younger, so he's 10.  
• A keyboard.  
Joke Answers:  
• A dino-snore!  
• Because she was stuffed!  
• Between us, something smells!  
• He waves!  
• Eclipse it!



# Crossword



## Baby Animals

**DIRECTIONS:** Fill in the crossword puzzle grid with the names of each animal's baby. Use the word bank if you get stuck.

Across

2. Sheep

4. Crocodile

5. Fox

6. Dog

7. Duck

11. Eagle

12. Bear

14. Deer

15. Kangaroo

Down

1. Horse

3. Rabbit

5. Goat

6. Pig

8. Chicken

9. Cow

10. Cat

13. Human

### WORD BANK

BABY  
BUNNY  
CALF  
CHICK  
CUB  
DUCKLING  
EAGLET  
FAWN  
FOAL

HATCHLING  
JOEY  
KID  
KIT  
KITTEN  
LAMB  
PIGLET  
PUPPY

# Sudoku

		7	2	3	5	8	9	6
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# Wordsearch

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## ANT WORDS

Words Remaining: 20

- ANTELOPE
- ANTENNA
- ANTIQUE
- BRILLIANT
- CANTEEN
- CHANT
- CONSTANT
- DISTANT
- ELEPHANT
- FANTASY
- GIANT
- INSTANT
- LANTERN
- PAGEANT
- PANTHER
- PANTS
- PEASANT
- PREGNANT
- TENANT
- VACANT



# Would you like to share something?

If you have an idea for an article or you wish to share some different information to include in our school newspaper, please e-mail your ideas to:

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Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to this issue 😊