

# St Joseph's Newsletter

23/06/2023



This week has been as busy as ever – the great flood! Swimming and cricket competitions, Year 2 went to Pizza Express, Bikeability, and visits to our Nursery for the new children who will be starting in September.

Please remember to look at the calendar for dates and times of events.

## ★ Work of the Week ★

Reception	Amari	Year 1	Sonny
Year 2	Adalia	Year 3	Michael
Year 4	Esther	Year 5	Oakley
	Year 6	Sebastian Carter Cantona	

**Congratulations  
to St. Francis  
Winners of this  
week's house  
points award**



*"Our task must be to free ourselves – by widening our circles of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty."- Albert Einstein*

Our week began with an assembly focussing on refugees. We had time to think about our most treasured possessions and how some people have had to leave everything behind to start a new life. How do we welcome and support refugees? We celebrated the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary.

There are many references to compassion in the Bible: Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

Isaiah 49:13

# What Has Been Happening In Class This Week

## Nursery

It was international music day this week, so nursery enjoyed playing tuned and untuned percussion instruments. We took it in turns to have a sing a dance, and loved creating music.



## Reception

Reception have had a fun filled week. We celebrated the summer solstice by making nature crowns and creating pictures using the flowers and leaves we found in the garden. The children have been thinking about how special they are in God's eyes. We have been using the mirrors to look at ourselves and painting pictures of what we look like, how we are all unique.



## Year 1

It has been a fun filled week for Year 1 this week. We have done lots of fun activities. We really enjoyed the warm weather but did not enjoy the rain! In English we have been describing Mr Grinling and have written some fantastic sentences telling the reader what he is wearing and what he looks like. We have all been working very hard on our handwriting and it looks better and better every day. In Art we made some amazing hand sculptures using our own hands and some natural materials we found in our playground. It was so much fun!



## This Week's School Attendance

Nursery	96.4%	Reception	88.1%
Year 1	89%	Year 2	91.7%
Year 3	90.1%	Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	96.2%	Year 6	92.9%
School		92.9%	

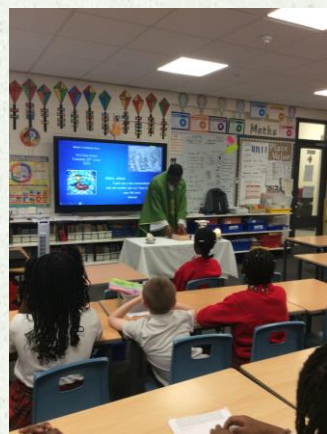
## Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant and busy week this week. We have been continuing with our class story of The BFG and have been retelling the beginning of the story in English. We all had an amazing time on our trip to Pizza Express where we were all able to practise rolling out dough, spreading the tomato sauce and adding cheese to our individual pizzas which we then brought back to school, what a delicious day! We also finished off the week with our Year 2 class assembly which was all about God's treasures. We thought about what is precious to us personally and what is precious to the world.



## Year 3

Year three have been extremely busy this week. The children have completed Summer term tests in Reading, SPaG and Maths. They have been developing their test skills and tried really hard to focus when answering the questions. On Tuesday we celebrated Class Mass together. The children who recently made their First Holy Communion received the Eucharist along side their classmates. In RE the children explored the gospel and discussed Father Ignatius' homily. They included the message in class worship: We should be children of light and show love to all people, not only those who love us.



## Year 4

This week year 4 have been busy doing their end of term tests. Everyone showed great perseverance and determination during each test and I am so pleased with all the effort. In English, we have been continuing to read The Suitcase Kid and the children have been thinking about what we know about the characters using evidence from the text. They even asked to do some drama pieces to show the story. Sarah has been working with small groups this week to get our show ready to show you all. In Religion, we have been looking at what makes us unique. The children went around the class adding compliments to other children's names. They were lovely to give and receive.

## Year 5

To recognise Refugee Week, Year 5 have been learning all about Ali (the refugee's) story, exploring his thoughts and feelings. They wrote a diary in the role of a refugee, using expanded noun phrases.

In our R.E lessons we have been exploring and appreciating the changes and developments we will go through during in puberty. We have had some amazing discussions about these changes, understanding that God loves us and cares for us as we grow.

The children have had a fantastic time taking part in Bikeability. They have shown great maturity, team work and listening skills. I'm very proud of them.

## Year 6

It's been another busy week for year 6!

We have continued our work on emotive writing, working on similes and metaphors that show different emotions and would make a reader or audience think about our words.

In history we have continued to look at ancient Mayan society, this week we looked into different elements of their religion and the different gods they worshipped. We also learned about how ancient Mayans wrote using pictures and symbols instead of letters.

This week in science we completed our end of year presentations. In groups, the class researched a scientific topic then created and delivered a presentation to our class about that topic. It was great to see some groups revisit topics from earlier in school to create their projects and we may even be paying some other classes a visit to show them how much we have learned in science during our time at St Joseph's!

### Happy Birthday to....



Advaitha

Esther

Liliana

Logan

Deakan



## Dates to Remember

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am –Assembly
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15AM – EYFS Sports Day 1.40PM – KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15AM – KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Induction Days High School 10am –Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul Mass in School – All 11am – Transition Morning Activities
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Induction Days High School 9.15am –Class Assembly – Year 1
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.15am –Assembly
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Class– Year 2 PM - Year 5 - Watersports
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 – Ordsall Hall Trip
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am –Class Assembly – Reception
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am – A Time To Rest Assembly
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	10am – Class Mass – Year 1 All Hallows Intake Evening Year 6
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	AM – Transition Year 5 – All Hallows
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	PM – Year 4 – Sarah Bailey Mary Poppins Summer Production at 6pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	10am –Leavers Mass in School
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am – Look Back with Thanks, Forward with Hope Assembly Ancient Greek Day – Year 5
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 production
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School Closes at 2.30pm