

# St Joseph's Newsletter

29/09/2023

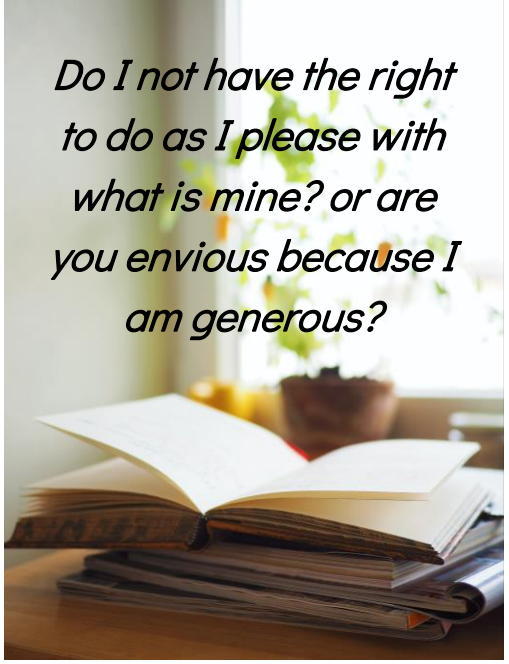
On Tuesday Rev Canon Michael Jones celebrated Mass for the start of the new school year. Our new Mini Vinnies and Head Boy and Head Girl were commissioned during the Mass.

**Macmillan Cake Sale** – thank you to all who helped to make this such a success, organising, setting up, baking, sending in cakes, selling raffle tickets.

**School uniform** – we already have a selection of 'lost' jumpers. Please write your child's name on the label so that they can be returned easily.

**EYFS** – phonics and reading workshop for parents and carers is on Monday 2nd October, 3pm in the school hall.

**Mornings** – Please be reminded that school does not open for children until 8.45am. If your child is coming earlier to Breakfast Club or Running Club, you must take them to the appropriate place and ensure that a member of staff knows that they are on the school premises.



*Do I not have the right to do as I please with what is mine? or are you envious because I am generous?*

Our assembly on Monday centred around Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard, Matthew 20: 1-35, that whilst we cannot always understand the actions of God, we can trust that His ways are not our ways, and that His love for us is deeper, wider and higher than we can imagine.

## This Week's School Attendance

|           |       |        |       |
|-----------|-------|--------|-------|
| NURSERY   | 96.3% | YEAR 3 | 95.8% |
| RECEPTION | 92.1% | YEAR 4 | 98.5% |
| YEAR 1    | 95.6% | YEAR 5 | 96%   |
| YEAR 2    | 95.8% | YEAR 6 | 93.9% |
| SCHOOL    |       | 95.5%  |       |

## Work of the Week

|           |          |        |         |
|-----------|----------|--------|---------|
| Reception | Gelila   |        |         |
| Year 1    | Ivy-Rose | Year 2 | Litisha |
| Year 3    | Max      | Year 4 | Jamin   |
| Year 5    | Alexis   | Year 6 | Celine  |

# What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

## Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed a busy week. We have taken the opportunity to do plenty of outside learning while the weather is still fine and the children have loved using chalk to draw pictures outside. On Thursday the children found out about nurses and the important job they do for us and we had some cake for the Macmillan coffee morning.



## Reception

Reception have been very busy learning new sounds this week. We had a go at writing our new sounds on whiteboards, and using chalk outside. The children enjoyed their Macmillan Coffee morning, tucking into a lovely piece of chocolate cake.



## Year 1

This week in year 1, the children have been reading the book Beegu, an alien who has crashed landed on earth. An alien crashed on the infant playground; the children were very excited! We then talked about action words (verbs). We took the children on the playground, with Beegu and played with the skipping ropes, hoops, beanbags and balls to explore verbs. In maths we have been looking at 2D shapes and identifying their properties.

Congratulations to  
St Paul  
WINNERS of this  
week's house points  
award



## Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant week. This week we have been finishing off our story of The Tin Forest in English lessons and all the children did some wonderful writing on retelling the story. We also talked about how we can be like the character in the story and how we can help the environment. We decided to start with a litter pick! We will continue to look at different ideas on how we can protect our planet. In Maths we have been looking at numberlines and identifying numbers in ones and tens up to 100. In our computing lessons the children have been learning about information technology, what it is and how we use it.

### Year 3

This week Year 3 have been so enthusiastic about our new class text! We used clues to make our own inferences about the story before revealing parts of the text through illustrations. The children had



fantastic ideas and wrote their own questions about the text around the images. Well done Year 3!

### Year 5

Year five have had a busy week. On Tuesday, the first whole school Mass of the year was celebrated by Rev Canon Michael Jones. During this holy and special Mass, the Mini Vinnies were commissioned into their role as leaders in our mission to put faith into action, in our school and in the local community. The Macmillan coffee morning and cake sale was a great way to begin and was extremely successful. In our history lesson this week the children were fully involved when learning about the Picts, Scots and Anglo-Saxon invasions of Britain. All the class have shown determination and hard work in maths lessons, developing their skills in recognising 'Place Value' in 7-digit numbers.



### Year 4

Yet another great week for learning in year 4. We have enjoyed lots of reading, and then writing a longer setting description where our focus was adventurous vocabulary. In maths, we have been comparing and ordering numbers to 10000. I have been impressed with children's engagement and enthusiasm while



approaching some challenging questions. In Geography, we talked about volcanoes and how they are formed. We even made one outside!

### Year 6

This week we have been finishing off our piece of writing based on the film Alma. All of the children tried really hard to get as much detail into their narrative as possible. We have also finished our class reader, The Giant's Necklace, ready to start writing a diary entry and newspaper report all about it. In maths, we started our new topic of the four operations of number. In Religion, we looked at ways we can show God's love in our lives. On Friday, some of our children represented us at a sports competition. They did an amazing job, Well done!

## 29<sup>th</sup> September



Happy Birthday to....

Harrison

Oyinkansola

Adalia

Tristen

Nicholas

Kai

## Dates to Remember

| Date                               | Event   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October     | Black History Month<br>3pm – EY Phonics / Reading Meeting                           |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October   | National Poetry Day<br>All Hallows Open Evening 6pm-8pm                             |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October     | World Mental Health Day   |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October | 3pm – EY Maths Meeting – Classroom  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October   | Breakfast and a Book – EY   |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October | Breakfast and a Book – KS1<br>Deadline to Return Flu Forms<br>(Reception to Year 6) |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October    | School closes for half term break at 3.30pm   |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October   | School opens for Autumn 2 half term   |