

# St Joseph's Newsletter

20/10/2023

**Attendance** – each week we present an award to the class with the best attendance, our target is for at least 96% attendance for each child. So far this half term, 139 children have achieved this, with 99 children having 100% attendance. Well done.

**High School applications** MUST be made by 31st October. Please make sure that you have applied for a place for your child.

**Parents meetings** will take place on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November. Time slips have been sent home today.

We hope that everyone has a good half term. School opens for all children on Tuesday 31st October.

## Work of the Week

	Reception	Amen	
Year 1	Sarah	Year 2	Zac
Year 3	Adalia	Year 4	Riva
Year 5	Matylda	Year 6	Sebastian

THEN JESUS TOLD THEM, "GIVE TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S, AND TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S." AND THEY MARVELED AT HIM.

- MARK 12:17

In this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 22:15-21 we will hear how the Pharisees didn't like Jesus and tried to trick Him, but Jesus was too clever for them. The Pharisees asked Jesus if it was right to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor. Jesus told them to "pay the Emperor what belongs to the emperor – and God what belongs to God."

In his answer, Jesus reminds us that we have two main responsibilities. One is to love God and to try to live our lives the way God wants us to.

The second is to care for each other and to make sure that everyone gets their fair share of the good things that God has given us.

How do we try to live up to these responsibilities?

# What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

## Nursery

Nursery had a lovely morning at our "Breakfast and a book" event this week. Thank you to all the parents and carers who stayed and shared the books with their children. This week we have been learning about Mary Seacole for "Black History Month". The children found out that she was a nurse who looked after soldiers during a war. She made her own medicines and made sure they had hot soup to eat. We pretended to be Mary and the soldiers. The children made their own medicines and soup and looked after each other, just like Mary did.



## Reception

Reception have learnt all about the joyful mysteries. We coloured in rosary beads, we made beautiful angels, played with the nativity, retelling the story as we played, and drew pictures depicting each joyful mystery. We also had an amazing last day as we enjoyed a Gruffalo Party, eating roasted fox, owl ice cream and scrambled snake!!



## Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy week. As a part of Black History Month, we have been learning about Rosa Parks and how she helped to change the world. It was breakfast and a book on Wednesday for us and we loved sharing our favourite books with our families. We had our class assembly on Friday, it was about belonging and we showed everyone our beautiful drawings of the different groups we belong to. In Art we have been looking at Wassily Kandinsky and have made artwork inspired by his famous work using circles and squares. We hope everyone has a safe and happy week off!

## Happy Birthday to....

Sebastian

Ydidya

Efosa-Rich

Ifeoluwa

Litisha

Ruftana

Janani

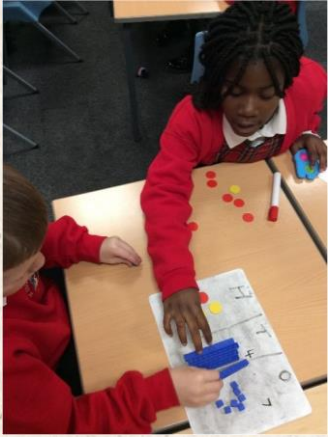
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## Year 2

Year 2 have been busy this week and have enjoyed completing our English topic learning about Sir David Attenborough, the work he has done on climate change and looking after the planet. As a class we have been making posters for recycling and thinking about different ways we can save energy and water and the positive effects this will have on our environment. In geography we have been



looking at climate zones and hot and cold areas of the world. In our computing lessons we have been exploring information technology around school and what we might see outside of school. See how many different devices you can spot over half term!

## Year 3

Year 3 have been working extremely hard this week, especially in Maths! They have used practical resources such as counters, white boards and base 10 to find 1, 10 and 100 more and less than a given number. Year 3 were able to use their knowledge of place value to understand which columns were being used for each calculation. Year 3 also challenged themselves with reasoning questions as well as spotting my addition and subtraction errors!

## Year 4

We had a wonderful and very busy last week of this half term. In English we have been writing a non-chronological report about earthquakes. Children were extremely engaged in researching interesting facts and turning them into cohesive paragraphs. In Maths, we have been adding two 4-digit numbers with more than one exchange. We have produced amazing work during Art using watercolours. We have also celebrated Black History Month and we have chosen to learn about Harriet Tubman, the woman who risked her life and freedom to help others. I am very proud of all the hard work children have put in this half term. Well done!

## Year 5

In our final week before half term, Y5 have shown how much they can achieve when they are determined and work hard. The children have been working to improve their Spelling Shed, TTR and Doodle Maths scores with much success. In maths lessons they answered difficult addition and subtraction problems and used inverse operations to check their answers were correct. In music lessons they have impressed us by reading musical notation and singing in canon with exceptional results. During RE the children have explored the life of



Maximillian Kolbe, an extraordinary man who used his gifts and talents to spread the good news of Jesus and made the ultimate sacrifice when he gave his life to save another.

This week, year 6 have been looking at the women who were behind NASA's mission to the moon. We read the book, Hidden Figures and started to look at features of a newspaper report. In maths, we have been looking at short division. The children are beginning to see the importance of knowing their times tables. In Science, we explored the digestive system and in Religion we wrote a balanced argument about whether humans can love unconditionally.

## This Week's School Attendance

NURSERY	85.9%	YEAR 3	97.1%
RECEPTION	90.5%	YEAR 4	97.1%
YEAR 1	90.3%	YEAR 5	98%
YEAR 2	94.2%	YEAR 6	96.7%
SCHOOL		93.2%	

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



## Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term break at 3.30pm
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	School Toast Orders for Year 1 to Year 6 close on ParentPay
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School opens for Autumn 2 half term
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Parents Evening
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parents Evening
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Week / UK Parliament Week Individual Photographs
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	8.45am – 9.15am - Open Morning Parents and Carers 3.30pm – 4pm - Open Evening Parents and Carers
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 War Museum North Trip