

St Joseph's Newsletter

08/12/2023

Thank You for the tremendous support last Friday at the Christmas Fayre, so far we have raised £828 We will continue to sell tickets for the raffle during the different events next week.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** was celebrated on Tuesday with Father Nathan at Salford Cathedral. The children from Years 4, 5 and 6 walked there with several members of staff.

Little Red – we were able to take a small group of children to the HOME theatre in Manchester to watch this production. It was excellent and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

Christmas Carols – this afternoon a group of children from the choir, went to meet Fr. Gavin at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, where they sang a selection of Carols and Christmas songs on some of the wards. They also took Christmas Cards for the patients.

Lunchtime Organiser – we have a vacancy for this position, 12 – 1pm daily, term time only. If you would like to find out more please contact the school office.



On Sunday we celebrated the first Sunday of Advent and listened to Mark 13: 33-37. Advent is a time of preparation for celebrating Jesus' birth at Christmas and looking forward to His Second Coming. Like Mary, we are called to be faithful, open and listen to God. We too can be ready to respond and say "Yes" to God through our words and actions.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have been learning all about Advent. During our forest school session we collected some green leaves and red berries to make some advent wreaths. We made a big wreath using our handprints and made the circle of the wreath together. We found out that the ever-green leaves and the circle of the wreath represent God's

never ending love for us, and the candles help us to remember that Jesus is the light of the world.



Reception

Reception have had a very busy week. We have been writing our letters to Father Christmas and posting them, we have learnt about advent and also had forest schools. In Forest Schools we created our own advent wreath made from leaves and using sticks for the 5 candles. We talked about what each candle represents and how we can show their meaning.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy week this week. We have been practising every day for the Nativity and we can't wait to show you all! We finally finished our story The Three Billy Goats Gruff in English and we are so excited to write our own versions of the story next week. We had a wellbeing and mindfulness day today with lots of fun activities and calming music.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic week, we have finished off our Great Fire of London topic with a fact file all about the fire, where it happened, how it spread and what we have learnt from it. In maths we have been adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers by crossing ten and using the base ten equipment to help us. In Religion we have started our Advent topic and have been thinking about how we prepare for the birth of Jesus, and have finished our own Christmas decorations in class.

★ Work of the Week ★

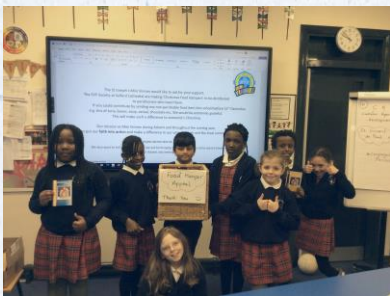
		Reception	Lauren		
Year 1	Arghavan	Year 3	Frankie	Year 5	Anith
Year 2	Amelia	Year 4	Shay	Year 6	Ajay

Year 3

This week year 3 have enjoyed learning about the Jesse Tree as part of our Advent celebration. The children thought about Biblical stories to share on their Jesse Tree and drew their own ornamental designs! The children have worked so hard during assessment week and we are very proud of them all, well done Year 3.

Year 5

This week, Year five have been completing end of term assessments in Maths, Reading and GaPS. They have been learning many skills by considering the need to stay focused, read questions carefully and try their best in all subjects. In RE they have been exploring the season of Advent and how it is a time of preparation. The children have thought about what is really important as we wait for the coming of Jesus. We were extremely proud of them as they shared their ideas about ways they could: pray, help



others and make the best of this time of waiting.

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



Year 4

This week has been a hard one. Children have been doing tests every day to check how much they have learnt so far. I am really impressed with their resilience and determination. I have never seen Year 4 children so focused and trying their very best! Well done!!! In English, we have been writing a diary entry from a perspective of a Roman soldier. In Maths, we have been focusing on 3-, 6-, 9- times tables and division facts. On Thursday, we had a second drama session and we enjoyed working in small groups where our focus was mirroring. We had so much fun!



Year 6

This week has been busy with our end of term tests. All of the children in Year 6 showed great determination and perseverance in the face of some really difficult assessments. We could not be more proud of them. In Religion, we have been thinking about preparing for Advent and the message Angel Gabriel delivered to Mary. The children wrote diary entries as if they were Mary. In history, we have been looking at what life was like for children during World War 2.

This Week's School Attendance

NURSERY	92.7%	YEAR 3	92.1%
RECEPTION	87.8%	YEAR 4	89.6%
YEAR 1	92.4%	YEAR 5	94%
YEAR 2	88%	YEAR 6	96.7%
SCHOOL		91.6%	

Happy Birthday to....



Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Christmas Show, 9.30am
Wednesday 13 th December	EYFS Christmas Show 9.30am EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas dinner and jumper day Christingle 3.45pm
Friday 15 th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
Monday 18 th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 th December	2.30pm – School closes
Monday 8 th January	School opens for Spring 1 Half Term
Friday 16 th February	School closes for the Half Term Break at 3.30pm
Monday 26 th February	School opens for the Spring 2 Half Term