

St Joseph's Newsletter

16/02/2024

Today the children will be bringing home their **St. Joseph's Penny boxes** to try to fill with any change. This helps to support the work carried out by Caritas.

Mrs Crompton led the **assembly** on Monday, the children found out about Chinese New Year. This is the year of the dragon.

Parking – please be mindful of the residents on Ryall Avenue. Do not park across driveways as access is needed, cars are being reversed and driven into driveways and causing damage to the paving. Your support with this is appreciated.

I hope that you all enjoy the half term holiday. School re-opens on **Monday 26th February at 8.45am.**

Lent comes
providentially
to reawaken
us, to shake us
from our
lethargy.

This week we began the Holy Season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we received ashes on our foreheads in the sign of the cross. The ashes mean I am a sinner and the cross means I have a Saviour. May this season of Lent be a time of growth, renewal and deepening our relationship with God.

Happy Birthday to....

Arla Cooper Alycia

Natanim Chidera

Sorella-Star Henry

Nathan Chidera



What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have had a "flipping good time" this week making and eating pancakes. We made the pancake batter from scratch, the children looked up the recipe, made shopping lists and measured all the ingredients carefully. We cooked the pancakes in the kitchen and even had a go at flipping them. Then we came to the "Pancake cafe" where they could put lots of different toppings on their pancakes. The children really enjoyed their pancakes. Yum Yum!!



Reception

It's been a very busy week for reception. Starting off the week with pancake day, where we made and flipped our own pancakes, and enjoyed eating them with different toppings like lemon, strawberries and sauce. We talked about the start of lent and the meaning behind it and made our own lent promises.

The children were also being very



loving for Valentine's Day, making cards for the person they love the most and In forest school we made valentines perfume.

Year 1

This week we have been focusing on Lent. We started this week off enjoying pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. They were super delicious! On Ash Wednesday we went to Mass in school and spent some time discussing Lent. We have all made our very own Lenten Promises and discussed why we give up something during Lent. We also spoke about the importance of being charitable and kind during Lent. Everyone had some really good ideas about what we could do to help charities such as donating food. We ended the week with some beautiful paintings of a desert then added some adjectives to describe how the painting makes us feel. We hope everyone has a safe and happy Half term!

Congratulations to St Bernadette



WINNERS of this week's house points award

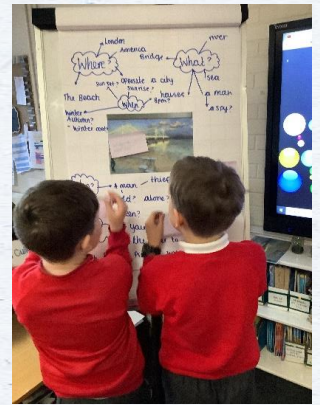
Year 2

Year 2 have had a lovely last week of term. In Religion we have been looking at our favourite Bible stories. We read the story and then had some quiet time reflecting using paint. The children created some beautiful and thoughtful responses with the paints. In Maths we have continued with time and the children are really enjoying telling each other the time throughout the day. On Wednesday we joined the whole school for our Ash Wednesday Mass. The children were really respectful and have been thinking very carefully about their Lenten promises and what they can do for others during this time. We finished the week with our class assembly about Thanksgiving and the children did a fantastic job!

Year 3

In Year 3 this week the children have been working incredibly hard. In our writing lessons we have been exploring a new text and made predictions about the story from illustrations. In Religion the children have celebrated Our Lady by creating collages to decorate wings in response to Fra Angelico's The Annunciation. We linked this lesson to our Art as we used paintings from our artist, Henri Matisse in our collages.

Well done Year 3!



Year 4

Year 4 have started this week with winning the Spelling Shed Trophy! In English, we have been investigating reasons to save the Amazon Rainforest. Our goal is to write a persuasive letter to the ambassador of Brazil to try to persuade him to act now to save the Amazon. In Maths, we have been learning about length and perimeter. We have been measuring perimeters of rectangles and other irregular rectilinear shapes. In RE, Lent has been our focus. We talked about things that we are going to give up for the next 40 days and how we

are going to prepare for Easter. In Geography, we have been researching and writing a non-chronological report about animals and plants living in the rainforest.



★ Work of the ★ ★ Week ★

Nursery	Aayan
Reception	Remaya
Year 1	Rylan
Year 2	Jasmine
Year 3	Nancy
Year 4	Roccoe
Year 5	Alexis
Year 6	Christina

Year 5

On Ash Wednesday the whole school came together to celebrate Mass with Fr Nathan. As we begin the season of Lent, the children in Year 5 have been focusing on how we should 'Pray, Fast and Give' to prepare ourselves for Easter. When we care for others, we are reflecting God's transforming love. The children enjoyed a special workshop this week with a director from Shakespeare Schools Foundation. They were fully involved and were given some 'top tips' to further develop their acting skills. In our creative writing lesson Y5 continued to build their mysterious, magical short stories using descriptive, figurative language. In our prayers each day, we asked Jesus to be our light.



Year 6

It has been another busy week in year 6 following our trip to Lledr Hall. In English, we have finished off our survival guides which are looking amazing. In maths, we have been looking at fractions as decimals. On Wednesday, we attended the Ash Wednesday Mass to start the season of Lent. The children were reverent and respectful and they sang beautifully. I wish them all a restful half term holiday and know that they will come back prepared to learn even more in the run up to their SATs exams.

This Week's School Attendance

N	91.9%	R	82.5%
Y1	91%	Y2	95.9%
Y3	90.8%	Y4	98.6%
Y5	94%	Y6	94.4%
School	92.4%		

St Joseph's are thrilled to have been selected as the school to become a Flagship Library delivered by the National Literacy Trust, an independent literacy charity, and funded by the Rausing Family Trust.

As a Flagship library we will receive a design and layout and library renovation. We welcomed Catherine from The Literacy Trust into school last week alongside Jay an interior designer from Peters Library Designs. We will keep you updated on the new library's progress – how exciting!



Save the Date!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
7 MARCH 2024

World Book Day is Thursday 7 March.

On Thursday March 7th we will be celebrating World Book Day. All the children (and staff) are invited to come into school dressed as a book character. Please ensure that the children are wearing warm clothes under thinner costumes for the usual March weather.

**Changing lives through a love of
books and reading**

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 26 th February	School opens for the Spring 2 Half Term
Tuesday 27 th February	Year 6 Cake Sale
Thursday 29 th February	Year 6 Fusiliers Museum Trip
Friday 1 st March	Women's History Month
Tuesday 5 th March	Year 5 Cake Sale
Wednesday 6 th March	Year 5 Transition Trip to All Hallows
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	International Women's Day
Thursday 28 th March	School Closes for the End of Spring Term at 2.30pm
Monday 8 th April	School Opens for the Summer 1 Half Term