

St Joseph's Newsletter

09/02/2024

Mental Health Week – My Voice Matters.

Thank you for coming into school and finding out what the children have been doing with Rachel.

E-safety – Miss Chappell led the assembly on Monday, reminding the children how to stay safe online to raise awareness for a safer and better internet for all. The theme this year is Inspiring Change, making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.

On March 14th we are having a Digital Safeguarding day for all of the children, staff, governors and sessions for parents. We will send out more information next week.

Happy Birthday to....

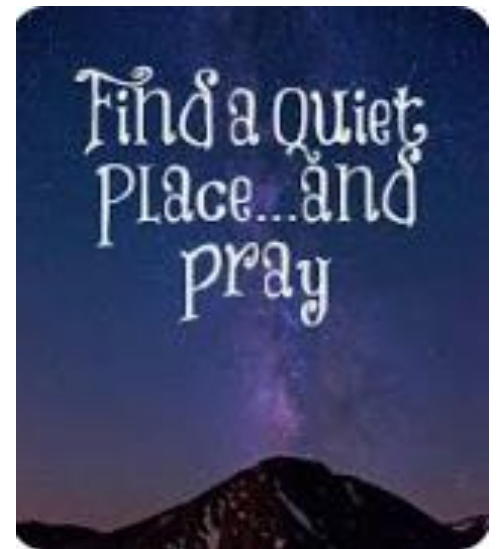
Anith

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Rylan

Alfie

Serah



Mark 1: 29-39 Jesus' life was very busy, but He found peace by going to a quiet place to pray and be with His Father. We too can find peace in the busyness of our daily lives.

Where can you go to find a little peace and quiet?

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have been learning all about Chinese New Year this week. 2024 is the year of the dragon so we have been making and painting our own Chinese dragons. We made a big dragon so we could do a dragon dance and decorated our classroom with lanterns. The children learned how people give red envelopes with money in to give their family and friends. The children helped to "spring clean" the classroom and then we invited reception to come and have a Chinese banquet with us. We even tried eating noodles with chopsticks which was very tricky.

Reception

This week Reception have been working hard finding out all about space rockets. We started by labelling the different parts, then building our own with recycled materials. After we learnt about the thrust that rockets need to blast them in to space, we carried out an experiment with the jump rockets, it was so much fun!



Year 1

Year 1 have had a good week. It is Children's Mental Health Week this week and we have been very busy. We have been looking at different mindfulness activities such as colouring and yoga to promote good mental health. Rachel from Place2Be came into class and read us an amazing book called Speak Out. It was all about a little girl who spoke up about wanting to save her library. She told everyone and they helped her to save the library by getting more funding. We spoke about the different things that mean a lot to us like helping animals and people who need it. In English we have finished the Naughty Bus and it has a really funny ending. We wonder what will happen next....

This Week's School Attendance

N	91.6%	R	91.2%
Y1	93%	Y2	95.3%
Y3	92.8%	Y4	93.2%
Y5	95.4%	Y6	95.4%
School		93.5%	

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy week. In maths we have started looking at time, o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour. The children have been challenged to tell an adult the time during the day and during different activities. On Tuesday, we had a visit from Father Michael who celebrated class Mass. The children joined in with Mass respectfully and impressed Father when answering questions. In Science we had fun conducting an experiment about the spread of germs and why it is important to wash our hands.



Year 3

In Year 3 we have been practising mindfulness in support of Children's Mental Health Week. We have focused on different breathing strategies to help us focus and be still. In Maths, we have been consolidating our learning of our eight times table by playing different games with a partner. Well done Year 3.



Year 4

This week Year 4 children have been writing a diary entry of one of the main characters from the book they have been reading this half term (The Explorer). In Maths, they have started learning about Length and Perimeter. In Geography, they have been exploring the difference between modern life and living in the rainforest. This week is a Children's Mental Health Week and we have been doing many activities helping us to understand how to stay healthy and happy as well as how to cope with stressful situations.

Year 5

This week Y5 have been continuing to learn all about Macbeth and his wife. They wrote their own questions and thoroughly enjoyed a 'hot seat' session in which they confronted these duplicitous characters. The e-safety assembly on Monday encouraged the whole class to consider the benefits of the internet but also the need to work together to make it a safe place. For Children's Mental Health Week, we have been involved in some wonderful activities to show the importance of connecting with other people. This has linked with RE in which our focus has been how to live out Jesus' teaching in our daily



This week has been the highlight of our year in Year 6. On Wednesday, we went on our residential to Lledr Hall. All of the children had a great time and overcame lots of challenges and fears. We are so proud of them all. At the beginning of the week, we had a day thinking about Children's Mental Health Week and Rachel from Place2Be led an assembly for us all. The children in year 6 then thought about all their proud moments throughout their lives.

★ Work of the Week ★

Nursery	Luca C	Reception	Jeremiah	Year 1	Sam	Year 2	Asher
Year 3	Ashwadh	Year 4	Jayden	Year 5	Esther		

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 12 th February	Chinese New Year
Wednesday 14 th February	Start of the Lenten Season Ash Wednesday
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
Tuesday 27 th February	Year 6 Cake Sale
Thursday 29 th February	Year 6 Fuseliers Museum Trip
Friday 1 st March	Women's History Month
Thursday 14 th March	Digital Safeguarding 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