

# St Joseph's Newsletter

15/03/2024

**Reconciliation** – the children in Year 3 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, please remember them in your prayers.

On Tuesday Fr. Nathan and Fr. Anthony came into school to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with children in KS2.

**School closure** – thank you for your support and co-operation, it is greatly appreciated.

Please refer to the **calendar** for dates and times of events during the next 2 weeks.

This week Year 4 raised £46.24 from their **cakes sales** towards our Lenten charity collections. A big thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes.

Last Sunday was the 4th Sunday of Lent.

“The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; He has ordered me to build Him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may His God be with him! Let him go up.”

2 Chronicles 36:23

## Happy Birthday to....

Eleanor      Hayden

Ananya      Elizabeth

Amen      Bayley



When you believe in Jesus you are filled with the Holy Spirit. That means the presence of God lives inside you and you become a temple of God! Picture a stone dropping into the water and the water rippling out. This is a bit like the Holy Spirit. As the Holy Spirit fills us with God's love, God's presence ripples out from us to everyone we meet. Each ripple represents someone you might like to pray for.

# What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

## Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed science week. Thank you to all the parents who came and stayed for our science workshop. The children loved making their bird feeders and bug hotels with you. We have been finding out about how to look after the birds and bugs in our garden. The children have been busy planting flowers and seeds, cleaning the pond ready for the frogs and checking for bugs.



## Reception

Reception have had an amazing week. They started off by having a science day, where the children and their parents could take part in some experiments, like building coral reef cities, saving animals from litter in the ocean, and finding out which net is best for catching fish. We have completed some amazing writing about sharks, and have learnt many new and interesting facts.



## Year 1

It has been a very busy and strange week this. It has been Science Week and we had our very own Science Fair. There were lots of fun experiments to do like making lava lamps, painting with skittles and dying some messy sticky dough. We had so much fun sharing these experiments with our family on Tuesday afternoon. Some children even brought in their own super science projects to show us and there was a surprise experiment with a floating egg! We couldn't believe it when we were all sent home on Wednesday morning because there was no water but we made up for it by doing lots of fun activities for the rest of the week. We want to say a massive thank you to everyone who came to the Science Fair and for everyone who took part.



## Year 2

Year 2 have had a fun week, in English we have been writing letters to Sunny the meerkat about why we think he should visit us and why he would like it at St Joseph's, and to our surprise Sunny came to visit us in class! He was very busy on Wednesday when the children weren't in, playing on the laptops, eating lunch and reading stories. In maths we have been looking at arrays and making equal groups. We had a fantastic time at our science fair looking at different reactions and experiments!

## Year 3

Year 3 have had another fantastic week, working hard as always. For Science Week the children enjoyed experimenting with different materials in school We have had some brilliant examples of home experiments too such as a bubbling volcano and a self-supporting bridge! In maths, we have continued exploring division with remainders and used practical resources to help us with our problem solving. In Geography we have explored coastal erosion and challenged ourselves to think about how this can cause landscapes that we know to change.

Well done year 3

## Year 4

This week we have been celebrating British Science Week. We conducted many interesting experiments, learnt about Neil deGrasse Tyson and finally, we invited our lovely parents to share our passion to science with.

In English/Reading, we have started a new book, *The Lost Happy Endings*. We have been looking at examples of speech and learning how to punctuate it correctly. In Maths, we have been focusing on mixed numbers and improper fractions.



## Year 5

This week was Science Week. Year 5 have considered the impact scientists have on our world. They have focused on the work of space scientists who study the properties of outer space, including our solar system and other galaxies. The children particularly enjoyed researching the life and work of Maggie Aderin-Pocock, a scientist who is committed to inspiring young people from all backgrounds to pursue careers in Science. In maths lessons we have continued our work on decimals and percentages. In RE this week we reflected on how we are all different, unique and precious to God. Jesus showed us that we should welcome all those who feel lonely or abandoned. We all need God's love and peace in our lives.



A big well done to all the children that attended Booster this week and to all the children that completed their learning at home.

This week the children visited Crucial Crew and took part in workshops promoting safety inside and outside the home and the roles of various safety services.

This Week's School Attendance							
N	93.8%	R	92.1%	Y1	90.9%	Y2	93.4%
Y3	94%	Y4	94.2%	Y5	95.4%	Y6	96.2%
School				93.8%			

Easter Bonnet Competition  
and  
Decorated Egg Competition

We will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet and Decorated Egg Competitions this year. The children can enter one or both competitions in their class.

**Decorated Egg Competition**

The idea is the children decorate a hard-boiled egg at home and bring it into school on **Friday 22nd March**.

Each class will display their eggs for the other children to look at. Judging will take place and we will announce the winners before the end of term.

There will be a prize for the best design in each class.

The eggs can be decorated however you like, Easter themed, super heroes, patterned, animals etc.

**Easter Bonnet Competition**

The children decorate an Easter Bonnet at home and bring it into school on **Friday 22nd March**.

Each class will display their bonnets for other children to look at. Judging will take place and we will announce the winners before the end of term.

There will be a prize for the best design in each class.

We are really looking forward to seeing what your children can create!

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## Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Tuesday 19th March	St Joseph's Feast Day Year 3 Cake Sale Shakespeare for Schools Performance Day – Macbeth – Year 5
Wednesday 20th March	Pizza Express Trip – Year 2
Thursday 21st March	World Poetry Day
Friday 22nd March	Egg Bonnet and Egg Decoration
Monday 25th March	Holy Week
Tuesday 26th March	2pm – Easter Play – Year 3
Wednesday 27th March	Egg Roll
Thursday 28th March	School Closes for Easter at 2.30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens for Summer 1
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed for May Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens for Summer 2
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	School Closes at 2.30pm for the Summer