

St Joseph's Newsletter

01/03/2024

I hope that you all had a good half term break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school.

On Tuesday we held the first **cake sale**. The children and staff in Year 6 brought in cakes to sell at playtime. They raised £85.47 Which will support the work carried out by Caritas. Thank you to all who brought in cakes and all who bought cakes.

Ten Pin Bowling, well done to the children who took part in this event on Monday, a good time was had by all.

Football, congratulations to our football team who beat Ellenbrook 4 – 0 in defence of our Bill Hayhurst Cup. Well done!

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March, the children and staff are welcome to come into school dressed as a favourite book character.

Please remember to check the calendar for dates as this is a very busy half term.

Happy Birthday to....

Joshua Shay

Kiame Abigail

Kwame



"I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore."

Genesis 22:17

During the assembly on Monday the children explored how they can be a blessing to others this Lent. During Lent we are preparing for Jesus' death on the Cross and His Resurrection at Easter. Our Lenten tasks to GIVE, ACT and PRAY show our love and commitment to God. We can GIVE through filling our St. Joseph's Penny boxes, ACT by helping others less fortunate than ourselves and PRAY as we reflect on each of the Stations of The Cross.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery are so excited to start our new topic of castles this half term. We have made our role play area into a medieval castle and the children are busy training to be knights, kings, queens and even dragons!! We have been finding out about what it was like to live in a castle long ago and looking in lots of different information books. In forest schools this week, we looked for daffodils as it was St. Davids day, made some lovely daffodil chalk pictures on the playground and made daffodil soup.



Reception

Reception have had a great first week back.

We have been learning about our new topic under the sea, and have learnt about turtles this week. Reception have found out some very interesting facts, like turtles have a beak and their favourite food is jellyfish.

In forest schools we freed sea animals stuck in ice, and made soup for turtles.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fun week back! We have loved sharing stories of our adventures during the week off. In English we have started a new book called Handa's Surprise and we can't believe how cheeky the animals are in that story. In Maths we have been looking at full, empty, half full and half empty. We really enjoyed filling different sized measuring cups, mixing bowls, and measuring tubes with water to see if we could show full, half full, empty and half empty. We have been thinking about the different ways we can help others during Lent and as a class have decided to collect food to be donated to a homeless shelter. The food we are collecting will be non perishable such as tins, pasta and rice etc. Thank you to all the people who have donated so far, we really appreciate all your support.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy first week. We have started our new maths topic on multiplication and division and have been looking at making and adding equal groups. We have still been working on counting in 2, 5, 10 and 3 to help us. In English we have been looking at different animals and settings and using adjectives to describe them. In our geography lesson this week we started off our new topic on Africa by listening to a video Mrs Murphy sent us from Ghana. We learnt what the children do in school and what it is like in Ghana and are so excited to continue with our topic now!

Year 3

Year 3 have worked incredibly hard this week. In Maths we have been solving difficult calculations using division as well as using our knowledge of number facts to calculate problems. In Writing, we have explored new vocabulary from our text and written our own wonderful sentences to include these words. In Religion, the children have created wonderful pages in their books all about Lent and have presented them beautifully.



Year 4

This week in English, we have been writing a persuasive letter to the Brazilian Ambassador, Antonio Patriota, to help us save The Amazon Rainforest. We have been using very strong reasons why he should support our petition. Next week, we are planning to send our letters to The Brazilian Embassy in London. In Maths, we have started looking at fractions. We have been finding this concept quite tricky. In Science, we went on an Invertebrate Hunt. We had so much fun using magnifying glasses in order to spot even the smallest creatures living on our school's premises.



**★ Work of the ★
★ Week ★**

Nursery	Bayley
Reception	Gelila
Year 1	Devansh
Year 2	
Year 3	Ollie
Year 4	Romy
Year 5	Esther
Year 6	Folayemi

Year 5

This week in maths Year 5 have been working on equivalent fractions and decimals, extending their understanding by counting in tenths and hundredths on number lines and using place value grids to record decimal numbers. The Music lesson was challenging this week as Y5 continued to compose their own music. Creative writing involved each pupil using their notes to type up and develop their descriptive, magical short stories. In RE we have been considering how we can be more like Jesus by putting Him at the centre of our lives. We thought about what real love is and how we can show love through our actions.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy first week back after the break. On Monday, a couple of children went to compete in ten pin bowling. They all worked as a team and had a great time. On Tuesday, Year 6 were the first class to sell cakes for the Lenten Season. Thank you for all of your kind donations towards a worthy charity. On Thursday, we went to the Fusilliers' Museum in Bury, where they got to dress up as soldiers and learn more about World War 2. We all had a great day.

This Week's School Attendance

N	93.1%	R	88.1%
Y1	92.4%	Y2	99%
Y3	97.7%	Y4	97.1%
Y5	97.3%	Y6	94.1%
School	94.9%		

Congratulations to St Teresa



WINNERS of this
week's house
points award

SCIENCE WEEK WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US BY JOINING YOUR CHILD IN SCHOOL TO SHARE THEIR SCIENCE ACTIVITIES. EACH CLASS WILL TAKE PART IN SCIENCE INVESTIGATIONS IN THE HALL WITH PARENTS/CARERS FOLLOWED BY A CLASS SCIENCE FAIR, DURING WHICH THE CHILDREN CAN SHARE ANY SCIENCE PROJECTS THEY HAVE COMPLETED AT HOME.

Dates and Times

Monday 11th	Year 6	2:00pm
Tuesday 12th	Year 1	2:00pm
Wednesday 13th	Year 2	9:15am
Wednesday 13th	Year 3	2:00pm
Thursday 14th	Year 4	9:15am
Thursday 14th	Year 5	2:00pm

Welly Appeal

We would like to make an appeal for any outgrown but still in good condition welly boots. We are particularly looking for Nursery and Reception sizes.



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
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 11 th March	British Science Week
Tuesday 12 th March	Year 4 Cake Sale
Tuesday 19 th March	St Joseph's Feast Day Year 3 Cake Sale
Tuesday 26 th March	Year 3 Easter Play 2pm

More Event Dates on the School App. Checkout the calendar section.