

# St Joseph's Newsletter

08/03/2024

**Storyteller** – on Monday we welcomed Gav Cross into school to share his stories with each class. All of the children enjoyed their storytelling sessions.

**World Book Day** – thank you to everyone who dressed up, as always a good day was had by all. During the afternoon, the older children read books with our younger children. Every child was given a book token, and in KS2 each child took home a book, courtesy of the Young Readers Programme. Thanks to Mrs Harris for organising such a wonderful day and all of the staff for joining in with such enthusiasm.

**Cake sale** this week led by Year 5 raised £91.67 Thank you for your generous donations which will be added to our St. Joseph's Penny collection.



During the Reception class science week drop in, Rachel from **Place2Be**, will be available to have an informal chat about the Place2Be parenting offerings.

**Love the Lord your God**

**with all your heart**

**and with all your soul**

**and with all your strength**

**and with all your mind;**

**and, Love your neighbour**

**as yourself.**

Luke 10:27

Last Sunday was the 3rd Sunday of Lent. We are reminded through the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments, that God promises to guide us so we can live in freedom. The Ten Commandments might seem like a long list of rules, but Jesus makes God's commandments simpler by explaining the most important rule: to love God and to love others.



# What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

## Nursery

Nursery have had a very busy week. We started by listening to a storyteller, who made us laugh and we loved joining in with his story about how the zebra got his stripes. We have been on a spring walk this week, looking for the changes in our garden. The children noticed the buds on the trees, some daffodils and blossom and we heard the robin singing. All the children looked amazing for World Book Day and we enjoyed having year 3 coming into our class to read to us. The children have worked hard to make their mummies a surprise card and present ready for Mother's Day on Sunday.



## Reception

Reception have had a very busy week.

Our story of the week, was The Snail and the Whale. The children have completed some lovely writing and created storyboards retelling the book.

It was World Book Day on Thursday and they all looked amazing! Year 4 kindly come down and read us some stories, which reception loved!



## Year 1

Year 1 have had an exciting week. We finished Handa's Surprise and enjoyed trying some of the fruit from the story! On Monday we had a visit from a Storyteller and it was so much fun! He told us some great stories and we got involved acting out parts of the stories. World Book Day was so much fun, we all came in dressed as characters from our favourite books. We all looked fantastic! Year 5 came in our class to read some of our favourite stories to us. We loved spending time with them! We have loved making Mother's Day cards and can't wait to show them off at home! We want to wish all the amazing mums and carers a Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for everything you do!



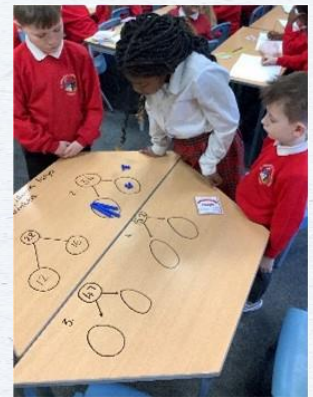
## Year 2

Year 2 have had a fun week filled with stories! We started off the week with a visit from the storyteller Gav Cross. The children enjoyed getting involved with orally telling the story of the Red Dragon and taking on different roles acting it out. We then used this to help us in our English lessons, retelling the story using interesting language. On Thursday we had a fantastic day for World Book Day, we decorated bookmarks, took part in story quizzes and shared stories with the children in year 6. The children all looked wonderful dressed as their characters!



## Year 3

Year 3 have been working incredibly hard this week. In Science, the children came up with actions, using drama to represent different types of seed dispersal! In addition, we have been looking at problem solving in maths and used this to solve world book day themed puzzles. Last Friday we enjoyed our trip to the Lowry where we worked with local artists and actors to explore Lowry's paintings and bring them to life. Well done year 3.



## Year 4

What a busy week we have had! To start with, on Monday we had a fantastic, very engaging session with Gav Cross Storyteller where we listened to some scary, yet funny stories. What an introduction to World Book Day! In English, we have finished writing our persuasive letters and now, they will be sent to the Brazilian Embassy in London. On Tuesday, we had a class mass led by Father Nathan. In Maths, we have been learning to partition mixed numbers. In Humanities, we have started new topic – Ancient Egyptians. We are looking forward to learning more about it. Finally, we had an amazing time,



celebrating World Book Day. We read books to Reception children, took part in an online lesson joining with others schools about different genres of books, read books in class and did some World Book Day themed Maths.

## ★ Work of the ★ ★ Week ★

Nursery	Raei
Reception	Nixon
Year 1	Tega
Year 2	Adanna
Year 3	Sorella
Year 4	Tandi
Year 5	Ydidiya
Year 6	Victoria



## Year 5

Year five have had a very busy week. The children were enthusiastic and fully involved in all activities on the Transition Morning at All Hallows High School. In maths lessons we have been exploring equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. In English lessons we have considered the importance of using powerful, descriptive words when writing. The very best way of improving writing is to read a wealth of books. On World Book Day we embraced this idea and shared books, whilst dressed as our favourite characters. In RE this week, we have been thinking about how we can be tempted to



make the wrong choices and how during Lent, inspired by Jesus in the desert, we can be strong and make the right decisions.

## Year 6

We have had another busy week in Year 6. In English, we have been thinking about the setting in our story, Journey to Jo'burg, and have started to gather good vocabulary in order to write a setting description. In Religion, we have been thinking about the word Unity and what that means. The children created some word art in pairs. On Thursday we had a great day dressing up as our favourite character from a book. The children enjoyed sharing a story with the Year 2's.



## 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

# Congratulations

to Nursery

Winners of the **£15** Punctuality Voucher

Every week in the Friday assembly there is a class voucher up for grabs for the class (or classes) who have 100% punctuality for the week before. This means if everybody arrives on time in class before 9am the class will receive £15 to spend on the class.

Congratulations to St  
Bernadette



WINNERS of this  
week's house points  
award

## This Week's School Attendance

N	99.2%	R	97.5%
Y1	97.9%	Y2	95.7%
Y3	95.9%	Y4	93.9%
Y5	93.7%	Y6	97%
School		96.3%	

Happy Birthday to....

Tega



# Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Cake Sale Year 6 Booster Classes Begin (every Tues, Wed & Thurs at 8.25am)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	St Joseph's Feast Day Year 3 Cake Sale Year 5 Shakespeare Performance at the Lowry
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Pizza Express Trip
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Poetry Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Easter Bonnet and Egg Decoration
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Week
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Easter Play 2pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closes for the End of Spring Term at <b>2.30pm</b>