



Newsletter

14 September 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians and Children,

I am delighted to welcome our school community back to St Joseph's for a new academic year. I am also so happy that our children have started this year in our wonderful school building.

It is anticipated that all the works will be fully completed by January 2019. I would like to thank parents and children for their continuing support and understanding.

Many of you have seen the new school classrooms on your 'Meet the Teacher' visits and I hope you will take the opportunity to join us for special events and celebrations throughout the year.

"By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

This wonderful proverb reflects our aspiration at St Joseph's; that our classrooms are filled with children to be treasured.

Like the house in the proverb, our school is built on understanding and knowledge; with a love for learning and love for each other.

Jesus taught us that the greatest commandments are to love God and to love each other.

This is an exciting new phase in the school's history in which we will continue to build on the firm foundations of our shared faith in Christ.

I look forward to working in partnership to ensure our children reach their full potential.

With warmest regards,

*Mrs Titus
Headmistress*

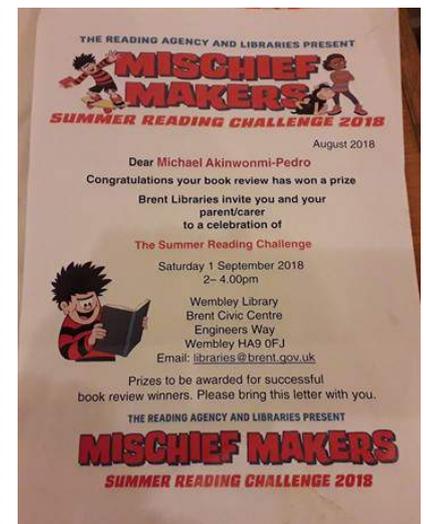
Congratulations!

We offer our congratulations to Michael in Year 3 who recently received a wonderful award in recognition of his book review entry in the Summer Reading Challenge organised by Wembley Library.

This a wonderful accolade for Michael who made a great effort to use his best reading and writing skills for this competition.

Parents can email info@stjo.brent.sch.uk to let us know about any other celebrations we can share with the school community.

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Year 4 Learning

The children in Year 4 have made a really positive start.

They have used their learning from previous years as a starting point to build on their knowledge.

In **Mathematics**, the children were learning about rounding to the nearest ten and to the nearest hundred! They had fun learning a new 'Rounding Rap' to help recall when to round up and round down. The children also revised place value in Mathematics this week, and revised times tables using Purple Mash software on the Chrome Books.



In **Geography** the children were learning about our European neighbouring countries. They explored the world map to identify the seven different continents of the world.



The children then looked at Europe in more detail - discussing the European Union and the different currencies of Europe! The children used atlases and globes as part of their research.



Please speak with your children about their learning and to reinforce their confidence in sharing their knowledge.

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns for the safety and well-being of any child, please make an appointment to see Mrs Studd who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

In an emergency, please call the police without delay. To contact Brent Social Services, please call 020 8937 4300.

We can also help parents through Brent's Early Help Assessment process. If you are having difficulties with housing, finances or health, please speak with Mrs Studd who can signpost you to appropriate support and services.

Useful Contacts:

NSPCC: 0800 800 5000

Brent Social Services:
020 8937 4300

Attendance

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on 020 8965 5651 or email the school at admin@stjo.brent.sch.uk before 9.00am on every day of absence.

In addition to making a telephone call by 9.00am on every day of absence, this must be followed up in writing. Parents may complete a **Reason For Absence** form (available from school office or school website) or you may write a letter /email to confirm the reason for the absence.

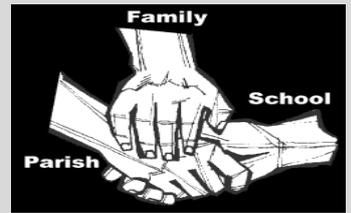
When you know in advance that your child will be absent, please inform the school in advance and provide the appropriate documentation such as the medical appointment letter.

Please remember that all school policies are in place for a reason with the main purpose being to ensure the safety, well-being and secure development of your child.

If we have any concerns about a child's absence, we may carry out a home visit. We may also contact Brent Education Welfare and Social Services.

Beginning with God

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea:

This framework of learning is intended as the last in the liturgical year, Year B; the first in the academic year 2018/2019. As the title suggests the content of this resource is the nature of God. Both belief in the singular nature of God (Monotheism) and God as a Trinity are taught. Pupils will explore a variety of Biblical metaphors for God and learn about the Nicene Creed as a time in history when the nature of Jesus was considered and clarified.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An appreciation of the nature of God as greater than what we can imagine or know• A sense of the presence of God in their lives | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An openness to wondering about God as 'three in one'.• A sense of curiosity about God. |
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Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. This resource asks pupils to think about what God is like. Be open to the many metaphors they learn about and incorporate some into your family prayer.

An idea for prayer at home

	Prayer Activity
	Pray with your children: God who is bigger than all we can imagine or say. Help us to see you in our world; in the beauty of the natural world, in the traditions of our Church, in the stories of Scripture and in the people around us. May we remember that, created in your image, we are like you and we show others what you are like. We ask this through Jesus who took on human to show us your great love, Amen.