



St Joseph's News

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...The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone... **Matthew 21:42**

Catholic Life of the School

At Mass on Sunday, we will hear another story from Jesus that reminds us to listening to the messengers God sends to us.

In this reading, we learn about the farmers who rent land and when the landowner send his servants at harvest time, the farmers killed them. They also killed the farmer's son when he went to them. Jesus tells us that this is like the Kingdom of God which will be taken away from bad tenants and given to the good people to produce its fruit.

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to think about who are God's messengers today and how do they help us to understand more about the Good News?

We can also be God's messengers by sharing his love with others. Pope Francis says "May we help people to discover the joy of Jesus' message".



Dear Lord Jesus, help us to share in your mission; to be your messengers so that other will come to know the joy of loving you. Amen

Merit of the Week Award

The following children have received Merit Certificates in our whole school assembly for demonstrating excellent standards in their learning and behaviour:

Olivia 2F, Shane 2H, Nyah 2S, Scott 3K, Rafael 3G, Kacper 3M,
Shernice 4C, Michelle 4M, Rayner 5K, Martyna 5S, Anisia 6D, Julia 6M and Karol 6W

Student of the Week Award

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| 3M Majka | For persistence and hard work in English and Mathematics |
| 5S Teresa | For an excellent attitude to her work and having wonderful manners |
| 6D Marcin | For his hard work to further improve his English and Mathematics work |

Attendance

In the week beginning 02 October 2017, Class 2F had 100% attendance.

All children may arrive from 8.30am at their designated gates. Please take full advantage of this early arrival as it not only helps your child to prepare for their learning day but also eases congestion.

Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be referred to Brent Education Welfare and may be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)

Please remember that if your child is absent from school, and we have not already been informed in advance, parents must telephone the school by 9.00am on every day of absence. This is a very important safeguarding measure to ensure we know the whereabouts of every child.

If a child's whereabouts are unknown or unclear, the school will contact Brent's Children Missing In Education team so they can carry out an investigation.

Safeguarding

St Joseph's treats seriously its responsibility to ensure children are safe and well.

Where there is information causing a level of concern, the matter is discussed between the Executive Headmistress and Education Support Manager to determine if other agencies, such as Social Services, should be informed of the matter.

Where appropriate, parents are informed if the school decides to make a referral to Social Services. In line with their own procedures, Social Services may instruct the school that parents should not be informed in particular cases.

The school follows Social Services guidance with regards to referrals and information sharing to ensure our approach is child-centred.

The school frequently reviews processes to ensure we are doing all we can to minimise risk and keep children safe.

Please be reminded of the following expectations to support safeguarding at St Joseph's:

- When you bring your child to school in the morning and when you collect your child in the afternoon, please move off the premises promptly to ease congestion and to support the staff in dismissing the children to other parents.
- While term time leave is banned, we know there will be emergencies when children need to travel with their parents. In these situations, regardless of whether the leave will be authorised, please provide the school with a copy of the outgoing and return travel documents. This is a very important safeguarding measure.

Early Help

The school works with a number of agencies including health and Social Services to ensure that our children and families receive all the help they need at the earliest opportunity.

We therefore encourage parents to approach the school if they are unsure where to access help and support with any issues relating to family life. Please make an appointment to see Mrs Studd, Education Support Manager, to discuss any worries and we will help directly or signpost you to the most appropriate service.

Prevent Strategy

In line with safeguarding procedures, the school is keeping up to date with the latest guidance from the Government in relation to anti-radicalisation and extremism.

All staff receive frequent safeguarding training and updates throughout the year and we refer to the latest advice from reputable sources including Brent Social Services and the Department for Education.

The Educate Against Hate website contains useful information and has a specific section for parents

<http://educateagainsthate.com/parents/>

Online Safety

Schools, police, social services and other agencies are concerned at the ever-increasing volume of offences being committed against children through online devices.

Children are also being exposed to activities which are completely inappropriate for their age.

From class discussions, phase assemblies and e-safety learning, it seems that a significant number of children access the internet from their bedrooms without parental controls or monitoring.

Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their children are involved in age appropriate online activities and to keep their children safe when they are using mobile phones, tablets, laptops, games consoles etc.

Please visit St Joseph's [E-Safety webpage](#) for further information.

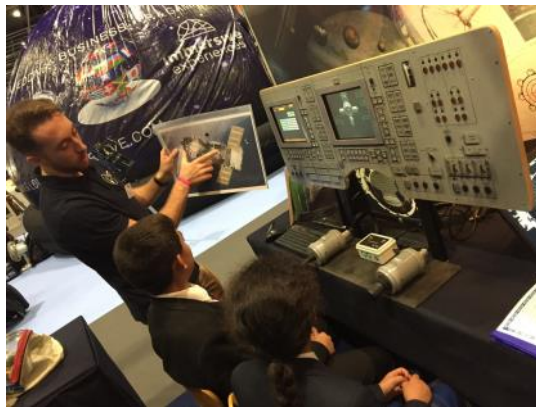
Future Astronaut!

Last week, Isabela from Class 5K attended a very special educational experience in which she met Apollo 18 NASA Astronaut Al Worden. Al gave Isabella a special autograph and invited her to visit the NASA launch pad in Texas!

Isabella was taken to the simulators and taught how to launch and land a Mars and Moon rover. Everyone was impressed with her dexterity, attention to command and quick reflexes to detail. Isabela was presented with a certificate for her skills by the Italian European Space Agency instructors which train the astronaut pilots.

She spent the day doing lots of experiments from biology to nuclear physics and she met and spoke to over 20 world renown scientists. Isabella was also invited to become a student member of the British Interplanetary Society and she is now an official member.

Isabela will be sharing all she has learned with her class so all the children can benefit from this unique educational opportunity.



School Council

St Joseph's School Council have held their first meeting for 2017-18.

The children have been thinking about how they can contribute to school life this year and also agreed on some important roles to ensure their business is conducted in an orderly and professional manner:

President: Natalia K, **Vice-President:** Natalia W, **Secretary:** Gabrielle and **Treasurer:** Daniel



Please remember that school will be closed to pupils for the October half-term break

The children's last day will be Friday 20 October

Children return on Tuesday 31 October

St Joseph's Mission Statement

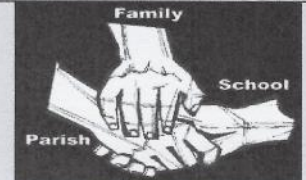
At St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School we strive to create a stimulating environment so that by learning, playing and working together, we openly follow Christ's teachings. We seek to offer every person the opportunity to be a unique and valued individual, sharing and developing our belief in the teachings of Jesus through everyday relationships and mutual respect in our dealings with one another.

Our School Mission is as follows:

- We stand on holy ground
- We will always open our doors in welcome
- We will always love and care for each other as Jesus taught us
- We will always place the Word of God at the heart of our school
- We will always be witnesses to our faith by following in the footsteps of Christ

Beginning with the Church

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea: Beginning with the Church

This topic is intended for the first of the academic year 2017/2018. As we welcome new and returning members to our schools community, we learn about how the Church formally welcomes new members in study of the sacraments of Initiation. This topic is the last in our study of the Year of Matthew.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A sense of the importance of the sacramental life of the Church• A commitment to celebrating their faith | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An openness to the presence of God in the Sacraments• Reflectiveness in prayer |
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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. Help your child by trying this activity while this topic is being taught:

- Welcoming people into our homes, workplaces and communities is part of life. Talk with your pupils about how you welcome new friends and family and why. Making people welcome is the first moment when we say to them you matter to us – you are important and valuable to us...and to God.

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Loving God, as we gather as a family today/tonight, may we remember your great love for us. You call us your daughters and sons, making us all members of one family. This day and tomorrow might we remember to welcome and show our love and appreciation for those around us: old friends and new. Make us people who welcome as you did – inviting others to be part of your family, your home. Amen.