



Newsletter

01 February 2019

Catholic Life of the School

In the reading from Luke's Gospel this Sunday, we will hear about the people being so angry with Jesus that they try to throw him down a cliff.

The people are angry because Jesus has been saying that God doesn't just love a certain group of people - he loves everyone.

This is good news for all of us as it means that God doesn't favour one person or one group of people over others. We are all loved equally by God.

On Saturday, we will remember the presentation of the baby Jesus at the Temple forty days after his birth.

This day is particularly important for the St Joseph's school community as our stained glass window depicts that event.

In your family prayer time, you may wish to reflect on the two special occasions that we are remembering this weekend.

First, we have Jesus' parents bringing him to the Temple in order to celebrate their joy at the birth of their son and to give thanks to God.

We also have the good news through Sunday's Gospel reading that God loves everyone. He shares his love with us so we may share it with others.

God's love is free. God asks for nothing in return; all God wants is for us to accept his love.

Pope Francis



Celebrations

We are always very happy to share news about the children's achievements outside of school.

Please email details and photos to:

info@stjo.brent.sch.uk

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.

[Click here](#) for information from the NSPCC on Positive Parenting

[Click here](#) for Brent Citizens Advice

Useful Contacts:

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Brent Social Services:
020 8937 4300

Community Dates

- 02 Feb Candlemas
- 04 Feb World Cancer Day
- 05 Feb Chinese New Year
Safer Internet Day

St Joseph's Roman Catholic

Primary School

020 8965 5651

admin@stjo.brent.sch.uk

www.stjosephsrc.co.uk

Year 6 Learning

The Year 6 children have been enjoying their recent Geography subject studies.

Here are some quotes from the children:

We have learned about the 23 countries that make up North America.

Before we started the learning, our teacher played a game with us to find out what we already knew. This meant that we could then look into what we did not yet know.

We used an atlas to identify the countries we already knew and to find out about the places we were not yet sure of.

We then gathered some facts about North America.



Did you know that...

- North America is the 3rd largest continent
- The 3 largest countries in North America are Canada, United States and Mexico
- Barbados is the most densely populated country in North America



New Nursery

Our youngest children have been to visit their new Nursery.

They are very excited about moving in so they can enjoy the wonderful new space that has been created especially for them.



Attendance

The classes with the best attendance last week were:

Ms Karvella (1K) and Mr Noble (1N)

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 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.

Please remember term time leave for family holiday and celebrations are not permitted in line with our Attendance Policy. Unauthorised absences are referred to Brent Education Welfare who have the authority to issue Education Penalty Notices of £120 per child, per parent. This reduces by 50% if paid within 21 days.

Safer Internet Day

This year, Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday 5 February. This has been organised to help increase awareness about the safest ways in which to engage with and enjoy all types of online activity.

At St Joseph's, we frequently communicate with our children and parents about online safety to help reduce the risk of children accessing inappropriate websites or becoming engaged in unsuitable communications online.

The school computers and digital equipment have been protected to prevent children and any other persons on site from accessing any inappropriate materials.

Therefore, we encourage parents to ensure that their own home equipment has the same protections. Please also check regularly what your child is doing online.

Our website contains a number of links to resources for parents.

Please [click here](#) for direct access to the information.

Parent Communication

Parents are reminded that it is very helpful for school to be kept informed of any factors that may impact on your child's learning or well-being.

This is to ensure that we are all doing everything we can to support your child and family.

Please make an appointment to see our Education Support Manager, Mrs Studd, to discuss any matters that school should be aware of so we can make informed decisions together.

School Uniform

Please ensure that children wear full school uniform at all times.

In this colder weather, please ensure that your child comes to school every day with their school coat, school hat, school scarf and gloves.

All items should be clearly labelled.

Parents' Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing



It's OK for parents to say when they don't feel great and want to talk about things.

That's why Brent Council and Brent Clinical Commissioning Group have organised an event for parents to find out more about better emotional wellbeing and to recognise mental health issues which they or their children may experience.

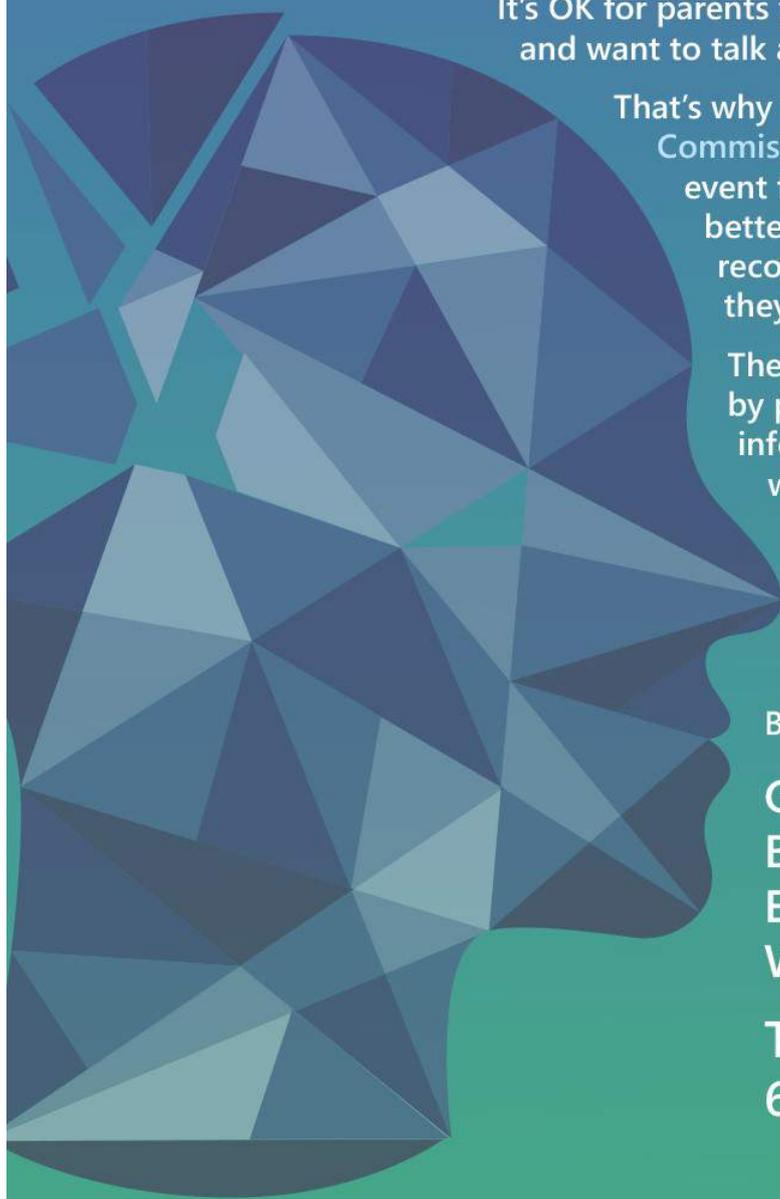
The evening will feature talks by parents, discussion and offer information about emotional wellbeing and mental health.

The evening is for parents or carers in Brent but other family members over 18 are also welcome.

Book your place at this free event.

Grand Hall, First Floor
Brent Civic Centre
Engineers Way
Wembley HA9 0FJ

Tuesday 12 February
6.30pm for a 7pm start



020 8937 1068

StrategyandPartnerships@brent.gov.uk

Visit [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

NHS

Brent

Clinical Commissioning Group



Sacramental People - Year C

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea:

Having learned something of the nature of God we now ask where God is - and find out that God is with us in our world, bidden or not! Being sacramental means that we can know God in our everyday lives - the highs and lows, the joys and fears. There is nowhere that God is not! In this resource we look for God in the world and come to understand that knowing God in our everyday helps us to see how the Sacraments celebrate and express this. In this resource our need for healing, physical and social, in the Sacraments of Healing, is studied.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: it is hoped that pupils will develop:

- An appreciation of God's presence in the world
- A respect for relationships which bring God's presence to us
- An attitude of openness to the Sacraments: words, actions and symbols
- A willingness to seek God in their own lives
- A recognition of the need for healing in the world.

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.

- Healing is for the both body, mind and soul. It settles our fears, it takes away the sadness or our wrong-doing and it clear the way of obstacles which bind us. The best way to teach your children about healing is to be open and generous in your healing; your gift of it and your reception of it from those who love you.

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Loving God, At every moment of our lives you are present to us, God, in gentle compassion, in strengthening guidance and in and loving forgiveness. Help us to recognize you around us, especially in our actions and words so that our being in the world helps heal it of fear and hurt and doubt. We ask this through Jesus who taught us to love. Amen.