



Newsletter

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Catholic Life of the School

This week, all the children have enjoyed learning more about Judaism. They were very fortunate to take part in educational workshops led by Ruth Jampel from 'Judaism for Schools'.

Year 4 have been learning about world faiths and the current focus is Judaism. The children have been exploring the origins and gained a deeper understanding into the religious life of a Jewish person. They have been linking this knowledge to their own faith and, in particular, the stories of the Old Testament.

Year 4 particularly enjoyed an assembly and workshop about Judaism which also increased knowledge and made their brains grow!

The children enjoyed creating their own mezuzah scrolls, designing Bar/Bat Mitzvah invitations and writing in Hebrew!



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 information on **keeping your child safe online**.

[Click here](#) for the NSPCC **Share Aware** information

[Click here](#) for Brent **Citizens Advice**

Useful Contacts:

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Brent Social Services:
020 8937 4300

Community Dates

- 11 Nov Armistice Day
Remembrance Sunday
- 13 Nov World Kindness Day
- 14 Nov World Diabetes Day
- 15 Nov Orthodox Christian
Nativity Fast begins

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Remembrance Sunday

This weekend, there will be a particular focus on remembrance in relation to the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. The fact that we had the start of World War Two just 21 years later is a reminder that we can soon forget the impact of even the most horrific events.

Please remember in your prayers those that are still serving and living in areas of conflict today.



Football Tournament

We enjoyed another brilliant performance from the St Joseph's football teams at this year's London Inter Primary School Football Tournament.

The boys had a fantastic competition and finished first place in the group standings. The team then won the last 16 knock out match against Preston Manor. In a gripping quarter-final match, the boys lost to Lady Banks Junior School in a very closely contested match.

The St Joseph's girls team also put together an amazing effort in their first ever tournament but were unable to make it past the group stage on this occasion. We are extremely proud of their efforts.

Congratulations to all the children who took part. It was a truly amazing day for both St Joseph's football teams.

Things are looking promising for a successful season - we are aiming for silverware in the new St Joseph's trophy cabinet!

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.

Celebrations

Parents are reminded that we are happy to share news about the children's achievements outside of school. Email info@stjo.brent.sch.uk with details and photos.



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 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.

From Advent to Christmas - Year C

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

This framework of learning is intended as the second in the Academic year 2018/19. As the resource which teaches both Advent and Christmas it begins the Liturgical cycle of Year C - the Year of Luke. As the name suggests the content of this resource is the season of Advent and the birth of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of Luke. It builds on the learning of the previous resource by further developing knowledge of God, in particular knowledge of the second person of the Trinity, Jesus, the Christ.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes:

It is hoped that pupils will develop:

- A sense of wonder about the coming of God into the world
- A disposition of prayer
- An openness to the mystery of God, incarnate
- An appreciation of the gift of Christmas

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 teaches the practices of Advent and Christmas. Your children will be asked to think about their own birth and how you prepare for the birth of Jesus. Talk to them about what you do: do your rituals and customs reflect your cultural background?

An idea for prayer at home

Prayer Activity



Prayer throughout Advent. Make an Advent wreath and pray for the coming of God in Jesus:

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us.

God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the centre, the focus of our lives always, and particularly this Advent time.