Catholic Life of the School

The Gospel reading this Sunday is one that will be familiar to us as we will hear the parable of the Good Samaritan.

While we know the story well, it is always good to look afresh at the Bible and how the message may be applied to our current situations.

The children have recently been looking at the Good Samaritan and have been thinking about who the characters could be today.

Year 5 had some great discussions about this and it has helped them to have empathy for all the characters in the parable. The children also thought about who we might consider to be our neighbour today and how we should reach out to help anyone in need.

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to think about who you could be a good neighbour to.

Is there someone at school that needs kindness?

Is there someone in your family that needs compassion?

We must not fail to help our neighbours, because in them we are serving Jesus.

St Rose of Lima

Anyone who needs me, and whom I can help, is my neighbour.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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.

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

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

Community Dates

15 Jul  St Vladimir the Great (Orthodox)
16 Jul  Asalha Puja (Buddhist)
17 Jul  World Day for Justice

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Year 6 Residential
From 1-5 July, the Year 6 children embarked on a memorable residential trip to Normandy in northern France.

The children enjoyed various excursions such as a traditional market, The Mont St Michel, the ‘Eighth Wonder of the World’, The Fougeres Castle, the biggest medieval castle in Europe, Brittany American Cemetery and Memorial, and even a goat cheese farm!

The children enjoyed finding out about many aspects of the rich history of France and trying out their French on the locals.

The children were also given the opportunity to take part in different workshops such as climbing, archery, zip wire and fencing.

A wonderful experience in France was enjoyed by all!

Year 2 Trip
On Thursday 4 July, the Year 2 children went on a trip to the London Wetland Centre as part of their learning with their Science topic 'Growing Plants'.

The children had a fantastic day learning about the different wildlife and birds that can be found in a wetlands habitat. They did some classroom exercises to practise and then searched for plants that they had learnt about using their observation skills.

My favourite part was seeing the otters because one of them was very playful. Helen 2S

I enjoyed learning about the leaves and then searching outside for them. Damari 2S

It was really funny when we crossed the bridge because it was so wobbly and we had to try and balance so that our feet didn't get wet! Fabio 2S
**Reception Sports Morning**

Thank you to all our fabulous parents who were able to join us for the Reception Sports Morning!

We all had lots of fun in watching and encouraging the children to try their best in all the activities.

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**Personal Safety**

Parents are reminded to frequently speak with their children about personal safety.

Many of our older children travel to and from school without their parents. This is a very normal part of preparing children for independent travel. However, there can be issues that may present danger so please prepare your children for such situations.

Please [click here](#) to view a booklet prepared by the NSPCC to support parents with these conversations.

Please remember that children should not be left unsupervised at the school gates before 8.30am. The school cannot take responsibility for your children before they enter the premises.

Please also be mindful that the roads around the school are very quiet before 8.30am so children should not be arriving before this time and left without adult supervision.
Stay and Read
The Nursery parents have been enjoying the 'stay and read' sessions on Thursday mornings where they have the opportunity to enjoy reading a book together.

Children learn through reading so it is important to develop a love for this skill from an early age.

Parents have a wonderful opportunity to share with their children the stories they learned. So please remember that you already have fascinating stories from your own childhood that will engage all your family in storytelling too.

First Holy Communion
Fr Stephen reminds all Year 2 parents that they must collect and complete the forms for children due to make their First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Willesden in 2020.

The forms will be available after Mass this Sunday. Parents of older children that have yet to make their First Holy Communion are also invited to complete the forms.

The deadline for returning the completed forms to Fr Stephen is Sunday 14 July.
Attendance
The class with the best attendance during week beginning 01 July was
Class 3G
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
This year, Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday 5 February. This was 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.

Parental 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. All items should be clearly labelled.
As we are now experiencing warmer weather, please ensure you apply an ‘all day’ sun protection cream on your child’s skin before they come to school. Children may also wear the St Joseph’s sun cap at break times this term.