Catholic Life of the School

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. We will learn more of God’s true nature, which is one of love.

We cannot understand everything about God so we do not know everything about the Trinity. However, Jesus teaches us that there are three persons in God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The love between the three persons of God is one of the mysteries of faith. They work together so we can enjoy a life full of truth and love.

The word Trinity means ‘tri-unity’. We remember the Trinity each time we bless ourselves with the sign of the cross.

God cannot be grasped by the mind. If he could be grasped, he would not be God.

Evagrius of Pontus

Every time we make the sign of the cross, we draw closer to the great mystery of the Holy Trinity.

Pope Francis

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to reflect on the mystery of the Trinity.

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

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Newsletter

14 June 2019

St Joseph’s
Roman Catholic Primary School
020 8965 5651
admin@stjo.brent.sch.uk
www.stjosephsbc.co.uk
Summer Term Sports Mornings
Parents are invited to join us for the annual sports mornings this term:

- **Friday 21 June** Year 2 at 9:30 - 10:15
- **Thursday 27 June** Year 3 at 9:30 - 10:30
- **Friday 28 June** Year 6 at 9:30 - 10:30
- **Thursday 4 July** Year 4 at 9:30 - 10:30
- **Thursday 11 July** Year 5 at 9:30 - 10:30

Dates may be changed at short notice due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Please ensure your child is provided with their full PE Kit on the day of their sports activities and that they have a water bottle. As the children will be outside for up to an hour, please also ensure you have applied protective sun cream on your child’s skin before they come to school.

**Year 1** enjoyed their Sports Morning today. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us in encouraging the children and celebrating their achievements.
Special Recognition

Congratulations to Lushayne in Year 2 for his outstanding performance with his football team during the half-term break!

Lushayne’s team took part in a tournament in Belgium and the team were placed 4th overall, having faced teams with older children. So this is a truly remarkable achievement.

We wish Lushayne and his team continued success for the next season and look forward to hearing more about this.

If you have a ‘good news’ story about your child’s achievements, please email Mrs Studd at: info@stjo.brent.sch.uk

Serpentine Gallery

29 June 2019 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
30 June 2019 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

The Serpentine presents a weekend of artist-led workshops for children and families responding to Faith Ringgold’s summer exhibition and exploring the themes of art, activism, poetry and print.

With art collective One of My Kind (OOMK), artist Harold Offeh, poet Belinda Zhawi and collaborators.

The event is free, drop-in and suitable for families with children of all ages.
**Attendance**

The class with the best attendance during week beginning 03 June was **Class 1N - 100%**

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.

**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.

**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.

**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.
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.

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BRENT PARENT CARER FORUM

FREE CONFERENCE

Parents and carers of children/young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

Thursday 4 July 2019, 10am-3pm (registration from 9.30am)

The Learning Zone at Wembley Stadium

- Meet other Brent parents who have a child or young person with SEND
- Share your experiences and learn together with professionals working in education, health and social care
- Learn more about education, health care (EHC) plans and SEND Support (for children without an EHC plan)
- Get information from providers who support SEND
- Refreshments and light lunch

Keynote speaker will be Steve Broach, a public lawyer with a particular interest and expertise in health, education and social care, who focuses on disability and children’s rights cases.

Please book your place by 7 June 2019 by visiting EVENTBRITE URL TO FOLLOW For more information telephone Brent Parent Carer Forum on 0114 213 4912 (local rate) or email bpcoffice@gmail.com

Organised in partnership with Brent Council and Brent Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

Clinical Commissioning Group
Religious Education

Key Idea:
This resource completes study of the Gospel of Luke by examining one of his most favoured texts, the Good Samaritan, and by relating the actions of the Samaritan to the cardinal virtues. The resource concludes with an investigation of St John Southworth and by asking the eternal question, who is my neighbour?

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: It is hoped that pupils will develop:
- A sense of a virtuous person
- An openness to the virtues that are presented
- A willingness to try and live these virtues

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.

- The virtues of prudence, justice, courage and restraint sound as if they have come from another era! However, the notion that we should think before we act, and consider before we speak is one that has real relevance in today’s world. Talk to your children about the kind of people you want them to be: and the need to practice being thoughtful about, and perhaps even containing, our behaviours.

An idea for prayer at home

Prayer Activity

Lord Jesus, you challenged the lawyer to consider the Samaritan as someone who loved his neighbour in a time when they were outcast and condemned. Help us to see those who we find hard to like as among those we are invited to love and care for. Help us to learn to think before we act or speak and to act with courage in living your words. We ask this in your name, Amen.