Catholic Life of the School

At Mass on Sunday we will be celebrating the feast of Corpus Christi.

The Gospel reading will remind us of the occasion when Jesus fed the crowd of five thousand people with five loaves and two fish. Jesus multiplied what was available so that all the people could eat well at the end of the day.

When we receive Holy Communion, we are also being nourished by Jesus. As we take part in the sacrament, Jesus feeds our souls.

In this week’s parish version of the Wednesday Word, we are encouraged to look at Sunday’s Gospel reading in more depth. How do you feel when you read about Jesus feeding the five thousand hungry people?

As you think about this event, you may become more aware of the power of Jesus in being able to feed so many people with so little food. You may also be reminded about how generous and considerate Jesus is.

In your family prayer time, you may wish to reflect on situations that Jesus is reaching into today. Pray that people will know that all their needs will be met by our loving Saviour.

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

24 Jun Nativity of St John the Baptist
28 Jun Sacred Heart of Jesus
29 Jun Feasts of St Peter and St Paul

Newsletter

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21 June 2019
Year 3 Visit to Kew Gardens

On Wednesday, Year 3 went on a wonderful visit to Kew Gardens. The children found out about how plants are pollinated, and they spotted and identified lots of different types of bees. We dissected a flower and found out the names of the different parts of the flower and their functions. This links to our learning in Science about how plants grow.

After the workshop, the children explored the gardens, and the greenhouses. They had fun in the Children’s Garden and play park. We had a great day!

We enjoyed a walk in the tree top walkway. It was fun because it was high and we could see lots of different plants.  Gabriel 3G

At Kew Gardens I learned about pollination and I saw lots of different types of bees like honey bees and white tailed bumble bees. I liked eating my lunch near the dragon tower.  Michael 3G

Year 2 Sports Morning

The Year 2 children 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.
Athletics Tournament

On Wednesday 19 June, St Joseph’s Year 6 Athletics team competed in the Brent Primary Schools Athletics Championships. The whole team did incredibly well and finished 7th out of 17 schools.

We managed to win gold medals in the boys 200m, the mixed 4 x 100m relay, boys high jump and the girls long jump. We also received silver positions in the girls 100m, the boys 400m and in all throwing events. Congratulations to all our medallists!

Well done to all the St Joseph’s children that competed; they proudly represented our school with a fantastic effort in every event.

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Summer Term Sports Mornings

Parents are invited to join us for the annual sports mornings this term:

- **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
- **Friday 12 July** Reception at 9:30 - 10:15

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.
Attendance
The class with the best attendance during week beginning 10 June was

Class 5H - 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 and care (EHC) plans and SEN 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 0714 213 4912 (local rate) or email lpcoffice@gmail.com

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

**Key Idea:**

This resource complements 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 behaviour.

**An idea for prayer at home**

**Prayer Activity**

Lord Jesus, you challenged the lawyer to consider the Samaritan as someone who loved his neighbor 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.