



# St Joseph's News

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*'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours... we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'* **Luke 15:31-32**

## Merit And Student Of The Week Certificates

In our Friday morning assembly, the following children received **Merit Certificates** in recognition of their effort this week:

Kasarachukwu 2B, Jevone 2M, Akofa 3F, Leoncy 3M, Agata 3A, Isaac 4O, Mihajlo 4K, Mia 4D, Lucas 5W, Andrew 5M, Latani 5E, Vanessa 6K, Priscilla 6D, Britney 6F

**Student Of The Week Certificates** were issued to:

**Mickell 3A** - for fantastic participation in class

**Che 4K** - for working hard to become a new member of St Joseph's in his first week

**Amy 6D** - for being extra helpful during class with others and helping teachers

During the assembly, Mrs Titus reminded us that the teachers have very high expectations so to receive an award means you have achieved a very high standard - well done!

## Appointments During School Time

At St Joseph's, we truly believe that every child matters and every minute of learning counts. It is for this reason that we ask parents to arrange appointments outside school hours.

However, we understand that you may occasionally need to take your child to an appointment during the school day, for example, a visit to a high school or a medical appointment. On such occasions, we ask parents to arrange these appointments for as late in the day as possible to ensure that children do not miss out on the 'core' subject learning (maths and English) which takes place every morning.

Please also remember to advise the school office when you arrange any appointment which means your child will be away from school for any period of time. You must show the appointment letter to our office staff and complete the 'Reason For Absence' form in advance of the absence.

## Football News

Congratulations to Keano Mason and Conor O'Toole for successfully passing the trials to represent Brent in the District Football League. Both boys are in class 6K.

We are very proud of the boys for this fantastic achievement as over 80 children attended the football trials.

We look forward to hearing how the boys continue to progress and wish them well in their future matches for the district.

## Attendance

This week, 332 children from Years 1 to 6 came to school every day and the whole school attendance for the week was over 98%. The best class attendance is shared by 5M, 5NW and 6F with 100% attendance all week but they were very closely followed by our Reception and Nursery classes.

Congratulations to the classes who did not receive an official late mark all week - 1G, 3F, 4D, 4K, 5M, 5NW and 6F.

## Class 4O Assembly

On Thursday of this week, Class 4O held an assembly centred around their current topic of 'Time Travel'.

It was a short drama, based in a classroom setting. Three children who were not paying attention in class were whisked off in a time machine to different time periods to learn and take notes for their return to class. They visited God's creation – when the world began, the Stone Age Era, the Romans and the future, before returning to St. Joseph's in Harlesden.

The children of 4O used hymns, songs and background music to create effects and immerse themselves in their topic sharing. Luckily, the three children made it back alive to share their experiences with the rest of the class!

Their message to everyone present was that time does not stand still and is constantly moving. People have the ability to change the world over time, starting with the small everyday things.

Thank you to Mr O'Kane and all the children from class 4O for presenting such an interesting assembly with enthusiasm and fun! We also thank the parents who joined us to find out about the wonderful learning experiences being offered to all children at St. Joseph's.



## Class 5NW Assembly

On Wednesday, class 5NW presented their assembly about the Ancient Greeks. The children told us that they had learned about the evidence used to find out how the Ancient Greeks lived, including buildings, art and household objects.

Class 5NW also told us about the many gods that the Ancient Greeks believed in. We learned that Zeus was the king of the gods and that the Ancient Greek people believed he lived on Mount Olympus with other gods including Poseidon (god of the sea), Hades (god of the underworld), Ares (god of war), Athena (goddess of wisdom), Apollo (god of the sun and music) and Hermes who was the messenger of the gods.

We also learned about the language of the Ancient Greeks and that many of their words - *anti*, *tele* and *poly* are part of the English language today.

The children told us about the fables written by Aesop 600 years before the birth of Christ. We were reminded that Jesus told us parables in a similar style to Aesop but Jesus used 'real life' situations such as that in the parable of The Prodigal Son which is a wonderful story about love and forgiveness.