



St Joseph's News

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*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
1 Corinthians 13:4*

Anti-Bullying Week

This week, the whole school has been looking more closely at issues around bullying, including cyber-bullying.

In assemblies, we have heard how important it is to be kind, respectful and loving to everyone and that it is never acceptable to bully anybody.

In classes, the children looked at examples of bullying and presented some fantastic work on this subject.

At St Joseph's, we are always striving to maintain our caring, loving and respectful environment where children feel they can talk to the adults if they are concerned about anything. The school has 'zero-tolerance' approach to bullying so all proven allegations will lead to an exclusion.

Please pray for all the children at St Joseph's so they continue to follow Jesus' message that we should love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

Father Stephen's Visit To Year 2

On Wednesday, Father Stephen visited Class 2B and Class 2M to talk with the children on the theme of 'Remembrance'.

Father Stephen led the children in a discussion about losing a loved one and he reminded us that it is a positive thing to remember those who have died.

November 11 is very well known for its connection with Remembrance but Father Stephen told us that this is also the feast day of St Martin - a Roman soldier who later became a monk.

St Martin was a very kind man who once cut his cloak in two so he could share it with a beggar during a snowstorm. St Martin then had a dream that Jesus was wearing that half of the cloak!

Please remember to pray for all our loved ones who have died and to thank God for people like St Martin who remind us to always be kind to others.

Winter Wonderland!

Please show your support for our Winter Wonderland event on Friday 16 December by donating prizes for the stalls. We would very much appreciate any new and 'in date' items you can give such as bottles of wine and tins of biscuits. If you are able to donate an item, please bring this to the school office as soon as possible.

Attendance

This week, 330 children from Years 1 to 6 came to school every day and the whole school attendance for the week was 98%. The best class attendance is awarded to Class 3M and Class 4O with 100% attendance all week. Congratulations to the classes who did not receive an official late mark all week - RS, 1G, 4O, 4D and 6F.

It is pleasing to note that the whole school attendance rates have been very high recently so we thank all the parents who ensure their children are at school every day when they are well enough to attend.

We understand there are occasions when children need to attend appointments during school time. Please ensure these are made for later in the afternoon whenever possible so your child does not miss out on their 'core subject' learning. Some parents may believe it is better for their child to have a morning appointment but this impacts on their learning as classes start the day with a Mathematics or English lesson.

Please also remember that children must be in class by 8.55am at the latest. As the children in Year 5 and Year 6 classes need to go to the top floor, please ensure they reach school by 8.50am.

Year 3 Report On Their Visit To The Imax Cinema

On Tuesday 15 November, Year 3 went on their second trip of this half term, to the Imax Cinema in Waterloo.

The children travelled on the train again and it was great to receive positive comments from members of the public regarding the excellent behaviour of the children.

When we arrived at the Imax Cinema, we went straight into the auditorium, which we had all to ourselves. It was explained to us that the screen is the size of 5 double decker buses and we were shown where all the sound and light comes from.

The film that we watched was linked to our topic 'Land of the Giants' and was called 'Dinosaurs 3D'. The images were amazing and the children got an idea of what earth was like many millions of years ago and what it could have been like if we lived at the time of these giant creatures.

Here are some comments from the Year 3 children:



It was astonishing and fantastic to watch a documentary film about dinosaurs. It made me feel ecstatic and smart because I can learn more for our topic.

Louise 3F



This trip was exciting because it was in 3D!

Shannon 3F

It was very nice because I saw lots of dinosaurs.

Gabriel 3F