



St Joseph's News

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*I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith
2 Timothy 4:7*

Race For Life

On Sunday 27 May, Chloe (4D) and Katie (RJ) took part in a 'Race For Life' event to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The money raised by Chloe, Katie and all the other fundraisers will go towards the prevention, diagnosis and treatments for cancer. Chloe has produced this report about her experience:

"Me and my sister Katie took part in Race for Life in Hyde Park with our mum, auntie and mum's friend. Race For Life is a 5km or 10km charity race that helps raise money and awareness for Cancer Research UK.

Cancer can affect anybody - young children, teenagers and adults of all ages - and it is not just people that smoke that get cancer. I wanted to do something to help and decided to enter Race For Life.

It was a very hot day but we all managed to finish and we got a medal with a goodie bag at the end! But, most importantly, we managed to raise £300 and hopefully next year we can raise even more."



We are extremely proud of Chloe and Katie for this wonderful achievement for a very worthy cause. If you would like to show your support for Chloe, Katie and others who have been affected by cancer, please visit www.cancerresearchuk.org to find out about the ways you can make a donation.

School Holidays

Please remember that school will be closed next week for the half term break. Children return to school on Monday 11 June. The last day of school during the summer term will be Friday 20 July, with children returning to school on Wednesday 5 September.

Please ensure your family holidays are taken while the school is closed. The government has been very clear about headteachers not authorising leave for family holidays and the local authority are also being proactive about schools reporting parents who take their children out of school on unauthorised leave.

Diamond Jubilee

Today, the whole school took part in a 'Celebration Learning Day' to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

Children dressed in red, white and blue and had the opportunity to take part in learning activities and games as part of our celebration of this very special occasion. We also had a 'street party' themed lunch where we dined on traditional British foods!

We hope that you enjoy any events that will be taking place in your neighbourhood over the bank holiday weekend.

Attendance

During the week beginning 21 May, 331 children from Years 1 to 6 came to school every day. The best class attendance was awarded to Classes 2B, 3F, 4D, 5E, 6K for achieving 100% attendance. Well done to Class 4O who had no late marks recorded during the week beginning 21 May.

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First Holy Communion Mass

Over the last few weeks, many children from Years 3 and 4 have made their First Holy Communion. To mark this momentous occasion, Father Stephen hosted a special mass at St Joseph's on Wednesday morning. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate this very important time with our children and to have the opportunity to see them in their beautiful outfits. Please remember all the St Joseph's children in your prayers and particularly pray for our First Holy Communion children as they grow even closer to God.

Father Stephen reminds all those children who have made their First Holy Communion at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden in the last few weeks that they will receive their Certificates at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 10 June. They will also lead the Corpus Christi procession at the end of Mass so are asked to wear their special outfits.



Merit And Student Of The Week Certificates

In the whole school assembly last week, the following children received **Merit Certificates** in recognition of their effort:

Quentin 3F, Michelle 3M, Patryk 3A, Tyler 4O, Chloe 4K, Ryan 4D, Cleo 5NW, Wiktor 5M, Zanika 5E, James 6K, Klaudia 6D, Joanna 6F

Student Of The Week Certificates were issued to:

Ogechi 4K for excellent use of adjectives and 'wow' words in her writing

Emily 5M for being a great role model through her work and attitude

Sophie 6F for putting her best effort into all her work

Sun Protection

In the hope that the great weather will continue after the half term break, we would like to recommend that all parents ensure they have applied sun cream/lotion on their children before they arrive at school. It is our understanding that there are suitable products available from pharmacies and supermarkets which offer high SPF protection for up to 8 hours. Please speak with a pharmacist or health care professional to determine which product would be best for your child.

It is also advisable to ensure children are wearing appropriate headwear so we would highly recommend that you purchase the St Joseph's cap from the school office. Mrs Titus has secured a very significant discount from the supplier so these are currently being sold at a reduced price of £3.00.

Ink and Toner Cartridge Recycling

The school has received a certificate in recognition of the £57 raised from the cartridges recycled at the last collection. Thank you to all the parents and children who kindly donated their 'empties', helping us achieve **Green School Status**.

Please remember to donate any ink and toner cartridges from your home and workplace so we can receive more money for school funds.

Every cartridge and toner has a monetary value so please send in whatever you can.

