



# St Joseph's News

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*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. Psalm 33:12*

## Year 6 Trip To Paris

Mr Rebillard, Miss O'Neill, Mrs Sugrue and Mr O'Hare took a group of Year 6 children to Paris from 26 to 28 June. Everyone enjoyed discovering the famous landmarks of Paris such as the Eiffel Tower, the Cathedral Notre Dame, Arc de Triomphe, Le Louvre Museum, Orsay Museum, Hôtel des Invalides and many more. Shopping on the world famous Avenue "Les Champs Elysées" was a very special treat! A boat trip on the River Seine to view some of the best Parisian monuments was also very much appreciated by everyone.

One of the highlights of the trip was visiting our partner school called Belzunce School or "Ecole Belzunce". Our French partner school is situated in central Paris next to the famous Cathedral Sacré Coeur. After emailing and writing to the French children during the whole school year, the children were very excited to meet their Parisian e-pals.

Please check the school website next week for more information and photographs.



## St Joseph's In The News!

Our 'outstanding' Ofsted achievement is still being talked about! The article on the right was printed in the June 2013 edition of the Westminster Record. This monthly publication is produced by the Diocese of Westminster.



### St Joseph's High Standards

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School in Willesden was inspected by Ofsted on 16 to 17 January and achieved 'outstanding' in all four categories and was therefore judged to be 'outstanding' overall. The judgement is all the more remarkable when it is taken into account that the school was deemed to be 'satisfactory' two years ago. The Report said: "Pupils achieve highly in their academic and personal skills. They make excellent progress, often from very low starting points." St Joseph's report is a reflection of the high standards in Catholic schools, particularly in communities of high deprivation.

## Welcome To Our New Reception Classes

On Friday 05 July, Mrs Titus held an introductory meeting for the parents of children joining our Reception classes in September 2013.

It was wonderful to meet the parents that are new to St Joseph's as well as seeing some familiar faces.

If you have any queries over the next few weeks, please telephone the school or e-mail

[info@stjo.brent.sch.uk](mailto:info@stjo.brent.sch.uk)

## Attendance

During week beginning 24 June 2013, Classes 3A, 4O and 6K reached **100%** attendance for the week. Classes 3F, 3M, 4D and 6H achieved 99% attendance for the week.

Classes 3A, 4D, 4K and 5M **had no late marks** recorded during week beginning 24 June. This is a great attitude to learning! Parents, please remember you must telephone the school on the rare occasion your child will be late so we know we can expect their arrival. You must also accompany your child to the school office if they arrive after 9.00am for any reason.

Please ensure that your child has excellent attendance this term so they can help their class achieve 'Best Class Attendance' for this academic year and earn a place on the attendance reward trip to the Chessington World Of Adventures theme park.

## Bike It Breakfast

Our school is now a 'Bike It' school and we want to promote cycling as a healthy, environmentally friendly and fun way to get to school, for your children and your whole family!

Prudential Ride London FreeCycle is a big event happening on **Saturday 3 August 2013**. This event will be part of the largest mass-participation celebration of cycling the capital has ever seen. Everyone will be welcome, no matter what their age or ability.

As a pre event warm up we are running a 'Virtual Ride London Cycle to School week' from

**Monday 8 July – Friday 12 July 2013**

Earn 2 miles each time you cycle to school. Complete the FreeCycle Short Route (2 miles) to win a 'Bike It' Badge. Complete the full FreeCycle route (8 miles) to win a 'Bike It' Slap Band. Please click [here](#) for a letter with all the information you need.

St Joseph's will also be holding our popular 'Dr Bike' and 'Bike It' breakfast on **Wednesday 10 June** from **8.15am**. Parents of children who ride to school on this day are also welcome to join us for breakfast.

## Drama & Musical Performance

On Thursday 04 July, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a joint production with students from the Convent Of Jesus and Mary Language College.

St Joseph's students performed in two musical pieces with girls from the Convent. We were also treated to scenes from famous plays and stories, including Romeo & Juliet and Rumpelstiltskin, which were performed by drama students from the Convent. On this evening, it was also announced that the Convent's BTec drama students are in the top 1% nationally for their grades. We send our warmest congratulations to the Convent for this excellent achievement.

This showcase was the outcome of weeks of partnership between our two schools and resulted in a very high standard production. Well done to all the children involved and thank you to the Convent staff and students for working with our school on this very special project.



## School Sports Day

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, all the classes took part in our annual Sports Day events which we were able to hold outdoors as we had ideal weather conditions.

During the KS2 Sports Day, we were assisted by the Sports Leaders from Newman Catholic College so we thank them for helping organise the events and for supporting our children.

The scoring was very close but the eventual winners were the house of St George's - congratulations! We will publish more photographs on the school website next week.

