



St Joseph's News

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He who pursues righteousness and kindness will find life and honour. Proverbs 21:21

REMINDER Upcoming Events

Over the next week, we have a number of special events planned.

Bike It Breakfast: On Wednesday 11 February from 8.15am to 8.45am, we will be holding a 'Bike It' breakfast for children and their parents in the junior hall. **Dr Bike** will be joining us to carry out 'health checks' on the bicycles to ensure they are roadworthy.

Bicycle Security Marking: This will also take place on Wednesday 11 February. If you wish for our Police Community Support Officers to security mark your child's bicycle, you must complete their form and attach this to your child's bicycle. The forms will be available from the reception office.

Show Some Love For Your Bike: This is the theme for our latest 'bling up your bike' competition which will take place on Friday 13 February. As it is fast approaching St Valentine's Day, we will be looking for lots of love and attention for our bicycles and scooters!

***** Spellathon: Well done to all the children who practised their spellings so they could achieve excellent marks in the Spellathon. Sponsorship money must be handed in as soon as possible. *****

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:

Brajan 2M, Natalia 2O, Daria 3C, Natalia 3A, Callum 3F, Cameron 4D, Luke 4O, Lucius 5M, Dominis 5O, Ciara 5Q, Sanny 6R, Iwo 6M and Mark-Bradley 6K

Student Of The Week Certificates were issued to:

- Kaci 2M** for always being a fantastic role model
- Gabrielle 3A** for continuously improving her knowledge
- Cydnie 6M** for creating an excellent fantasy story with high level vocabulary

Half-term Dates

Please remember that the last day of school is **Friday 13 February** and that children return to school on **Wednesday 25 February** as we have two INSET days.

Attendance

This week only Class 6R achieved 100% attendance. Well done to 6R but we expect more classes to be competing for the 'best attendance' award next week.

Punctuality has become a concern again - **CHILDREN MUST BE IN SCHOOL BY 8.55am**. Year 1 and Year 2 children can arrive from 8.40am and children in Years 3 to 6 can arrive from 8.30am so there is no excuse for persistent lateness. Please support your child's educational progress by ensuring they arrive in plenty of time.

While we enjoy celebrating excellent attendance, we must remember the long term benefits of your child being in school every day - they will access all aspects of the curriculum and reach their full potential. Please arrange routine appointments out of school hours and remember that holidays are banned.

Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)

Year 5 Residential Visit

From 26 to 30 January, Year 5 were on their residential visit to the Gordon Brown Centre in Hampshire.

This was a very important experience as many of our children were away from their parents for the first time. Our children had to learn about independence as well as working with others when needed.

The children had a fantastic time and we have published some quotes below. We hope that you also enjoy the photographs from this trip. Please [click here](#) for more information.

The Gordon Brown Centre is a wonderful place to go. I had so much fun and learned amazing things!

There were so many thrilling activities including archery, fire-building and making dens. I had the best time ever.

This was an amazing experience... I will never forget, especially as it was my birthday during the week! The best activity was the night walk which was a thrilling adventure with the appearance of a ghost!

I loved taking care of the animals which included chickens, rabbits, guinea-pigs, goats, donkeys, pigs, hamsters and a turtle!

We made a fire, ate popcorn and played team games. The best team won a prize so we all had to work hard in our teams to support each other. This was a fantastic trip and I loved telling my parents all about it when I got home.



Year 3 Visit To Pizza Express



As part of their English topic on 'Instructional Writing', the Year 3 classes visited three Pizza Express restaurants on Tuesday 3 February.

Class 3F enjoyed making Margherita pizzas in Harrow, 3C's creations were made at the new London Designer Outlet in Wembley and 3A went to the world famous Abbey Road to be mini-pizzaiolo chefs!

The morning was exciting for everyone; all the children were involved in all aspects of the pizza making, from washing their hands professionally, kneading the dough, spreading the passata and gently placing mozzarella chunks evenly across the base.

Of course, their favourite part was eating their own creations, which some of them assured us they shared with their families! The managers in all three venues were delighted with the behaviour and politeness shown by the children of St Joseph's and they were very impressed with their questioning and their eagerness to learn.

