



St Joseph's News

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*O Lord, you are our Father, yet truly, we are clay. And you are our Maker, and we are all the works of your hands.
Isaiah 64:8*

Important Dates

Year 6 parents are invited to the following events:

Class 6F assembly on Monday 9 July at 9.05am

Class 6K assembly on Tuesday 10 July at 9.05am

Leavers Mass at Our Lady of Willesden on Wednesday 11 July at 10.00am with pupils from Years 3 to 6

Class 6D assembly on Thursday 12 July at 9.05am

The last day of the summer term will now be THURSDAY 19 JULY owing to maintenance works. This situation is outside of the school and governors control but we do profusely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Year 5 Trip and Class 5E Assembly

The Year 5 classes have completed their topic on the theme of 'Water'. The children have explored the importance of water consumption at a global and local level and their learning was reinforced on their visit to the 'Thames Explorer' last week. We were also treated to a wonderful assembly from Class 5E where an overview of the learning on this topic was shared with parents and other pupils. As part of the assembly, the children discussed the water cycle process and how our water is cleaned so it is safe for us to use. The children shared their learning through a mixture of song, dance and drama. It was delightful to see how much the children enjoyed the teaching and learning on such an important and relevant environmental issue.



School Dinner Money Increase

From 1 September 2012, school dinners will be charged at £10.50 per week (£2.10 per day). It is highly recommended that parents pay for the lunches in advance to avoid being contacted for owing the school money. If you do find that you are in financial difficulties, please remember that it is always better to speak to us sooner rather than later. Please make an appointment to see Mrs Studd as soon as you become aware of any potential difficulties with making payments.

Bastille Day / French Day - Friday 13 July

Bonjour! The whole school will be celebrating Bastille day on Friday 13 July. The children will be involved in a variety of French workshops all day. Please ensure on this day your child is wearing the colours of the French flag: blue, white and red.

Merci beaucoup!



Attendance

During the week beginning 25 June, 312 children from Years 1 to 6 came to school every day. The best class attendance was awarded to Class 5NW. They were very closely followed by Classes RS and 4O. Well done to Classes 5E, 5NW and 6F for no official late marks last week. We want to see more classes with 100% punctuality every week.

Creative Arts Week

This week, all our pupils have been taking part in a wide range of art and design & technology activities with an African theme.

Every class has explored and learned about new skills and techniques as well as being introduced to new art materials including batik, charcoal, oil pastels and 'Mod Roc' plaster.

We were delighted to have the opportunity to work in partnership with both the Jesus and Mary Convent and the Newman Catholic College who provided specialist art teachers over the course of the week to enhance our learning experience.

The pupils are very excited about showcasing their work to parents on Tuesday 17 July when we will be holding the 'African Art Exhibition' at school from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. We hope that parents will be able to attend to view the impressive work which has been produced by very talented artists at St Joseph's.



Sports Leaders - Newman Catholic College

On Tuesday 3 July, Sports Leaders from Newman Catholic College came to St Joseph's to work with our children.

Each class worked in a group led by a Newman student where they focused on athletic skills. This also included ways to 'warm up' and 'warm down' before and after physical activity.

All the children enjoyed the sessions and we look forward to working in partnership with the Newman Sports Leaders next week as part of our 'Olympic' themed learning.

