



# St Joseph's News

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*The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." **Matthew 4:3-4***

## Deanery School Staff Mass

On Tuesday 11 March, St Joseph's staff attended a very special Deanery mass which was celebrated by Father Stephen at Newman Catholic College. The mass was for all staff who work in Brent's Catholic schools.

This was a very important celebration of our Catholic education community and was also a great opportunity to meet with colleagues to share our successes to date and our ongoing aspirations for our children.

Please keep Catholic schools and their staff in your prayers as we continue to provide excellent educational experiences for your children with the love, support and protection which can be expected from a Catholic learning environment.

## CAFOD Assembly

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils attended a CAFOD awareness assembly this week which was led by Mrs Doherty who is one of our Governors. The assembly was also attended by Mrs Addington who is also involved in work with CAFOD.

The children learned that 1 in 8 people around the world experience hunger on a regular basis.

Mrs Doherty gave some positive updates about individual children and their families who have been supported by CAFOD. It was wonderful to hear that the projects which have been supported by St Joseph's has helped communities to grow food and become self-sufficient which has led to more children accessing education.

Thank you to all the St Joseph's families who support our CAFOD campaigns - your contribution helps to improve lives.



**On Monday 17 March, Lenten Appeal boxes will be sent home so please look out for these.**

Sacrificial giving is important to our Catholic faith so please give whatever you can for the Lenten Appeal and talk with your children about why it is so important to share what we have with others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

## Attendance

- ★ NO Classes achieved 100% attendance this week. Classes RM, 1F, 2C, 2M, 3M and 4O achieved 99%.
- ★ Classes RG, 3A, 3F, 3M, 4M, 4O, 5D, 5R and 6N received NO late marks this week.
- ★ As Year 3 to Year 6 children may arrive from 8.30am and Year 1 to Year 2 can arrive from 8.45am, there is no excuse for regular lateness. Please respect your children's right to learn by getting them to school on time.

★ **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)**

## Bike It Breakfast

A big thank you to all the children and parents for supporting the 'Big Pedal' initiative since 3 March and for joining us at the Bike It Breakfast on Wednesday morning.

St Joseph's has a large number of regular cyclists among children and staff and we know that many of our younger children enjoy riding their scooters to school!

Please ensure that children are using their equipment safely by wearing a helmet which fits properly. We run a number of cycle training sessions at St Joseph's but please ensure that messages about road safety are reinforced at home.



The next free Cycle Training Session will be for Year 3 and Year 4 children on Tuesday 1 April 2014. There are a limited number of places available so please collect a letter from the main school office on Monday 17 March and return the reply slip promptly to secure your child's place.

The training will be delivered by Ruth Chiat who is St Joseph's 'Bike It' Officer. It is important children who are accepted for the training have a roadworthy bicycle and a helmet which is in good condition.

If your child is accepted for a place on the training sessions, you will be notified by letter on Tuesday 25 March.

## Merit And Student Of The Week Certificates

In our Friday morning assembly, the following children received **Merit Certificates** in recognition of their effort last week:

Bethel 2C, Ruby 2O, Helena 2M, Chloe 3A, Christiano 3F, Shannon 3M, Kasarachi 4A, Hawwi 4M, Tejuan 4O, Simon 5D, Millena 5R, Margaret-Mary 5M, Rozalia 6K, Ashantae 6N

**Student Of The Week Certificates** were issued to:

**Marianna 3F** for improving her vocabulary and general writing skills

**Lisa 4A** for always giving her best effort and constantly trying to improve

**Patryk 5R** for excellent progress with extended writing and using fantastic descriptive language

## Match Report!

On Wednesday, St Joseph's faced a very competitive team from St Mary's C of E Primary School.

Our team consisted of Year 4 and Year 5 pupils who all contributed to a thrilling match with end to end action.

As this was a fantastic team effort from St Joseph's, it is very hard to single out a 'player of the match' but a special mention must go to Rheo (4A) and Tyrese (5M) for their constant hard work, commitment to the team and positive approach to 'fair play'.

The final score was 11-4 to St Joseph's so well done to every player for their participation.

## Upcoming Dates & Events

**Monday 17 March** St Patrick's Day and St Joseph's Day mass for Year 3 to Year 6 children at Our Lady Of Willesden. Parents are welcome to join us at 10.00am

**Friday 11 April** Last day of Spring Term

**Monday 14 April to Friday 25 April** **EASTER HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**