



St Joseph's News

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Newsletter 08

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...In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. **Isaiah 40:3**

Football Tournament

On Wednesday, Mr Moran took the St Joseph's Football Team to a tournament in which 51 schools from across London took part.

St Joseph's won 9 games then lost in a penalty shoot-out in their semi-final match to finish 3rd overall. This is a fantastic achievement as St Joseph's were competing against schools who played to a very high standard. A scouting team from QPR were also present at the tournament and they selected two of our players to train with them at a future date.

Congratulations to all the players for their commitment to team spirit and consistent fair play: **Joshua 5M, Jaime 6M, Iwo 6M, Rodrigo 6K, Tyrese 6M, Tre 6R and Diogo 6R**. A special mention goes to **Rio 5O** for his outstanding contribution for which he has been awarded 'Star Player'!

Merit And Student Of The Week Certificates

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

Julia 2M, Asia 2O, Amelia 3C, Bartlomiej 3A, Darius 3F, Victoria 4D, Christiano 4O, Erykah-Rose 5M, Allison 5O, Ciara 5Q, Amelia 6R, Natalia 6M and Jocelyn 6K

Student Of The Week Certificates were issued to:

- Zuzanna 3C** for an enthusiastic approach to mathematics
- Rio 5O** for a positive attitude to learning
- Julia 6M** for participating with enthusiasm to engage in learning activities

School Council

The St Joseph's School Council for 2014-15 held their first official meeting on 13 November.

Miss Kirby attended this meeting to remind the pupils that they have been selected by their peers to discuss and make decisions about matters that are important to them.

Mrs Hassett will oversee future meetings but the School Council members will take responsibility for preparing an agenda, electing a Chair and appointing a Treasurer to make final decisions about fund-raising and donations. Visit the [School Council webpage](#) for further information.

Attendance

Classes 2M and 5M achieved 100% attendance this week.

A high number of late marks were recorded this week. We understand that there are some local traffic problems but if you are aiming to arrive by 8.30am then your child should still arrive on time even if there are any unexpected circumstances. Please also note that rainy weather is not considered to be an acceptable excuse for lateness. **The gates close at 8.55am so all children must be in school by this time. Late arrivals cause disruption for the school and it is also embarrassing for the child.**

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)

December 2014 - Key Dates and Events

Monday 1 December

Year 1 to visit Aquarium

Tuesday 2 December

Class RS Nativity 9.30am, tickets for RS parents only

Wednesday 3 December

Year 2 attending Westminster Cathedral Advent Service

Thursday 4 December

Class RO nativity 9.30am, tickets for RO parents only

Friday 5 December

Class RG nativity 9.30am, tickets for RG parents only

Tuesday 9 December

Nursery Nativity 9.30am (morning children)

Thursday 11 December

Nursery Nativity 2.15pm (afternoon children)

Friday 12 December

No school for children, staff training day

Monday 15 December

Year 1 Nativity 9.30am, tickets for Year 1 parents only

Tuesday 16 December

Year 2 Nativity 9.30am, tickets for Year 2 parents only

Wednesday 17 December

- ◆ Year 3 to 6 Carol Service, Our Lady of Willesden at 10.00am
- ◆ Christmas Jumper Day for whole school
- ◆ Children's Christmas lunch

Friday 19 December

- ◆ Last day of term
- ◆ Class parties

*** Children return to school on **Tuesday 6 January 2015** ***

Religious Education

As we approach one of the most significant dates in the Catholic Calendar, the children will be learning more about the importance of the Advent period.

This year, Advent commences on 30 November but the children have already started to look at the themes of preparation, expectation, excitement and celebration in connection with the birth of our Messiah, Jesus Christ.

It would support your child's learning if you could talk with them about a time when you were preparing together for a special event or occasion. For example, this could have been the arrival of a new baby in the family or looking forward to meeting a relative you have not seen for a long time.

Maintaining regular attendance at mass, particularly on Sundays, will also support your child's depth of understanding about Advent.