



Newsletter

15 March 2019

Catholic Life of the School

At Mass on Sunday we will hear about the wonderful event widely known as the Transfiguration of Jesus.

Jesus took Peter, James and John up to the mountain to pray and the appearance of his face changed. Jesus' clothing became dazzling white and Moses and Elijah appeared beside him.

This was a supernatural event to which Peter, James and John were witnesses to the glory of Jesus, Moses and Elijah.

Then God spoke stating: "This is my son, my Chosen; listen to Him".

This event, the appearance of major prophets, and the words from God, offered encouragement to the disciples present and offers encouragement to us today.

In your family prayer time, you may wish to think about 'encouragement.' Do you need encouragement or could you encourage a family member or friend?

If God can work through me, he can work through anyone.

St Francis of Assisi

If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze.

St Catherine of Siena



Celebrations

We are always very happy to share news about the children's achievements outside of school.

Please email details and photos to:

info@stjo.brent.sch.uk

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns for the safety and well-being of any child, please make an appointment to see Mrs Studd who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

In an emergency, please call the police without delay. To contact Brent Social Services, please call 020 8937 4300.

We can also help parents through Brent's Early Help Assessment process. If you are having difficulties with housing, finances or health, please speak with Mrs Studd who can signpost you to appropriate support and services.

[Click here](#) for information from the NSPCC on **Positive Parenting**

[Click here](#) for Brent **Citizens Advice**

Useful Contacts:

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Brent Social Services:
020 8937 4300

Community Dates

- 17 Mar St Patrick's Day
- 19 Mar St Joseph's Day
- 21 Mar World Down's Syndrome Day
- Holi (Hindu)

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School
020 8965 5651
admin@stjo.brent.sch.uk
www.stjosephsrc.co.uk

Personal Safety

Parents are reminded to frequently speak with their children about personal safety.

Many of our older children travel to and from school without their parents. This is a very normal part of preparing children for independent travel.

However, there can be issues that may present danger so please prepare your children for such situations.

*Please **click here** to view a booklet prepared by the NSPCC to support parents with these conversations.*



Please remember that children should not be left unsupervised at the school gates before 8.30am. The school cannot take responsibility for your children before they enter the premises.

Please also be mindful that the roads around the school are very quiet before 8.30am so children should not be arriving before this time and left without adult supervision.

National Autism Week

It is World Autism Week from 1 April to 7 April 2019.

*If you would like to be involved in raising funds for this organisation or would like to help raise awareness, you may find some helpful ideas by **clicking here**.*

The National Autistic Society website also has a resource section for parents and families who require support or further information.



**National
Autistic
Society**

Merit of the Week Award

The following children have received Merit Certificates in our whole school assembly for demonstrating excellent standards in their learning and behaviour:

*Lena 2H, Maya 2S, Julia 3C, Igor 3G, Beatriz 3W, Ivie 4G,
Dinísni 4H, Niyat 4M, Mari 5H, Kwesi 5M, Devon 6L and Kyle 6M*

Student of the Week Award

*Ezriah 2S For being a great role model through his positive attitude
Mateusz 4G For showing impeccable manners
Kaïson 6L For being polite and helpful every day*

Attendance

The class with the best attendance during week beginning 25 February was:

Class 3C

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on 020 8965 5651 or email the school at: admin@stjo.brent.sch.uk before 9.00am on every day of absence.

In addition to making a telephone call by 9.00am on every day of absence, this must be followed up in writing. Parents may complete a **Reason For Absence** form (available from school office or school website) or you may write a letter / email to confirm the reason for the absence.

When you know in advance that your child will be absent, please inform the school in advance and provide appropriate documentation such as the medical appointment letter.

Please remember that all school policies are in place for a reason with the main purpose being to ensure the safety, well-being and secure development of your child.

If we have any concerns about a child's absence, we may carry out a home visit. We may also contact Brent Education Welfare and Social Services.

Please remember term time leave for family holiday and celebrations are not permitted in line with our Attendance Policy. Unauthorised absences are referred to Brent Education Welfare who have the authority to issue Education Penalty Notices of £120 per child, per parent. This reduces by 50% if paid within 21 days.

Safer Internet

This year, Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday 5 February. This was organised to help increase awareness about the safest ways in which to engage with and enjoy all types of online activity.

At St Joseph's, we frequently communicate with our children and parents about online safety to help reduce the risk of children accessing inappropriate websites or becoming engaged in unsuitable communications online.

The school computers and digital equipment have been protected to prevent children and any other persons on site from accessing any inappropriate materials.

Therefore, we encourage parents to ensure that their own home equipment has the same protections. Please also check regularly what your child is doing online.

Our website contains a number of links to resources for parents.

Please [click here](#) for direct access to the information.

Parental Communication

Parents are reminded that it is very helpful for school to be kept informed of any factors that may impact on your child's learning or well-being.

This is to ensure that we are all doing everything we can to support your child and family.

Please make an appointment to see our Education Support Manager, Mrs Studd, to discuss any matters that school should be aware of so we can make informed decisions together.

School Uniform

Please ensure that children wear full school uniform at all times.

In this colder weather, please ensure that your child comes to school every day with their school coat, school hat, school scarf and gloves.

All items should be clearly labelled.

Shine Your Light

How can you use your talents to make someone's day brighter?



My Talents

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| 1 Ash Wednesday | 2 | 3 | 4 | First Sunday of Lent | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Today I will learn about Abdi and pray for his family | 8 | 9 | 10 | Second Sunday of Lent |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Today I will learn about Joseph and pray for his family | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Third Sunday of Lent | 17 | 18 | 19 Today I will learn about Lily and pray for her family | 20 | 21 |



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| 22 | Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare) | 23 | 24 | 25 Today I will learn about Zara and pray for her family | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | Fifth Sunday of Lent | 29 | 30 | 31 Today I will learn about Annie and pray for her family |
| 32 | 33 | 34 | Palm Sunday | 35 | 36 |
| 37 Today I will learn about Max and pray for his family | 38 Holy Thursday | 39 Good Friday | 40 Holy Saturday | Easter Sunday | |

Thank you for brightening the lives of local children and families this Lent!



From Lent to Easter - Year C

Linking School, Parish and Home

Religious Education

Key Idea:

This framework is intended as the second in the Spring Term 2019- leading from the beginning of Lent to Good Friday. It continues to focus on the Gospel of Luke in inviting pupils to read and study Luke's account of the Passion of Jesus. During this unit, pupils will also learn about the Stations of the Cross.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: It is hoped that pupils will develop:

- A sense of reflection and prayer
- An openness to the presence of God in the Eucharist

- A willingness to be part of Lent and Easter celebrations

Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs.

- Adopt some Lenten practices at home this Lent: Pray; give alms (give to charity) and give up something. As a family decide to give up a negative attitude or behaviour this Lent such as being critical, thoughtless, nagging or avoiding responsibilities.

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Lord,

As we begin (continue) this journey with you to Easter, help us to remember to stay close to you in what we do, and what we think, and what we say.

Make us mindful of those around us, particularly those who suffer, and help us to give generously of our time our thoughtfulness and our gifts, this Lent.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.