



St Joseph's News

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Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' **John 20:28-29**

Catholic Life of the School

In the reading from John's Gospel which will be shared at Mass on Sunday, we learn about Jesus' appearance to the disciples following his resurrection. The first words spoken to the disciples by the risen Christ were "Peace be with you."

Thomas, who was not with the group at this time, heard the news from the other disciples and he said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Jesus appeared to the disciples again a week later and Thomas was with them on that occasion. Jesus knew Thomas was troubled so he greeted Thomas saying "Peace be with you." After being invited to touch Jesus, Thomas declared "My Lord and my God!"

True peace - freedom from anxiety, worry and envy - comes only from God. It can be experienced even when we are in the midst of uncertainty or a troubling situation.

At Mass, we share the gift of peace with each other but we can also share peace with others every day. In your family prayer time, you may wish to reflect on how we can contribute to bringing peace to others; we can start by being polite with our manners and always acting in a way which is pleasing to God.

Peace begins with a smile
(St Teresa of Calcutta)

Behaviour

At St Joseph's, we have the highest expectations for standards of behaviour. Therefore, if any child is placed on 'Restart', parents will be informed.

Children will be held to account if their behaviour disrupts the learning experience for themselves or others. Parents are expected to fully support this policy in line with their agreement to follow all school procedures when they accepted a place for their child to attend St Joseph's.

Attendance

Class 2S has won the Attendance Cup this week for achieving best class attendance.

The Classes with the best attendance for the year so far are 2S, 4O, 6L and 6R.

Punctuality still needs improvement. Please remember that all children from Reception to Year 6 may arrive from 8.30am at their designated gates. Please take full advantage of this early arrival as it not only helps your child to prepare for their learning day but also eases congestion.

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

Please remember that if your child is absent from school and we have not already been informed in advance, parents must telephone the school by 9.00am on every day of absence. This is a very important safeguarding measure to ensure we know the whereabouts of every child.

Easter Home Learning

We were delighted to welcome the children back to school after the Easter holidays.

The children had been set Home Learning projects to ensure they maintained their knowledge and are prepared for the Summer Term learning.

We hope that you enjoy some of the great pieces of work our children have produced over Easter.



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:

Tiago 2F, Ciel 2O, Filip 2S, Soliana 3K, Lauren 3M, Kristina 4G, Shanique 4O,
Luiz 5K, Emmanuella 5M, Stephen 5S, Ineda 6L and Renee 6R

Student of the Week Award

2S Alfie

For always trying his best in all subjects and being a great role model

3M Katiana

For always working hard and helping her classmates too

4O Selome

For an excellent attitude with her learning and being helpful towards others

Safeguarding

St Joseph's treats seriously its responsibility to ensure children are safe and well.

Where there is information causing a level of concern, the matter is discussed between the Executive Headmistress and Education Support Manager to determine if other agencies, such as Social Services, should be informed of the matter.

Where appropriate, parents are informed if the school decides to make a referral to Social Services. In line with their own procedures, Social Services may instruct the school that parents should not be informed in particular cases.

The school follows Social Services guidance with regards to referrals and information sharing to ensure our approach is child-centred.

St Joseph's Mission Statement

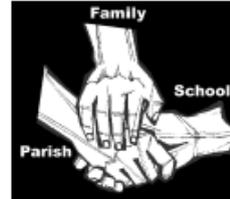
At St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School we strive to create a stimulating environment so that by learning, playing and working together, we openly follow Christ's teachings. We seek to offer every person the opportunity to be a unique and valued individual, sharing and developing belief in the teachings of Jesus through everyday relationships and mutual respect in our dealings with one another.

In order to achieve our mission:

- We stand on holy ground
- We will always open our doors in welcome
- We will always love and care for each other as Jesus taught us
- We will always place the Word of God at the heart of our school
- We will always be witnesses to our faith by following in the footsteps of Christ

From Easter to Pentecost

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea: From Easter to Pentecost

This framework of learning is intended as the first for the Summer Term in the academic year 2016/2017. This framework explores the period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes:

It is hoped that pupils will develop:

- A sense of openness and wonder about the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit
- An appreciation of the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives
- An ability to wonder about questions that are difficult to answer
- Reflectiveness in prayer

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 higher if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. Help your child by trying one or more of these activities while this unit is being taught:

- We celebrate the gift of life in this world and in death in the resurrection. Life is full of resurrection moments, when we are so glad to be alive! Write down some of these and use them in pray at mealtimes or bedtimes.
- Pentecost is on June 4 this year. This framework teaches Pope Francis as a person led and guided by the Spirit. Talk to your children about people you think are led by the Spirit. What do they do?

An idea for prayer at home

Prayer Activity

Pray for those who have died.
We remember (say name, light candle) who has gone to their eternal rest.

Tell them, God, how much we love them, how much we miss them. Tell them we carry their stories in our lives.
Today we rejoice that Jesus lived and died and is risen. Today we trust you, Jesus, that there is life after death and that you will always be with us, loving us and leading us home.
Glory be to God; Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit.
Amen

