



# St Joseph's News

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*So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. Galatians 6:10*

## Fright-tastic Friday!

On Friday 24 October, the whole school dressed up as part of our learning theme on 'Fright-tastic Friday! Please [click here](#) for more information.

During the week, the children have been looking at non-fiction and fiction genres of writing, using strategies we have developed with Pie Corbett. In particular, we have looked at how to construct scary stories so the reader can sense the atmosphere through our descriptive writing.

Thank you to all the children and parents who made a great effort to support this interactive learning experience which was also a lot of fun! We wish you all a peaceful half-term break and we look forward to the children returning to school on Monday 3 November.



## Merit And Student Of The Week Certificates

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

Nataniel 2M, Lilia 2O, Hannah 3C, Marcos 3A, Kylan 3F, Dymitr 4D, Matilde 4O, Enoushka 5M, Jevone 5O, Stella 5Q, Yasmine 6R, Asia 6M and Patryk 6K

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

- Natalia 3F** for working hard and being a fantastic role model
- Amerie 4O** for always participating in class discussion and working to a high standard
- Louise 6K** for being an excellent role model and trying her best with everything

## Attendance

Classes RO, 1M, 5Q and 6R achieved 100% attendance this week.

A total of **26** late marks were recorded this week which is an increase from last week. This number of late arrivals is not acceptable. This is an average of **5** late arrivals every day. **The gates close at 8.55am so all children must be in school by this time. Late arrivals cause disruption for the school and is 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)**

## Year 2 Trip To RAF Museum

On Wednesday of this week, Year 2 visited the RAF Museum in Hendon to support the learning on the current topic of World War 2.

The children took part in informative workshops, dressed up as pilots and looked at different types of military transport including planes and aircraft carrier ships.

Please speak with your children about this very important piece of history. The quotes below may give some prompts for conversation on this topic.

*Asia: My favourite part was looking at pictures of RAF pilots that fought in World War 2.*

*Filip: I loved looking at the humongous guns that were used in World War 2.*

*Kyle: My favourite part was when we tried on the real RAF pilot uniforms.*

*Lilia: I thought the immense planes were amazing because they were really used in World War 2.*



## Bling Up Your Bike!

Thank you to all the children for making a fantastic and fright-tastic effort for the latest 'Bling Up Your Bike' competition.

Our Bike It Crew had a difficult task in awarding the prizes as the standard was so high. However, they did make a final decision and all winners are now listed on the [website](#). The junior winners were:

**1st Prize:** Alexander

**2nd Prize:** Jessica

**3rd Prize:** Julia



## School Uniform & Hairstyles

All parents should be fully aware of the contents and expectations of the School Uniform Policy as we send frequent reminders and the complete policy is also available from our [website](#).

It is not possible to list every past and current fashion trend to let parents know what is and what **is not** acceptable, particularly with hairstyles. When we have to inform parents that their child's hairstyle is not appropriate, they usually admit that they knew the particular style would cause an issue. We therefore ask parents to apply a common sense approach. Please support us by keeping hairstyles simple and in line with the ethos of the school.

Please also take the opportunity during the half-term break to check your child's uniform and repair or replace where necessary. The children's clothing should always be smart and clean.

If you have any doubt about a hairstyle or any aspect of your child's presentation at St Joseph's, please err on the side of the caution to ensure they look smart and are representative of the spirit and intentions of the school's expectations.