



St Joseph's News

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Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24

Outstanding Phonics & KS1 Test Results

As you may be aware, the government have introduced Phonics testing in primary schools. It has been reported in the national media that some schools are struggling to achieve the expectations. Therefore, I am delighted to announce that 95% of children at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School met or exceeded the national expectations.

The end of TA KS1 SATs have produced the best ever results for St Joseph's. The actual data will be published within the next few weeks alongside our Year 6 SATs results. I am looking forward to reporting some excellent news about the continuing high standards of attainment at St Joseph's where we aim to ensure every child leaves our school having reached their full potential.

News From Year 5

On Tuesday, the Year 5 classes went on a 'Thames Explorer' trip to support their current learning topic.

On Wednesday, Class 5E held an assembly on the theme of water for pupils, staff and parents.

A full report on these events will be available in the next newsletter.

Bikes & Scooters

Parents, please remember that children and adults must not ride bicycles and scooters in the school playground.

We also remind parents and children to remain considerate and courteous of each other and our neighbours while riding bicycles and scooters in the community.

Attendance and Punctuality

There has been a recent decline in attendance and punctuality which must not continue. There is much to learn in the remaining 3 weeks of this term so children must attend every day and arrive by 8.55am at the latest.

We remind you that although some absences are authorised (in accordance with the school attendance policy) the expectation is that all absences are kept to a minimum. Official studies have demonstrated a significant link between attendance and academic progress which is why the school takes this issue very seriously.

Parents, please be reminded that it is your responsibility to telephone the school before 9.00am on every day that your child is absent. To meet safeguarding requirements, we are spending a considerable amount of time every day trying to contact parents who have not informed us why their child is absent. This is time and resources which would be better deployed in enhancing the learning experiences of the children who are in school.

We hope that parents fully understand the importance of aiming for excellent attendance and punctuality. This will place your child in the best position to reach their potential and prepare them for their adult working lives.

Attendance

During the week beginning 18 June, 317 children from Years 1 to 6 came to school every day. The best class attendance was awarded to Class 4D for 100% attendance. They were very closely followed by Classes 4O and 2M.

Well done to Classes 3A and 6F for no official late marks last week. We want to see more classes with 100% punctuality every week.

Please note the Parents and Toddlers group will not take place on Thursday 5 July but we will meet again at 9.00am on Thursday 12 July

St Joseph's Sports News

The summer term programme of competitive sports has begun with some great performances from our football team and athletics squad.

On Tuesday 19 June, pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 classes represented the school in the annual borough athletics tournament at Willesden Sports Centre. The squad performed very well in their events and finished 4th out of the 22 schools taking part. Please check the noticeboard in the junior playground and the PE webpage next week for a full list of the pupils and events.

Last Friday, the Year 5/6 football team played against Leopold Primary School in the semi-final of the Brent league competition. We won 2-1 to reach the final where we will play against Malorees Junior School. All the players put in a great effort with James O'Donnell scoring both goals for St Joseph's.

On Wednesday 27 June, selected Year 5 pupils were chosen to attend 'Sports Leader' training. This was provided by staff from the Capital City Academy high school. The children enjoyed learning new skills on how to deliver and organise games for other children.

Our newly trained St Joseph's Sports Leaders will be working with Mr Mackey at lunchtimes to organise games and activities for the children in Year 1 and Year 2. Please check the PE webpage next week for further information.



Film Club

This term's FILMCLUB is closing tonight with a showing of the latest 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' movie. FILMCLUB has proved to be a very popular and successful after-school activity where the children have experienced films from many different genres and eras. It started just after Easter with the 80's classic 'Ghostbusters' and has taken the members on a cinematic journey of laughter and tears, with love stories, moral dilemmas, slapstick comedies, animations and adventures. After every film the members log on to the FILMCLUB website and write reviews about the films they have watched, which in turn has improved their writing skills and developed their passion and interest in film.

This week there is even more to celebrate as Miss Aherne received notification from FILMCLUB HQ that one of our member's reviews (Shanti - 4D) of the film 'School of Rock' has been selected out of thousands up and down the country as it stood out from the crowd. This is an honorable and exclusive achievement as she has now become an official FILMCLUB 'Spark' and has earned a goodie bag straight from the HQ! You can read her review on the website www.filmclub.org - Well done Shanti!

Bastille Day / French Day - Friday 13 July

Bonjour! The whole school will be celebrating Bastille day on Friday 13 July. The children will be involved in a variety of French workshops all day. Please ensure on this day your child is wearing the colours of the French flag: blue, white and red.

Merci beaucoup!

Maksim and Lilia - Race For Kids

Congratulations Maksim (2M) and Lilia (Nursery) for taking part in a very special fundraising event. Together with their parents they took part in 'RBC Race for the Kids' last Sunday and raised £100 for **Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity**. They would like to raise more funds for this wonderful organisation. If you wish to make a donation please visit their web page <http://my.raceforthekids.co.uk/hellpic>



London Youth Games - Keano Mason 6K

On Thursday, Keano represented St Joseph's and Brent in the football event at the London Youth Games. Brent finished 3rd overall which meant they received the 'Bronze Award'. Keano played very well and scored three goals in the tournament. Well done Keano for this very special achievement and for being a great ambassador for your school and borough.