



St Joseph's News

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I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh. **John 6:51**

Grenfell Tower

Families will be aware of the tragic events of this week in which many have lost their lives in the Grenfell Tower fire. For those who have survived the fire, there are a number of practical and basic needs to be met.

With the significant level of donations already received, fundraisers are requesting that those called to support the efforts consider making a financial donation to help with longer term needs.

The Diocese of Westminster has set up an official account to collect funds at www.rcdow.org.uk

As a Catholic community, we are also called to pray for those who have been affected in any way. So we ask God to bring comfort and healing to all those affected by this tragedy. We also give thanks for the emergency services and for the way people have responded with compassion and love for each other.

Catholic Life of the School

At Mass this Sunday, we hear about Jesus telling the crowds that he is "the living bread...those who eat of this bread will live for ever".

Those listening to Jesus at the time may have been shocked. The Jews were saying "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" But Jesus is telling us that he is food for our soul - the Bread of Life. With the love of Jesus, through our prayers and through learning more about the Gospel at Mass, we receive nourishment to feed us; to help us grow and to be more like Christ.

An important part of being spiritually fed is our participation in Holy Communion. In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to consider how you prepare for this sacrament. You may also want to thank God for other ways in which we can feel nourished. For example, through our friendships, through using our talents, through those who love and care for us.



Dear Families, listen to the Word of God. Be constantly nourished by the Word of God.
(Pope Francis)

Attendance

In the week beginning 5 June 2017, Classes 2S, 4G, 5S and 6L had 100% attendance. The classes with the best attendance for the year so far are 2S, 6L and 6R.

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.

If a child's whereabouts are unknown or unclear, the school will contact Brent's Children Missing In Education team so they can carry out an investigation.

Class photographs will be taken on Monday 26 June

School Events

A number of events have taken place this week at St Joseph's.

The **Nursery** children enjoyed a wonderful day at Woburn Safari Park where they had the opportunity to see the animals they have been learning about in class as part of their learning on animals and habitats.

The **Reception** children held their Sports Morning on Friday 16 June. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came to cheer on their children.

The **Athletics Squad** took part in the Brent Primary School Championships. Grace (6R) earned first place in the vertical high jump and also won a silver medal in the 400m race. Jacob (5S) won the 200m race. We also received a number of silver medals in Chest Push, Triple Jump and Long Jump. These were won by Melchisedek (5S), Xavier (5S), Mekhi (6L) and Jessica (6R).

We hope you enjoy the photographs below which show the children enjoying their learning activities.



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:

Noel 2F, Hubert 2O, Leanne 2S, Liam 3K, Isaiah 3M, Omari 4G, Rayner 4O,
Natalia 5K, Emnet 5M, Dawid 5S, Josie 6L and Ernestine 6R

Student of the Week Award

Majka 2F For consistent good manners and an excellent attitude towards learning
Natalia 4O For her hard work and wonderful manners
Leone 6L For being so helpful and working very hard

School Mass Times

The children will be attending two very special celebrations at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden.

On **Thursday 29 June at 10.00am**, Fr Stephen will celebrate Mass for all St Joseph's children who have recently made their First Holy Communion.

On **Wednesday 19 July at 2.00pm**, Fr Stephen will celebrate the Year 6 Leaver Mass.

All parents and family members are welcome to join us at the church.

Parental Expectations

Parents are reminded that in accepting a place for their child at St Joseph's, they agreed to support all policies and procedures.

We do understand that parents may, from time to time, wish to discuss a matter which is causing them or their child a concern. We have always asked parents to arrange meetings appropriately to discuss matters about their children.

If the matter relates to your child's day to day learning or routines at school, you are invited to make an appointment to see the class teacher in the first instance. If you wish to discuss another matter, you will need to give brief details at the school office so an appointment can be made for you with the most appropriate person.

The school will not enter into individual email correspondence or respond to letters from representatives of parents. We do expect that parents with concerns will raise them individually and respectfully using the appointment system.

Online Safety

Schools, police, social services and other agencies are concerned at the ever-increasing volume of offences being committed against children through online devices.

Children are also being exposed to activities which are completely inappropriate for their age.

From class discussions and e-safety learning, it seems that a significant number of children access the internet from their bedrooms without parental controls or monitoring.

Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their children are involved in age appropriate online activities and to keep their children safe when they are using mobile phones, tablets, laptops, games consoles etc.

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



Catholic Children's Society

Making A Difference



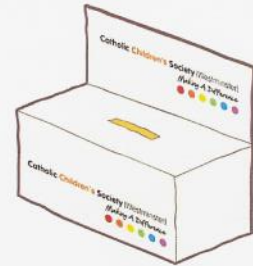
We would like to thank

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

for raising £1,749.60 in
this year's Lenten Appeal

to help local children, young people and
families living in poverty

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The Kingdom of God

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea: The Kingdom of God

This framework of learning is intended as the second in the Summer Term and the final in the academic year 2016/2017. Concluding study of Matthew's gospel, this work focuses on the parables of the Kingdom as found in Chapter 13.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

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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. Help your child by trying this activity while this topic is being taught:

- Working to build the kingdom of God is the obligation of all Christians. Talk to your children about their learning and plan to do something extra in God's kingdom!

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

God our King,

In the morning when we rise give us your eyes to see the world as you dreamed it.

In the day as we learn give us your mind to think of the potential of life as you imagined it.

In the evening when we rest give us your heart to love the kingdom as you wanted it.

May we be builders for your kingdom, now and forever. Amen.