



St Joseph's News

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And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' *Matthew 4:19*

Catholic Life of the School

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus calls on the first disciples to follow him. The first four disciples (Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John) were fishermen, going about their usual business of catching fish and mending their nets.

Jesus also invites us to follow him today. It does not matter where we come from, where we are now or what we are doing; we are all called to God's kingdom through Christ.

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to reflect on the thought that following Jesus means that we also follow the ways he taught us to live our lives; to be kind, loving and merciful. To truly follow Jesus also means that we may need to stop following something or someone else. We may need to give up a bad habit or change our behaviours to fully accept Jesus' invitation to follow him.



It is for each of us to learn the path by which Jesus requires us to follow him, and to follow him in that path. St Katharine Drexel

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:

Ryan 2F, Harriette 2O, Olivier 2S, Benjamin 3K, Alex 3M, Bartosz 4G, Zuzanna 4O,
Bartlomiej 5K, Courtney 5M, Jacob 5S, Aleksandra 6L and Jack 6R

Student of the Week Award

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| 2S Aae'va | For always trying her best and being a great role model |
| 3M Holly | For making great improvements with her work and showing lovely manners |
| 6R Anithaney | For setting the standard in class with her positive attitude and hard work |

Attendance

- ★ **Class 2F** has won the Attendance Cup this week for achieving 100% attendance all week. So many classes are now in contention for the Best Class Attendance reward trip to Chessington!
- ★ 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.

Year 5 Christmas Project

At the Year 5/6 Phase assembly, Year 5 took the opportunity to present their wonderful work on their Christmas break projects.

The theme was 'Britain at Play'. The children were required to research different sports and pastimes that people in Britain enjoy and many of the pupils created models of Wembley Stadium for their project.

At the assembly, the following children received certificates for their outstanding work on this project:

1st Place - Karol 5S

2nd Place - Daniel 5K

3rd Place - Jennifer 5M

Thank you to all the parents who encouraged their children with this fascinating project which supported their learning and strengthened their skills in research methods, creativity and artistic expression.



Term Time Leave

The school policy on term time leave has been made very clear in the Attendance & Punctuality Policy and reminders on this are published in the newsletter every week. Yet, a number of parents continue to take their children out of school for family holidays and celebrations during the school term time.

Please be reminded that the school is obliged to refer all cases of term time leave to Brent's Education Welfare Service. They will then decide if an offence has been committed under the Education Act.

Of more concern, is the impact of absence on children's learning. Clearly, when a child is seriously unwell, they must stay at home until they are well enough to return to school. This type of absence is completely unavoidable and, in cases of long-term sickness absence, we will prepare resources so your child can continue with their learning.

However, when children miss school unnecessarily, this is an unacceptable interruption to their learning. There are 14 weeks of school breaks and a number of bank holidays when parents can arrange family events and vacations. Please adhere to the policy on school attendance at all times.

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

People of Prayer - Year A

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea:

This framework of learning is intended as the first in the Spring Term in the academic year 2016/2017. At this time of year the resource always looks at the prayer life of the Church. This resource studies the **Feast of the Epiphany** and two prayers found in **Matthew's Gospel: the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer**. It asks pupils to consider the people they think are Beatitudes People, including St Teresa of Calcutta.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

- A willingness to pray
- An openness to people of other faith traditions
- An appreciation of the role of prayer in deepening a relationship with God
- A sense of wonder about different styles of 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 greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs.

- Pray the Lord's Prayer with your child each night at bedtime. Find a copy of it online and print it out as a mini poster for their room or the fridge.

An idea for prayer at home

Prayer Activity



Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
Amen

ST JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL VALENTINE'S COFFEE MORNING



STAINED GLASS WINDOW FUNDRAISING EVENT

As our school refurbishment is getting under way, we are trying to raise funds to pay for a large stained glass window for the main hall of the school building. This will be a lasting legacy for the whole school community from generation to generation.



Please come along, bring cakes, and have a cup of tea/coffee in the Junior Hall (Northcote Road entrance).

**Friday 10th February 2017
8.30am - 9.30am**

All donations will be greatly appreciated.