



St Joseph's News

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So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. **Matthew 10:26**

Catholic Life of the School

In the Gospel from Matthew this Sunday, Jesus is instructing his disciples to heal others and to preach the good news.

Jesus tells his followers to be brave: "Do not be afraid". He encourages them in their mission to spread the Gospel. Jesus had earlier warned the disciples that they would face persecution but he says that if anyone speaks up for him, then he will speak up for them to our Father in heaven.

In your family prayer time this week, bring to God all the things that you are worried about. Ask for the gift of courage from the Holy Spirit so you can talk to someone who can help with anything that worries you. Our parents, teachers and friends are good people to talk to when we need help.



In joining yourself to God's will, you take on new life and gather great courage.
(St Paul of the Cross)

First Holy Communion

Nia in Year 4 has recently made her First Holy Communion.

We prayerfully support Nia and all the children who have just celebrated this special sacrament.

Please remember that St Joseph's children who have made their First Holy Communion this year will be attending a special 10.00am Mass at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on Thursday 29 June.

Parents and family members are very welcome to join us at the church for the Holy Communion Mass which will be celebrated by Fr Stephen.



Attendance

In the week beginning 12 June 2017, Class 2S had 100% attendance. The classes leading 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.

Year 1 Visit to the Zoo

On Thursday, Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic visit to London Zoo as part of their current learning topic.

The children looked at different animals from all around the world. They visited different continents and found out which animals lived in each one.

The children observed what the animals ate and how they moved. They were able to distinguish which animals were herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

The children had the opportunity to watch an animal show. They also participated in a 'Hands On' activity where they explored animal skins and had the opportunity to pet a rat!!



Year 2 Sports Morning

Year 2 had a wonderful morning of sports and games activities on Friday.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us to watch the children celebrate their sporting talents. We hope that you enjoy the photos below.



Year 6 Trip to France

The Year 6 children have had a wonderful week in France!

We will be sharing news and photos with you in the newsletter next week.

Food Tasting

On Friday afternoon, parents came to the school to sample some of the wonderful dishes which are on the current summer menu.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for this special dining experience. We are especially appreciative of your positive feedback.



International Food Festival

We are holding an International Food Summer Festival at St Joseph's on Friday 14 July from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. This will be a fun-filled afternoon for our families!

Stalls include International Food, BBQ, Tombola, Nail Painting, Penalty Shootout, Basketball, Skittles, Tennis Ball Bounce, Table Tennis and Face Painting.

This will be a fundraising event to raise money for our fabulous Stained Glass Window Appeal. Only the parents and children of St Joseph's may attend. The entrance fees are £1 per adult, 50p for children and babies under 6 months are free!

We will be closing school early to set up for this school community event and there will be no After School Clubs on this day. Please ensure you collect your children at the following times on Friday 14 July:

Nursery	11.30am
Reception	11.40am
Years 1 and 2	11.50am
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	12.00pm

Grenfell Tower Appeal

Thank you to all the children who joined in own clothes day in support of the Grenfell Tower Appeal.

Very generous donations from parents and children were added to the school's collection to support those affected by this tragedy. We will announce the final figure raised next week.

Diary Dates

Week beginning 26 June	Arts Week
Monday 26 June	School Photographer taking class photos
Tuesday 27 June	Year 1 Sports Morning 9.30am to 10.30am
Wednesday 28 June	Year 4 at Gunnersbury Year 5 Sports Morning 9.30am to 10.30am
Thursday 29 June	First Holy Communion Mass 10.00am at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden
Friday 30 June	Year 5 and Year 6 Cake Sale
Friday 14 July	International Food Summer Festival
Wednesday 19 July	Year 6 Leaver Mass 2.00pm at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden

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.

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.

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.

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



Catholic Children's Society

Making A Difference



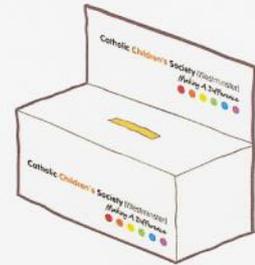
We would like to thank

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.