

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School: Newsletter 19.01.24

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| Mission |
| Together we love, learn, follow Jesus |
| Vision |
| At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, through an open and generous heart, we learn together as a family in faith, following the gospel values of love. |
| Values |
| Hope Thankfulness Collaboration Compassion Friendship Resilience Empathy Creativity Justice Respect |



A Message from Miss Dewhurst: This week we have got back into our routines of class Circle Time. It is a lovely way for me to spend quality time with the children and equally, this is a session that they thoroughly enjoy.

From an educational point of view, done correctly, Circle Time has many benefits: it encourages social interaction; promotes language development; fosters creativity and imagination; teaches self-regulation; builds confidence and self-esteem and above all, allows children the time to listen to, and learn from each other.

As a Catholic school, we recognise the importance that all of these skills have in playing a huge part in our children's learning. Developing resilience and understanding our needs and differences is important in our continuing life-long learning journey. I am continually proud of our children and the support and respect they give each other.



Award Winners

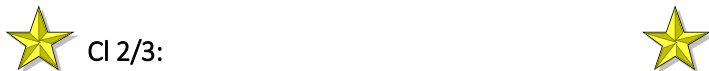


Cl R/1:

Dojo Champion: **Willow R**

School Values/Mission: **Mary** for friendship

"Spotted": **Oscar** for being a great role model to his peers



Cl 2/3:

Dojo Champion: **Sienna**

School Values/Mission: **Oscar**—resilience

"Spotted": **Bobby** for showing genuine support to his classmates during our Great Fire of London writing



Cl 4/5:

Dojo Champion: **Viola**

School Values/Mission: **Penelope**—creativity

"Spotted": **Harley** for showing resilience in art and producing some wonderful work



Cl 6:

Dojo Champion: **Halle**

School Values/Mission: **Ben**—collaboration

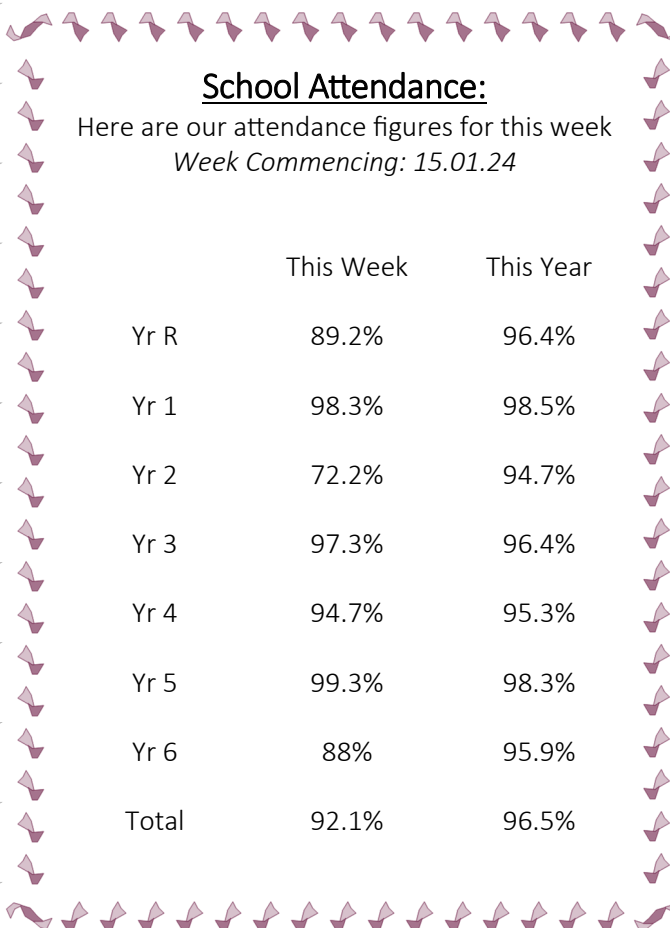
"Spotted": **Savannah** for using hyperlinks to create a four page website



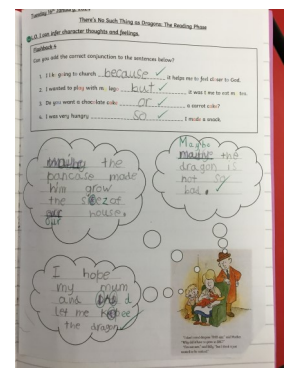
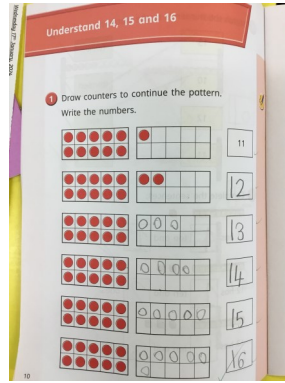
This week spotted: Denis
For being a kind and caring friend

School Attendance:
Here are our attendance figures for this week
Week Commencing: 15.01.24

| | This Week | This Year |
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| Yr R | 89.2% | 96.4% |
| Yr 1 | 98.3% | 98.5% |
| Yr 2 | 72.2% | 94.7% |
| Yr 3 | 97.3% | 96.4% |
| Yr 4 | 94.7% | 95.3% |
| Yr 5 | 99.3% | 98.3% |
| Yr 6 | 88% | 95.9% |
| Total | 92.1% | 96.5% |



Classroom Catch Up: The children were thrilled to be able to play in the snow at the beginning of this week. It was a great opportunity to develop our learning on the melting and freezing process linked to our recent seasonal change topic. Maths wise this week, Year 1 have been busy using the rekenreks, bead strings, base 10 and tens frames to explore and represent numbers to 20. Reception have been continuing their maths learning of 'Alive in 5' in which they have been subitising, representing and comparing numbers within five. In English, our topic is 'Stories with Repeated Refrains'. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading 'There's no such thing as a Dragon' by Jack Kent and 'There's No Such Thing as Dragons' by Lucy Rowland and Katy Halford. They have been developing their comprehension skills by predicting events in both of the stories, inferring character thoughts and feelings, sequencing events as well as making comparisons between both books.



In Y2/3 this week, we have started looking at a story surrounding the Great Fire of London. The ideas have been amazing, and the quality of writing has utterly blown me away. In maths, Year 2 are soldiering on with their unit on money, looking at adding pounds and pence, while Year 3 have moved onto subtraction with an exchange.



We have had a wonderful week in Class 4/5. In English, we have started our unit based on newspapers and have therefore been looking at the timeline of events on the night that the Titanic sunk as this will be our focus for our report. In PE, the children have been enjoying their dance unit which has been lovely to see. In RE,



we have been looking at the importance of mission and linking it back to our local community and the roles that people play. The children also produced their final pieces in art, and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them as they are fantastic!

In Year 6, we have finished the reading phase of our unit on Goodnight Mister Tom. We have inferred the feelings of both main characters; we have predicted what might come next; we have found, and used, high quality vocabulary - when we write our own piece, they will be amazing! In Maths, we have started our new unit on 'Ratio and Proportion' and I was astounded by the speed and concrete understanding the entire class have shown from start to finish.



PC Rob also came in as a guest speaker this week, giving a thoroughly fascinating talk on the roles and responsibilities of a child who is due to start high school.



A Message from Mrs Barnes:

Dear Parents, children & staff,

I would like to send you my sincere thanks for all the wonderful gifts and cards. The lovely words of thanks and gratitude were overwhelming. I really did enjoy my time as part of the St. Joseph's team and community. Wishing you all well for the future many thanks and loads of love from Joanne XXX

Pope Francis: *The Word of God invites us not to close ourselves off or think that we can do it alone, but to grow together. Let us listen to each other, talk together, and support one another. (Taken from X)*



Sunday Gospel: After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come," he said, "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him. Mark 1: 14-20 (Wednesday Word)

Forest School: This week in Forest School, Year 4 enjoyed learning about the safe lighting of a campfire. We talked about the variety of personal safety equipment needed to stay safe around fire and worked to light one together. As they sat around the fire, pupils had a go at using a variety of tools to whittle sticks, ensuring they had a glove on their helper hand. The children learnt it was better to try and choose a smooth piece of wood to whittle without too many knots! Many of the children reflected on their experience of using the tools and suggested that it's important to be patient and slice off a tiny bit at a time. Well done, Year 4! It was fantastic to see our school values of resilience and kindness demonstrated throughout the session.



Stanley Grange: This week's group saw the first signs of Spring appearing! Garlic planted by our pupils last year is just beginning to grow! As last week, children were also asked to help decide which plants we should choose for our plot this year.





Picture News

Is an e-reader better than a book?

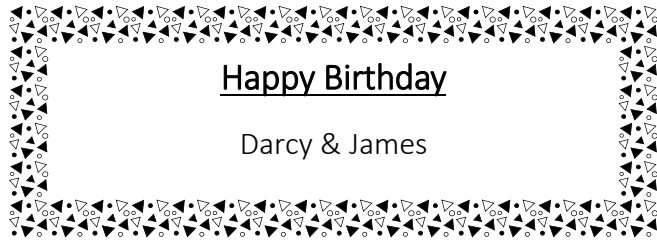


Picture News



Individual Liberty

We are all provided with the opportunity to learn to read. Sometimes learning to read can take perseverance and resilience, which we can be responsible for.



Happy Birthday

Darcy & James

Recent Correspondence

Please find below a list of information that has recently been sent out:
 School Facebook Page
 Yr R Tapestry account
 Wednesday Word
 Year 6 PE Days
 Year 1 Hearing Tests
 Year 4 Forest School
 Adverse weather
 School Meals week commencing 22.01.24

Snowy fun: Pupils enjoyed the opportunity to play in the snow this week! They had great fun working together to build a snowman.



CI R/1 Invite for Parents: On Friday, February 9th, you are invited to join your child for a "Stay and Read" session in the school hall. This will start at 2pm and there will be a variety of activities for you and your child to take part in.

PTFA Meeting: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 23rd January. Everyone is welcome to the Old Oak at 7.15pm.

Children's Liturgy: Sunday is 2nd Sunday of Ordinary time. In the Gospel we will hear about how Jesus called his disciples to follow him. They left what they were doing and went with him straight away. Simon and his brother Andrew were fishing by a lake when Jesus asked them to follow him. At once, they left their fishing nets behind and went with Jesus. James and John did the same when they were asked. Do you think it was an easy decision for them to make to follow Jesus in this way? How do you think the people that they left behind, like their families and friends, felt when they left so quickly? How would you feel if you had to leave your family, friends and all your things behind? Jesus asks us all to follow him. But unlike the disciples we cannot see Jesus and go with him as he travelled round the country. So, what do you think Jesus wants us to do?

We can follow Jesus by living our lives as he would want us to. By being kind to others, sharing all that we have, and caring for all people, especially those who are poor or sick, so that the world becomes a fairer place for everyone to live in. We can also follow Jesus by standing up for what we believe in and speaking out when we see something that is not right. Praying helps us to follow Jesus. It is when we pray that we come to know Jesus better and this helps us to understand how to follow him. How will you follow Jesus this week?

We do hope you can join us at 9:30am Mass - it would be lovely to see you.

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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