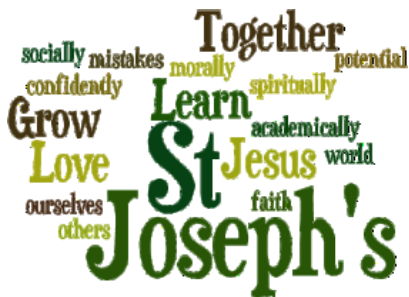


19th April 2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel Reading for
Sunday 21st April
Fourth Sunday of Easter
John 10: 11-18



Headteacher message

Compassion, kindness, empathy, sympathy, mercy and understanding are six connected values that should be implanted in the young generation, as they are what motivates people to help and stand for each other. A heart that is filled with mercifulness is a heart that will help its society and the whole world to continue, improve and thrive." (Noora Ahmed Alsuwaidi)

Developing the moral compass that will guide our children throughout their lives is one of the most important things that we are all tasked to do. In the world in which we live this can be a difficult and challenging job, but the words of Scripture and actions of our Lord, particularly during Holy week and following the resurrection can give us guidance. The merciful heart of Jesus was clear to see, in how He lived out the last few days of His life—with acceptance and love.

The disciples were witnesses to all these events —witnessing His rising from the dead and His return to His friends. They understood that death was not the end, God had a plan, that Jesus needed to follow. We too are called to be witnesses and to share the acts of Jesus with those that we meet, by following His examples through our words and actions. We only need to remind ourselves of how Jesus treated people, spoke to people and made people feel—do we live our lives by following His example? This is what we want our children to do, so that they can create a world that is a safe and good place to live in . We want them to develop a strong moral compass where they can make the right choices in difficult situations, just as Jesus did. Please speak to your child about the assembly on Monday.

Attendance

Attendance—Week Ending 19th April 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	94.0	RB	95.7
1JB	98.3	1EB	99.2
2E	95.2	2F	96.1
3GS	90.0	3D	94.8
4D	94.4	4H	98.6
5G	93.0	5C	97.2
6W	97.9	6MT	98.4

*The highest class
attendance this week was
1EB with 99.2 %
Well done!*



Well done to Harriet in Year 3 who won our attendance goody bag this week for having 100% attendance.

Reminder that children who have 100% attendance for the week are entered into the weekly raffle for the prize bag. Each week all the children are entered into the termly raffle for the £50 Amazon voucher.

House Points

Well done to St Patricks House—winners of our Lent Term House Point competition.

The children in St Patricks will have a non uniform day on Friday 3rd May (wear something green) to celebrate their achievement.

St David 585	St George 510
St Patrick 709	St Andrew 596

We began our Pentecost Term House Point competition today and below are the totals for the first week back.

St David 50	St George 56
St Patrick 61	St Andrew 64

School Information

Permissions

We are very fortunate to be able to offer many enrichment activities across the school year, some of which require specific permission or parent contribution.

Please help us make the best use of administrative time by responding to these requests as promptly as possible, and before any notified deadlines.

An excessive amount of time is used following up requests for permissions which could be alleviated by prompt responses.
Many thanks.

Parking

Please note that the school gates close at 08.50am. If you arrive after this time, please park outside and use the pedestrian gate to accompany your child to the school office to sign in.

Please do not send your children through the playground gate (which may open to allow adults out) once the school staff have left the turning circle. At that point all the doors to the school are locked.

Please do not access the Key Stage 1 playground before 08.30am

Y6 SATS Parent Workshop

Thank you to those parents who attended the Y6 SATS Workshop this morning. A copy of the presentation is available on the school website, under Parents / Parent Workshops.

School Day Consultation

Our consultation period ends today.

We will communicate the findings and results of the consultation in due course.

Donations

We are about to begin a board games club as part of our after school offer. We welcome any donations of board games that your children are no longer using.

Year 5 Pizza Express Trip



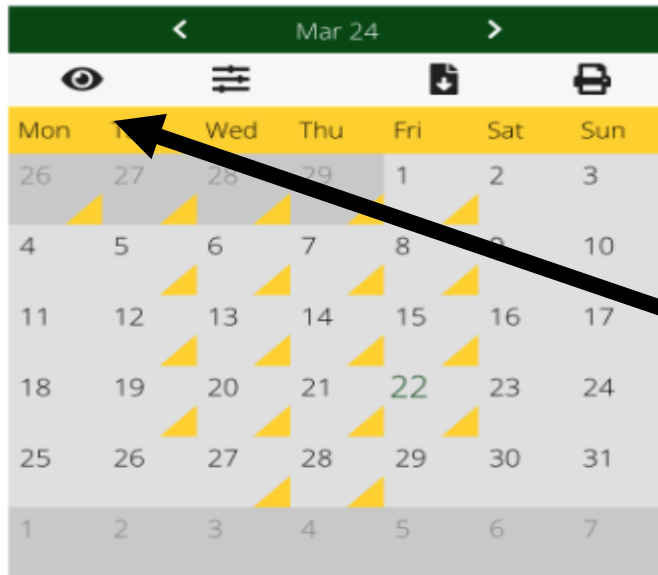
5G headed down to Pizza Express in Gerrards Cross this week, put on their chef's hats and made their own Pizza.

I am not sure what was more fun.....the pizza making or the pizza eating!



SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Calendar



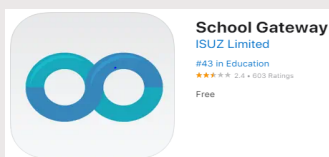
Following feedback regarding the calendar view on the School App, we have adjusted the capability to view events.

Please click on the eye symbol above the calendar and events will open up for you.

Email communications are sent to you via

Schoolcomms

To ensure **text messages** are received, please visit the [App Store](#) to download



Enter your email address and mobile phone number that you have set up for school.

A PIN number will be sent to you and text messages will appear via this App.

WITHOUT THE APP YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES

Social Media

Make sure that you keep up to date with all the wonderful and interesting things we are doing in school by regularly checking in to facebook / twitter (X).

There is now so much information on our social media platforms and Miss Minoli is adding new things all the time.

FOLLOW US



New equipment for the playground

The children have thoroughly enjoyed having access to a wider variety of play equipment this week. Over the holiday we tidied out and re-stocked the playground sheds with various tools to support the children in playing together during break and lunchtimes.



Key Stage 2 Craze of the Month

Each month this term, we plan to focus on a particular game in the playground. The first **Craze of the Month** is Jacks. This was introduced to the children in assembly today. Next week the children will have sets of Jacks on the playground.

The children will have the opportunity to buy their own set of Jacks from Wednesday when we will be selling them at the stationery shop for £2.00 per set.

At the end of the month we plan to have some official Jacks competitions.

Mrs O'Kane explained, in celebration assembly today, that this was one of her favourite childhood games and she set the challenge of beating her!



Ukrainian Culture Day (Year 5)

This week we had a special Ukrainian Culture Day for our pupils in Year 5. Thank you to Cheryl from the Stephen Spender Trust, who led our day of activities.

The trust have been working with the British Council, the Rothschild Foundation, the National Centre for Writing and several other partners to bring Ukrainian creative translation workshops and activities to schools and community groups across the UK.



This project began with a partnership between the University of Chichester, and a Ukrainian writer Volodymyr Rafeienko.

Alisa and Danylo (pupils in Yr 5) had the opportunity to share their culture and experiences with their classmates.

It was wonderful to be joined by family and friends of Alisa and Danylo for part of the day.



Have a lovely weekend
St. Joseph's School

