



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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*Jesus said: 'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full'.*

12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

**Firstly, I would like to wish a Happy New Year to you all.** I hope you are all well rested and refreshed for the New Year and the new term. Over the next few weeks, children across the school will be **visiting Church for teaching sessions on The Way of the Cross with Fr. Kevin and Fr. Alex who, in turn, will be visiting the school to continue these teaching sessions with pupils in all Key Stages.**

**Our Y6 pupils have visited the London Transport Museum today,** learning about secondary school transition, citizenship and the role of the emergency services – many thanks to all the parents who were able to accompany our children and thank you also to Y6 for continuing to be wonderful ambassadors for our school.

**Our BWW Mind children's sessions** have also started this term with this week's focus being resilience in Y1-Y3 and, for Y4-Y6, the children have been gaining a deeper understanding of anxiety. Future workshop topics across this term include social media, sleep and friendship. **Please see the attached BWW Mind leaflet for further information on their workshops and services provided.**

**Continuing to pursue our well-being focus,** turning this time to the well-being of the world around us, our Y5 pupils will begin Climate Workshops next week while our Forest School trips have restarted and are in full flow. On that note, as the wintry weather persists, please do ensure children have their coats, hats and scarves for playtimes and school visits.

**Inspired by Pope Francis,** who on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, announced A World Day of Children, to be held in Rome on 25-26 May 2024, we will also be organizing a series of events in celebration of children and in pursuit of a world that is filled with joy, beauty and love. Pope Francis asked the question, "What kind of world do we want to leave to the children who are growing up now? Like Jesus, we want to put children at the centre of everything and care for them."

**As mentioned previously, After School Clubs** will resume from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. **Additionally, Junior Adventure Group** also offer Breakfast Club from 7:45 am and childcare at the end of the school day until 18:00.

Finally, I would ask that you remember our closer community of churches and schools and **pray for those affected by the sad loss of both Father Terry – parish priest of Sacred Heart Church, Quex Road, and Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Kilburn – and Monica Schmidt – much loved Teaching Assistant at St. Edward's.** Fr Terry's parish, family and friends – including many of our

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children and parents - will certainly be grieving for him and I am sure you will join me in keeping him and his loved ones in your prayers. Monica Schmidt, a former St Joseph's parent and a devoted teaching colleague at St. Edward's leaves her beloved son Raymond – please do keep him and her whole family and community in your prayers.

With best wishes,

Dr N. Viana  
Mr K Bowles

<b>MERITS AND AWARDS</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>MERIT</b>	<b>AWARDS</b>
REC1 Miss Chani	Max	Maria
REC2 Miss Diriye	Susanna	Luna
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Alicia	Manu
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Akaylia	Jureul
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Taisiia	Nicolas
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	Jacopo	Noah
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	-	-
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Gisella	Yousseff
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Shamar & Minudi	Matilde