



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'.

19th January 2024

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

This week our budding athletes in KS2 excelled once more, displaying excellent team-work, encouragement of their peers and determination to succeed during the borough-wide Athletics competitions held at Moberly Sports Centre. Many congratulations to children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 for their outstanding efforts in their Athletics. **On Wednesday, Years 3 and 4 came in first place and on Thursday Years 5 and 6 came in first place.** I know the children have been in training for a few weeks now with such encouragement from Coach Grant and many parents who were able to accompany. Congratulations to all who participated and we look forward to the next round of competitions. **2024 has started so positively for sporting competitions: I am sure there will be many more successes!**

On Tuesday 23rd January, St Joseph's will be welcoming teacher colleagues who have travelled all the way from Brazil to learn about excellent teaching practice in a catholic primary school. Teachers will be visiting classes, absorbing our engaging learning environment as well as speaking to children about their learning. I am sure that their visit will be worthwhile and they will leave with the most positive of impressions.

Indeed, in a recent engagement with the Rotary Club of London, I was privileged to meet his eminence, **Cardinal Vincent Nichols who was full of praise for our school, our children and our mission as teachers in a catholic primary school. Cardinal Vincent Nichols also spoke about the importance of all of us working in solidarity for a world filled with Beauty, Truth and Kindness and extolled the virtues of choral singing, particularly the wondrous beauty of Westminster Cathedral – a place where the very bricks are filled with the faith and hope of all its visitors - and its choir, recalling St. Augustine's saying that those who sing pray twice. The Cardinal urged us all to visit Westminster Cathedral to join others in prayer and to feel the spiritual sustenance present in this most venerable House of the Lord.** <https://mailchi.mp/0350c0b65282/know-a-boy-who-loves-to-sing-20284105?e=ed79daf16f>

Our children's reverential journey through The Stations of the Cross continued this week with Y6 and Y4 showing tremendous respect while they accompanied Jesus on His journey through prayerful guidance and teaching from Fr. Alex. It was very moving to see our children studying the scenes depicting Jesus' journey to the cross with such attention and thought. I know that they will be fully prepared for our Lenten season, beginning of February 14th. Our Pupil Chaplaincy Team have also restarted their prayerful responsibilities and will be spear-heading our Lenten Appeal,

following our Catholic Social Teaching Mission. **Please do check the newsletter for further information on this.**

With best wishes,

Dr N. Viana
Mr K Bowles

MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERIT	AWARDS
REC1 Miss Chani	Mateo	Loukas
REC2 Miss Diriye	Hannah	Ian
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Sienna	Alex
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Sophia	Kylian
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Henri	Coco
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	Rafael	Alessia
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Matias & Vladimir	Lily & Harrison
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Isabelle	Sami
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Carolina	Isabella

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

January

Tuesday 23rd

KS1 @ Church with Father Alex – Stations of the Cross @11am
Climate Workshop for Year 5 in class pm

Wednesday 24th

BWW MIND workshop – Social Media
Y1 – Y6 various times – all day

Friday 26th

Rec 1 visiting Forest School am
Rec 2 visiting Forest School pm
Y5 – Sea Life trip

Tuesday 30th

Climate Workshop for Year 5 in class pm

February

Thursday 1st

Phonics workshop for Y1 parents @ 9:10am
Lower KS2 E safety workshop am
Upper KS2 E safety workshop pm