



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'.

1st March 2024

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

Our swimmers represented the school with great professionalism and enthusiasm. Congratulations to you all for showing support to your team-mates and commitment to your school. I am so proud of all of you - securing silver place overall is a fantastic achievement. Well done!

Auction news - Calling for Donations: Don't Wait, Give Now!

As we are just three weeks away from the Auction, we're striving to achieve our first goal: ONE FAMILY = ONE DONATION (more is welcome!). It only takes a few clicks to upload your donation(s) on our website <https://ourschool.auction/sjsa> and explore the items already in the catalogue.

Thank you for your enthusiastic participation!

Our School Council met with Mrs. Deacy this week to discuss future plans and ideas. Indeed, your participation was so impressive that I have decided to make School Council News a regular Newsletter feature! Please see below for some of the School Council inspired initiatives:

1. **World Book Day on Thursday 7th March** – Our School Council have said, “Come as a character, an author or a title. **NO footballers.**” **Let’s make it competitive and award prizes for the best costumes.**
2. School Council representatives have also asked for **more performance opportunities** – “**We would love either a whole school production or a talent contest.**”
3. **Easter Bonnet Theme - Building Bridges:** Bonnets/Head-dress competition and parade for all classes Nursery-Y6. **Y5 & Y6 can choose to opt out of the parade and instead produce a 2D/3D piece of Easter Art work reflecting the theme. Entries to arrive at school on Monday 15th April and they will be displayed in the hall to enhance the parade.** School Council representatives have also asked for a novelty Egg and Spoon Race on the afternoon of the parades
4. **Daily Mile:** Our School Council love the Daily Mile and are eager to maintain their physical and emotional well-being with regular participation.

Many thanks to our parent readers who have shared their love of reading with their children's class. It has been so wonderful to see your enthusiasm and to witness your children's delight in welcoming you to their class. Please do approach your child's teacher if you are able to spare half an hour to share a book of your choice with your child's class.

This week, our Catholic Social Teaching advocates in Y4, enabled our children to learn about the plight of the penguin. As caretakers of our world, responsible for looking after our planet

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and displaying Love in Action, our children are always thinking of ways in which they can help others. Sophie, Lily, Sophia-Lynn, Elisa and Olivia launched a Penguin Poster Competition to shed light on some of the harmful factors impacting negatively on the penguin population across the world such as global warming, pollution or non-sustainable fishing. We have been inundated with wonderful entries and the winners as decided by our discerning Y4 judges!

We will be celebrating British Science Week between 8th and 17th of March with competitions, experiments and live lessons exploring key STEM topics (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). We are looking for any parent/carer volunteers who would like to talk about their STEM-related jobs or science-related hobbies during the week. These experiences can inspire children to think about their future, they are never too young to explore their career options! If you would like to volunteer, please email the school office.

Please also note that on Friday 8th March at 9:05, our Pupil Chaplaincy Team will be presenting a Mother's Day Assembly, celebrating all of those who look after and nurture our children – mothers, aunties, grandmothers or carers. You are all most welcome to join us.

With best wishes,

Dr N. Viana
Mr K Bowles

MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERIT	AWARDS
REC1 Miss Chani	Karrel	Max
REC2 Miss Diriye	Luz	Diego
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Lucas	Etienne
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Audrey	Santiago
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Joshua & Lawrence	-
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	Shota	Emily
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Filip	Lars
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Eduardo	Emily
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Ava	Reyaan

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	95.0%	0.6%
RECEPTION 2	98.2%	0.6%
Y1 PINK 1	98.1%	0.5%
Y1/2 PINK 2	95.2%	0.3%
Y2 PINK 3	96.3%	0.8%
Y3 BLUE 1	98.7%	1.3%
Y4 BLUE 3	97.5%	1.1%
Y5 VIOLET 1	97.0%	1.7%
Y6 VIOLET 3	96.4%	1.1%
Totals	96.9%	0.9%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

March

Tuesday 5th

Y4 Reconciliation with Fr Alex

Y5 & Y6 teams – Netball competition @ Paddington Rec' am

Wednesday 6th

Y5 Girls Netball team @ St Benedicts

Thursday 7th

World Book Day and Dress Up day

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Friday 8th

Pink 1 visiting Forest School am

Pink 2 visiting Forest School pm

Monday 11th

School photographer in – individual & sibling photos (revised date)

Tuesday 12th

Y6 Reconciliation with Fr Alex

Wednesday 13th

Y5 Vue Cinema Trip (Children's University)

Parent Teacher Consultations day 1

Thursday 14th

Pink 3 Forest School pm

Parent Teacher Consultations day 2

Friday 15th

St. Patrick's Day Assembly

Monday 18th

Living Eggs arrive in EYFS

Tuesday 19th

St Joseph's Assembly with Father Alex KS1 & KS2

Friday 22nd

Special Celebration Assembly

CAFOD bright clothes dress up day (£1 donation)

Rec1 visiting Forest Schools am

Rec 2 visiting Forest Schools pm

Saturday 23rd

SJSA SCHOOL AUCTION

Monday 25th

Holy Week begins

Year 3 Palm Sunday Liturgy @ 9:30am

Y5 @ Lord's Cricket Ground

Tuesday 26th

Y4 Maundy Thursday Liturgy @ 9:30am

Y5 Reconciliation with Father Alex.

Wednesday 27th

Y5 Good Friday Liturgy @ 9:30am

Thursday 28th

Y6 Resurrection Liturgy @ 9:30am
Collection of chicks from Nursery
School breaks up @ 1:30pm

April

Monday 15th
Term begins

Tuesday 16th

Easter Bonnet Parade
Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 @ 9:15am
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 @ 10:30