



Diocese of Clifton

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# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

Only one week to go before the Easter Holidays, this short term has been so busy! Over the last couple of weeks we have seen lots of visitors in school. As we move along the MAT journey the governors were keen to appoint a Deputy Head for the school. The recruitment process was rigorous and Paul Kehoe, the School's partnership officer for the Diocese, joined the governors for the process. There was stiff competition but I am sure that you will be as delighted as we are to know that Mrs Guoite was the governors' final decision. I am equally sure that you will join me in thanking Mrs Guoite for all that she does for our children and know with confidence that she will continue to serve our school well.

I would like to thank Mrs Shipton and her team of graduates once again for all the time and effort that she put into making science week an experience that the children will certainly remember. They had such an amazing time and learned so much. We feel very lucky to have you and your support with these fun and educational activities – all free of charge. Thank you so much.

Louise White from the Diocese visited our school that week too and was delighted to be greeted by the staff and children with familiarity, saying that we are one of her favourite schools, that she feels like a member of our school family. She has been of great support to us all over time, training our teachers and on this occasion, our teaching assistants benefitted from her experience during this visit.

Thank you all of the parents who supported the Pre-school Cake raffle and well done to Greg Hitchings who won the cake!

Four of our Year 6 children took part in the first round of the Wildlife Quiz against Coaley School. Emily, William, Lawrence and Gus gave it their all – some of the questions were really tricky! It was very close but they managed to win the round which means that they will be competing against another school in round two. Well done to you all and we will look forward to seeing how you do at the next stage.

Thank you all for your generosity on the non-uniform day, and thank you to Mrs Wand and Becky (her assistant), for once again turning a pile of donations into fantastic Easter Hampers. The tickets are on sale now, please do contact your class rep if you would like to buy some. You've got to be in it to win it, and the hampers look amazing!

Last Wednesday afternoon our Oracy winners – Ella and George L went with Mrs Hill to Rodborough to compete against 9 other schools. Unfortunately, Bertie was ill, so was unable to compete. We need to thank Mrs Hill, who despite this, still took our other competitors. The competition was tough, the experience daunting for our young competitors and whilst they didn't win, Mrs Hill came back so proud of them both, the way that they performed, they were absolutely the best that they could be and for how well they represented St Joseph's. Thank you all for the hard work that went in to getting to the competition and for representing our school so well. We are so proud of you all.

Our cross country team made it onto the front page and a double page spread in the Stroud News and Journal this week. In case you haven't seen it you can view it online too <https://www.stroudnewsandjournal.co.uk/news/23387735.st-josephs-nympsfield-compete-cross-country/>

On Thursday morning we had some student teachers from Bath University visit our school to see how we teach maths. They visited all classrooms. Their experience of other local schools has been varied but all went away impressed with the children's behaviours and attitudes to learning, the work in the children's books and the consistency of delivery. I would like to thank Mrs Guoite, the Maths Leader who monitors the teaching and learning of maths closely and to all of the staff who work so hard here to ensure their teaching is as we expect it to be.

Whilst St Joseph's Feast Day was on Monday 20th March, we celebrated together with a whole school Mass on Thursday afternoon. The readers, servers and children taking up the offertory did a great job and the singing was perfect. Thank you to all of the staff who were involved in this beautiful Mass, great team effort.

Finally, for those who know her, Miss Hall left us on Friday last week, to begin her maternity leave. She will however be back to join in our celebration assembly next week where we will wish her all the best over the coming weeks and will look forward to her visiting us soon with her new baby.

On Friday morning, Year 5 will be delivering the Stations of the Cross – the journey that Jesus went on his last day on earth. Mrs Barron and Mrs Hathaway are planning this event, which will take place at 9am on Friday morning. As soon as we have more details we will let you know – it would be lovely to see you there. But, if not, we hope that you all have a lovely Easter Holiday and we will look forward to seeing you back in the summer term.



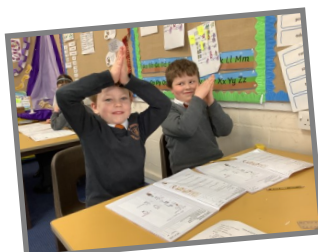
We pray for all children around the world; that they may have the chance to change their lives for the better and look to the future with hope and happiness.



## Class News!



St Mary	David - I love batting the balls in cricket! Edward - I love playing with my friends.
St Joseph	Jemima- I have enjoyed our history lessons on flight. Charlotte- I have enjoyed doing gymnastics in P.E.
St Peter	Joni – I enjoyed looking at all of the different money in Maths. We have money from all over the world in our classroom! Ilithya – I enjoyed looking at the money too. I also liked Science, we've been measuring body parts to see if the oldest child is the tallest!
St Patrick	Marmaduke - I really like our computing lessons. We are doing stop-motion animation! Millie - I liked maths this week when we had to subtract pounds and pence from £10. We went up to 1000!
St George	James - I've really enjoyed the whole week! I can't pick! Rory - I have really enjoyed science because we have been turning solids into liquids by adding heat. We also researched different melting points of materials. Did you know gold melts at 1064 degrees celsius?
St Teresa	Rosie - I like outdoor learning as it can be really fun. I really liked how good the chocolate banana's were! Pippen and Cian - I liked this Friday, as it's not the sort of thing I normally have at home. It's one of the best things I've ever tasted!
St David	George - So, I liked seeing other people's speeches about different topics when I went to the Oracy Competition. Lawrence - I loved the nature quiz, it was intense and we enjoyed winning!



**CLASS MASS DATES**  
30<sup>th</sup> March – Y5

### Diary Dates

28th March: Skillzone visit (Y6)

29th March: Tag Rugby tournament (Y3/4)

31st March: Stations of the Cross (Y5)

**31st March: Term 4 finishes at 1.30pm**

2nd April: PTA Easter event 1-4pm

**CONTACT INFORMATION—To try and save printing and paper costs we will not be sending out Data Sheets but rely on you to inform us of any changes to your child's contacts.**  
**Thank you Admin Team**