



Diocese of Clifton

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# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

What a busy couple of weeks it has been. The week before last, our Year 6's did their performance of Aladdin. This performance reminded us all what it means to the children to have a real audience – you, their parents to see all that they have achieved. And my goodness what a performance it was. Sarah, from Dazzle Dance, worked closely with Mrs Knight, Mrs Hamlin and the children to perform an incredibly professional show. All of the children did brilliantly well, many impressing us – we saw them in a way that we have not seen them before. We are so, so proud of them all! Well done and thank you to Sarah, Mrs Knight and Mrs Hamlin for all of the hard work that went into this invaluable experience for the children.

This, was followed by House singing. So much fun and great to be able to do this event again. The children, led by their house captains, worked hard to be the best that they can be. The results were the closest that I think they have ever been. But, in the end, it was a draw, well done to Falcons and Kestrels but also to Eagles and Hawkes for their hard work and musical talents (and to the parents who supported them in the weeks leading up to the competition!).

Last week was Health Week – and what a week! The week opened with the Flash Mob dance. Steph Reid spent about 40 minutes with each class and by the end of the day, pulled together a whole school dance, which was great! Steph taught dance across the school in the Spring term and was delighted to be asked to come back, saying that she loves working at St Joseph's because the children are so great to work with...they are engaged, listen and follow instructions. That is how she was able to achieve what she did in such a short time on Monday. It was also lovely that some of you were able to come early to collect your children and see what they were up to.

Year 3 made smoothies with Mrs Pinnock in the morning and thoroughly enjoyed this activity, thank you Mrs Pinnock for this idea and activity.

Tuesday was Sports Day – my goodness what a great day. The weather was on our side and how lovely that so many of you were able to join us. The children did so well, competing to be the best that they can be to earn points for their house. Well done to Kestrels who in the end won the day. We need to say thank you to Mrs Daly and Mrs Barron – to make an event like that run so seamlessly an awful lot of planning and preparation went in beforehand. Thank you also to all of the parents who supported the activities in the morning, which again ran like clockwork and the PTA who supplied lollies for all of the children.

Wednesday morning we all took part in a new event – The House Grand National. The house captains had decorated a unihoc stick as a horse, then the house teams competed over a race track of ladders and hurdles to see who could achieve the most runs – staff included! The winners this year was Hawkes – who were awarded with the house cup and a carrot! This was great fun definitely one to do again next year. Thank you so much to Mrs Hamlin for introducing this event to the week.

Thursday was of course the whole school picnic on the field, it was lovely that some of you were able to join us. The Year 6's set up stalls having worked together to come up with ideas of how to grow £5. There were lots of interesting stalls on offer. At the end of the day, this mini enterprise earned them a profit of £254. They did such a great job and had lots of fun in the process, we were really pleased with how well they did. Thank you all too for supporting them.

The other activities for the week were Mrs Watson who spoke to the children about looking after themselves, Mrs Lai who taught dance sessions, Mrs Jordan who delivered football coaching, Mrs Shipton who was demonstrating the energy of our bodies and the importance of water and Mrs Wright who organised touch rugby sessions for the children. Thank you so much for giving up your time to come into school. When I asked the children in celebration assembly what the best bits were – they said, everything!

Thank you also to the PTA who have been serving refreshments at all of the events over the last few weeks, they give up their time freely to serve ice creams – I particularly liked the cream teas at Sports Day!

We are looking forward to Mrs Jones (Miss McCarthy) coming back for the last week of term, although sadly she will be leaving us after that. She has decided that she would like to work closer to home and Ted. But, we will enjoy spending the last few days of term with her. Mrs Jones has worked at St Joseph's for the last 7 years and we thank her for all the hard work she has undertaken whilst here and we wish her the very best for the future.

After a very busy week last week we are looking forward to a more normal week this week as Year 6 have just left us and are off on their residential.

It is set to be a very hot week this week, please make sure that your child comes to school with their hats on, water and sun cream.

**DON'T FORGET WE FINISH AT 1.30PM NEXT THURSDAY 21ST JULY**

Lord, You are my Strength, and all power belongs to You.

I pray for a strong and vigorous body that can engage in exercise, and has a strong resistance against illness.

I thank You that as I trust in You, I find new strength, and soar high like an eagle.

I will run and not get weary, I will walk and not faint.

I thank You that I am Your creation, and You watch over me. Amen.



## Class News!



St Mary	<p>Poppy B— I like writing a lion poem in literacy.</p> <p>Freya— Football was fun!</p>
St Joseph	<p>Julia – We've been playing some games on the field. We've even made our own obstacle courses.</p> <p>Jake – We've been doing obstacle courses with Mrs Barron. I really enjoyed sports day and the visitors we are having.</p>
St Peter	<p>Edward – I like the Maths and the football that we did with Mr Jordan. I like kicking the balls!</p> <p>Elliana – I liked Maths and REACH time this week. I like REACH time because I get to play with my friends.</p>
St Patrick	<p>Samuel—I liked health week because we did Sports Day and the Grand National. The Grand National was really funny.</p> <p>Kacper—I enjoyed the Y6 activities, especially the football game. I enjoyed spelling out the answer to Miss Busby's scavenger hunt.</p>
St George	<p>Harmony—I loved making the wrap faces and the picnic on the field.</p> <p>Lily—I loved EVERYTHING!</p>
St Teresa	<p>Alfie M- We had so much fun during health week! I particularly enjoyed the activity with Mrs Shipton where we learnt about the link between our electric circuits and our bodies.</p> <p>Alfie L- During our exciting week we also completed a team building exercise where I was a natural leader for our group. It was much harder than it looks!</p>
St David	<p>Harvey R - I enjoyed the rounders tournament as I had never learnt some of the rules. I also enjoyed the sale, as we made lots of money and had loads of customers; all the prizes vanished before our very eyes!</p> <p>Benedict - Year 6 have had their busiest and most exciting weeks yet! Last week was Aladdin week - we put on 2 dress rehearsals to the school and 2 performances for parents/family. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it - including us! On Sports Day, Kestrels won for the first time in 20 years. As a Kestrel myself, I am (slightly) bias towards our victory!</p>





PARENTPAY—please keep an eye on your child/ren's dinner account/s. There are 21 accounts at the moment in debit. All accounts must be debt free by the end of term on 21st July 2022 please. THANK YOU.



A cheque for £209.58 was recently sent to the CAFOD Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal—this was from the Y4 cake sale and monies raised by the Webb family. Thank you all for your support with this vital appeal. Please keep the Ukraine people in your prayers.

