



Diocese of Clifton

Faith, Hope, Love

St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

The weeks are flying by and the term is getting busier and busier. The children are working hard as we work towards the end of the summer term. Teachers have been writing reports and reflecting on the year that the children have had.

With the reintroduction of more normal school life came District Sports. Two evenings of track and field events where our children were selected to compete against other schools. Only this time there has been a change. Before Covid, we were classed as a 'small school'. This meant that we were competing against other schools like Uley, Coaley, Nibley etc....and did very well. However, we have now been put in the 'Big school' groups which means that we are competing against other local larger schools. Monday night Miss Berry and Mr Britton took the children to the field event. The children did really well, tried hard with the activities that they were presented with. As usual, the adults that took the children were so proud of their conduct and behaviour. On Wednesday night many of the staff, parents and Mr Britton went to support the event – oh my goodness, what an evening! Our children were amazing, competing to the best of their ability and many of the children making it to the podium at the end of their races. We were going to argue to be put back as a small school but with that performance, we really wouldn't have a leg to stand on! Our children as always did us proud, they truly were a team, supporting each other, encouraging each other and all being the best that they could be.

The organisation of the children ran like clockwork, thank you so much to Mrs Daly for organising the teams and especially to Mr Britton who has supported the cross-country and athletics club all year. Another event, when you look back that we are so proud of our children and their achievements. The week ended with some of our children taking their first Holy Communion on either the Saturday, here in Nympsfield or on Sunday at St Dominic's in Dursley. The service on Saturday was lovely, the children looked beautiful and had a lovely time in the school hall with party food afterwards. We were delighted that Fr Philip and some of the Sisters from the convent were able to join us. Thank you to Mrs Gwyer and Mrs Thomas for preparing the children for this important sacrament so well and to Mrs Hathaway and Ms Busby for supporting this very special occasion.

Last week was a busy one for Year 6. They had bikeability, an important week for learning to ride their bike safely on the road. At the end of the course, the children have to take a test. We are delighted that all of the children were successful and passed.

In amongst the bike riding and play rehearsals, we went off to Clifton Cathedral for our Leavers' Mass. It has obviously been a couple of years since our Year 6's have been able to attend this celebration, so how lovely that we were able to go this time. The children took with them their offertory gift, which they have been working on over the term with Ms Busby, and were beautifully behaved. They were surprised by the size of the cathedral and how many other children were there. This was followed by lunch on the Downs and there were plans for an ice cream but unfortunately, there were no ice cream vans to be found! Not to worry, one paid us a visit the next day at lunch time – much to the children's surprise and delight!

We had a lovely evening with our new parents who's children are getting ready to join us in September. The children have been joining Key Stage 1 in the hall for lunchtime, coming into Reception for story time and fun singing this term as part of their transition. Their first afternoon in school was last week, and we were impressed with their confidence as they came into school. Finally, this week, the Year 6 production of Aladdin – the staff and children have been working so hard on the production and we are looking forward to seeing it all come together. Rounding off the week with the House singing competition. It's only going to get busier as we head towards the end of term.

Reminder all after school clubs finish this week except Forest School.

Dear God,

Speak to our hearts and help us to see that we are one big family.

Old or young, short or tall, wherever we live, you made us all.

Help us to share, however hard it seems, to make our world fair,

And live out our dreams.

Amen



Class News!



St Mary	Alfred: I like building! Roman: I made a boat using bricks and crates.
St Joseph	Bonnie- I like maths. Ava- I like eating lovely food outside.
St Peter	Finlay – I enjoyed the log trail, especially the clam-ber stack. I'm also enjoying the pull up bars. I also love doing gardening! Marmaduke – I've loved doing my substitutions in Literacy. I like changing stories to have my own ideas!
St Patrick	James - I really enjoyed making a story stick in outdoor learning. Mine was really funny and I enjoyed others as well. Isla C - I really enjoyed outdoor learning. We could sit in the outdoor area, tell others our stories and take them home to share.
St George	Harmony: My favourite thing has been watching the Internet safety play video. Bella: I loved writing my first German sentence in German Club!
St Teresa	Lawrence- we have been applying all our learnt V COP from the whole year and writing monologues from a known character's perspective. We got to read our writing out using our voice to add emphasis and engage the reader. Emmanuel- I really enjoy writing from the White Rabbits perspective I even brought humour into it!
St David	Anabel - I enjoyed bike ability last week because our instructor taught us how to stay safe on the road and how to respect other drivers around you. All of us passed and we are very excited to be able to ride safely on the road. Faith - Last week, we went to the Leavers' Mass in Clifton Cathedral. It was very exciting as we got to see the other schools and present our art work. After that, we went to the Downs to have a picnic and play rounders.



PARENTPAY—please keep an eye on your child/ren's dinner account/s. There are 19 accounts at the moment in debit. All accounts must be debt free by the end of term on 21st July 2022 please. THANK YOU.



The white Rabbit

Have you ever felt like you're being watched? I have. This fairly annoying little girl was the cause. I was off to the two party minding my own business and then out of nowhere this girl appeared (a rather peculiar species) and how so I put this puzzle? - she started mimicking my business, which wasn't hers! I flew down the rabbit warren, hole snatching for myself. I heard

I heard. All of a sudden I heard on screeching ear splitting clutter above me. Alice - I found that was her name - had jumped down after me! I'm late again! I need to deliver my essay ~~can't~~ cannot cookin' cakes! ho! wonder floated down this mysterious hole I could see her just above my coral sticks. I got flustered mind in my pocket and gazed in amazement at the time. The little woman pointed to TEA TIME! "I got dumbered through a small opening showing "Show very creative! Mad or better will be mad. furries. Why me? I'm just a shy old rabbit trying to arrive at a small party for Hobbes Hotel (his new shop). I'm sure she'll stop following me. Maybe.
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Allison wonder land ^{she thought}
 I was I wasn't very happy when she called
 was a girl I had a hope through short
 that day so I had a very deep love
 like before I found I was very close like
 my little brother since I was in my personal
 space I would say I didn't see someone come
 in my back door things I feel had
 got ~~to~~ talk to because I never did
 and talk to get.

She would not stop talking me
 the girl who was starting at my second
 back the girl was too she was terrifying
 she was in a spiritual pink dress so
 you can get her a nice dress it was
 hurt my eye she said it was black; so
 I had to see it still very annoyed when
 I am not sure but I did even write her
 I would love you.

I didn't want to go to school. I'm a shy person, for being the quietest student in class. I like to sit at the back of the class, you know? I was enjoying more of the life here, young girl is quite annoying. I then made a little noise, looked at the corner. I was also starting to dislike me from the top of the hill and in my eyes long and I was afraid of mine for a split of a second. I took a breath and had a quick peek around the corner.

Only look a half step of peek round the corner. I watched quite like the girl must have seen the other way. I don't know. I looked up and the girl suddenly stopped for my friend and... the girl got afraid me and began to move away. I had to stop speaking. I don't want to move and began to move to go back home as I could not go to my own catch up. I had a quick look in my pocket for a rather large stone. I looked down, spreading the rather large stone. I got pocket over at what I was looking at. I had stone in my hand and so on my way. She was being incredibly annoying and obviously not to see my friend, and NOW! The girl is yelling on my mouth.

