



Diocese of Clifton

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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

I hope that you have all had a good February half term break, what great weather we have had, perfect for getting out and about.

Term three ended with a school disco – thank you so much once again to our committed PTA who organised the event and again were well supported by parents who came along to help. Thank you to all of those of you who supported the event. Having listened to the children last time, the event was much more spread out this time which enabled the children to move around the school more easily. We will be looking at ways to get the children (and yourselves) out of school more quickly once the disco has ended ready for next time.

Just before half term Year 4 had an incredibly exciting day, when Mrs Shipton, who works for Magnox, came into school to work with the children to make brush monsters. The children spent the day working in teams to make their monsters work using circuits and motors before testing them and racing them against others that were made! Finally, they decorated them. The children had a brilliant day, thanks goes to Mrs Shipton for letting us know about this opportunity and for working with Mrs Carr to enable this exciting event to happen for our Year 4 children.

The Oracy competition caused a bit of a dilemma for the class teachers when they had to decide on a winner for their class. They were all so impressed with how well the children did and what an interesting assortment of topics they spoke about! However, decisions had to be made and, George L, Lillie S-P, Bertie, Finlay T, Ella, Jemima and Coco were the class winners who made it through to deliver their speech to the whole school. Following that, the teachers had to vote again and the three children who will be representing St Joseph's in the area final will be George – talking about the Rubik's Cube, Bertie – talking about Victorian children and Ella talking about Matilda. Well done to our school winners and indeed all of the children who took part and did so well.

The week beginning 6th of February was children's mental health week. The children spent their afternoons joining in a variety of different activities. They wore their own clothes on Tuesday in recognition that they are all unique and brownies, guides, cubs, scouts, beavers and rainbows wore their uniform on Wednesday in recognition of Thinking Day. Thank you to those of you who donated £1 that week. Some of the money will go to the world guiding movement and some will go towards buying seeds for the school garden.

The week before half term was the Week of Awe and Wonder when our children were learning about the Jewish Faith. Each class was visited (virtually) by a Rabbi. The teachers and children really enjoyed the visit and learnt so much from the experience – what a great opportunity to be able to ask questions that they had about the faith. Thank you to all of the parents who have paid for the visit – if you have not already done so, please could you pay via Parentpay by the end of the week – many thanks. Thank you to those parents and staff who joined us for the MAT information evening and who returned a questionnaire. The governors have met to consider the responses (2 parents and 5 staff). Based on the concerns raised, which have been shared with the Diocese, at this point they have made the decision to proceed with the application. They will keep you informed of progress as it happens.

We held a special celebration assembly for our cross country Team who did so incredibly well and to thank Mr Britton and Mrs Pinnock for their dedication to training the team. Thank you to all of the parents who contributed towards the gifts that we were able to buy them. Ron (who organises the cross country league) came to join us with the exciting news that not only has the team won the Big school trophy but that they had the highest points and had won over all too and awarded them with another Shield that we can keep for the year. What a brilliant achievement, well done to all of the children who took part and to those too who have been selected to represent the county next month.

I would like to say well done to the Year 5 girls Bella, Orla, Amelia, Pippa, Harmony and Lucy, who planned and organised the bake sale to raise money to support people who are in the Ukraine. And, thank you to anyone who supported them by baking too. I thought that we had a final figure before half term but I believe they received some more donations, the final amount was £284.50.

This term starts off with a very busy week, World Book Day is on Thursday. If you have not signed up to come into your child's class yet and you are able, please do – some classes don't have many visitors coming in – yet.

All classes have inflatable football on Friday – we will see what they say about that. It's parents evening next week – if you have not signed up to see your child's teacher yet, then please do. Finally, on Wednesday we are having the lines re-painted on the playground which will mean that the playground can't be used at school pick up – we will send out a separate communication about how you can collect your child/ren tomorrow. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding with this.

Loving and compassionate God,

teach us to show love and mercy to each other.



As we begin our journey through Lent, inspire us to be

generous and kind.

Through our joy, patience and kindness, may we help to build a better world. Amen.

Class News!



St Mary	Sam - The birds might be hungry so we made them food! Atticus - I love finding the bugs!
St Joseph	Alfred - I enjoy doing maths. Isabella - I like literacy.
St Peter	Austin - I liked it when we made the Sukkahs. They were for Jews to eat in and celebrate in. Bella - I liked making the shelters too. We used plants and natural materials.
St Patrick	Ellianna - I like maths because I like multiplication. Oliver - I liked PE because it makes me happy.
St George	Violet - I loved making the brush monsters and racing them. I really liked how they moved. Orla - I loved stepping out of our comfort zone because we had never done anything like this before!
St Teresa	Pippa - We enjoyed it when the Rabbi told us about how people are Jewish and that it links to the mother's family tree. Edward - I like writing a diary entry about showing forgiveness between the Jewish festivals.
St David	Emily - I enjoyed finishing my masterpiece in Art; it is based on Salvador Dali's work. Edith - I found it interesting learning more about Judaism when Rabbi Zvi did a Zoom session with us.



Please use the link below to see the collective worship newsletter for February:

[Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources](#)

Diary Dates

2nd March: World Book Day
 7th/8th March: Parents evening and Scholastic Book Fayre
 13th March: Non-uniform day for Easter Hamper prize
 15th March: Tag Rugby tournament (Y5/6)
 28th March: Skillzone visit (Y6)
 31st March: Stations of the Cross (Y5)
31st March: Term 4 finishes at 1.30pm
 2nd April: PTA Easter event 1-4pm



CLASS MASS DATES

2nd March – Y1
 9th March – YR
 16th March – Y6
 23rd March – Whole School
 30th March – Y5

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