



Diocese of Clifton

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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

Work has begun! It feels like so long ago that a new log trail was first mentioned, and now the workers are on site. They started at 7.30am this morning. By break time the old log trail had already been removed - they are not wasting any time. When they initially said that they would have it completed in a week I was doubtful, however, having seen the pace at which they work, I am beginning to think that this is highly likely. The great thing about it is that the children can watch as it grows. There is safety fencing to cordon off the area while the work is going on.

What an exciting time to be joining the school. We welcome the Hill-Smith family into our school family. Quentin is in Reception and Otis in Year 1.

Last week our lovely Year 6 children sat their end of Key Stage assessments. They did so well. Their approach and attitudes were both impressive and inspiring; they worked their socks off. We are so proud of them all. I would like to thank our amazing Year 6 team, Mrs Knight and Mrs Hamlin who have gone over and above in preparing the children and supporting them to 'be the best that they can be'. And now, rehearsals begin! Following the auditions this morning, the roles for Aladdin have been cast and work will begin on their end of year show. Mrs Knight is very excited to be working with Sarah from Dazzle, as are the children.

Some of our Year 4 children planned and organised a cake sale last Friday to raise money to support the people of Ukraine. The great thing about this sale is that it came from the children. A lot of effort went into planning and advertising the event and of course into making the cakes. The children were very busy on Friday, break, lunch and after school. They did an amazing job and raised £191.81. What an incredible amount from a small school like ours. Thank you all for the support that you gave to the children, baking cakes and sending your children in with money to buy cakes and to the staff in school who helped, Mrs Carr and Mrs Wilkins.

Can I please politely ask that you don't allow your children to walk along/over the dry stone wall to the pub car park. Walking on/over it has caused damage for which we are liable. We will have to pay for it to be repaired. I, and I am sure that you would agree, would much prefer to spend school money on resources for the children rather than repairing damage that could be avoided. That also goes for the gravelled retaining wall that leads up to the school main entrance. Stones that are scattered onto the path need to be cleared up. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Just a reminder that you are all welcome to join us for our Jubilee celebrations on Friday 27th May. We have everything crossed for lovely weather. There will be more information about this event soon, so please look out for it.

House music is back, the first practice is tomorrow. It is great to be able to give the House Captains the opportunity to lead their Houses in this popular event. Although of course, many of our younger children won't remember this. This would normally take place in the spring term but restrictions would not allow for this at that time. We are planning for the event to take place on the afternoon of Friday 1st July. There will be more information about this event nearer the time.

Finally, we are looking forward to seeing the parents that are able to make it to look at the children's books on Wednesday after school. Further information about where we would like you to come in, will be sent out tomorrow. Please do come into the hall to say hello to Mrs Freckleton and myself and where refreshments will be served.

We pray for all children around the world: that they may be loved and cared for and have hope for the future.



Class News!



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| St Mary | Quentin - The caterpillars are getting fat! George - I like playing on the bikes. |
| St Joseph | Lucy—I love to practice my handwriting. I enjoy copying and tracing the different letters. Finn P— I enjoy making up my own version of Minecraft with Austin, Oliver and Finley in the playground at break times. |
| St Peter | Bobbie – I enjoyed the brain warm up we did today and lunchtime because the food was yummy! Isabelle – I enjoyed learning all about first aid on a Friday and am excited about starting music. |
| St Patrick | Freya - I love our topic because it is all about science and we got to use torches. Jed— I am interested in Literacy as we are writing free verse poems. |
| St George | Lauren—I enjoyed literacy because we are learning about play scripts. Arthur—I enjoyed science when we made crayons melt and then turned them back into a solid. |
| St Teresa | Reuben— We had great fun gardening. We prepared the soil, planted seeds and bulbs and prepared pots to brighten up our school entrance. Emily— We designed and created our own Mars Rover, which we are hoping will survive being dropped from a height; let's keep our fingers crossed! |
| St David | Daisy – Some of the SATS papers were hard, but it paid off as we got extra break time and lots of food! Harvey R – I enjoyed playing Capture the Flag and the breakfast early in the morning, as there was a large variety of food. |



Y6 Bikeability Training—w/c 20th June 2022. If you have not yet returned the consent forms please do so by Wednesday this week. We need to let County know numbers ASAP. Payment is now open on Parentpay £8.50 each, this is highly subsidised by GCC. If your child receives free school meals there is no charge.

Y4 Cake Sale for Ukraine—here's a picture of some of the gorgeous donations—thank you so much for your generosity.

