



Diocese of Clifton

Faith, Hope, Love

St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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from Mrs Howells

Looking at the long range weather forecast, we have everything crossed that it will dry up by Friday so that we can enjoy our coronation celebration on the field as planned. If not, we will be taking the celebrations inside! Whilst speaking of the weather please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat, who knows what will happen each day at the moment.

I would like to start by thanking Mrs Hathaway and Year 5 for their stunning art work. I asked Mrs Hathaway if she thought that Year 5 could produce the seven sacraments, gave her some images and she thought that they could. Well, they certainly have, the results are stunning and the colours work so well with the paintings that are already on the walls. I would also like to thank Mrs Daly, who has added the lettering to each one in her calligraphy style.

There has been great excitement in Reception, who had an incubator with eggs delivered last Tuesday. By Wednesday morning, the first chick had hatched. By Friday, there were 4 healthy chick cheeping around. Many of the children have enjoyed visiting the chicks and seeing how tiny they are. Miss Berry took them home over the weekend and we are waiting to see how much they have grown in 3 days.

The 4 day week has been nice although there is still 5 days' work to fit in – I would like to say thank you to the St Joseph's team, who as usual, do their very best for the children in our school family. We will sadly be saying goodbye to Otto and Sebi on Thursday when they will be moving to Bath for a new beginning. They have been valued members of our school family and have **REACHED** to be the best that they can be. We hope that the move goes well and wish the boys all the best in their new school.

As you will be aware, the School Council and Chaplaincy Team are working on a joint project this year, a school prayer garden. And, when visiting Mother Maria at the Marion Centre and updating her on the progress she kindly offered for our children to use their prayer garden. And so..Mrs Barron and Mrs Hill have leapt at the chance. As it is the month of May, Mary, Our Lady, they have offered to take the children over to the prayer garden to pray the Rosary there. This is a voluntary activity as it will be at break time. The response was overwhelming and most of the children would like to go! So, they have set up a rota and led by the Chaplaincy Team, each class will visit over the next two weeks.

The Sisters have been working so hard to redecorate the centre and get it ready for use again. There has been a lot of work to do and it has taken a while but it is now ready to be used. The Retreat Centre can accommodate up to 40 guests for an overnight stay. There is also meeting rooms and a fully equipped conference room for hire. If anyone is able to share this information more widely then please let the Admin Team know and we can share their promotional information with you. They now need the Centre to be used to continue to restore and repair it to its former glory. With the bank holidays and a planned inset day after the May half term, Athletics club have missed out on a few training sessions. I would like to thank Mr Britton for changing things around and arranging to come into school to train the club last Friday and this Friday also. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to support this change also.

Celebrating outside achievements is by and large what keeps you waiting a few minutes at Friday collection. Our children do so much outside of school that needs to be celebrated. We have recently celebrated two of our children, Molly (Y2) and Theo (Y4) who coincidentally met during the Easter break. Despite not really knowing each other, both of them recognised each other from school, immediately started to work together on a pond dipping activity. They worked well as a team, were polite, caring and curious. Whilst working together, other parents asked what school they went to, what year they were in, and commented about how well they read the information sheets. They were very surprised by how well they worked together and how engaged they were. They chatted together about school and were so enthusiastic about their learning and school life. How proud we all were to hear this, that is absolutely what we are all about at St Josephs, how well our children represented our school even in the holidays. I would like to thank Molly and Theo for being 'The best that they can be'. How very proud of them we are.

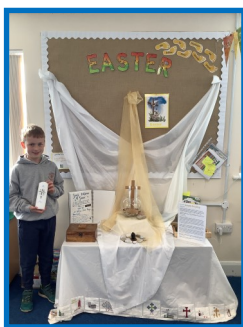


Dear Lord. Let Mary be in our lives in this month of May. Let her be our candle in the darkness and guide us to REACH through Faith, Hope and Love. Always and Forever. Amen. By George Y6

Class News!



St Mary	Jackson – I like that the chicks are fluffy! Niall – The eggs were in an incubator and they hatched and then we can cuddle them!
St Joseph	Alvin - I enjoyed doing maths last week on time. Winnie - I liked doing literacy on the gingerbread man.
St Peter	Ginny – I have loved doing maths and MOT this week adding big numbers and I have really enjoyed designing the bunting for the King's Coronation. Seth – I have enjoyed seeing the chicks in St Mary's Class, they are cute.
St Patrick	Isabelle – I am really looking forward to art and I am loving our topic and PE! Ellianna – I am loving everything!
St George	Felix - I loved literacy. I love all parts of writing in general because I read so much. I really enjoy using bits from what I have read in my writing. Alice - I love MOT because it helps me really understand if I didn't understand before.
St Teresa	Arthur - I really enjoyed our trip to Woodchester. I particularly enjoy our scientific/fieldwork based on the length of grass! It's fun to be a scientist! Lauren - We had a great trip in school where we learnt all about the artic. We really enjoyed the igloo challenge!
St David	Isla - I enjoyed caring for our common home by cleaning up our local area; most of us were shocked by the amount of rubbish that we managed to find! Ava - Last week we did lots of SATS revision activities and we feel ready to go this week!



This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout May and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it.

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Year 4: We have LOVED being in the Emile Times Table tournament. We couldn't believe we got into the National championships, competing against other Year 4 classes across the UK. We were in a league against 41 other schools and we came 15th!

Diary Dates

9th-12th May—KS2 SATs
w/c 15th May—Y6 Bikeability Training
w/c 22nd May—KS1 SATs
26th May—End of term 5 at 3.15pm
5th June—Term 6 begins and INSET day—no children to attend school
13th June—New Parents' Evening—EYFS
15th June—Leavers' Mass at Clifton Cathedral
15th June—Y4 In the Net event

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