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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

Spring term 2 already – I hope that you all had a great half term. What a way to end the last one – a planned scenario that we didn't ever use during Covid restrictions!

What a busy and exciting week this one has been. Mrs Barron and the chaplaincy team spent Monday recording the stations for the Lent Retreat which is available to view on the school website.

Year 5 and 6 had a surprise visit from three players from FGR! Dom Bernard, centre back and Josh March, Striker and Tom Needham, FGR community lead. Michael and Freya, our FGR ambassadors, met the players and escorted them into the hall. They really enjoyed visiting the school and were really impressed with the questions that the children asked. They had some pictures taken by the Eco committee board and were impressed by the committee and the initiatives that they lead across the school. I would like to thank Mrs Kingston for her support and enthusiasm for the FGR ambassadors, this has resulted in several exciting opportunities for our children.

Shrove Tuesday, what better way to begin than with a staff pancake race and I would like to thank all of the staff who joined in the fun!

The best news so far this term is that we had the guidance that we can get back together again as a school, with the usual preventative measures in place. We had already decided to celebrate Ash Wednesday in Key Stages. We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Gwyer for making this possible, collecting the ashes, putting the service together and leading it for us. Well done to Manny, Safia and Sophia, who read beautifully in the Key Stage 2 service. This was followed with our Lent Retreat.

What better way to celebrate being back together again than the start and end of the Retreat. As ever Mrs Barron's chaplaincy team did a great job in delivering the important messages that lead up to Easter. The children spent the afternoon reflecting and thinking about the messages that we should take from some of the events that lead up to our Lord's crucifixion as well as thinking about times when they have felt alone and thinking about others who we need to think about and pray for. Thank you Mrs Barron as always for your hard work in organising this for us all.

This term the music lessons will continue in Year 1, 4 and 6. They are greatly enjoyed by the children. The music team have been greatly impressed with our children's engagement and behaviour in the sessions, so much so that they would like to use images of our Year 6's at work to advertise their services.

We are looking forward to asking parent readers to return in the very near future – something that we have really missed. If you are able to stay at school for half an hour at school drop off, during guided reading we would really appreciate your support. Please let the Admin Team know and we will ensure that we have everything in place, ready to go. World Book Day was so much fun this year, the children looked amazing. The classes in their colours during assembly were really impressive. Mrs Knight was so delighted to be able to deliver her assembly live to the children. TEAMS is a good substitute but it really isn't the same as having our school family together in the same place. And the books in the jars...wow...for those children who enjoyed making theirs, you can tell. They were all so impressive, it really did make the job of choosing a winner incredibly difficult for Mrs Knight and myself. However, there was only one prize per class and the winners and the reason for the decision (which was incredibly hard!) will be shared separately.

Finally, the week ended with amazing news that 4 of our children have been selected to run in the county cross country championship – Lawrence, Raffy, Emily and Maya.

All of the children who attend cross country club have taken place in time trials. Their times were sent on to Ron, who organised the KLB races, and from the times the children have been selected to race next weekend, if they are able to. What a great achievement well done!

A Prayer for Peace

God of love,
We pray for peace in our world, and an end to war.
Instead of hatred, let there be love.
Shelter your children and protect us.
Guide us and keep us from harm, so we can
build a world of love and live our lives in
peace.
Amen



Class News!

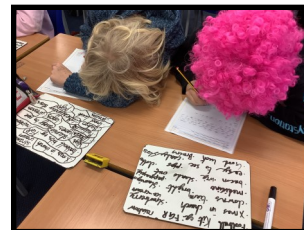
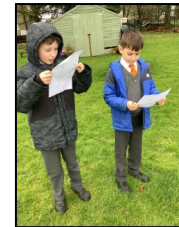


St Mary	Jemima: We have been doing lots of counting and adding and taking away! It is fun! Erin: I am a doctor in the role play area. A baby is poorly!
St Joseph	Ava: I like going outside and gardening. Eliza: I like handwriting.
St Peter	Marmaduke: I have enjoyed doing our afternoon quizzes, I particularly liked the one about Games Around The World. Edward: I have enjoyed doing text marking for the recount of Making Pasta.
St Patrick	Charlotte: I love our new topic because we get to learn about different scientists and experiments. Nicholas: I have enjoyed writing a setting description about Pompeii this week.
St George	Spencer: I enjoyed learning about riddles in literacy and starting our new topic in science. Raffy: I really liked watching the teachers do the pancake race and cheering them on.
St Teresa	Harvey: I was able to find lots of birds in our bird spotting activity, although we found lots of the same type. I did see some robins too though! Sophia: We were learning about Sikhism in our Awe and Wonder learning. We really enjoyed creating pictures to reflect the message shared by Guru Nanak and then going round and looking at each other's!
St David	Bethany: On Monday I enjoyed listening to people's questions for the FGR players and them answering the questions. I also enjoyed watching the teachers on Tuesday doing a pancake race, unfortunately, Mrs K lost. Emily: I enjoyed meeting the FGR players as we got to ask questions about their careers as football players. I also enjoyed playing the trade game in topic as we were one of the poorest countries and had to trade our money for rulers and scissors to create shapes, which we ended up not being able to sell!

PARENTPAY—please try to keep your child's dinner account in credit. Parents/carers can easily set up email alerts on Parentpay - free of charge, which will let you know when your child's account reaches a certain balance, set by you.



SCHOOL DINNERS—if your child is going to be late in for any reason and needs a hot dinner orders must be received by 10.15am at the very latest. After this time a packed lunch would need to be provided by parents/carers. Please email the Admin Team with any requests. Thank you.



Parking – Please do not block the entrances to the Rose & Crown car park, access is needed. Please arrive early, in time to park sensibly and considerate to all. Thank you.



Here is a link for Save The Children about the conflict in Ukraine. It gives some helpful tips on how to discuss the matter with young children.

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/news/media-centre/press-releases/five-ways-to-talk-to-children-about-conflict>