



Diocese of Clifton

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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

This week we are heading towards being half way through this term, which is a busy one and seems to be flying by!

Thank you all who joined us for the Lent Retreat. What a lovely way to begin the term. The children as always were thoughtful and reflective throughout the afternoon considering the journey that will lead us up to Easter. It was lovely that some of the Sisters and Fr Joseph were able to join us again. Thank you to Mrs Barron and the Chaplaincy Team who led the afternoon and to the staff who supported them.

On the weekend before we came back to school some of our Key Stage 1 children took part in a Handball festival. There were enough players for St Joseph's to have 2 teams. The play was very exciting and in the finals it came down to the last goal. As usual our children worked together to be the best that they could be and our teams finished in 1st and 3rd position – the teams were Winnie, Ella, Zac, Elliot, Alfred, Ruari, Finley, Ilithya and Finn. Ella won the 'Most Improved Player Award' across all of the schools that took part. Congratulations to the children for doing so well and thank you to their parents for supporting them by taking them to the event.

Last week the children thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day – thank you to all of you who managed to come into school and read with your child (and others whose parents weren't able to make it), the children really enjoyed sharing books with you in their classrooms. The Michael Morpurgo workshops were very well received by the staff and children in KS2.

The week ended with a fun day when all of the children had a session of inflatable football. The staff were really impressed with the coaches that were running the sessions. I know that quite a few children have signed up for the term, which I am sure they will enjoy.

I hope that you enjoyed looking at your children's work last week and speaking to their class teacher about how they are getting on. All of the parents that I spoke to seemed to be delighted with how well their children are doing and impressed by the coverage of work in their books. Thank you if you were able to support the book fair that was in school during the evenings, your children will benefit from the books over all as Scholastic will donate some money for us to spend on books and they will go into the classrooms for the children to enjoy. Apart from one or 2 teachers running late, which we will endeavour to rectify next time, if you have any feedback at all about the evening, suggestions of how to improve it then please do let us know, email the Admin Team with any suggestions or catch me in the playground and I will be only too willing to listen.

We had some of our first children receive their Bronze Leaders in Faith Award last week. In order to achieve 'The leaders in Faith Award', the children have had to demonstrate 12 standards against the set criteria. Congratulations to Olivia, James, Tansy, Jed, Samuel, Megan, Orla, Isla H, Hannah, Bertie and Grace who were awarded their certificates last week, I know that we have lots of other children that are nearly there too.

Our Year 6 team went to compete on the Mock Trials last Wednesday. It was a tough case as they were the prosecution and it was easy for the defence to prove reasonable doubt. However, they put up a good fight and whilst they did not win the case we will have to wait and see how they did in the competition. Mrs Knight came back delighted with their performance and proud of the children for the way that they behaved and represented our school so well. I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who took the children: Mrs Farrer, Mrs Lavis and Mrs McKeever, without whom the children would have missed out on this great experience.

Yesterday, our cross country runners, who were selected to run for the county, ran in a tough race at Newent School. As you can imagine the competition was tough but they all did their very best. Well done to all of our runners - Raffy, Alex, Orla S, Arthur, George, Lawrence, Ava and Emily – who finished 11th and has been selected to compete at the Nationals in Loughborough! All of our children should be very proud to have been selected and I hope that they all enjoyed the experience and the honour of getting as far as they did.

This week is National Science Week. Mrs Carr together with Mrs Shipton (thank you so much), have planned some exciting workshops for the children – I have no doubt that you will hear all about it on the day that your child has theirs – either Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Loving God,
Help us to work together to share what we



have so that everyone has what they need.

Help us to build a better world where each of us can

become the best person we can be.

Amen

Class News!



St Mary	Coco - I love drawing because it's my favourite thing to do! Darcie - I love painting because I would like to be an artist when I grow up!
St Joseph	Otto - I enjoy MOT lessons. Poppy B - I love doing literacy and changing our stories.
St Peter	Ella – I liked doing Art this week. We have been drawing sunflowers and we could draw as many as we like. Pearl – I liked RE because I like learning about the stories and following in Jesus' footsteps. I also liked looking at the book fair because it was fun to read all of the books.
St Patrick	Finlay – I love the cricket that we have just started and I have really enjoyed history. Edward – I have enjoyed looking at stop motion animation. I like that we're not just watching it, we are making our own too!
St George	Gino – I loved Maths because we have been doing dividing which means I can use the inverse. That means the opposite which means I get to use my times tables! Annabel- I loved Literacy because we have been looking at riddles. I love riddles and poetry and I have enjoyed writing my own.
St Teresa	Orla - I enjoyed when we go outside and do different activities for outdoor learning like the fire and snow. Spencer - I enjoyed learning I'm walking with my iguana poem and performing with the bongos.
St David	Safia - It was fun playing out in the snow crafting an igloo and snow bunnies during outdoor learning. Lorry - I have enjoyed our music sessions and making our final piece because I like creating different tunes.

Scholastic Book Fair—thank you so much for your support. The school has received £477.42 in commission. Mrs Knight will be choosing lots of new books for all the children.



CLASS MASS DATES

16th March – Y6
23rd March – Whole School
30th March – Y5

Diary Dates

15th March: Tag Rugby tournament (Y5/6)
20th March: PTA Non-uniform day for gift in Easter Hamper
28th March: Skillzone visit (Y6)
29th March: Tag Rugby tournament (Y3/4)
31st March: Stations of the Cross (Y5)
31st March: Term 4 finishes at 1.30pm
2nd April: PTA Easter event 1-4pm



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