



St Joseph's Out of School Club

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February update

Next term's activities.

You may have noticed the Children have created a Travel Agent in the OOSC room. Following the half term break, OOSC will be continuing with "around the world" theme starting with Chinese New Year, then moving on to St David's Day and Egypt. As part of this theme, the children will be making Welsh cakes, Egyptian honey cake, as well as making Mother's Day cards and Easter sun catchers. Plenty is planned to keep them occupied and ensure they have goodies to bring home to share with you.

If you would like more information about the weekly plans, please speak to Marie who will be only too happy to share the details with you.

Following the huge success of the Circus Skills workshop provided by World Jungle, OOSC are delighted to announce the next challenge in OOSC "Challenge Yourself" programme:

Interactive Storytelling of inspiring figures from around the world

by Genevieve Robinson

The 90-minute session will begin with a high energy interactive storytelling performance, exploring the phenomenal achievements of some of the most inspiring female figures from around the world. We will launch a rocket with Mae C. Jemison, make scientific discoveries with Marie Curie, lift weights with Anna Al Haddad, and much, much more. The children will go away with an activity booklet, celebrating the achievements of female astronauts, inventors and dreamers.

27th March to OOSC 3.30 – 5.00pm.

Genevieve provides interactive shows at the Science Museum and is a Teaching Artist for Disney, facilitating Lion King and Aladdin Workshops for the west end shows, so our children are in for a real treat!

Book your place now to avoid disappointment. 30 spaces available. Standard OOSC charges apply

Would you like a say in the running of the OOSC?

The OOSC Committee are looking for new members to join them in the running of the OOSC .

The Committee appreciate that everyone has busy lives and adding another commitment into the mix may be daunting. However, without a Committee, we won't be able to run the invaluable OOSC service for St Josephs. Duties are not onerous; there is a Committee meeting lasting approximately 2 hours every half term and then ad hoc duties, such as sourcing a third-party supplier for the Challenge Yourself programme, sorting out storage or arranging the purchase of craft items etc.

If you are interested, please contact a member of the OOSC team or email Helen Harper on chairroosc.st.joseph@gmail.com for further details.

Computers

You may have noticed a recent addition to the OOSC room – a **Wii console**. We are testing this over a period of 3 – 4 weeks to see if the children enjoy it and it can be managed effectively.

The committee took the decision to introduce this console so that the games played can be closely monitored and there it is totally disconnected from the internet so there is no issue of internet safety.

If you do not wish your child to use the Wii, please let one of the OOSC team know. Please note, the children's time on the Wii is restricted to a maximum of 10 minutes.

The computers are now only accessible to children in KS2, following feedback from parents.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Update.

As a result of the GDPR coming into effect in the 25th May, the OOSC is undertaking an audit of all data held. Due to this, it may be necessary to ask parents to complete updated registration forms, providing explicit consent for certain activities. We appreciate your patience in this matter.

All reception parents whose children are registered for the Club should already have been asked to sign consent for the OOSC to share details of their children's activities with Reception staff. If you have not done this, please speak to the OOSC team as soon as possible.

Pre-booking

Do you rely on the OOSC due to work commitments and need the same sessions every week?

If so, you would benefit from our pre-booking facility which ensures that your child has a guaranteed place every week in the Club on the days you need. If this of interest to you, please speak to the OOSC team who can provide you with more details and a pre-booking registration form.

Outstanding balances

All bills are to be settled in the month of in accordance with our terms and conditions. Failure to adhere to these payment terms will result in you being unable to make a booking or having your pre-booked places cancelled.

The OOSC currently has more than £700 outstanding due to unpaid bills. Please help us to continue to provide this excellent service by ensuring your account is always up to date.

There have been a couple of instances lately where members of the OOSC team have been challenged about the admission criteria for OOSC. The Committee respectfully ask that these kinds of queries are directed to members of the Committee, who set the policy, rather than the OOSC team.

The OOSC team cook every week with the children. The recipe which seemed to attract the most positive feedback was for **Slovakian apple cake**, so here's the recipe, so you can re-create these treats at home.

Ingredients:

400g Flour
250g butter
100g icing sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
2 eggs
2 tablespoons of milk (if needed)
2lbs apples
1 tablespoon of sugar
2 drops of vanilla essence
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Method:

Sift the flour and rub in butter add the eggs and icing sugar and mix until a dough forms add milk if needed.
Cut the dough into two halves roll out and place one half on the bottom of the tin.
Grate the apples and mix in sugar and cinnamon (may need to squeeze the mixture to remove some of the juice).
Fill the pie with the apple mixture and place the other half of the rolled-out dough on the top.
Bake in a preheated oven 390F for approximately half an hour.