



Diocese of Clifton

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# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

What a busy and exciting few weeks it has been. Last week, the children finally got to see the design of the new log trail that the School Council, Mrs Jenkins and many others have been working so hard to achieve. The children from the School Council shared with the rest of the school the design during a special assembly and were joined by members of the PTA, OOSC (staff and committee) and Pre-School staff. They were all there to see the reaction of the children when they were told by Mrs Britton that there was enough money to pay for the whole trail! It's not the same on TEAMS as it is having the children all together but one thing that I think we can all agree on is faces ranged from surprise to disbelief to enormous excitement! And, having spoken to many of you, we have some very excited children and rightly so. The design includes exactly what the children have sked for (mostly!). Mrs Jenkins has requested the next project that the Council would like to drive forward be a little less ambitious!

The Friday before last we held the Hawks House treat, I have no doubt that you have heard about it! This treat was for the children for gaining the most house points for the term. The house captains came up with a great treat which the whole house were able to join in ...hot chocolate and smores around a fire in the outdoor area. Thank you to Mrs Piper for sorting out the fire and helping the children to melt their marshmallows and to Mrs Maltby for making hot chocolate for 44 children!

The outdoor area is looking amazing with its new equipment. Thank you once again for all of the parents who have been involved in this project, I can't wait until the children are able to go and use it all when the weather gets better.

Last Friday evening the committed PTA were there on the playground with their hot chocolate and cakes raising funds to support the children's learning. I have to say, if you didn't buy some Biscoff cheesecake, you seriously missed out! I'm sure that the cupcakes were delicious too. Thank you, as always for your hard work and commitment to raising money to support us and to all of the parents who support them by making cakes and buying hot chocolate. Cake raffle this week - the children love that part of celebration assembly.

Mr Shipton spent some of his Friday evening putting up shelves in the new shed on the field..what for, we shall have to wait and see! Thank you so much for doing this for us. Mrs Knight and her willing team of Year 6 volunteers have been banding all of the new books that we have bought for KS2. £4000 has been spent on a much needed improvement to the books that are on offer to our KS2 children. Many thanks to the PTA for their £1000 contribution towards this. We are hoping to get the books into the classrooms very soon and will be holding a reading information evening for parents/carers. This week has been children's mental health week., Mrs Freckleton and the staff have worked really hard planning an amazing week's activities for the children. The theme of the week has been let's grow together building strong roots to help us. The children have completed lots of activities ranging from Art to Dance to Music which are aimed at encouraging the children to think about how to look after their wellbeing. Much of this will be on the school website soon – we'll let you know when it's available for you to see.

Year 6 had a visit from PC Mark Weedon, to explore how to keep safe on line. As always, this session was good fun, our children enjoyed it and learnt a great deal from it. The closing date for the Governors parent survey is tomorrow. If you have not had a chance to fill it out, please try to take the time, all feedback is greatly appreciated.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CWZKJ4/>

We have some news about Ms Harper, who works in the school office on a Tuesday and Friday. Sadly, she will be leaving us at half term. She has been at St Joseph's for a long time and has always done her very best for us. We will miss her greatly and wish her all the very best in her new job. We know that she will keep in touch and let us know how she is getting on.

Looking ahead to after half term, World Book Day is on the first Thursday back, the children are dressing up as a colour, don't forget your child's book in a jar and book for a class book swap! Parent's evenings will also be soon after half term, they will be on TEAMS again. We are hoping to hold an event later on in the year where you will be able to come into school to look at your children's work with them.

One week to go until half term. Your children have worked really hard this term to be the best that they can be. We hope that when half term comes, you have a lovely time with your child/ren and they get a well-earned rest.

## GO FORTH

Father,

we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives. Amen.



## Class News!

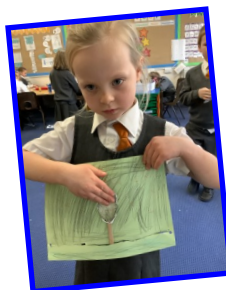
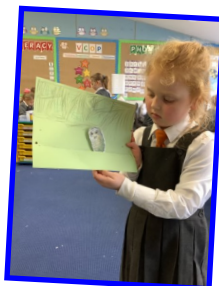


St Mary	Jonah - I love playing with Tizzy.  Zach - We learned about monkeys - they eat bananas!
St Joseph	Amberlee—I like playing with my friends and writing stories. We went to mass today and I enjoyed it.  Seth – I like writing on the board and praying.
St Peter	Isaac – I am enjoying doing my sewing.I am sewing clothes for a minpin.  Finlay – I like literacy because we are doing poetry and we have started to do joined up writing
St Patrick	Rory - I have enjoyed mental health week where we painted waterlilies.  Hannah - I have enjoyed reading my book in guided reading with an adult.
St George	Orla—I'm really enjoying our music lessons because it's a new instrument and I can practise at home.  Amelia—I really enjoyed our well-being activities with the School Council because it's nice to talk about what makes us feel safe and unsafe.
St Teresa	Safia— This week we made soda Bread rolls inspired by ingredients available to the Viking, however, we were able to be creative. I loved turning mine into a turtle and inspire people in my group too.  Autumn— I really enjoyed putting actions to our literacy retell. I also loved maths this week, as we have been working really hard to become more confident!
St David	Bethany - At school it has been fun because we have been experiencing different types of sounds in music technology, and in some of our assemblies we have been learning about how to look after our mental health.  Lola - This week was fun because in Maths we got to do dividing fractions (by a whole number), and I did an assembly with School Council about the new exciting log trail.

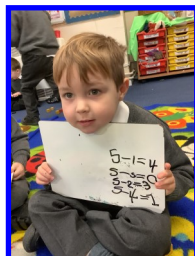


**PARENTPAY**—please try to keep your child's dinner account in credit. Parents/ carers can easily set up email alerts on Parentpay - free of charge, which will let you know when your child's account reaches a certain balance, set by you.

**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.



## Updated policies

Behaviour policy  
Marking and feedback policy

Here's the website link to look at these.

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