



Diocese of Clifton

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# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howells

It is February already, the weather is getting warmer and drier - hopefully it will stay that way! I would like to start by thanking our teachers for last Wednesday, we were one of very few schools local that was not affected by the Teachers Strikes. This was greatly appreciated by myself and the governors and I am sure by you, our parents who did not have to sort out child care arrangements and that our children did not miss out on a day of school.

The Oracy Competition has begun! This is a county initiative that, along with all other local schools, we are taking part in. Thank you to all of you, parents, who have supported your children in preparing these talks. The teachers have been so impressed with the subjects that the children have chosen to talk about and how well prepared they have been. This has made their decision really difficult indeed! Once the teachers have made their final decisions, the children that they choose will redo their talk in celebration assembly on Friday. From there, a winner from upper KS2, lower KS2 and KS1 will be chosen to compete against the winners from the other local school - after half term.

A group of children went to KLB to represent the school the week before last in The Panathlon challenge. St Josephs' have not taken part in this competition before, but we certainly will be again. The children that went had a fantastic time, worked really hard to be the best that they could be and Mrs Daly came back to school feeling so proud of how well they represented the school. I would like to thank Mrs Daly for organising the event and Mrs Watson and Ms Maltby who helped by providing transport for our competitors. Thanks goes to Oliver C, Isabelle M, Sebby, Isla C, Hannah W, Ed T, Lily O, Sophia M, Jacob and Roxi for doing so well and making us proud.

Mrs Knight's reading club is proving to be very popular. Children have the opportunity to drop in and out on a Tuesday lunchtime, snuggle up with blankets and cushions and lose themselves in a book. Children from across the school are joining in, which is great to see. Please do remind your child/children on a Tuesday morning about this lunchtime club.

Many of our children share awards and achievements from the clubs that they attend outside of school. There are lots of different activities that our children take part in during their spare time. If your child achieves something, or takes part in an activity that they would like to share with the rest of the school, please do encourage them to let me know so that we can celebrate together on a Friday. It is great for other children to see a wide range of outside activities and can inspire others to have a go.

Well it was the last KLB race on Saturday and what can I say. What a brilliant morning. The children, as usual, did their absolute best all aiming to beat their last personal best. The course changed again at the last minute so the runners weren't absolutely sure where they were going, but they all did themselves proud. They really did show resilience and tried their very best. They supported each other through the races too, some running alongside others, (having already raced) to keep them going to the end, in true St Joseph's style. The reward ceremony was testament to this. The junior boys team (Edward A, Henry, Kian, Marmaduke, Samuel, Nicholas, and Felix) came 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Junior Girls team (Megan, Harriet, Maya, Hannah, Annabel and Tansy) came 2<sup>nd</sup>, so were the Senior Girls (Bella, Pippa, Orla, Amelia, Lauren, Sophia, Emily, Safia and Ava). The Senior Boys team won (Raffy, Arthur J, Alex, Spencer, George, Lawrence and Theo)! There were top 10 placings in every race. Edward A came 5<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Boys, Megan came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Girls, Raffy came 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lawrence 4<sup>th</sup>, Alex 7<sup>th</sup> and Arthur J 9<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Boys and Emily B was the winner of the Senior Girls race having won all three of the races of the season! All of these children running the best that they could resulted in St Joseph's winning the shield for the Big School! What an amazing achievement. I have to thank Mr Britton, Mrs Pinnock and Miss Berry, who have worked hard in all weathers to train the children and get them ready for the races. We are all so proud of them. I would also like to thank all of the children's parents for supporting them and getting them to the races. Saturday mornings are a big ask and I know that some children put running before other Saturday morning clubs - thank you all. What an excellent way to end the season.

The club will have a well deserved rest from February half term until Easter but will begin again after that preparing in earnest for the District Sports Competition in June! We also had top three performances from our parents too! The children loved to cheer them on when they ran - well done to everyone who was brave enough to take part but especially well done to Mr Wright who was 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr Britton who was 3<sup>rd</sup> and Mrs Pinnock who was also 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need to get you all team St Joseph's t-shirts for next year, I will ask Mrs Daly to see what she can do!

God of joy, may we share your light with all our sisters and brothers around the world, so that as members of one global family we can work together to build a brighter, fairer future for all people. Amen.



## Class News!



St Mary	Rocco - I like independent learning and I love Ben the Bear! Rosie - I like going to Mass.
St Joseph	Archie - I enjoy doing MOT. George - I like maths and measuring objects.
St Peter	Finley S - I liked my speech because I spoke about dinosaurs. Scientists still think that alligators and crocodiles haven't changed since the dinosaur days - perhaps they are not extinct after all! Finn P - I liked the speeches. I spoke about my daddy's work. I had to ring him with a piece of paper to get lots of information and I learnt new things.
St Patrick	Emilia - I enjoyed maths because even though I got it wrong I still tried! Finlay - I enjoyed football in PE because you get to train and it's really fun!
St George	Sidney - I loved Science because we are doing electricity and it is my favourite! Samuel - I loved the oracy homework and doing the speeches. I don't mind if I don't win because I found it really interesting listening to all the topics.
St Teresa	Lucy - we announced our fundraising event for Ukraine. We will be holding a cake sale on 16th February. Raffy - we have been using binoculars to calmly spot the birds as we are taking part in the RSPB big bird watch. We have even filled bird feeders around school too!
St David	Alfie L - it is fun having a partner in music and then trying new things on the keyboard, like playing all the keys at once to make a weird sound! Freya - The food was yummy at the teddy bears picnic with Reception and the buddies were adorable.

### Year 4 Prayer:

Lord God of Heaven and Earth,  
Please bless our class and school.  
Help us to REACH in all we do and to look  
after each other,  
Thank you for everyone we know,  
Thank you for your creation.  
Please forgive our sins, our love for you has  
no end.  
Make our love shine through the day.  
Help us spread your word,  
Amen

Written by Gino, Orla, Megan, James, Lois  
and Sidney.



Please use the link below to see the collective  
worship newsletter for February:

[Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources](#)

### Diary Dates

W/b 13th Feb: Week of Awe and  
Wonder—Sikhism  
17th Feb: PTA Disco 6.00pm-7.30pm  
20th-24th Feb: Half Term  
27th Feb: Term 4 starts for all  
27th Feb: Lent Retreat  
2nd March: World Book Day  
7th and Wed 8th March: Parents  
evening and Scholastic Book Fayre

### CLASS MASS DATES

9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y6  
16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y5  
2<sup>nd</sup> March – Y4  
9<sup>th</sup> March – Y3  
16<sup>th</sup> March – Y2  
23<sup>rd</sup> March – Y1  
30<sup>th</sup> March – Reception



**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**



*Well done St Joseph's  
Cross-Country Team 22/23*

