



Diocese of Clifton
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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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From Mrs Howell

What has happened to the weather this week? I had my winter coat on at lunchtime on Tuesday and needed to use one of the class umbrellas (thank you PTA)! Please make sure that you send your child into school with a waterproof coat now that the weather is on the turn. What looks like a beautiful morning can quickly turn to rain in Nympsfield! We have bought wellie racks for the children. Hopefully now they will be able to find their wellies quickly at break and lunchtimes. Please make sure that their wellies are named, just in case they end up in the wrong place.

I would like to remind you about the village hall. This is a great place to park and keeps our children safe as they come to school by reducing cars and congestion at the entrance to school. Many thanks to the parents who already use this for parking.

Thank goodness that our TEAMS have been sorted out thank you for your support in returning/supporting your child to return their homework on time. It's important that we all continue to use our remote learning platform, who knows what the future holds. If you are having technical issues, please let us know and we will do all that we can to support you in getting up and running. Thank you all for sending your child into school in the correct uniform on a Friday. Footwear is really important because the children do PE on the playground. Some staff have noticed that some children are coming into school in converse style boots/casual shoes. This type of footwear does not support the children's young developing feet properly so are not suitable for PE.

It has been a busy couple of weeks. Last week when the sun was shining the PTA were in the playground again selling ice creams. Their first sale raised £107 and last week they made £72. Thank you all for supporting them in their efforts to raise much needed funds to support our children's learning.

It was also an exciting week for Year 6. Some of the children prepared and practised their speech in the hope that they would become one of the House Captains for the year. They all did so well, sharing their speech with the whole school. Posters covered that corridors and they spent the week canvassing their Houses. All of the children involved, whether they were elected or not, should be incredibly proud of themselves. But there can be only 2 for each House, so congratulations to the new House Captains for 2021-22:

Hawkes: Michael and Hamish Eagles: Francesca and Faith
Kestrels: James and Freya Falcons: Maya and Jack

Mrs Barron has also been delighted by the letters that have been sent to her by her New Chaplaincy Team. This year, she has her biggest team yet. Well done to Nia, Abigail, Maya, Amelia, Pippa, Imogen, Orla, Rosalie, Lucy, Emily, Safia, Florence, Beatrice, Freya, Ava, Maddie, Lola-Rose, Freya, Amelia, Inca, Maya, Emily, Francesca and Harvey. The team have jumped straight into their new roles and have prepared for our new year's Mass.

What a lovely morning we had today, the first whole school mass Since 2019! We can just about fit into our beautiful Church. When we had our first hymn practise 2 weeks ago we were shocked that the children couldn't remember the hymns! A real reminder of what we have missed over the last 18 months.

But, a couple of weeks on and some great practising and the children were singing just as beautifully as always. Mrs Barron and her Chaplaincy Team led the service so well. Great reading by Francesca, Lola-Rose, Emily and Maya. Also Freya, Orla, Emily, Rosalie, Pippa, Nia and Maya who read the lovely bidding prayers. What a perfect start to our new academic year.

We have had speeches from Year 6 children this week who would like to lead the School Council – an incredibly important and active job! The results of their election will take place during Friday's Celebration Assembly. Also, the Eco Committee will be announced.

This week the children have learnt about St Therese of Lisieux and 'The Little Ways' in which she makes a difference. Named because of the great many acts of kindness that she performed with great love. They have been challenged to try and make a difference to someone at school this week through an act of kindness. St Therese is very important to us because we belong to The Little Ways Partnership. We are one of several other local Catholic Schools in this partnership from Clifton Diocese.

As we move into next week the children are getting excited about Harvest... look out for the recordings next week.

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Lord, we thank you for this new school year, for all the ways we will learn and grow. We ask you to fill us with the wisdom and joy of your Spirit. May everything we do be a sign of your Holy Spirit's presence among us. We make this prayer to you through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Class News!



St Mary	George: I like independent learning time! Winnie: We did s, a, t, p.
St Joseph	Ella: Enjoys all the different work and she enjoys playing outside, especially drawing. Elliot: 'I like all of the maths, I like playing with Finley.'
St Peter	Oliver: I liked the maths. We were learning about shapes. Seb: We wrote the three little birds! I liked it. The little birds were making their houses.
St Patrick	James: I am proud of myself to get onto deepen it questions in maths. Tansy: I have really enjoyed God Matters as we have been painting pictures of the Baptism of Jesus and then explaining why I drew what I did because I was inspired by Luke's Gospel.
St George	I like challenging myself in Year 4." "On Fridays some of us do gardening and it's really fun." "We've been looking at newspaper reports and wrote our own on the wasps in the garden." "In our class we do lots of group work which I really like because it makes it easier to understand."
St Teresa	Isaac: I have loved our learning and writing about sharks. Ava: This has been the best God Matter's lesson ever!
St David	Daisy: 'I have really been enjoying Maths because I have learnt a lot about decimals that I didn't know before. I loved researching about different countries harvest festivals as well.' Toby: 'I have been enjoying gardening sessions because we have cleared two beds and we are going to regrow vegetables. I have held lots of creepy crawlies like a millipede and a worm'.

Claire Durr-Sorensen, who comes into school on Wednesday mornings to teach woodwind has availability. If your child is interested please contact the Admin Team who can pass your details on. Thank



PARENTS EVENING—12TH AND 13TH OCTOBER 2021 3.30pm-6.30pm
Please book via eSchools. Booking goes live at 4pm today. Any problems please contact the Admin Team.

JONATHAN'S JUNGLE ROADSHOW—FRI 8TH OCTOBER
YEARS 2, 5 AND 6
Thank you if you have already paid for this exciting event. If not please pay via Parentpay—£8 donation per child. Thank you.

