



Diocese of Clifton
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St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

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from SLT

What a busy month it has been! Our super children have been working their socks off, demonstrating R.E.A.C.H in all that they do! As I am sure you are aware, we have introduced a new approach to teaching maths which is now well under way. The children are thoroughly enjoying the new approach to learning maths and talk confidently about it. Please note, the date has changed for structured conversations which will now take place after February half term. You will receive a letter with further details in the near future.

Due to the snow, the final race of KLB was been postponed until the 9th February at 2p.m. The children are very much looking forward to this final race. Thank you all for your continued support. Just to raise awareness, there are many local 'Parkruns' that the children, alongside an adult can enter for free. Several parents and children do take part in the Parkrun in Kingsway, Quedgeley but there are many other local parks that hold the same event! You just need to register online!

As part of our R.E.A.C.H curriculum, some of our year 6 children went to Morton Hill Care Centre to spend some time with some of the residents. As part of their learning this term, the children have been learning about dementia and the effects that it can have. The children planned and prepared conversations that they wanted to have with the elderly residents and brought visual aids with them. This was not an easy thing to do but the children, as ever, did us proud. One of the residents said that the children were 'beautifully dressed, spoke very clearly and were so enthusiastic.' She had really enjoyed her morning with them. Thank you to all of the parents and governors who supported the visit which enabled it to happen and a big thank you to Mrs Howells for leading on this.

The house singing competition rehearsals are well underway. Due to our growing numbers, names will be pulled out of a hat for seats so please ensure that you return your slips on time!

We are thinking ahead to World book day which is on Thursday 7th March 2019. We would really like to make the day as fun and exciting with great learning opportunities as possible. With that in mind we have two different themes for each key stage. We are introducing KS2 to Shakespeare and KS1 will be focussing on a book by Julia Donaldson. As usual we would like the children to dress up to that theme. We would like the children to have the opportunity to take part in a fun workshop. Whenever we look to enhance the children's learning by inviting someone into school this always comes at a cost. We were over £100 short to cover the cost of the African Workshop last term. As you will all appreciate school budgets are exceptionally tight and we cannot afford to provide additional activities at this sort of a loss. Therefore, will need the support of all parents and payment in advance before we will secure the bookings. Please ensure you return your slips and money as soon as possible so that we can confirm this exciting event.

You may have read on the school website that we received a letter from the Department for Education from the Secretary of State for Education and the Minister of State for School Standards. We are ranked in the top 1% of schools in England based on our reading results last academic year. I would like to thank the fantastic team of staff that we have here who ensure that the children have an education of the highest standard, as well as an enriched experience that develops and educates the 'whole child.' I am so proud to be part of this team!

'A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.' Pope Francis

In Your Prayers

All who are sad and lonely during this time.



Class News/



St Mary	Theo's favourite subject is PE—he loves jumping through ladders. Dougie enjoys independent learning time especially playing outside and building. He has made a robot out of junk.
St Joseph	Spencer's favourite subject is numeracy and he loves Jungle Maths. Evie-Mai likes PE. The class were learning all about asthma with Mrs Barron on Wednesday.
St Peter	William N's favourite thing to do at school is writing stories. He has been writing one about Jesus calming the storm. Autumn is enjoying maths club after school. She really enjoys playing with Ava.
St Patrick	Isla's favourite subject is art; she has been practising drawing clouds with chalk pastels. Emily has been learning about magnets and the force of gravity.
St George	Summer likes maths and has been working on decimals. On a Friday in art she has been learning how to shade. Naomi has been halving and doubling numbers.
St Teresa	Emilia said the class topic is space and the children have been writing about what different people in different times thought what location the planets were in the solar system. Holly likes art and forest school on Fridays. She is enjoying the topic of space.
St David	Toby enjoys the different timetable on Fridays but especially PE. In maths he is learning about 3D shapes and their properties. Grace is learning to add and take away fractions. She has been writing suspense stories and retelling them.



Weekly R E A C H Awards 18th and 25th January 2019



St Mary	Harriet Humphries, Jed Clements, Bertie Hill and Megan Wright
St Joseph	Evie-Mai Steele, Spencer Stancombe, Toby McKenzie and Georgia Gilbey
St Peter	Ava Wand, Lawrence McKeever, Ava Wand, Sofia Hall and George Lai
St Patrick	Millie Guess, Amelia Trusilo, Aeva Dickinson and Emily Musty
St George	Summer O'Reilly, Ashton Sanders, Caleb Gowie and Daisy Lowe
St Teresa	Ruby Dickinson, Ayla McKeever, George Harrold and Lily Tarr
St David	Ava Clements, Oliver Sharland, Kara Hillier and Cerys Lansdown

Congratulations to Matilda Williams a recent cake raffle winner. THANK YOU.



35 accounts in arrears

Please try to keep your child's Parentpay dinner account in credit. If the debt rises over £10 you are asked to provide a packed lunch for your child/ren until the debt is cleared.
Thank you.

Forthcoming events

Structured conversations (invitation only) this is now 27th February—letters will be sent out to individual parents

14th Feb	House Singing Competition
15th Feb	End of term 3
25th Feb	Term 4 begins
25th Feb	Week of Awe and Wonder (Children will learn about Sikhism)
6th March	Ash Wednesday
7th March	World Book Day
11th March	Lent Retreat



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