



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 19 - 2nd February 2024

Our values: In Christ we are: **Joyful** in our faith , **Aspirational** in our learning, **Confident** in being me, **Caring** in our hearts.

Taken from Mark 1:40-45 The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: "If you want to," he said, "you can cure me." Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. "Of course I want to!" he said. "Be cured!" And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, "Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery." The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Stars of the week



Reception - Mylo for trying extra hard in Phonics this week and writing the word 'boat' independently.



Year 1 - Thanmaya for always trying her best, and wanting to learn new things, even if they are challenging.



Year 2 - Eloise for always being a superstar! Consistently ready to learn and a pleasure to teach every day.



Year 3 - Charlotte for always going above and beyond to help her peers and adults in the class.



Year 4 - Tilly for always being conscientious, she puts 100% effort into everything she does, with a smile on her face :) Keep being a superstar



Year 5 - Sofia P for her consistently high standards. Her work is an example to all in Year 5.



Year 6 - Edon wrote a really fantastic gothic tale but, more importantly, he listened to advice on how to improve his writing and took that he board.

Proud Work 02/02/24



YR — Nellie for independently drawing odds and evens to 10 after our Maths carpet input

Y1— Tymon for working hard to write some facts about Valentina Tereskova—the first woman in space.

Y2 — Henry for using his skills to plan a story with a similar theme to “The Bear Under the Stairs”

Y3— Alfie for creating a fantastic net using purple mash and following his instruction to construct it.

Y4— Cuba for a fantastic score in his end of unit maths test.

Y5— Sofiia, Abbeygayle, Antonia, Nancy and Daniel for their Dance!

Layton, Henry, Antonia and Anayah for working extremely well as a group, preparing ingredients for burritos safely and hygienically—well done!

Y6— Evie for experimenting with different media, using artistic techniques, inspired by Frida Kahlo to create a bold, effective and imaginative piece of Art!

Silver Reading Award— 100 reads

Y1—Wilfred

Y3—Antoni, Ava

Y4—Aurelia

Y5— Sofia K

Y6—Toby H



Bronze Reading Award—50 read

Y5—Kert, Maisie

Gold Reading Award—150 reads

Y1—Annie, Holly, Adam

YR—Ariana

Y3—Mati, Daniel, Maija

Y4—Cuba



Attendance Award: Year 6 98%

Whole School Attendance: 91% (Target Attendance : 95%)

Young Voices

On Tuesday 30th January a group of children from year four, five and six travelled up to the O2 in London to attend the Young Voices concert. The choir had been learning a range of songs since September for this event.



They were a real credit to the school as their behaviour was exceptional. We didn't stop singing and dancing all day!!! The whole atmosphere is something that I am sure the children will never forget!

A BIG thank you to Mrs Burke, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Lovick and Rev Barnett for all their help and support during the day. An extra special thank you to Rev Barnett for preparing the children so well during her choir club each Monday.

Well done children, I was so proud of you all.

Mrs Clough



Friends of St John's Update

We hope the children are looking forward to the Disco tonight and thanks to those who have volunteered their time to help. We need 1 adult for every 6 KS1 children and 1 adult for every 8 KS2 children hence the restrictions on numbers. There will be a tuck shop for KS2 children with options for 50p or £1. KS1 children will be given a bag of sweets as they leave, 50p donation welcome. Don't forget their water bottles!

We are selling refreshments at St Johns Church after the 9.15am mass on Sunday 4th February. All are welcome. Children can wear school uniform and can make posters to promote raising funds for the school. Any cake donations are also warmly welcome. Hannah will also be selling pre-loved uniform in the hall.

We are planning to have the next PTA Group meeting on Thursday 29th February, 19:30-21:30. Venue TBC. We welcome you all and would love to see some new faces with fresh ideas.

We have recently contributed to the cost of the coach for the St Johns Young Voices trip to O2 and made the payment for the Horsham Parade this year. We have also ordered lots of new books and stationary from the schools Amazon wish list.

Votes were made and the majority decided 12-3pm would be the time for the Summer Fair this year. Please save the date! We have already starting planning this event and would like to set up a sub-committee to help with preparations for this. Please contact the friends to be put into this group. We welcome any ideas you have or donation suggestions. In particular we would like more live music so if anyone has any contacts please let us know. We've had feedback from previous fairs that some parents who volunteered did not have a chance to enjoy the fair with their child/children. This is not nice to hear and therefore please could we ask for more volunteers who can help for at least 30 minutes during the fair and also help set up/pack away. This way everyone has a chance to enjoy the fair but also help the school raise funds. We will soon add a link to our website for you to sign up to volunteer. We have been made aware that the school may soon require an update to the Chrome books they have and so we think the monies raised for this fair may go towards the funds for these.

Have a great weekend. From the Friends of St Johns

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SUMMER

Festival

Saturday 22nd June | 12pm - 3PM

NSPCC

Online gaming
and keeping
children safe

**Do you know your whispers
from your skins? Your Fortnite
from your EA Sports FC 24?**

As part of the NSPCC
Game Safe Festival, we're
encouraging parents,
carers and those working
with children and families
to have conversations
about online gaming.

**GamCare will be sharing expert
advice, and you'll hear directly
from young people.**

Our webinar will help you:

- understand how young people game online.
- learn about tools and resources that support safe play.
- gain the knowledge you need to keep children safe.



**GAME SAFE
FESTIVAL**

**7 February 2024, 7pm-8pm, via
Zoom. Book your place via this link:
nspcc.org.uk/gamesafe/tickets**

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

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Diary Dates for International Events!

(more info to follow nearer each date)



- **Thursday 29th February: Fairtrade Cake Sale** (from 2.30 pm for children, 3.15pm for parents)
- **Friday 22nd March: International Storytelling/Pyjama Day** and fundraiser for Reading resources (if any parents who speak another language would like to be a storyteller, please contact Mrs Curtis, thank you!)
- **Friday 14th June: International Festival** (food tasting from around the world in the morning, songs in different languages in the afternoon)
- **Thursday 20th June (pm): KS2 Language Festival** run by St Wilfrid's Catholic Secondary School, held at St John's
- **Wednesday 26th June (am): Yr 3 International Morning with Arunside** (held at both sites)



A ginormous **THANK YOU** to the amazing Friends of St John's who so kindly bought everything on our Amazon wish list!



Pre-Loved Uniform sale after Mass this Sunday

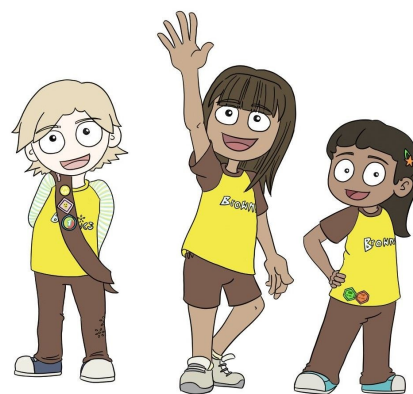
The Friends will be having a pre-loved uniform sale alongside refreshments after 9:15 Mass this Sunday.

Come and grab yourself a bargain whilst supporting our wonderful school!

World Thinking Day 22nd February - Guides, Brownies and Rainbows

World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls worldwide that has taken place on every 22 February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

We are inviting children who are members of Girlguiding and Scouting to wear their uniforms to school on 22nd February. Alternatively, members can be asked just to proudly display their promise badges on their usual school uniform.



Update: Please note that many lip balms have a foundation of almond oil in them and with so many nut allergies in school this is a potential issue. If children do have cracked lips they can bring in a nut free balm and leave it in the office. It is important we maintain being nut free in all areas.

HAPPY EASTER

Easter Treat

Thursday 28th March

Order now on parentpay.com

MAINS

Beef Burger

Veggie Bolognese

Jacket Potato & Baked Beans

SIDES

Rainbow vegetables or Salad

DESSERT

Lemon Easter Cupcake

Scan QR code to order

No later than Thursday 14th March

*Special diets will remain in place.

