



Newsletter

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Thought of the Week

"Smooth seas do not make skilful sailors."
African Proverb

School Council

Congratulations to the newly elected School Council who were received their badges in this week's assembly. You have been endorsed by your classmates who believe you will be role models and help to contribute to the running of the school.

Year 3: Jordan, Amy, Clara
Year 4: Joseph, Deborah, Whbet
Year 5: Lydia, Bryanie, Noah
Year 6: Uael, Stephanie, Camila



Catholic Life

Gospel Message

Last week Father Christopher came to talk to the children in our assembly. He talked about Harvest and the Archangels - as our school Mass next week is on the Feast of the Archangels.
(Michael, Gabriel & Raphael)

'In a church in Bath, there is a church that has two ladders on either side of the front door with angels going up one side and down the other side bringing messages to God and from God to us.'
Sinit Y6

'We learned that angels do not have wings because they are spirits. They give us advice into our ears from God to help us.'
Lesiree Y4

Also this term...

We have also learned that Jesus confounded the expectations of His disciples. Through a drama about sacrificial love and a surprise gift, the children learned that following Jesus involves expecting the unexpected - with the assurance that Jesus is with us every step of the way.

"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8: 27 - 35

Whole School Mass in Most Precious Blood Church
Wednesday 29th September 10am
Parents are welcome to join us.

Harvest Liturgy takes place next week in school for children. We are asking for donations of tinned food and other non perishable foods as well as toiletries for those in need in our local community. We offer our donations to the Manna Centre. Thank you very much to those who have generously donated so far. Keep them coming!



It is lovely to be able to invite parents back in to the school playground in the morning and afternoon. We will continue to update you with any changes from the Department of Education that will have an effect on the running of the school with COVID.

Attendance & Punctuality

Thank you for ensuring your child is in the school playground for **9:15am** when the school bell is rung. If your child is late, they must report to the school office. The headteacher and Attendance officer will review attendance and punctuality in the coming weeks and will meet with anyone who is showing a pattern of arriving late for school.

Open Day Dates

We are holding an open morning and afternoon for prospective parents both for Reception 2022 intake but also any parents who are interested in joining our school.

Please share with people you know in the local community and contact the office if you would like to attend one of our open days.

Tuesday 2nd November 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Thursday 4th November 9:30am - 11:00am

Communication

If you need to speak to the class teacher and it is a quick message, please see them in the morning (before the bell at 9:15am) or after school. If it is to discuss something in more detail, please arrange for a one to one meeting with them in the first instance. If it cannot be resolved then a member of the senior leadership team will support.

Please continue to read school emails as this is the primary method of communicating with parents. If you have changed your email address or phone number please contact the school office so we can update our records.

School Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name—including their PE kit. This will help when items are misplaced.

Reception Learning

This week we have been mixing paints and looking at colours to go with our book, *The Colour Monster*. We have also been making colour patterns in maths.

"I painted light blue with blue and white. Blue is sadness (in the story)." Ezekiel

"My pattern was red, green, blue, red, green, blue."
Jocie:



Dates to Remember:

Wed 29th Sept: School Mass, Most Precious Blood Church 10am

Fri 1st Oct: Harvest Liturgy for children only

Fri 1st October: Y2 class trip 'Great fire of London'

Thurs 7th Oct: National Poetry Day

Month of October: Black History Month

Week of 8th Nov: Year 5 & 6 Cycle Proficiency Training

School Term and Holiday Dates

Please check website for school calendar dates for 2021-2022

Safeguarding

COVID TESTING

We ask you to continue to inform us if your child develops COVID symptoms including a continuous cough or a high temperature. In this instance they must remain at home until they undertake a PCR lab test and receive a negative result before they return to school. It is quicker if you go to a walk in centre rather than send off for a PCR test delivered to your house. This will help your child return to school quicker if the result is negative. If someone in your house tests positive for COVID arrange for a PCR test for your child before they return to school.

Supporting your child to keep safe online

It can be hard to know how to talk to your child about online safety. From setting up parental controls to advice on inappropriate content, online games and video apps, the NSPCC site can help you to understand the risks and keep your child safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

NSPCC

Nursery Learning



We tried an exciting experiment in our Understanding of the World session. We grew our own rainbows! Capillary action makes the marker dye move up the paper towel.

'I made a rainbow. Purple, red, pink, blue.' Ifueko

Nursery places available

We currently have some nursery places available. If your child has turned three recently or you know a family friend or neighbour who has and would be interested, please let them know to contact the school office for more details.

Best Wishes,

Mr O'Kane and

the staff of Saint Joseph's.