

# St Joseph's Newsletter

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"I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict."

**Luke 21:15**

During our assemblies on Monday, the children thought about who they could turn to in times of trouble. They all knew someone who they could talk to both at home and in school. We can bring our troubles to God in prayer who gives us courage to face our worries and difficulties and encourages us to help each other.

How have we helped each other this week?

## **New Buildings**

As you can see the groundworks are coming along at a great pace.



Due to the building works we will not be able to hold our usual Christmas events as we have done previously. We have removed the EYFS Nativity, KS1 show, Christingle and Christmas Fayre from the calendar as we have reduced capacity in the school hall.

We will still be having the Teddy/Toy Tombola and Chocolate Tombola for the children and would be very grateful for any donations.

Early next week we will send out, via the App, details of the events that we are planning.

# What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

## **Nursery**

This week nursery have been learning about the sound "a" and the nursery rhyme "1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive". We hid some objects in a box that began with the sound "a" and the children had to guess what they were, we made apple pies and practiced writing the sound "a". Then we fished in some slime, trying to grab the fish with the tweezers, made fish collage pictures and sparkly fish in the playdough.

## **Reception**

Reception have learnt all about dentists this week. We have had lots of fun cleaning and checking teeth, making teeth and gums out of playdough and also playing teeth bingo.

## **Year 1**

Year one had a fun day out on Wednesday. We went to the cinema and saw Garfield. Thank you again to all the parent helpers who came with us. It would not be possible without you.

In maths we introduced the part-part-whole model. The whole goes in the center circle and the parts go into the 2 attached circles.

In English, we finished our story, *Little Red Reading Hood* by Lucy Rowland. The solution to our story was the wolf wrote a mixed up fairy tale. A mixed up fairy tale is when you mix two stories into one. The children got to write their own mixed up fairy tales. They are such clever authors and we had lots of fun sharing our stories to the class.

In science we took detailed drawing of our eyes and asked questions about some of the things we noticed.

## **Year 2**

Year 2 have had a fun week this week! We started off our history topic by looking at different objects relating to the event. We looked at some charred wood, bread, a map of London and pieces of a painting showing the scene of the Great Fire of London. From that, we looked through different texts to find out anything we could about the fire. We discovered that the fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane and it lasted four days. On Wednesday we went to the cinema to watch Garfield which was really fun! In our English lessons afterwards we wrote a character description of Garfield and recounted what we did on our trip.

## **Year 3**

Year 3 have been learning about time and how it works in history, looking at the huge range of events from the stone age through to the iron age. We've been thinking about food in science where we have been finding out what food labels can tell us and how they help us stay healthy in our choices. In English we are building up to a big write and so many fabulous ideas have come from the children, putting great imaginations to use. In maths we have been measuring and leaning about converting lengths and heights, rulers at the ready. Keep up the good work Year 3.

## Year 4

This week in English, the children have been exploring different ways to expand noun phrases. They practised adding pairs of adjectives, using modifying nouns, and including prepositional phrases to make their writing richer and more descriptive. In Maths, we started learning about polygons and perimeters. The children learned how to identify different types of polygons and calculate their perimeters using a range of strategies.

Our History lessons took us back to Ancient Rome, where we investigated the Roman timeline. The children discovered key events and important developments that took place during the Roman Empire, helping them to build a clearer sense of chronology.

In RE, the focus was on the twelve apostles of Jesus. The children carried out research to learn more about who they were, what they did, and why they are important in Christian teachings. Finally, in Music, we began practising our Advent and Christmas hymns. The children are already singing with great enthusiasm as we prepare for the festive season.

## Year 5

What a brilliant week it has been in Year 5! The children have shown great enthusiasm across all subjects and are really impressing us with their hard work and creativity. In Maths, we have stepped into more advanced multiplication, and the class have been tackling the new challenges brilliantly. Their determination and progress have been wonderful to see. Our class novel, *Cosmic*, has continued to make us laugh and has captured everyone's imagination. In English, the children have been designing itineraries for their dream school trip—we've had everything from adventurous days out to trips across the globe! Space has been a big theme this week, in Science, we have been learning about the planets in our solar system, while in Art, the children created some imaginative space-themed work. We also looked at how Salford developed as a settlement, learning about its history and growth over time. In PE, the focus has been on gymnastics, and the class have been practising their balance, coordination, and movement skills. In Music, the children have begun learning more Christmas songs—getting us all into the festive spirit already! Finally, in RE, we have been reflecting on the importance of friendship and discussing what we value most in our friends.

## Year 6

Year 6 have been incredibly busy this week! They have been continuing to look at war poetry in English as a link to the history topic of WWII as well as writing letters from evacuees in history - the children's empathy has been very evident in their work. They have also been writing letters in RE, putting themselves in the shoes of the disciples. In maths, they have been working with numbers up to a million! On Thursday, we were joined by artist Michelle Leigh, who currently has work on exhibit at Salford Gallery. Michelle helped the children create their own Lowry inspired pieces, which we will be displaying later in the year - a big thank you to Michelle and a big well done to the children for their fantastic effort, resilience and final pieces.

**Worker of the week**

Reception - Hadiyah

Year 1 - Sephora

Year 2 - Solomie

Year 3 - Sormeh

Year 4 - Ace

Year 5 - Bella

Year 6 - Mawete

**Star of the week**

Reception – Leo for Resilience

Year 1 – Khadija for Respect

Year 2 – Arome for Respect

Year 3 – Ruby for Empathy

Year 4 – Jayden for Respect

Year 5 – Kebron for Resilience

Year 6 - Lily, for Faith

## Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Tuesday 25th November	Y4 and 5 The Lowry Intu Film Festival 10am -12pm
Wednesday 26th November	Y6 Intu Film Festival at Every Man 10am -11:40 am
Wednesday 3rd December	Y6 Transition to All Hallows 9.25am – 12.20pm
Wednesday 10th December	EYFS Christmas party
Thursday 11th December	Christmas dinner & jumper day
Monday 15th December	KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17th December	Year 6 and 5 Christmas Party
Thursday 18th December	Year 4 and 3 Christmas Party
Friday 19th December	School closes at 2.30pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens for the Spring 1 Half Term