

# JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



**St Joseph's School is a joyful community which follows the example of Jesus, helping, accepting and respecting everyone, as we learn and grow together, safe in His love.**

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the school year! As always, thank you for all that you do to support your child's learning by hearing them read regularly, helping them to succeed in homework tasks, attending parent consultations and providing them with costumes for school workshops.

The new OFSTED Framework (September 2019) places a focus on the breadth of curriculum. We shall be inspected on our 'curriculum offer' to the children. Ofsted inspectors will want to see that the children have rich learning experiences over and above what takes place in the core subjects of English and Mathematics. Whilst we are very proud of our pupils' attainment in the core subjects, achieving results that are significantly higher than the national average, we always aspire to provide this rich curriculum.

On Thursday, we hosted a Stone Age day for our Year 4 pupils. Pupils and staff dressed up to make this experience as real as possible. Also, our Year 2 pupils took part in the Infant Music Festival at Engayne Primary School. Earlier in the week, pupils participated in Volleyball, Curling and Quicksticks Hockey events. On the 5th February, our Year 5/6 choir performed at the O2 in the Young Voices concert (you can read more about this further on). A group of our Year 2 and 5 pupils have just embarked on an engineering project with Fords Motor Company. We continue to provide yoga lessons for pupils from years 2-6. So far, years 4 and 5 have had their half term of yoga and we are just about to start a yoga club too. Online Safety week was launched on Monday with two excellent assemblies, attended by our safeguarding governor, David Fox.

Some of you will be away for half term but we find that the children's happiest memories seem to be built from simple and inexpensive activities that they do together with their families. Whatever your plans, I hope that you have a very enjoyable half term.

B.A. Matthews

## Dates for your Diary

- Mon 24th Feb -School Re-opens
- Fri 6th March –Coffee Morning in school hall (All Welcome)
- Mon 16th March –Year 5 visit to Globe Theatre
- Thurs 19th March—St Joseph's Feast Day
- Wed 25th March—Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Play 9.30am
- Thurs 26th March –Year3 and Year4 Easter Play 1.30pm
- Thurs 2nd April –School closes at 3:15pm for Easter Break

### Class Assembly

Wednesday 4th March  
2.30pm  
5A

Wednesday 11th March  
9.00am  
1W

### Class Mass

Monday 24th February  
Reception

Monday 2nd March  
Year 5

Monday 9th February  
Year 4

Monday 16th February  
Year 3

Monday 23rd February  
Year 2

Monday 30th February  
Year 1

## 'All in a Good Cause'

As a school we are very proud of our students and the compassion they have shown for others by raising money for charity. This month we have had lots of exciting charity work taking place:

Class 3R watch BBC Newsround every day so that we are aware of what is happening around the world and we have watched the pictures of the terrible effects of the bush fires in Australia. One programme showed a group of school children raising funds to send to Australia and we asked if we could do something as well. We decided what we should do and where the money should go. We invited the other children in the school to bring coins in so we could write Australia on the playground.



Charlotte G and Claire C from Year 6 have been learning about charities during a recent school homework task. They were inspired to help and set about planning a scheme to make and sell cupcakes for charity.

On Saturday, Charlotte and Claire along with Rebecca, spent the day making and decorating boxes of cupcakes that they then went out on Sunday afternoon and sold to houses in the local neighbourhood. People were delighted to contribute for one of the beautifully made cupcakes.

They were able to raise £75 including gift aid for the charity MIND.

Mr Graves added "we are so proud of all the girls for their keenness to achieve and selfless efforts in spending the entire weekend in the sole purpose of helping others less fortunate than themselves. I feel that they are a credit to the school and their faith in really showing us the true essence of Christianity"

Jimmy and Katie from Year 6 spent time baking and decorating cookies and biscuits, to help raise money for the animals affected by Australian fires. They sold them after school to their friends at school.

Jimmy said "we did this because of all the wildlife and homes which were being destroyed by the fires. We decided to try and help in some-way to help support Australia"

## Year 2 Italian Club

The children in Year 2 Italian club have been working hard to learn how to greet one another in Italian and have learnt a catchy song to say hello to one another. Here they are enjoying singing the song and taking in turns to say hello to their Italian club friends!



**JOY**

**Jesus**

**Others**

**Yourself**



## Young Voices at the O2 by Isabelle L

Every Monday afternoon, the choir come to the hall to practise the songs for the O2. It was really fun! During our time practising, we went to a care home to sing Christmas carols to the residents.

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February we went to the O2 by coach. When we arrived, I couldn't contain my excitement for much longer.

We found our seats and got prepared for the rehearsal. David, our conductor, led us through the songs and also entertained us. Andy, the creative director, helped us through the dances and Urban Strides, who are dancers, brightened our spirits. After rehearsal, it was tea. We were all really hungry.

Soon after, it was time for the performance. There were some people that we didn't expect to be there like: Ruti – who won the Voice in 2018, Tony Hadley – a famous and sensational singer, and finally the Shires. They accompanied us! Our performance went really well! It was so fun to be in the choir and perform. It was a memorable moment that I don't think I'll ever forget.



## World Book Day 5th March 2020

Every child at St. Joseph's Primary School has an opportunity to read and to be read to every day. Together, we can develop a love of books and reading. World Book Day gives us the perfect excuse to enjoy a wide variety of books with our friends and family.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, as tradition, we would like the children to dress up as a book character. Half term is the perfect opportunity for you all to get creative and make a fantastic and unique costume. We would like children to bring in their chosen book to show who they have come dressed as.

Throughout the week of 2nd March to 6<sup>th</sup> March, Reception and KS1 parent are invited in to share a story with their children. All classes will also be sharing a story with a teacher from a different year group on World Book Day.

And finally, we will be having a **book fair after school from 11<sup>th</sup> March – 17<sup>th</sup> March**. The children will be able to use their £1 World Book Day token towards their purchases. Commission from the fair will enable us to continue to order more books for the children to use in school.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**The BFG's Sausage Baguette**

**Snow White & The Huntsman's Hunters**

**Chicken with Rice**

**Beet & Chip's Cheesy Quesadilla with Potato Dippers**

**Horrid Henry's Baked Beans**

**Hungry Caterpillar's Sweetcorn & Peas**

**Willy Wonka's Iced Sprinkle Sponge**

Also available: Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Cheese and Crackers

£2.25  
FREE FOR ALL INFANTS



# SPORTS NEWS

## Year 2 Sports Hall Athletics



Report by Harrison S 2P

On Wednesday 29th January, I went to Hornchurch Sports Centre for an athletics competition against schools. We did throwing, bowling, some jumping and a race. We came 7<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> place out of the other schools. Betsy, Daniel, Myah and Grace came with me from my class. My favourite events were when we held a football and we had to push it as far as we could. I also liked when we had a little rocket to hold and throw it as far as we could.

## Kits 4 Kits Non Uniform Day

On Friday 31st January staff and Children took part in our Kits 4 Kits day to raise money for new PE kits for our school Teams. We raised a total of £380 towards our new kit and are hoping to purchase new Athletics Vests for all our year groups. Many Thanks for your kind donations.

## Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 and 6 have been enjoying relaxing in Yoga PE lessons



## Boys' Football Cup Quarter Final

Congratulations to our Boys football team who won their Quarter Final in the Football Cup against Benhurst Primary School 3-1. We now play Ardleigh Green Primary School in the Semi-Finals.



## Girls' Football

Our girls' football team made the final of the Havering tournament at Noak Hill Sports Complex, coming second out of 28 schools. Having finished second in their group of seven teams, The girls won 2-0 in the quarter final and then beat St. Peter's 1-0 in the semi-final. Despite a fantastic free-kick from Orla putting us 1-0 up, Branfil won the final 2-1 with a goal in the last minute. A fantastic achievement though, well done girls!

