



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2022-23 #13 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

*St. Joseph's 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.*

## Stay and Pray

Year 5 attended Mass this week. Year 4 will be attending Mass on Tuesday 20th June. Parents are very welcome to attend in the church.



## Year 2 Rainham Marshes trip -

Year 2 enjoyed their visit to Rainham Marshes where they learned about plants and pond minibeasts.



**2F ASSEMBLY** - On 15th June, 2F performed their class assembly to their families and KS1. The children worked really hard and gave an amazing performance. 2F's assembly was all about the importance of friendship. They created their own friendship recipe, narrated the story of Pumpkin Soup and showcased their hot water bottle cover. They also rapped the Books of the Bible which was great! Well done 2F.

## YEAR 2 – Great Fire of London WORKSHOP

Year 2 had a fantastic day learning about the Great Fire of London. They had a fun-packed day doing drama, art, science and lots of history.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION –

A number of our Year 3 and 4 children celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend at both the English Martyrs and St. Joseph's Churches. The services were very special and the children were pleased and proud to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Further Masses take place this weekend. We wish the children every happiness on their special day and send our prayers to them and their families.

## Year 6 social media theatre workshop.

On Wednesday, Year 6 enjoyed a theatre production which explored issues around children's use of social media and mobile phones. The performance and the post-show discussion focused on some of the effects and emotional consequences of being on your phone. Some of the issues that were represented in the show were:

- Negative effects on lifestyle, relationships and mental health
- Cyber bullying and trolling
- Inappropriate images – receiving or sending images
- Online grooming
- Social media and the law
- The positive aspects of social media

Year 6 really enjoyed the performance but also understood and discussed the important messages from the show.



**There is no parking allowed for parents in the church car park in the mornings - this should be left accessible for parishioners.**

**There is no parking allowed in the school car park during school opening hours. This car park is for staff use ONLY**



A big thank you to all of the children who worked diligently in our TTRS battle against St Helen's. Unfortunately, we weren't successful on this occasion. We'd like to recognise our top 3 players: Jack (3DT), Alexander (4B) and Olivia (4CH) and our top performing class: 4CH



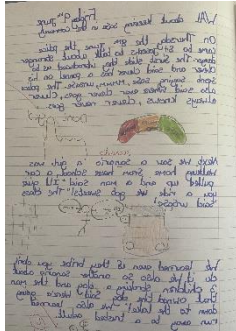
**A gentle reminder to all the parents to pay any outstanding trips, workshops and school meal payments.**

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## POLICE VISIT –

On Thursday 8th June four police officers visited our school. Each class had the opportunity to listen to a presentation about 'Stranger Danger' and keeping ourselves and others safe. The class all tried out the memorable tongue twister 'Wherever Clever goes, Clever always knows, Clever never goes.' There were some very interesting questions and discussions.



## SPORTS News

**Girls' & Boys' Football Game Against St Helen's** - The children were very excited to play against St Helen's in Brentwood yesterday and despite the heat did extremely well.

**The boys' team** played a tough match and won 2-1. The girls' lost to a very talented team but held their own for much of the match. A special mention to Isla, our goalkeeper, who got injured early on but despite this came back on and played out of her usual position to help the team.

Both teams did us proud and are looking forward to a replay.

**Year 4 Rapid Cricket** - A number of children attended a competition at Rainham Cricket Club yesterday. They did very well and came 3rd overall.

The children loved playing a different version of cricket. They worked amazingly well as a team.

## YEAR 6 PGL TRIP - Last week,

Year 6 went on their PGL residential trip and a fabulous time was had by all. It was a wonderful week and memories were made that will be treasured forever. They were blessed with glorious weather as the sun shone all week.

The children and staff were away for four nights and five days. Each day, they took part in a number of different activities: raft building, areoball, trapeze and zip wiring. Even some of the staff had a go! In the evenings, there was a disco, a camp fire and even a Cluedo adventure! On Thursday, Mr. Ross paid a surprise visit to the group and the children enjoyed showing him around the site.

The children were a pleasure to take away. They were brilliantly behaved and embraced every activity with enthusiasm and positivity. Huge thanks to all of the staff (Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Durell, Miss. Franks, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Cormack and Mr. Symes) for their hard work and care for the children over the week. They all enjoyed a well-deserved rest over the weekend.

**5 weeks of Summer Cookery Camps are now available!**  
Each day the children will make 2 delicious recipes and take part in a range of indoor/outdoor activities

<b>WEEK 1: Italy</b> (24th July - 28th July) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Italian Pizza</li> <li>Pasta Al Forno</li> <li>Choco Biscotti</li> <li>Italian Language</li> <li>Italian Music</li> </ul> And More...	<b>WEEK 2: Spain</b> (31st Jul - 4th Aug) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apricot Cake</li> <li>Empanadas</li> <li>Caramel Flan</li> <li>Drama Workshop</li> <li>Outdoor Sports</li> </ul> And More...	<b>WEEK 3: England</b> (7th Aug - 11th Aug) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eton Mess</li> <li>Apple Crumble</li> <li>Victoria Sponge</li> <li>Brain Booster</li> <li>Team Building</li> </ul> And More...
<b>WEEK 4: USA</b> (14th Aug - 18th Aug) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choco Brownie</li> <li>Blueberry Pie</li> <li>Mac &amp; Cheese</li> <li>Super Science</li> <li>Aqua Splash</li> </ul> And More...	<b>WEEK 5: Mexico</b> (21st Aug - 25th Aug) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burritos</li> <li>Loaded Nachos</li> <li>Quesadillas</li> <li>Mexican Music</li> <li>Drama Workshop</li> </ul> And More...	

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**The Campion School**

**Open Evening**  
Year 5 students for Entry in September 2024

Thursday, 29th June 2023 at 4:30-7:00pm  
Headteacher's talk at 5:15pm & 6:30pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS/DIARY DATES	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sport Week
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Junior Citizenship Trip
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Stay and Pray in Church – parents welcome
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Infant Sports Day
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Class 3R Assembly – parents welcome
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 6 Cooking at Coopers School
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Juniors Sports Day
SEE DIARY DATES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE: <a href="https://st-josephs-upminster.net/term-dates/">https://st-josephs-upminster.net/term-dates/</a>	
Details about specific events are sent to classes/year groups via ParentMail	