



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2023-24 #7 19TH JANUARY 2024

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

Yr1 & Reception recently joined the parish for Stay and Pray. Year 6 will be attending on Tues 23rd January & Yr5 on FRIDAY 2ND FEB (The Presentation of the Lord)

Please remember that all parents are always welcome to attend morning Mass in the parish, every morning at 9.15am

Thank you to the **Year 1 and Year 2 parents** who attended our reading workshops. We appreciate you getting involved, and thank you for your continued support. We hope you found them helpful. **The Year 6 workshop will take place on Wednesday 24th January.**



It's not too late to take part in the **Winter Mini Reading Challenge**. It runs until Monday 19th February. Sign up at wintermini.org.uk

Year 4 enjoyed their Viking Day. They handled some genuine artefacts from Viking times and tried weaving, archery and made Viking longboats out of clay. Learning about the Viking courts was fun in the afternoon and they also loved the story telling. Our Vikings looked amazing in their outfits. Thank you!



Attendance Matters
Every Day Counts....



Group	% Attendance
2P	99.1
3T	98.6
4A	97.6
4B	97.1
RW	96.7
1N 3R 6B	96.4
1CD	96.2
6S	96.1
5C & 5M	95.6
RD	94.0
2F	93.5

Well done 2P for achieving the highest attendance in the last 2 weeks

Attendance Presentation

Please check the Parent Mail for a new slide show presentation about importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Please remember to check **Google Classroom** each week for homework tasks. If you have lost your child's login details, please email Mrs. Dennis.

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Young Voices at the O2 - On Monday 15th January, the Years 5 and 6 choir went to perform at the O2 in London as part of the Young Voices Concert. When we got to the O2, we rehearsed and then enjoyed our packed tea. At 5:30 the audience started coming in and we started looking for people coming to see us. Showtime was 7pm. We sang and danced our hearts out. M. C. Grammar (a rapper) and Natalie Williams were amazing to watch and sing with. We watched Urban Strides dance and listened to Nandi Bushell play drums. We also heard a message from Tim Minchin before we sang a medley from the musical Matilda. We took part in a massive Mexican Wave and battled the audience in a dance off. We got to learn BSL for some of the songs we sang. The adults who came with us were proud of the effort and enthusiasm we showed over the whole day.

Thank you to Miss Ramsay, Mrs. Durell, Mrs. Scahill, Mrs. Callow, Ms. Wilson and Mrs. Willson.

By Somto, Jessica & Edie

Warm Coats Initiative

Just a reminder that Havering Libraries are doing a Warm Coats Initiative in all of our libraries this Autumn/Winter where we have adults and children's warm coats that anyone can pick up for free, no questions asked. They have a coat rail in each library where people can come in, try on and take home.

So far, they have given out over 900 Warm Coats in Havering Libraries this Winter.

If you have any to donate please contact Harold Hill, Rainham, Romford or Hornchurch Libraries where there is the most need.



2F Assembly - This week in 2F the children showcased their class assembly. They shared their favourite moments from each month in Year 2. The children were chefs, actors, scientists and so much more! Well done 2F.



Diary dates

January 2024	
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 6 Stay and Pray - 9.15am - parents welcome
Wednesday 24 th	Year 6 parents Reading Workshop
February 2024	
Friday 2 nd	Year 5 Stay and Pray - 9.15 am - parents welcome

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SPORTS *news*

Running Club - Year 4 - Mrs Brabin and Mrs Willson have been taking the children to Upminster Park for running club each week during lunchtime. The children have embraced the sessions and we can already see an improvement in their technique. The sessions include long distance, sprinting and fun runs. A big thank you to Mrs Brabin's parents, Mr & Mrs Williams, who help out each week to ensure the club can go ahead.



Football Training - Thank you to everyone who has supported the year 5 & 6 football club over the past term. The money raised from subs has allowed us to buy new equipment for training and has made a huge difference to the children. We have been able to purchase pop up regulation sized goals, training bibs, an electric pump and full set of balls for each group. A big thank you to Mr Fuller came over to give the children an opportunity to learn goalkeeping skills, the children are looking forward to the next session.



SCHOOL UNIFORM REGULATIONS - Please be reminded of St Joseph's school uniform policy (link below) and that has to comply with Health and Safety regulations. All hair that can be tied back should be (regardless of gender). Functional and simple hair clips or bands are acceptable. They should be plain in design. No fashion hairstyles e.g. shaved sides, lines and designs. No noticeable hair products e.g. gel, wax, colouring.

The wearing of jewellery is not permitted in school, with the exception of **stud earrings** for children in Year 1 or above, which **must be plain** gold, silver or plastic with no stones and no larger than 4mm. Only one stud per ear is allowed.

Earrings must be removed on PE/Sport event days and so if you intend to have your child's ears pierced, this must be done at the start of the longer summer break to ensure that they have healed before returning to school. Reception children must not wear earrings at all.

Children should not wear any form of neck chain, bracelet or rings.

Children from Year 2 may wear **an analogue watch** when they are ready to tell the time. **Fitbits and SMART watches are not permitted.**

<https://st-josephs-upminster.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/School-Uniform-Regulations-September-2023-1.pdf>

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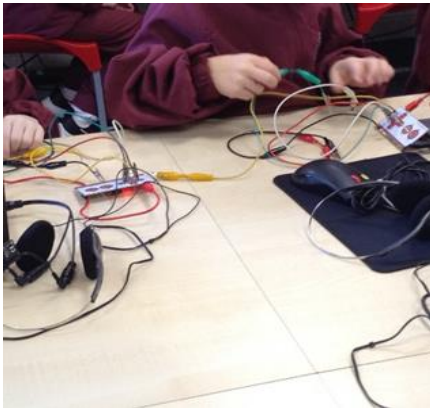
Conductive Music Workshop

Miss Williams from Conductive Music came in to school to work with the children in Years 3 and 4. We worked on a STEAM curriculum – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths.

We used Makey Makey boards to make music. They were connected to the computers and we could make music by touching different parts. We started with single notes and then went onto groups of notes called chords. We connected crocodile clips to the Makey Makey boards and completed a circuit to hear the chords. We experimented with different ways of completing the circuit. We found out that if one person was holding one crocodile clip, they could close the circuit by holding another because humans conduct electricity. If we touched the plastic around the wire we didn't close the circuit because plastic is an insulator.

We composed our own music using chords. It was fun to learn different things.

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SQUID lunch order

reminder – please remember to select your child's lunches every week before they come to school. Please also select Packed Lunch option if your child decides to have one.



Prayer

Thank you, God, for the life you have blessed me with.
Thank you for the opportunities that I have been given and for the strength to make the most of them.
Thank you for your unconditional love which sees me through challenges and keeps me going.
You are an ever-present source of comfort and hope, and I am deeply grateful for all that you do for me. Amen.