



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

28th April 2017

Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

Ashton Coombes
Logan Parnell
Maisie Bidmead
Elliott Leaman
Preslee Seymour
Hazel Mann
John Burke

We love to celebrate our pupils' achievements out of school during Prayer and Praise.

Congratulations to **Oisin Malone** and **Charlie Curtis** who passed their **Grade 1 London Board Music exams** in Piano and Violin and also to **Lydia Stackhouse** who passed her **Grade 2 Keyboard exam** with distinction.

Congratulations to **William Stoye** for gaining his Stage 1 & Stage 2 **Learn to Swim Award**.

Congratulations to **George Yeadon & Oisin Malone** who both gained awards to participation in Rugby.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

Attendance

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance

18th-26th April **WILLOW 98.14%**

Willow, Birch, Ash and Rowan are all above the school target of 96.4%

EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS

100% Attendance Awards

We are pleased to highlight the fantastic attendance of some of our pupils. Congratulations to the following children who received **100% Attendance Awards** for the **Autumn** and **Spring** Terms combined:

Charles Edge
William Bath
Jack Slatter
Elliott Mizen
Kian Voisey
Ruby Slatter
Divine Awerije
Holly Emerson
Joseph Hart
Joshua Williams

Heidi Long
Joel Beswetherick-Sau
Gabriel Awerije
Isla-May Edge
Isaac Beswetherick-Sau
Nathaniel Wood
Theo Delany



Congratulations to the following children who received **100% Attendance Awards** for the **Spring** Term:

Amelia Grant
Harry Slatter
Freya Byrne
Ty Honeywill
William Stoye
Chloe Leeper
Ella Duval
Declan Breslan

Ellie McLaughlin
Charlie Bullock
Ella-May Hervin
Cormac Malone
Stanley Usher
Kye-Lewis Steer
Phoebe Seaman
Harvey Johnson

A big well done to them on their excellent achievement and thank you to their parents for ensuring their children attend school and are punctual.

	Dates
26th April-3rd May	Book Fair
1st May	Bank Holiday
4th May	Maple Swimming
5th May	Birch Forest School
8th - 11th May	KS2 SATS
11th May	Maple Swimming
12th May	Willow Forest School
21st May	First Holy Communion
25th May	Disco and Y6 sleepover
22nd -26th May	KS1 SATS
29th May-2nd June	Half-term Holiday

Live, learn and love in a caring Catholic community.

Lenten Fundraising

Thank you to all those who contributed donations, cakes and spent money during Lent. We appreciate your support and raised an amazing total of **£500** to be split between **CAFOD** & **CLIC Sargent**.

Accelerated Reader has launched at St Joseph's!

Children in Years 2 – 6 are now enrolled on Accelerated Reader which is a computer programme that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. It is designed to encourage children to read at their own level and pace. When children finish a book they take a short quiz, passing the quiz is an indication that the child understood what was read.

AR gives children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice. Children using AR choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them. Teachers help your child choose books at an appropriate readability level that are challenging without being frustrating, ensuring that your child can pass the quiz and experience success.

If you have any questions about the scheme, please do speak to your child's class teacher or the English Subject leader, Mrs Stephens.

How parents can help:

Encourage your child to read at home. Create a culture of reading in your household by reading with your child, starting a home library, visiting your local library or bookstore on a regular basis, letting your child see you reading and discussing books that each of you has read. When reading with your child, stop and ask questions to be sure your child is comprehending what is read.

Reading with your child, no matter what the child's age, is an important part of developing a good reader, building a lifelong love of reading and learning, and creating a loving relationship between you and your child.

Make learning a family affair!

We have a very large **Lost Property** box. If your child has lost any items of clothing, please ask at the school office. Please make sure your child's clothes are named so that we can return them to the rightful owners.

The 'Friends' Easter Garden and Poster Competition Winners

Oak

1st Filip Jaglowski

2nd Heidi Long



Willow

1st Riley-Jay McMahon

2nd Freya Barry



Birch

1st William Stoyale

2nd Ethan Woods



Ash

1st Katherine Baker

2nd Kayleigh Emerson



Rowan

1st Ruby Slatter

2nd Harry Martin



Maple

1st Lydia Stackhouse

OVERALL WINNER

2nd Holly Emerson

Elm

1st Harry Peters &

Oliver Karumbis-Holt



Active Kids at Sainsbury's finishes on 2nd May. We would like to beat last years total of 3938. Could you please ask family & friends to help us collect as many vouchers as possible to purchase new equipment for the school. Thank you.

A special thank you to **Jo Whittet** for organising the **Spring Concert**. It was lovely to see so many family and friends joining us.

A number of children are arriving too early for school. We remind you that the school gates open at 8.40am. Any child that arrives before this time will be unable to gain entrance to the school and will be unsupervised. The school gates shut at 9.00am so please make sure you have dropped off and left the school premises by this time to maximise learning time. Thank you.

Summer School Uniform

A reminder that summer uniform for girls is a blue & white striped or checked dress with a navy cardigan or jumper and for boys grey shorts or trousers. Could we please request that all children are dressed in the appropriate uniform at all times. Thank you.

Don't forget the school will be closed on Monday 1st May for the Bank Holiday. We wish you all a lovely, fun filled long weekend.



The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 12th May 2017.

All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

Clubs

Monday **Marvellous Maths Y5,6**
Mrs Sharman

Tuesday **Multi Skills Y1,2**

Wednesday **Homework Club Y4,5,6**
Miss Dunne/Mrs Wilson

Wednesday **Choir (1pm)**
Mrs Soby

All clubs finish at 4.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Resurrection Rock, it was lovely to see you all. Parents and parish friends are very welcome to join us for our short act of worship and celebration of achievements every Friday at 9.15am.

**May the Risen Lord of Life
bless us this day with all
good gifts and fill
our hearts and minds
with new life.**

Amen



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Kelly Dunne: Interim Headteacher

St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne Deputy Child Protection Officers: Claire Hawkings and Vanessa Crutchlow

Named Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonenburg