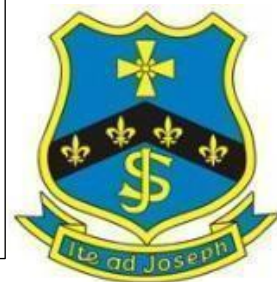


St. Joseph's Newsletter April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy and fun filled term and Easter will soon be upon us. The children and staff have worked so hard and hopefully the holidays will be a time for rest and rejuvenation. We look forward to returning in the Summer term and to the warmer weather.



Let's Celebrate

Stars of the week

Daniel
Phoebe
Kensi

Jason
Michelle
Gracie

Immojen
Jan
Harry

Ellis
Heidi
Emily

Kindness Guardians

Amelia
Wilbur
Gracie

Michelle
James
Braxton

Lewis
Theo
Sam M

Summer
Angel
Bobbie-Rae

Catholic Life

On 20th March, the Feast of St. Joseph, Year's 2 -6 attended a celebration held at St. Joseph's Church in Newton Abbot. It was a wonderful experience and our children were a true credit to the school.



On Wednesday 29th Deacon Tim led the whole school in Stations of the Cross. A service that details each part of Jesus' journey with the cross. Our school Chaplains assisted with the service. All the children will receive a certificate of attendance.

School Chaplains



The school Chaplains have been arranging for our children to write and make Easter cards. These will be sent to the Parishioners of St. Joseph's church and other people of our community to give a bit of cheer at Easter time.

RNLI Visit

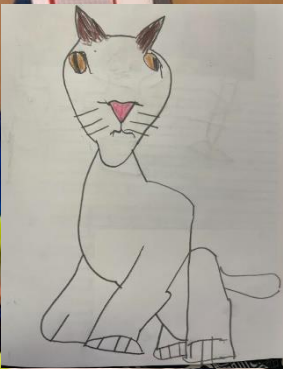
This month we had a visit from the RNLI. Whilst this was a lot of fun, it was also to deliver a very serious and important message to our community about safety on, in and around water.



Curriculum



This term in Art we have been looking at the work of Louis Wain who is well known for his drawings of cats. We have discussed what we like and dislike about his work and have had a go at drawing our own Louis Wain inspired cat pictures.

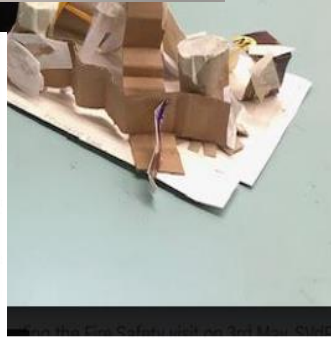


In D.T Year 2/3
have been



folding,
experimenting
with tying and
using PVA strips to
fix shapes!

We have learnt
the art of problem
solving if our
method didn't
work first time!





In St. Teresa of Calcutta we have been learning about the life cycles of butterflies. We have been taking care of caterpillars which have just started to cocoon. We are expecting to see some painted lady butterflies soon.



In SOR this half term, our Science learning has focused on how our circulatory system works. As part of this learning, we have looked at the organs involved and how they work- we (mostly) enjoyed getting to see a real pig's heart so that we could see how blood moved in, through and out of the heart.

We also looked at the different parts of blood and the important role they play in keeping us healthy. Finally, we researched about the impacts of our lifestyles on the health of our circulatory system. So, if you are in need of some 'hearty' advice, speak to us!

Friends of St. Joseph



Yesterday, I had the pleasure of organising an Easter egg hunt for all the classes. The mini-egg prizes were donated by Mrs. Mariadas and the Friends of St. Joseph. Many thanks as we all had great fun.

Staffing

It is at this time of year that we think about endings and new beginnings. I am sure you would all like to join me in saying goodbye and good luck to two much loved members of the team, Miss. Hannaford and Miss. Suarez. We thank them for all of their hard work and dedication during their time at St. Joseph's, they will be missed.


However, we are delighted to announce that Mr. Nicholas Beard will be taking the reigns in St. Francis class. He has a wealth of expertise in the Early Years and KS1.

Mrs Sarah Brooks will be taking over in St. Oscar's class and is also a very experienced and dedicated teacher. We look forward to giving them a warm St. Joseph's welcome.

Both classes have spent time getting to know their new teachers so that they are prepared for the change when we return.

Staff Profile

We asked the children what they would like to ask members of staff about themselves. Each month we will profile a member of staff, answering these questions.

Question	Answer
Name and role in school	Mrs. Sarah Hobbart Senior Administrator 
How old are you? (optional!!)	55 (soon)
Do you have children?	A 28-year-old son called Sam and a 26-year-old son called Ben.
Do you have pets?	No pets
What is your favourite hobby?	Cycling

What was your favourite book as a child?	Enid Blyton books
What are your favourite animals?	Alpacas

Diary Dates

31.03.23	Last day of term - break for Easter
17.04.23	First day of Summer term St. Vincent de Paul - Swimming begins
01.05.23	May Bank Holiday
04.04.23	Red/White/Blue day - school celebration for the King's Coronation including a picnic lunch
08.05.23	King's Coronation Bank Holiday
09.05.23	KS2 SATs week
26.05.23	Class photos Break for Half Term holiday

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy Easter from all the team at St. Joseph's

Sarah Pascoe - Head of School

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caring Catholic community.*

