

YEAR 2 - SCIENCE

In Year 2 we have been working on our current topic 'Living things including humans'.

A part of this topic, we decided that we take a closer look at healthy and unhealthy food. We decided that we would plan an exciting investigation to answer our **Big Question –**

What crisps are the greasiest crisps?

We decided that we would test four different types of our all-time favourite crisps: Pringles, Frazzles, Walkers and Wotsits!

Firstly, we made sure we planned out our investigation to make it a 'fair test'. We then all made our predictions to answer the Big Question. We didn't all agree with each other

though!

We carried out our investigation in small groups. We used scales to weigh the crisps, stopwatches to time the test and spoons to crush the same weight of crisps between the paper towels. We learnt vocabulary such as **absorbent** as we worked carefully to observe the results.

We had to order the area of the grease splodges from smallest to largest – this showed us which crisps were the least greasy to the most greasy.

We all got the same result which meant we had carried out a fair test and finally we finished by writing our conclusions. And the results showed that ... the greasiest crisps were actually the **Wotsits!**

Was your prediction correct?



Y6 are Planning ahead

In year 6 this half term, we are spending a lot of time getting ourselves ready for the end of key stage tests that will happen after Easter. The more we practise the better we'll be able to do, so it's really important that everybody is using the Test Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed websites to develop their fluency.

It isn't all tests though. We are also beginning a new unit of work for English, taken from our Read to Write scheme, all about Wolves! This should give us plentiful opportunities to do creative story telling as well as writing our own non-fiction texts: watch this space!

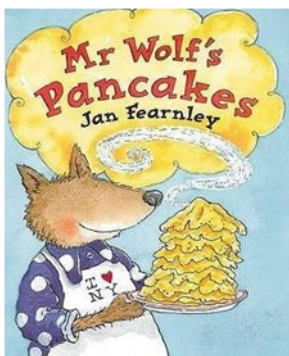
Last half term, as part of our RE topic – Justice, we learnt about various different people from history who have stood up for social justice around the world. One of the famous people we studied was Oscar Romero and his contributions to the poor of El Salvador. He was a wonderfully inspiring figure to study and we wrote balanced arguments all about whether he was right to risk his life. We discussed his impact; the legacy he left

behind; and we looked for examples of how his discussions were influenced by his faith and the Gospel teachings. Based upon the weight of evidence, the majority of the class decided that he **was** right to act as he did; although there were some very compelling reasons given for both sides of the argument. Clearly some of our students could have a solid future in debating!



Finally, as I am sure most of you are aware, Mr. Broughton and his wife are expecting the arrival of their twin baby girls next week. Watch this space for any updates and maybe even a photograph or two.

Y1 are glad to be back!



Year 1 have had a great start back in their new half term. We dived back into our twist on the traditional tale 'Little Red Riding Hood' by trying to help the hungry wolf make some delicious pancakes. The children listened carefully to what the wolf needed to make his pancakes and what he did with them, then had a go at writing a recipe for him. He was so impressed that he delivered a big pile of steaming pancakes for the children to gobble up at the end of the lesson. This half term we will be working on using the text features of non-fiction texts like recipes, such as numbered instructions, text boxes and bossy verbs. We will see in a few weeks how our recipe writing has improved.



We had a wonderful time at mass on Wednesday, where Father gave us all a cross of ashes to celebrate the start of Lent. The children listened carefully to Father's sermon and questions about Lent, and joined in their prayers and songs beautifully. They will be learning more about Lent during their RE lessons in school.

In Maths Year 1 have been using different methods to help them add and subtract by counting on and back. They have been practising counting on mentally, and using number lines to record their counting.

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on Monday 2nd March to take photographs of all pupils. Any parents/carers who wish their child to have a photograph with babies/toddlers (non-school age) should



School Attendance

Attendance is improving, well done to all who have still got 100%!
and to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day
It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at **97% or above.**

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 95%

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 95%

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel or receive a home visit from our Education Social Worker, .



CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1 Mrs Fretwell	65%	92%
Foundation 2 Miss Allen	88%	83%
Foundation 2 Mrs Walker	92%	99%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	99%	96%
Year 1: Mrs Osiaç	97%	96%
Year 2: Miss Last	97%	91%
Year 3 Miss Finnigan	94%	97%
Year 4 Miss Davies	98%	100%
Year 5: Miss J Allen	95%	96%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	97%	100%
Year 6: Mr Broughton	91%	96%



Family Mass

Thank you to all those families who support these Masses; the children love taking part, and we would like to encourage more families to share these special occasions.

**Please join us at 11am
in St Joseph's Church
on Sunday 1st March
for the Holy Communion
Enrolment Mass**



Baptismal Preparation

If you wish to have your child baptised at St Joseph's church you will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting is 2pm
Sunday 8th March
St Alban's Parish Hall

You don't need to book a place, just come along for an informal hour of information and to collect an application form

Completed forms should be returned to the Parish Office to arrange a date



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



“Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be”

Headteacher Mrs K Vernon

School Office 28th February 2020

Dear Parents

Enrolment Mass

Our Enrolment Mass for all our children who have chosen this year to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Forgiveness will take place this **Sunday 1st March at St Joseph's Church at 11.00am**. Please could we ask that children arrive at Church at 10.50am. It is vital that all children attend this mass if they wish to be enrolled on the sacramental programme for this year. We look forward to seeing you there on this very special occasion.

World Book Day

We are looking forward to a day of celebration of books and reading on World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March**. It's always a great day of fun – a chance for your child to dress up as their favourite book character, or alternatively wear pyjamas and share their favourite bedtime story – best costume competition and lots of great book-related activities going on in the classes. We are also asking each child to



donate a book to our school library (in good condition) that they no longer want.

Fund-raising day

On **Thursday 12th March** we will be having a special fund-raising day in school to help us raise money to buy additional reading books for our Accelerated Reader programme. The children will have the chance to take part in fun activities and competitions throughout the day. Please could they bring in some spending money on the day so that they are able to join in the fun. Many thanks for your support.

Parents Evening

Our Spring Parents Evening meetings will take place on **Wednesday 18th March**. Please make a note of the date for your diary. Details of appointment times will be sent out to you closer to the date.



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School Website

www.stjosephs-wallasey.wirral.sch.uk

Our school website is a great source of information about what is going on in school and any important dates for your calendar. We have recently updated our curriculum and class pages so that you can see what is happening in your child's class this term. We are always looking for ways to improve our website so if you have any suggestions or particular information that you feel would be helpful please let us know.

Thank you to all for the many ways in which you continue to support school – it is really appreciated

Every blessing

Mrs Vernon

Golden Assembly 28th February 2020

Miss Allen	Lincoln-James Hughes
Mrs Walker	Jaymes Birch
Miss J Turner	Grace Charlesworth
Mrs Osiac	Rozerine Yalcin
Miss Last	Blake Fletcher
Miss Finnigan	Skarlette Field
Miss Davies	Antony Howard
Miss J Allen	Ryley Davies
Miss Morgan	Summer Evans
Mr Broughton	Jake Cullimore