

# Year 6 - Preparing for SAT's



Year 6 have been working extremely hard over the past few weeks to fully prepare themselves for their forthcoming SATs tests in May. All staff are extremely proud of how much progress the children have made and how hard they have worked all year.

As part of our revision preparation, children have been taking part in a range of 'Book Talk' activities. During these sessions, children have learnt to refine their skills when analysing a text. They have been given a range of text extracts and images from mystery books, and the children have worked as detectives to find evidence and clues in the text, making

sensible and interesting predictions based on what they have found. The children have led a range of mature classroom discussions and debates; found meaning in a range of abstract statements and have even discovered lots of things which the adults hadn't noticed!

The amount of effort the children have put into these sessions has been admirable, with the children making great improvements in the way they can analyse a text in-depth, which has served as fantastic preparation for children to tackle the reading SAT papers in a few weeks time.



## SPORTS UPDATE

[@StJosephsW](#) (please tweet us with any sporting achievements your child makes outside



### Dance to the Moon

This week with the help of Tranmere Rovers in the Community, we launched our new Sport4All initiative called "Dance to The Moon".

The children have been challenged to Dance for 10 minutes every Thursday Lunch Time, to see if they can build up enough time to get us to the moon. It take 4500 minutes so we need to get our dancing shoes on.

The initiative was launched by Frankie from Tranmere who led the school in a mass dance, then delivered dance workshops for our Year 5 and 6 classes.

Dance is a great way for boys and girls to keep fit and there are lots of local dance clubs

based in Wallasey and further afield if you are interested in allowing your child joining one of them.

### F2/KS1 Cheerleading

Apologies for several changes to the Cheerleading schedule. This was beyond our control and happened due to a double booking at the company who send us the Cheerleading Teacher.

The club will now start on Friday 5th May, and all children who are signed up are guaranteed their places.

If you would prefer your child to do Cheerleading instead of football for the 6 weeks, their place at football club will be held for them.

### Y3-4 Rugby

One of our parents, Mark Quinn has very generously offered some of his time to run a morning Tag-Rugby club from 8:15am on Mondays.

Mark is a coach for under 8s rugby at Anselmians RUFC in Eastham, and is looking to recruit new Rugby Players for his team.

The club is aimed at Y3-4 but anyone who is interested is welcome.

Please register your interest with Mrs Douglas at the school office, or if your child is signed up for breakfast club they will be able to attend. The club starts on Monday 8th May.

### PE

Don't forget to return you child's PE kit to school if you have not already done so. Thank you

## Year 3 - Rising to the Reading Challenge!



Year 3 are really enjoying our new reading challenge and are all spending time exploring a variety of books. Most of the children have completed their first book and are eager for more! A special mention to Isabelle Sefton-Davies who has completed 3 books and some lovely activities to go with them .

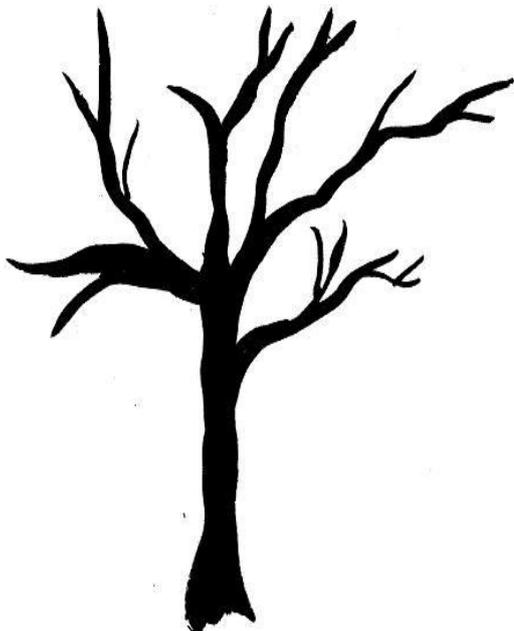


We are working hard in our English lessons using our text, 'The Pebble in my Pocket'. We have used talk for writing to help us rehearse the text and we can now recall it confidently. The children have begun writing some fantastic recounts to describe the journey of the pebble- a big well done to everyone for their hard work and beautiful writing!



## Power of Poetry - Year 5

As part of the CLPE Power of Reading project, we have been reading poetry as inspiration for our own work. Here is a poem from the anthology 'Cosmic Disco' by Grace Nichols



### Winter Trees

Gnarled hands  
In upward prayer  
For green

It provoked thoughtful discussion as well as some excellent examples from our year 5 children.

### Gazing At Me

Hypnotising eyes  
Snapping to attention  
For the praise I need

**Kaitlin, 5C**

### The eye of the plant

Powerful eye  
Squinting and blinking  
Inspecting another sunset

**Louis, 5C**

# School Attendance

**Attendance is good at present, well done to all who have still got 100%!**

It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at **95% or above**.

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

**Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 92%**

**Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 94%**

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

**Attendance Panels are taking place on Wednesday 10th May**

CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1 (am): Miss Salisbury	91%	86%
Foundation 1 (pm): Miss Salisbury	87%	79%
Foundation 2: Miss Howard	100%	97%
Foundation 2: Mrs Hollis	99%	99%
Year 1: Miss L Turner	96%	87%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	97%	92%
Year 2: Miss Last	98%	96%
Year 3: Miss Davies	95%	93%
Year 3:/4 Miss Finnigan	86%	89%
Year 4: Morgan	94%	92%
Year 5 Mr Clare	97%	96%
Year 5: Mr Morris	88%	100%
Year 6: Mr McCann	87%	83%
Year 6: Miss Lewtas	92%	99%



**SUMMER FAIR**  
**3.30pm**  
**FRIDAY 16th JUNE**

In preparation for the Summer Fair we are having non-uniform days on

12th May Bottles  
 26th May Food  
 9th June Chocolate  
 16th June Cakes

Please speak to Mrs Harland or a member of the PTA if you can help on the day by 'manning' a stall



## 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 14th May**  
 in  
 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 0151 638 3919

28th April 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

## Funded provision for two year olds

You will have received a letter yesterday detailing exciting new changes which will be taking place in our Foundation stage from September 2017. This includes 15 hour provision for 2 year old children free of charge to eligible families. Our Foundation stage environment is to be remodelled during the summer to enable us to meet the requirements to offer provision for two year olds.

## 30 hrs funded provision for 3-4 year olds

In addition to this, school will be offering 30 hours funded provision for 3 and 4 year olds in our Nursery in line with government plans starting in September 2017. The 30 hours free childcare offered by the government is only available to working families. However, school

would like to offer up to 30 hours provision for any family who would be interested in this. There would be a charge for the extra sessions which would be priced at £10.00 for a 3 hour session.

## Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May in school to discuss these changes and answer any questions you may have. Please come along and find out more. If you know of anyone who may be eligible please encourage them to come along also.

## First Holy Communion Meeting

Our next meeting will take place at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 2nd May at 5.00. It is important that all children participating in the programme attend this meeting with their parents. In addition all children are asked to take part in our next Family Mass which will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00. We will also be inviting our Reception children and families to our Family Mass on this date. A letter giving more information about this will be sent home next week.

## Attendance

Good attendance by all children is so important in ensuring they achieve well at school. Poor attendance and arriving late for school not only causes upset for the child but also impacts hugely on their learning as they miss valuable teaching time. We want our children to become Attendance Ambassadors providing a great example to others. Please support school and your child by ensuring they attend school and arrive at school at 9.00 promptly.

Thank you for your support

Every blessing

Mrs Vernon

### Golden Assembly 28th April 2017

Miss Salisbury	Poppy-Joy Boyd
Miss Howard	Ellie-Mae Lockie
Mrs Hollis	Ellie May Brown
Miss L Turner	Layton Cooper
Miss J Turner	Oskar Watkinson
Miss Last	Megan Pengelly
Miss Davies	Lycan Jackson
Miss Finnigan	Molly Charlesworth
Mrs Morgan	Tyler Towers
Mr Clare	Caitlyn Clarke
Mr Morris	Natasha Murphy
Miss Lewtas	Amy Keelan
Mr McCann	Lewis McNamara