

St. Joseph's are 'Maths Week' winners!



I am delighted to announce that St Joseph's are the joint winners of the official 'Teach Active' Maths Week challenge!

Last week was national Maths Week and we were set the challenge of engaging in top quality, fun and physical 'active maths' sessions all week. Every single class from the 2 year old provision up to Year 6 took part. Every day we challenged ourselves to get active and practise our maths skills whilst increasing our physical activity levels.



me this week to say that they were very impressed indeed with our obvious love of active maths. I couldn't agree more.

Here are a few pictures of our wonderful efforts.

As a prize we have won a Motty mascot for every class plus a giant life-sized Motty to display in our entrance hall so that all visitors can see what a wonderful effort we are

making mixing our love of maths with physical activity.

Look out for his arrival in a few weeks time!

Congratulations everyone!



As over 450 schools took part in the challenge, we should all be extremely proud that we have won this, well done each and every one

of you St. Joseph's. We certainly make a fantastic 'active' team.

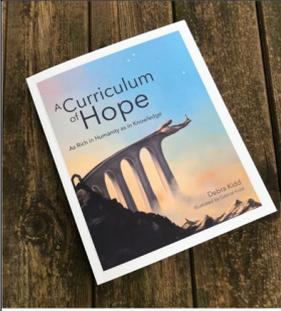
We were not alone though... our Teach Active mascot 'Motty' joined each class for some marvellous maths too. See if you can spot him in the photos!



We were asked to 'tweet' photos of our sessions to our 'Teach Active' providers who rang



Our Curriculum of Hope 2020/2021



This year in every year group across the school, we are using a new style of foundation subject curriculum, which has been written specifically for our children by our teachers. There is no other school with a curriculum like ours!

Children will learn key historical and geographical knowledge through a dilemma-led story including fictional and significant heroes. We hope these lessons will inspire children to not just learn facts, but strive to become an empowered, active citizen who can make a difference in the world they live in.

So far, children are very enthusiastic about helping to solve the dilemma that their character finds themselves in! We are really enjoyed seeing the children engage in their learning in a new way. Each topic has an enquiry question, which links to the dilemma. Here are this half term's enquiry questions:



F1	Where does the bread come from for my toast at breakfast?
F2	What is imagination?
Year one	Have toys always been able to be enjoyed by everyone?
Year two	How have those who have shown courage helped shape our world today?
Year three	Would you move to another country for a 'better' life? What makes it 'better'?
Year four	Is it right that people born in other countries are treated differently to those born in Britain?
Year five	Is there any point in trying to save the indigenous people and their cultures in South America?
Year	Is war ever just?

Beebot Fun in Foundation 2

This half term foundation 2 are learning about a new author, Julia Donaldson. At the beginning of this half term F2 had a very spooky visitor come and surprise them in class! It was the witch from our new class story 'Room on the Broom'. The children had a lovely morning listening to the story and meeting all the different characters. In the continuous provision areas, the children have been enjoying role playing as a witch in the witches corner, making a range of potions and spells and zooming around the area on their broomsticks. They have also had fun retelling the story using the characters from the book, focusing on the sequence of events and the order in which the characters appear in the story. This week is anti-bullying week. Its theme this

year is: United against bullying. F2 began the week wearing odd socks. On Tuesday they had 2 special visitors come and join them in F2 called Roger and Isabelle. Roger and Isabelle were invited to F2 to deliver an anti-bullying lesson. All of F2 made some lovely 'be kind' bees and posed for our anti-bullying display, showing what F2 says NO to.

Hi-Impact came to visit F2 to teach them a lesson on coding. The children spent the afternoon learning to control the robots and the direction they travel. They got to experiment with code-a-pillars, Dash Robots and Beebots. They all had lots of fun!



School Attendance

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

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 93%

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 94%



CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
E2 : Mrs Higgins	86%	86%
Foundation 1: Miss Howard	92%	86%
Foundation 2 : Miss Turner	100%	95%
Foundation 2 : Mrs Walker	98%	98%
Year 1: Miss Last	97%	97%
Year 2 : Miss Finnigan	96%	92%
Year 3: Miss Davies	95%	98%
Year 4 : Mr Broughton	94%	91%
Year 5: Miss J Allen	94%	96%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	91%	87%

Pupils should wash their hands:

- before leaving home
- on arrival at school
- after using the toilet
- after breaks and sporting activities
- before food preparation
- before eating any food, including snacks
- before leaving school.



Class DOJO

Please make sure that you are connected to your child's class and their class teacher via Class DOJO. This is the best way to have a conversation with your class teacher if you need to share any news, or ask any questions. If you need to speak to them, you can ring the office to arrange a call back.





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 M Hollis

School Office 20th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers



Anti-Bullying Week United Against Bullying

This week the children have taken part in Anti-Bullying Week. They looked 'unique' in their

odd socks on Monday! The children have worked together throughout the week to promote the theme of 'United Against Bullying.'

Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and children, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference.

We're all a piece in the puzzle, and together at St Joseph's we're united against bullying.

TeachActive – Competition Winners!

We were delighted to learn this week that we achieved first place in a Teach Active Maths Week challenge. What an achievement to come first out of 450 schools nationally! We impressed Teach Active with our Twitter photos of Teach Active Maths in action, with Mottie the Teach Active mascot. The children were excited to hear that each class will receive a Mottie teddy and there will be a giant sized Mottie to share. Please take a look at our achievements on Twitter.



Children in Need-

Many thanks for your kind donations for Children in Need. I am pleased to say that we raised a grand total of £170.00

School Uniform

I am aware that some parents are having difficulties sourcing school uniform during lockdown, due to shop closures. We hold a stock of spare uniforms in school. If you do require any items please contact the school office and we will endeavour to find you the items you require.

Autumn Parents Meetings

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we are unable to hold a Parents' Information Evening this year. The evening is usually an opportunity to discuss how well your child has settled into their new class and their progress so far. In light of this, an update for your child will be sent home electronically on Friday 4th December.

Physical Education & Sport

We've just been featured in the latest "Physical Education Matters" journal for being awarded the AfPE quality mark with distinction last summer. Well done to all the staff and children who worked so hard to achieve this!



No Pens Day-

We will be taking part in 'No Pens Day' on Wednesday 25th November. This national event will develop pupils' spoken language skills. Our children will have the opportunity to try out new teaching approaches and engage in exciting pens-free activities.



Many thanks for everything you do to support the partnership between home and school.

God's blessings,

Mrs Hollis



COVID—19

Many thanks for continuing to support us in our mission to keep our St Joseph's community safe during this pandemic. The stricter lockdown measures are restrictive for us all. I am proud of how the children take necessary safety measures in their stride. I must ask that all adults adhere to national social distancing guidelines and wear a face covering at drop off and collection times. I have noticed

that many families that are not adhering to this measure, we can't afford complacency. If you have an arranged meeting in school you will be required to provide your own face covering.

