

Y4F Computing and Science

This week we have been fortunate enough to have had Mr Ravenscroft in from Hi-impact to help us with our computing. We linked our computing lesson with science and created an animation to show what happens to food when we eat it.

First we discussed different animations and watched a few such as Morph and Wallis and Gromit for inspiration.

Now we were ready to make our own stop motion animation using iMovie.

We worked in partners using an iPad, picture of

the digestive system and play dough. To begin with, we lay our iPads on a table and lined up the camera up so that it was looking down on a picture of the human digestive system. This was to keep the camera steady and make sure we ended up with a professional looking animation.

Using play dough to mimic food, we started by placing it at the mouth of our human. Our partner had to take several pictures as we moved the play dough closer and closer to the



mouth. The more pictures we took the better the animation would be in the end. Slowly we moved the play dough millimetre by millimetre through the digestive system taking pictures as we went.

After taking lots and lots of pictures we played back our animation.

At this stage we then edited out any unwanted pictures.

Finally when we were happy with our animation we used another app called Shadow Puppet to add music

and narration.

It was a great morning and we can't wait to use our animation skills again.

Thank-you Hi-impact

Don't forget to follow us on twitter and keep up to date with what is going on, news and important dates and events

[@StJosephsW](https://twitter.com/StJosephsW)



PTA Christmas Fayre



TODAY
Friday 1st December
3.30pm
in the school hall
with
Santa in his Grotto

Science with Year 2

This half term we have been looking at living things and their habitats.

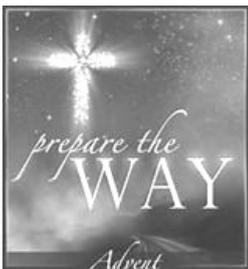
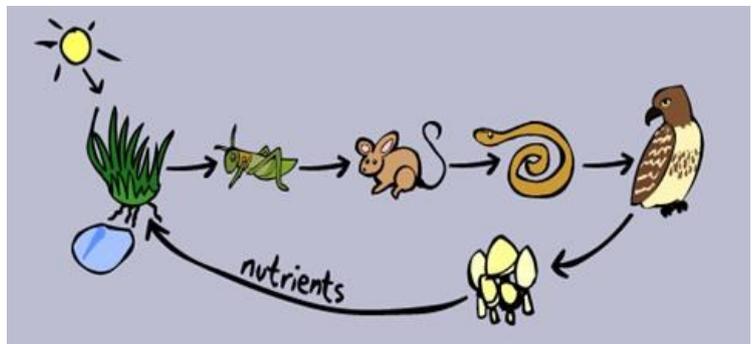


As part of our topic, we have been looking closely at the difference between living and non-living things. We went for a walk around the school field pretending to be explorers. The children drew pictures of different habitats they found (such as a pond, grass, soil etc.) and discussed in groups what animals might live there.

The children took part in a sorting and classifying task to sort objects according to whether they were living, have lived before, or never lived at all. We used a variety of resources such as plants, pencils, leaves, fossils etc. and then constructed a tally chart together using the IWB before recording their findings on charts.

After discussing and looking at simple food chains as a class, children then produced their own food chains using both text and pictures.

Following a class demonstration, in groups the children devised and performed short role plays demonstrating a simple food chain. (For example, one child was grass who had been eaten by a snail who was then eaten by a bird!)



PREPARE THE WAY

An Advent Celebration with

Jo Boyce & Friends

and a Children's Choir from St Joseph's & St Alban's Schools
in St Joseph's Church

Saturday 2nd December

Please join us for an exceptional evening to begin your Advent season and our preparations for Christmas

Tickets are £5 - children Free
Pay at the door

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: 94%

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 93%

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

CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1/2 (am): Mrs Walker	85%	88%
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	91%	100%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	97%	94%
Year 1/2 : Miss Davies	90%	96%
Year 2: Miss Last	98%	95%
Year 3: Mrs Hollis	94%	95%
Year 4 Miss Finnigan	91%	96%
Year 4/5 Mr McCann	97%	91%
Year 5: Mr Clare	95%	92%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	96%	93%
Year 6: Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	90%	93%

Diary Dates



Saturday 2nd December

7pm

**Advent Concert with
Jo Boyce
in St Joseph's Church**

Christmas performances

Foundation Stage Nativity

19th December pm; 20th December am

KS1 Nativity

19th December am; 20th December; pm

KS2 Christmas Carol Service

21st December pm

Parish of St Joseph and St Alban



Messy Church is a fun family afternoon with drawing, painting, cookery, arts, crafts and lots more

Please join us in

St Albans Parish Centre

on

Sunday 10th December

from 3pm - 4.30pm

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult



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 1st December 2017



Dear Parents and Carers



We are really looking forward to our Prepare the Way Advent concert tomorrow where our choir will perform alongside children from St Alban's school with Jo Boyce and her band. The children have been busy practising and we are looking forward to a wonderful evening.

There are still a few tickets left priced at £5 for adults and free for children. Please call in at school if you haven't purchased yours as yet.

Children in the choir should arrive at school by 4.00. Parents who have children in the choir will have received a letter today detailing final arrangements.

Golden Assembly Early Year and KS1 1st December 2017	
Mrs Walker	Annie Rooney
Miss Howard	Jacob James Smith
Miss J Turner	Renee McNamara
Miss Davies	Reece Ivory
Miss Last	Alecia Walters
Due to our Christmas Fair there was no KS2 Golden assembly this week..	



We are really happy to welcome two new members of staff to our team at St Joseph's. Mrs Richardson has joined us as Year 3 teacher until Mrs Lewtas is able to return to work. We recognise that it has been difficult recently for our Year 3 children due to a combination of unforeseen circumstances. The appointment of Mrs Richardson, who is a very experienced class teacher will provide the stability, continuity and high standards that we expect for all our pupils.

All Y3 parents have had the opportunity to meet with Mrs Boekweit-Hughes to discuss their child's progress; however if you have any queries please do come and see me or Mrs Richardson.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Langton who has been appointed as our School Business Manager and will commence in post on Monday 4th December.

Admissions policy

The Governing Body is consulting on our Admissions Policy for 2019 – 2020. A copy of the policy is available on the school website. Responses to the policy should be forwarded to the Chair of Governors c/o St Joseph's. The deadline date is Friday 12th January 2018.