



Sport's Update



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

(please tweet us with any sporting achievements your child makes outside school)

Change 4 Life Challenge

As part of our Change4Life project, this year we'll be setting up different class competitions, with prizes for the classes who show the best examples of changes made. This week it's ...

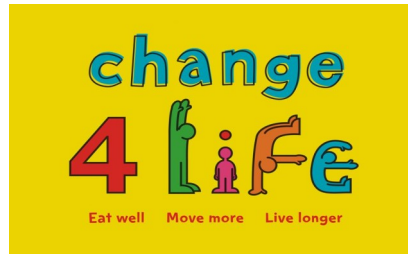
Miss Davies
vs Miss Finnigan

The Challenge

Which class can make the most Sugar Swaps in 1 week?

On Wednesday the children

from each class have been given a week food diary, and have been given lots of examples of sugar swaps that you make to improve your diet. For example swapping a sugary drink for a glass of water.



Next Wednesday The children will be given 10 points for completing their diary (and bringing it in!) and 10 points for every swap. There will be a prize for best class, and best child.

Please tweet us at **@StJosephsW** with any pictures of your child's healthy swaps. Keep watching for which classes will face the challenge next week!

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Wirral Football Final

Well done to our football team who made the Wirral finals. Unfortunately we didn't win, but congratulations for getting so far.

Swimming

Well done to Year 3 and 4 for completing their swimming module, and thank you to parents for providing the children's kit daily for the whole week! To ensure the skills they have learnt aren't lost, please take your child swimming as regularly as possible to maintain this important life skill.

PE Kit

Don't forget to re turn your child's PE kit to school if you have not already done so.

Thank you

PLEASE JOIN OUR SCHOOL FAMILY in St JOSEPH'S CHURCH at 9.30am on MONDAY 20th MARCH TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH



We hope you can join us in church on this special feast day as we celebrate mass together on Monday 20th March at 9.30. It is always a tradition that we place flowers around the statue of St Joseph, our patron saint. We would be really grateful if you could send in any flowers next Friday in readiness for our mass on Monday.



DID YOU KNOW ?



Year 5 have been learning about Ancient Egypt. We looked at the history of pyramid building. In 5 MR pupils assembled

3d pyramids from a 2d net and created a desert floor from sand coloured paper. The children aligned their pyramids carefully on the sandy floor as we had learned in class that pyramids were built with the four corners facing the four points of the compass. The pyramids were sited on the West side of the river Nile as the ancient Egyptians believed the west was where the sun god, Ra, went to bed each night. Did you know that the ancient pyramids were the tallest



buildings in the world right up until the Eiffel Tower in Paris was built in 1889?

In maths, 5C created square based pyramids from cubes so that we could see the stepped sides. The children investigated how many small cubes were needed to build each layer of the pyramid. They realised that each layer was a square number so there was no need to count each cube – we could just multiply!

The first week of March saw us all celebrating World Book Day when year 5 were some of the most stylishly dressed pupils in the school. We had many interesting characters in our classrooms that day. Little Red, Michael Angelo and Rafael, Harry Potter, a princess and a witch sat in class as pupils created poetic descriptions and images inspired by the book, 'Varmints' for 5MR and 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl for 5C.



ST JOSEPHS PTFA EASTER BINGO

ON
16TH MARCH

DOORS OPEN
6PM

EYES DOWN
6.30PM

PRIZES GALORE!!



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.

CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1 (am): Miss Salisbury	89%	77%
Foundation 1 (pm): Miss Salisbury	91%	82%
Foundation 2: Miss Howard	93%	89%
Foundation 2: Mrs Hollis	92%	91%
Year 1: Miss L Turner	89%	99%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	88%	86%
Year 2: Miss Last	93%	97%
Year 3: Miss Davies	94%	99%
Year 3:/4 Miss Finnigan	94%	97%
Year 4: Miss Morgan	95%	94%
Year 5 Mr Clare	88%	91%
Year 5: Mr Morris	93%	94%
Year 6: Mr McCann	84%	92%
Year 6: Miss Lewtas	97%	98%

PTA School Uniform SWAP SHOP

If you have items of school uniform that you would like to swap for a different size
Or
you need an item of uniform for your children
Please contact
Katie Quirk via the school office

A small donation is accepted or you can donate a few hours of your time to help with PTA fund-raising



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 12th March
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

9th March 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

Reading Challenge

I wanted to let you know about our exciting new Reading Challenge which we will be launching for all our children at the start of next week. We have carefully chosen ten quality story books for each class which we believe will appeal to the children. The challenge given to the children is to aim to read as many of these books as possible before the end of the year. Rewards are awarded as the children progress through the Reading Challenge, including an exciting prize at the end if they are able to read all ten texts .

As we know reading is the key to all learning and opens up a whole world of possibilities. We want to encourage our children to read as much as possible and promote a real enjoyment of books and literature. This exciting challenge has been completely funded by the PTA using money that you have all helped to raise throughout the year.

Thank you to all for making this possible and we hope you will support us in encouraging your child to rise to the Reading Challenge. Children will receive their Challenge Pack next week.

Parents Evening

A reminder about the dates for Parents Evening which will take place on:

Tuesday 21st March 3.45 -5.00

Wednesday 22nd March 3.45 – 5.00

You will receive a letter next week which will enable you to choose a time slot convenient for yourselves. Please do make every effort to attend this meeting with your child as it will provide a very important opportunity to look at your child's progress and ways in which you can further support your child's learning.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy

Our RSE policy has recently been updated and a copy of this is available on the school website. Our policy is written in consultation with the Catholic Diocese, staff, parents and governors. If you have any comments related to the policy could you forward them to school, for the attention of Mrs Vernon.

Staffing

Mrs Jones, our Year 2 and Nurture Group Teaching Assistant, is leaving us on 17th March following her appointment to take up a new position as a Play Worker. On behalf of everyone at St Joseph's I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Jones for all she has done for our school. We will miss her but wish her lots of luck in her new job.

First Forgiveness

Our second meeting for the sacramental preparation programme for First Forgiveness will take place in church on Wednesday 15th March. Many thanks to all the children and their families for their lovely participation in our Enrolment Mass which took place last Sunday. The Sacrament of First Forgiveness will take place on Thursday 30th March at 5.00 in church.

Every blessing
Mrs Vernon

Golden Assembly 9th March 2017

Miss Salisbury	Amelia Saunders
Miss Howard	Reilan Jones
Mrs Hollis	Hollie Smith
Miss L Turner	Lola Keeley
Miss J Turner	Hayley Saunders
Miss Last	Stephen Crothers
Miss Davies	
Miss Finnigan	
Mrs Morgan	Luke Kearon
Mr Clare	Tyler Critchley
Mr Morris	Joey Nicholas-Stevens
Miss Lewtas	Sophie-Lea Dreelan
Mr McCann	John Williams