

At St Joseph's we Love, Learn and Live by the example of Jesus Christ

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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## Newsletter 8

9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents

The last few weeks have been particularly eventful with extreme weather conditions, two school reviews and new windows taking up much of our time!

The first phase of our window replacement project is nearing completion, and it's great to hear that the slightly controversial colour choice is being met with such approval! It certainly gives a lift to the external look of the school, as well as creating a much better working environment within the classroom.

We are keeping our fingers crossed regarding securing funds to complete the remaining elevations. Thank you for your Governors Building Fund contributions as these monies are used to pay the 10% costs that we are responsible for.

Last week, we had a visit from the Diocesan Education Department to review the teaching of R.E. and the quality of Catholic life at St Joseph's. We await the final report, but know that the teaching of R.E. and the pupils' work is of a very good standard. The Advisor said that our prayer life was 'active and thriving' and that our Pupil Chaplains, Mini Vinnies and Caritas Ambassadors were strong, Christian role models to our pupils.

This week, our Local Authority Advisor spent a day in school observing teachers and scrutinizing the pupils' Literacy and Extended Writing books.

- Pupil behavior and teacher/pupil relationships were very strong.
- Teachers had strong subject knowledge and high expectations of the pupils.
- Other staff in the classrooms provided effective support when required.
- The school's marking and feedback policy is consistently applied throughout the school.
- Spelling, Phonics, Grammar and Punctuation is very good.

Some areas where improvement is required:-

- Presentation and Handwriting.
- Pupils to write lengthier pieces of work where appropriate.

Finally we were delighted to receive very good feedback about the quality of teaching in St Joseph's Nursery.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Sutton', written over a light blue rectangular background.

P Sutton

## SPORTS NEWS

### NETBALL RALLY

TUESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT BENTLEY WOOD HIGH SCHOOL

**Congratulations to:** Emer, Erin, Kezia, Elizabeth, Emmeline, Thomas, Anthony and Jaden. They came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 16 schools.



### CROSS COUNTRY

THURSDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 AT ROGER BANNISTER STADIUM

**Well done to:** Delilah-Rose, Bruna, Aoife, Aaliyah, Shannon, Mara, Emilia, Vienna, Ryan, Finn, Desmond, Michael, Harish, Ryan & Yashan



The school is committed to promoting the health and welfare of all pupils and if staff see signs which suggest that one of the pupils may have been the victim of abuse, staff will (as is required by law) follow the procedures laid down by the Area Child Protection Committee. N.B. Such action in no way infers that any parent/carer or other individual is being accused of wrong-doing. A full version of the school's Child Protection Policy is available upon request. Mrs C French, Mrs A Panacides & Mr J Fay

**WORLD BOOK DAY  
THURSDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**

The children and staff had a wonderful day dressing up as characters from their favourite books. Thank you to everyone for making such a fantastic effort!



**ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCIENCE COLLEGE MATHS CHALLENGE  
FRIDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**

**Well done to:** Ben & Patrick, Emmeline & Maddison, Michael & Bruna,  
Emer & Karuniya, Victoria & Roland.

**St Joseph's School came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall!**



**STARS OF THE WEEK**

	<b>W/E: 23/02/2018</b>	<b>W/E: 09/03/2018</b>
<b>RC</b>	<b>Alex</b>	<b>Eddie</b>
<b>RS</b>	<b>Ivet</b>	<b>Lucas</b>
<b>1C</b>	<b>Aislinn</b>	<b>Mason</b>
<b>1K</b>	<b>Mikolaj</b>	<b>Victoria</b>
<b>2J</b>	<b>Sethuli</b>	<b>Jack W</b>
<b>2S</b>	<b>Kitty</b>	<b>Rayan</b>
<b>3P</b>	<b>Omari</b>	<b>Alex</b>
<b>3W</b>	<b>Coleen</b>	<b>Rocco</b>
<b>4D</b>	<b>Marissa</b>	<b>Daisy</b>
<b>4T</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Sanjana</b>
<b>5GP</b>	<b>Bobby</b>	<b>Kyle</b>
<b>5P</b>	<b>Luis</b>	<b>Verushka</b>
<b>6B</b>	<b>Shannon</b>	<b>Alex</b>
<b>6W</b>	<b>Jarell</b>	<b>Grace</b>

**IMPORTANT DATES**

29<sup>th</sup> March – School ends 2.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> April – Inset Day – School Closed

17<sup>th</sup> April – Children return

**FUNDRAISING**

We would like to thank everyone who supported St Joseph's School with the Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme. The wonderful total of **£2,000** was raised and will be used to purchase some new playground equipment. **Thank you!**

**SCHOOL LUNCHES**

If your child is going to arrive at school after 9am (i.e. due to medical appointment, etc), please remember to call the school if you wish your child to have a school lunch on that day. Lunch numbers have to be given to the kitchen by 9am. Many thanks.

This Wednesday's Word: **SELF-GIVING**

**"Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his Life for us." St Teresa of Calcutta**



**It's our self-giving which helps to make the world a much better place. Ask your child what 'self-giving' means to them. Who are the most self-giving people your child knows – that is, people who put others' needs first?**

If you would like to contact the School Governors, please email:

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