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Fortnightly News

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of a busy half term we would like to thank all the children for their hard work and examples of living out our Catholic virtues in school. We hope that they enjoy a well-earned rest next week

1st Holy Communion Parent meeting

Many thanks to the parents and children of Year 3G who came to the meeting last Wednesday evening. Many thanks to Deacon Daniel for giving up his time to speak to everyone about the sacrament the children will receive. We are all looking forward to this celebration which will take place next month.

Year 2 SATs

Well done to the children in Year 2 who completed their Key Stage 1 assessments last week. We know that you have been working so hard and we are all very proud of you all.

Jubilee celebrations

Today the children had loads of fun celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We have had a very busy day watching the 'Songs from the decades' music videos each year group has made, learning about her Majesty the Queen and also eating plenty of cake at our Royal Jubilee picnic!

Goodbye Mrs Hill

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Mrs Hill will be leaving St Josephs at the end of the Summer Term to take up the position of Head Teacher at St Mary of the Angels in Aldridge.

Mrs Hill has been at St Josephs since September 2012 as year 6 teacher and a year later promoted to Deputy Head Teacher in September 2013. She will be hugely missed by staff and children alike and we wish her the very best of luck in her new venture- although we still have her for another 1/2term!!

The Governors, Directors and Diocese are currently running a recruitment campaign to find her replacement. This will hopefully be concluded next term.

Goodbye Mrs Kaur and Mrs Purchase

We say goodbye to Mrs Kaur one of our lunchtime supervisors who is leaving today to relocate in London.

Mrs Purchase another of our Lunchtime supervisors and TAs is also leaving in 3 weeks' time. We wish them both good luck in their new ventures.

The Governors currently have placed an advert for new lunchtime staff- if you are interested (or know someone who is) please visit: <http://johnpaulii.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Lunchtime-Supervisor-Advert-May-June-2022-1-1.pdf>

Safeguarding

Please find a link to the latest MAC Safeguarding Newsletter on the theme of screen time. We hope you find it useful and informative.

[SJP2 - Safeguarding Newsletter - Summer 1 2022](#)

Cultural Capital

Inspirational Artist:

Dame Barbara Hepworth

"I rarely draw what I See, I draw what I feel in my body.

Dame Barbara Hepworth was a British artist who created many fantastic sculptures.





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Notices

School Drive

Please note that NO VEHICLE is to use the drive between 8.30am-8.50am and 3.00pm-3.35pm. A number of parents attending meetings before school and delivery drivers have unfortunately driven at these time.

Diary

Friday 27th May

School breaks up for half term holiday

Monday 6th June

New half term begins with children back to school

Week Beginning 6th June

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Saturday 11th June 10am and Sunday 12th June 12.30pm

1st Holy Communion Mass at Holy Trinity for the Y3B children

Monday 13th June to Wednesday 15th June

Year 6 residential trip to Culmington Manor, Manor Adventure.

Friday 17th June

Non-Uniform Day

Saturday 18th June 10am and Sunday 19th June 12:30pm

First Holy Communion for the children in Y3G

Monday 20th June

RSHE week

Thursday 23rd June

Puppet Show for Foundation Year

Friday 1st July

INSET Day (school closed)

Sunday 3rd July

Family Mass at Holy Trinity

Tweets of the Week

Y4E on a minibeast hunt! #Science

3:07pm - 23rd May, 2022



5R are studying plant reproduction in #Science and have all cloned a Spider Plant to take home! We took clippings from a mature Spider Plant and immersed the shoots in water for 2 weeks. We have now potted the plantlets in the hope of growing a genetically identical plant.

12:23pm - 20th May, 2022



Year 3G have prepared and presented wonderful Collective Worship all about Mary. #CatholicLife #MonthofMary

11:47am - 20th May, 2022



As this is our final newsletter in May, the Holy month of Mary, we dedicate this week's prayer to her.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us. O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of

Christ
Amen.



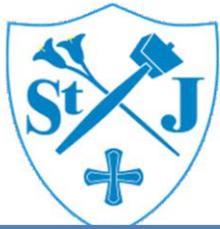
Yours sincerely,

Mr O'Hara
Principal

Mrs Hill
Vice Principal

Mr Lynch
Acting Assistant Principal





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Year Group Bulletins

Year 1

The children have had another very busy week in year 1, splitting shapes and quantities into quarters. And as part of our Jubilee celebrations, we have been drawing portraits of Queen Elizabeth II. We hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to seeing the children when we return.

Year 2

Year 2 have worked really hard completing their SAT's. They enjoyed an afternoon of fun on the field with a picnic and games.

Year 3

This week, Y3 have been looking at the advantages and disadvantages of the deforestation of rainforests and have each taken part in the deforestation debate. You all spoke confidently and clearly with great rhetorical questions used.



Year 5

The last two weeks of this half term have been very busy for the Year 5 children! We have studied plant reproduction and have successfully cloned a Spider plant. Mathematics has taken a turn towards angles: we can now identify, measure and draw them. We have gathered research on the issue of keeping animals in zoos and have held a class debate on the matter. We are preparing a balanced argument in our English books.



Foundation

FY have had a lovely week. As it is the month of May where we think about Mary and how special she is. Mrs Podraza held a May procession for us, she carried the statue of Mary, held a prayer service. we said a decade of the rosary and sang Ave Maria. It was a lovely afternoon.



Year 4

Our Science topic is 'Living things and their Habitats'. The children had a fantastic time exploring which living things live in the nature area at school. We are now classifying living things based on their characteristics.



Year 6

Over the last couple of weeks, Y6 have been exploring Maths in real life contexts. Working for 'St. Joe's Bakery', they have been solving different problems involving working out the cost of ingredients, making sure that we make a profit, designing the packaging...and finally making the cakes too! Preparing for the platinum jubilee, we have also used charcoal to draw portraits of the Queen from her coronation in Art.

