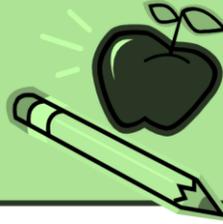




Newsletter



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St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter

Celebrating the Canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman



Cardinal John Henry Newman was born on 21st February 1801 and died on 11th August 1890. He founded a University: Wrote thousands of letters: Doubted: Struggled: Suffered personal attacks: Ordained an Anglican Priest aged 23: Converted to Catholicism aged 44: Ordained a Catholic Priest aged 46: Wrote Poetry and Hymns: Beatified (declared "Blessed") by Pope Benedict XVI in Sept 2010: will be Canonised (declared a Saint) by Pope Francis on 13th October 2019.

Newman was a relatively shy man, quite intellectually focused. So what was it about him that inspired so many in his own lifetime, and that now means he is being declared a Saint?

He was a Saint for those who struggle, who have doubts and ask questions; his journey in faith is full of personal challenge. Some projects failed. He was often heavily criticized. Therefore, he is a Saint who you can ask for prayers in situations where you have doubts or face challenges, or when you fail and need to start again. He was intellectually brilliant, yet struggled with exam stress and pressure. He is a Saint you can ask for prayers when you feel under pressure. He was shy but had the courage to stand up for what he believed. His friendships mattered greatly to him. He is a Saint who you can ask for prayers to sustain your friendships, lived out in kindness & charity.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

I would like to thank parents for their generous donations. Our Infants 2 and 3 girls gave an outstanding performance in their Assembly, and, as you were all aware, we were also joined by prospective parents who were also attending our Open Day. The girls' performance very much impressed everyone. I would like to applaud their efforts and to thank Miss Munro, Mrs Hale-Brown, Miss Clement-Doyle, Mrs Ryan and Miss Ryan on a wonderful assembly. Our donations will be going to the Dorothy Day foundation who support women who have been the subject of prostitution and trafficking and the ages range from 16 to 80 years.



Jessica the Prayer Bear visits Rome

Not many prayer bears get to travel to countries afar, however we have the luckiest prayer bear in the universe! Not only does the bear, accompanied by her 'carer' Felicity in Prep 4 get to fly on an airplane, but Jessica will be in attendance in Rome for the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman.



Diary events for next week

Next week we are celebrating Judaism Week as part of our RE curriculum.

On **Monday** morning, 14th October, Prep 4 will be participating in a junior community roadwatch scheme run by the Met police and Redbridge Council. JCRW gives primary school children the opportunity to take part in speed awareness engagements in their local community, working with Council Road Safety Officers and Police Officers to educate speeding motorists on the importance of road safety. Groups of 5 girls will stand at a safe distance with a Council Road Safety Officer and member of teaching staff. Police officers will stand at the roadside and operate a Pro Laser 4 Speed Detection Device. Any speeding motorists will be stopped by the police and initially spoken to by the officers. If the police officers deem it appropriate; they will call over the Safety Officer and girls to speak to the motorist to offer a combined educational road safety message. The girls have been busy preparing questions.

On **Wednesday**, all the Infants and Nursery are seeing a performance in school called The ZoopaDoopa Road safety show. This is organised by the London Borough of Redbridge to help support the learning and importance of road safety for our children.

Friday - Non-Uniform Day (in exchange for a bottle) for our bottle stall at the Bazaar.

Friday - Finish for Half -Term.

Christmas Bazaar

If you are able to help out at our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 9th November, please inform the office of your availability as soon as possible. This is an extremely important event in the school calendar and its success is very much dependent on your support. You are also able to inform Mrs Mansi-Kennedy of your availability if you spot her in the playground. Thank you for your support.



Thank you to those parents who attended this week's workshop. It was wonderfully supported and received and I know you found the workshop informative and helpful, having read the evaluations. Your continued support at home, and greater understanding now of how we deliver phonics will benefit your daughter/s. Well done to the girls who demonstrated what a lesson is like for the parents.

Non-Uniform Day Friday 18th October

This will be a non-uniform day for those children who bring in a bottle for the Tombola stall. Bottles can be donated anytime between **Monday 14th and Thursday 17th October**. The girls will be given a raffle ticket, which they may exchange on Friday morning when they arrive in school wearing their own clothes. Any girl who brings in their bottle on Friday 18th, may come to school in their own clothes and they will be given a raffle ticket in exchange for their donation in the playground. In order to join in the spirit of the occasion, your daughter **must** bring in a bottle in order to participate in Non-Uniform day. Don't forget it is all raising money for a good cause - our school!

London Marathon 2020

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on **SUNDAY 26th April 2020**. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Libby Phillips for further details on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 15th November. Please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1600 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.