



Newsletter



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St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter

Happy St Andrews Day tomorrow (30th November) for all our families with Scottish heritage.



We also remember this week those people who suffer persecution for their faith. We are all called to have the courage and fortitude to stand up for what is right and tolerance and respect for all is part of our mission.

Prep 4 - Junior Citizenship Day



Last Friday the Prep 4 girls participated in the Redbridge Junior Citizenship Day, this day teaches the girls the importance of personal safety. The girls achieved a score of 10 for their manners, attentiveness and participation in 8 different activities. We were awarded an overall score of 79/80. Staff from the Police, TFL, Fire Brigade and Redbridge Council commented on the polite and thoughtful nature of the girls. Ms Dodd was incredibly proud when the school was the winning team. Each girl was given a rucksack of prizes. Well Done Prep 4!

Prep 2 Trip to Science Museum



On Friday 22nd November, Prep 2 embarked on a trip to the Science Museum which they thoroughly enjoyed. First, they visited the 'Secret Life of Home' where they compared how modern appliances have changed over the last 100 years. They also spent some time in the Wonderlab where they were able to try a range of hands-on activities and watched a live Science show that demonstrated how conductors enable a circuit to work.

I loved the Wonder lab - Zahra

I liked the generator because we twisted it to create Watts - Nana

I learnt how vacuum cleaners, TV's and alarm clocks work - Maya

I learnt that the first fridges were powered by ice - Maria/Olivia

A newspaper report by Anabelle, Infants 3

'Yesterday afternoon, September 30th, Infants 3 went on a school trip to London Zoo. Whilst visiting the lion enclosure something incredible happened. Slowly a lion crept towards one of the nervous school girls and the lion lifted its paw up to the little girl. People there gasped in astonishment! The brave girl spotted a sharp thorn in the lion's paw. In the blink of an eye the girl pulled the thorn out quickly and the lion gratefully smiled at the girl and she smiled back too. Everyone cheered. The zookeeper gave the little girl £5 to spend in the gift shop. He said thank you for saving my lion. Everyone went home happily.'

#GIVING
TUESDAY

Tuesday 3rd December is Giving Tuesday. This is a global event where everyone, everywhere can do something to support the good causes that mean so much to them. At St Joseph's we are using the day to support the BCCS, Take A Minute appeal. The money raised will help support the BCCS pay for the support of therapists who work within our schools to continue to deliver, emotional, mental health support as well support for bereavement, depression, domestic violence, stress and aggression. Please help us to support this worthwhile cause by making donations in the envelopes sent home with your daughter today and returning them to school by Friday 6th December. As a thank you, the girls will receive some reindeer food to leave out for Santa on Christmas Eve....

<https://www.givingtuesday.org.uk/about/>



Dates for your diaries

A reminder of the events coming up over the next two weeks

Tonight is the last LAMDA session for this term.

Monday 2nd December - final week of extra-curricular clubs (before/afterschool club continues)

Tuesday 3rd December - Prep girls to OLOL church for Reconciliation Service.

Thursday 5th December - Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Thursday 5th December Scholastic Book Fair arrives. Available in the Nursery afterschool. Please come and support us.

Friday 6th December - Infant Nativity at 2pm. All parents invited in at 1.30pm for refreshments.

No Merit Assembly today

Monday 9th December - Sleeping Beauty pantomime

Tuesday 10th December - Flu Nasal Spray Vaccine

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner for all children

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas singing for old people's home

Thursday 12th December - 2pm Prep Carol Service/Orchestra - All parents invited for refreshments at 1.30pm. **Term ends 3.15pm**

Please note that unfortunately Preps will not be singing in church on **Sunday 15th December** because many families will be away for Christmas Holidays.

Prep 1 Instruments

After reviewing the first term of the girls coming into school in Prep 1 with instruments, we would now like to ask that the girls place them in the designated rack in the library area behind the Prep 3 classroom instead of carrying them upstairs. Thank you.

Christmas Dinner/ Christmas Jumper Day

On **Wednesday 11th December**, all children will have a special Christmas Dinner. Please remember to book this, particularly if your daughter usually has packed lunches. The Christmas jumper is to be worn instead of the school cardigan as the only change to the school uniform on that day. I look forward to seeing them all.

Mission Statement

We are a Mercy School
We live and work together,
as Jesus taught us,
spreading his loving friendship
to everyone we meet