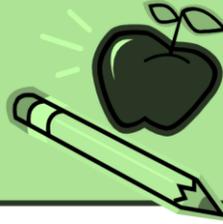




# Newsletter



**Newsletter 15**  
**18<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

## St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter

### Open Day

We were delighted and encouraged by the number of visitors to our Open Day this week.

Our Prep 4 girls behaved impeccably and I would like to say a well done and thank you to them. They were delightful ambassadors for the school and they all played a part in either escorting parents, welcoming them or offering tea and cake.

Two of the girls spoke following my address and I and the parents were struck by their confidence and eloquence. I was extremely proud to be their Headteacher.

All the parents commented on how much they enjoyed their time with us. They remarked on the warmth of the school and how happy all the girls were. They were especially impressed with the standard of the learning taking place in the classrooms and the variety of the lessons being taught.

Overall, it was a very successful morning. I look forward to welcoming our new children.

### Thank you and Happy Birthday

I would like to extend my thanks to Teresa Rains, a former teacher who very kindly came in on Tuesday and supported the school Open Day by allowing us the use of her china crockery and by providing homemade cakes for our prospective parents. Unbeknown to us it was also her birthday. She came in and supported us and never said a word about it!

### Important Reminders

**Data collection Sheets have been given to each child today. Could you please check the details and amend/update where necessary. Please pay particular attention to ethnicity, & ensure we have up-to-date contact details & telephone numbers and collection of your child details.**

**Please return on Monday.**

### PGL Residential Prep 4

A meeting for parents has been arranged for 5pm on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. We look forward to seeing you all then.

### Young Voices

Today, Miss Clement-Doyle distributed the tickets and T-shirts for our forthcoming trip to the O2 for the Young Voices event on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Please make sure you retrieve these from your daughters today, as we cannot take responsibility for any lost tickets or T Shirts. We hope your daughter is practicing the songs in the link we sent out last week! It will be a fantastic event, one we are very much looking forward to.

### Mission Statement

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

### Mass

Infants 2 and 3 went to Mass on Thursday and delighted the parishioners with their singing – even reducing some to tears! They always report what a pleasure it is to see our girls at church.

### School News

This week has seen the commencement of our new Premier Sports and Science clubs.

#### Premier Sports Clubs – Sporting Hero's

Thank you to those parents who have emailed in to say how much their daughter/s have enjoyed the new clubs. Fencing and Football have certainly been very well received. The girls have really enjoyed them too. It is lovely to be able to offer sports they would not necessarily have thought of participating in previously. The sports coaches have been impressed with their behaviour and their willingness to try something new.

#### Prep 4 Maths Club

I was disappointed to see that no-one from Prep 4 attended the Maths Enrichment club this week. This club has been arranged to support your daughter's Maths learning, particularly at this important time of the year. The Maths Club will continue every Wednesday until February 6<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to utilize this additional and invaluable resource. If you are no longer going to attend please inform the school office on Monday. Thank you

#### Netball

On **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**, Prep 4 played two games at Redbridge against Fairlop and St Aubyns. They beat Fairlop but unfortunately lost to St Aubyns. Player of the match was Poppy. Well done to everyone for their efforts. If girls would like to improve their abilities further, it is extremely beneficial to join an out of school netball club for extra practice.

#### School Trips

Several exciting trips have been arranged for this term, included a trip to the London Transport Museum for Prep 2, and the Monument and Museum of London for Infants 3. Trip letters will be circulated to these classes shortly. Further trips are currently being considered for other year groups. Details to follow.

## This Week's Attendance

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| Nursery   | 97% |
| Infants 1 | 97% |
| Infants 2 | 99% |
| Infants 3 | 98% |
| Prep 1    | 95% |
| Prep 2    | 95% |
| Prep 3    | 98% |
| Prep 4    | 99% |

I am delighted to announce that a grand total of **£385.13** has been raised from our Christmas Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Advent Appeal. Thank you to all our families who supported our appeal.



### PA News

Please see attached newsletter from the PA. This includes details of the St Joseph's Day Sponsored Walk on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and the Bags2School project. Bags have been distributed today to be returned on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

### Science Club

In Science Club this week, we have been learning about the greenhouse effect. We discussed greenhouses, and the greenhouse effect. We talked about the atmosphere and made carbon dioxide using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, which made a balloon inflate. Next we made our own greenhouses out of a plastic bottle, a foam cup and a soil filled sock with grass seeds in it. We decorate it with googly eyes so when it grows it can have a hair style. It was really good fun and we are all looking forward to next week.

Felicity and Gabriella Prep 3

