



Newsletter



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15th March 2019

St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter

Well done St Joseph's on our ISI Inspection Report!



The quality of the pupils' personal development is excellent.

The quality of the pupils' academic progress and other achievement is good.

Thank you to the many parents who have offered congratulations on the receipt of the inspection report.

This report clearly informs you, as parents, that as a school we are committed to driving standards and ensuring that the girls benefit fully from all that we do.

The Inspectors recognised that the girls enjoy and develop a wide range of skills and achieve well in their studies. They are highly articulate and participate enthusiastically in all that they undertake. As a school, we know your children very well and respond immediately to their academic needs. It was pleasing that the inspectors noted the excellent standard of work within the classrooms and how by Prep 4 they are producing work of an excellent standard. This is borne out by our very good results in the applications to secondary schools. The acknowledgement of what we are achieving and our aspirations to foster a lifelong love of learning in the girls is being realised and was very evident in our Science Day on Wednesday.

Science Day



We have had a fantastic week filled with lots of science led activities. The girls and staff especially enjoyed the Science Day where we had all researched someone from varying fields of science pre 2019 and current. We welcomed astronauts, botanists, microbiologists, chemists, marine, engineers, physicists; ordinary people who have become extraordinary. The girls as always enthusiastically entered into the excitement of the whole day and enjoyed the varied and challenging experiments, which were on offer in the different classrooms. Presentations and reports were written and the disappointment when the day ended was palpable with most girls reporting they wished to stay at school! A hugely successful day, which we will be repeating.

Thank you to all the parents for your support and the wonderful costumes and accessories. I know how many of you enjoyed it too.

I would like to share some quotes from our Prep 1 children, who certainly embraced their experience! Photos are available on our website under 'News & Events' 'Photo Gallery'!

'I just didn't want to go home' - Tiana

"It was fantastic - all the experiments really inspired me' - Maya

'I like the amazing experiments, especially flying the plane we made' - Jamie

I loved science day because we got to do fun experiments and had fun with teachers - Zahra

Important Reminders

Safeguarding Reminder

Despite previous requests, some parents think it is acceptable to reach through the school gate to let themselves in before 8am. This is in breach of our safeguarding. I would ask, once again, that you refrain from doing this and wait appropriately on the other side of the gate as requested.

Thank you.

Scholastic Book Fair

Please come and support our Book Fair, which is situated in the Nursery every afternoon from 3.15pm until Wednesday 20th March.

Broken tree branch

Due to the high winds experienced this week, one of the branches on the tree in the front playground snapped and became very loose. I am delighted to announce that the tree specialists safely removed the branch in question today.

Diary Reminders

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| Monday 18 th March | School closed - INSET DAY |
| Monday 18 th March | PA Sponsored Walk |
| Monday 25 th March | Final week of afterschool clubs (excluding the usual extended club facilities). |
| Thursday 28 th March | Final Swimming Lesson
Final Science Club |
| Friday 29 th March | Nursery & Infants 1 Mothers' Day Assembly 9.10am - everyone welcome (No Merit Assembly) |
| Friday 5 th April | Easter Performance Prep 1 & 2 at 1.30pm - everyone welcome
Last day of term |
| Thursday 25 th April | Return to school for Summer Term in Summer Uniform |

Prep 4 outstanding results!

I am delighted to announce our outstanding 11+ entry exam results. I am extremely proud of our girls' results and am confident that they will all thrive as they embark on their transition to secondary education.

A full list of results is available on the school website: -

<https://www.stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk/page/?title=Destinations+of+our+pupils&pid=50>

School News

Summer Term Clubs:

New Music Theory

Miss Clement- Doyle will be offering a music theory club on a Thursday after school for those children learning a musical instrument. They will be working towards Grade 1 theory examination. Letter to follow shortly.

Spanish Club:

Spanish will continue on a Thursday after school and will be extended to Infants 2 and 3. A letter will follow.

11plus revision Club:

This club will commence on Thursday 2nd May after school led by Mrs Ayling and Miss DaCosta for Prep 3 girls.

Premier Sports clubs will continue, details to follow.

Class Photographs

Proofs of the recent class photographs have been circulated today. Proofs can be ordered online or by returning the completed order form to school. All orders must be returned to school by **Friday 22nd March.**

Term dates 2019-2020 now available on school website