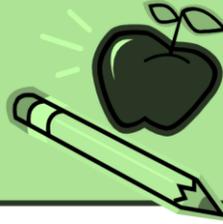




Newsletter



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St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter

Happy St Joseph's Day

I know that everyone enjoyed a beautiful Spring morning walk in Wanstead Park on Monday.

On Tuesday we celebrated in school with a whole school Mass. This was led by Father Keiron who was accompanied by Father Tom, who have been leading the OLOL Parish Mission week.



Saint Joseph, husband of Mary, pray for us.

Thank You - Family Mission Night

Thank you to all the girls who attended the Family Mission night yesterday evening to represent St Joseph's with our parish family. It was a truly uplifting experience and we are all enjoying modelling our bracelets along with our miraculous medals, which were all blessed.

Family Fast Day - An Ocean of Fish (CAFOD)

What a magnificent school we have in more ways that I can say. Your very generous donations towards the class fish have been wonderful and, as you will be able to see by our display in the school hall, we have a growing ocean. Some money is still coming in and thank you for the additional donations made to this very worthy cause. I will let you know next week our total amount, so there is still an opportunity for any further donations.



Competition Winners

The Lost Thing

The standard of entry for our recent 'Lost Thing' competition which was linked to our Book Week was incredibly high and diverse. Our winners have been selected and can be seen below.

Congratulations to Lucia, Anjali, Anna, Maggie and Sophie who each received a £5 book token.

ICT Competition Winners

Again, an absolutely outstanding array of posters and the various ways these were presented caused the judges a huge amount of deliberation. In the end, they had to nominate more winners than originally planned! Well done to the girls who won, their posters are on display in the school Hall. The other posters are also being displayed around the school to highlight and draw attention to the importance of online safety. Well done to Zahra, Annabel, Amelia, Maria-Amelia and Adya.

Junior Citizenship Day - Prep 4

Last week Prep 4 took part in the Junior Citizenship Day run by the Emergency Services and TFL. Alongside other visiting schools, Prep 4 took part in a series of life skill challenges to prepare them for life beyond primary school. I am delighted to announce that the two St Joseph's teams came 1st and 2nd out of 9 teams. The hosts commented how well behaved and enthusiastic they were.

Open Day and marketing our school

Our next Open Day takes place on **Thursday 2nd May** at 9.30am. We were extremely encouraged by the number of visitors to our last Open Day and delighted that many registered to join our Nursery and Infants 1 for September! We will be running a series of ads in the **West Essex Life Magazine** over the coming months to put St Joseph's firmly on the map as an independent school of choice in the local area!

Mission Statement

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

More history being made at St Joseph's ...

AS you are all now becoming more used to the exciting and enhancing opportunities taking place at our school, you will not be surprised to learn that we are now entering into the world of inter-school sports competitions and we have much planned for the girls over the coming months!

Our first event will be on Tuesday 2nd April at the Redbridge Primary Spring Running Meet. Some girls are currently experiencing DOMS - delayed onset muscle soreness - after their trials this week! Those girls who have been selected to compete will receive a letter on Monday. I am extremely excited about taking them myself and I have no doubt that we have a few budding champions in school.

In the Summer Term we will also be introducing new extra-curricular clubs including Lacrosse, Kwik Cricket and Tri-Golf run by Premier Sports. Details to follow shortly, as well as offering Spanish Club to Infants 2 & 3; Music Theory club for our musicians and Exam Revision Club for Prep 3 girls. Science Club will also continue.

After attending next week's Secondary Transfer Information meeting, parents in Prep 2 & 3 will recognize the support and learning/preparation that is in place for your daughter as she moves up the school and prepares for 11+ and entrance exams. I hope you will all be joining us on **Thursday 28th March at 6pm.**

Diary Reminders

- Monday 25th March Final week of all afterschool clubs (excluding the usual extended club facilities)
- Thursday 28th March Final Swimming Lesson for Prep 3 & 4
- Thursday 28th March Secondary Transfer Information Meeting for Prep 2 & 3 parents
At 6pm
- Friday 29th March Nursery & Infants 1 Mothers' Day Assembly 9.10am - everyone welcome (No Merit Assembly) - Bring your tissues!
- Friday 5th April Easter Performance Prep 1 & 2 at 1.30pm - everyone welcome
Last day of term - finish at **3.15pm**

This Week's Attendance

Nursery	96%
Infants 1	96%
Infants 2	96%
Infants 3	97%
Prep 1	97%
Prep 2	96%
Prep 3	97%
Prep 4	95%

Thank you

My thanks to everyone who came and supported this year's Book Fair. I am delighted to announce that we raised £579. This money will enable us to buy new books for the girls.

Netball News

A great session on Tuesday. We drew with Mossford A and beat Newbury Park. Player of the match was Poppy. Well done girls!!

PA - Sponsored Walk

A big thank you to everyone who helped and participated in the Sponsored Walk. We had 50 girls participate + a few siblings which was a fantastic turn out and a big thank you to the special guest the Easter Bunny.

The weather was great and the children had great fun running around Wanstead Park searching for eggs followed by a cake sale. Please return all sponsorship money to the office in an envelope by next Wednesday so prizes can be given out to the Prep child and Infant child who raised the most money. Once again thank you for supporting this event and helping to create such a lovely day for the children.