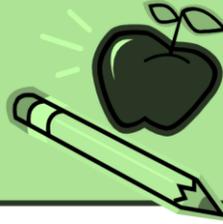




Newsletter



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St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter



'Well, what a glorious day I have had at St Joseph's. I visit a lot of schools as part of my job and it is a pleasure and a privilege to have spent time here with the staff and pupils at St Joseph's.

When you visit the school you don't see it - you feel it, you experience it through your senses and your spirit. The ethos and charisma of St Joseph's is realised through the people that live it, and this is beautifully led and inhabited by Mrs Birtles.

As a result, your teachers are creative and dynamic, supporting and challenging pupils to excellence, as evidenced in your recent inspection report.

Watching the girls out at lunchtime you see a playground full of fun and noise, of happiness and chatter, of friendships forged and developing.

St Joseph's is a school that is transitioning to ensure that it meets the challenges of 21st century education and nurtures girls who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

This was my first visit to St Joseph'sit won't be my last!

Dr Maureen Glackin, General Secretary, Catholic Independent Schools' Conference

Mothers' Day Assembly



WOW! What a magnificent class we have in Nursery and Infants 1. There was not a dry eye in the hall after the opening song this morning.

Parents, staff and pupils throughout the rest of school were left smiling broadly, following the tears, at the beautifully delivered assembly by our youngest school pupils. They knew all their words, spoke so eloquently and sang like angels.

This was topped off with the gift of a fresh golden daffodil for each parent for Mothering Sunday, along with the message that all Mothers are loved and we are grateful for ALL they do for us. My Mum is perfect for ME!



Mission Statement

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

Secondary Transfer Information Meeting

My thanks to those parents who attended the meeting last night, and I am encouraged to receive such positive feedback about the information provided and the Secondary Selection Book and other documentation circulated to parents.

My grateful thanks also to Mrs Deborah Cleveland-Hurley, Registrar from Forest School and Mrs Rebecca Kay, for their valuable insight into Forest School admissions.



This Week's Attendance

Nursery	100%
Infants 1	100%
Infants 2	96%
Infants 3	95%
Prep 1	100%
Prep 2	98%
Prep 3	88%
Prep 4	93%

Very well done to Nursery, Infants 1 & Prep 1 this week.

Eco Warriors



Our Eco Warriors would like to bring to your attention that on Saturday evening between 8.30pm to 9.30pm Earth Hour is taking place.

- Our connection to Earth and nature is undeniable: *our planet's gain is everyone's gain.*
- Nature not only provides us with all the things we need to live - from the air we breathe to the water we drink, and from the shelter we need to the economy we rely on - but also makes our lives better. However, its growing loss puts this all under threat.
- This Earth Hour, join millions around the world to turn off the lights and speak up about why nature matters.
- Earth Hour, the world's largest grassroots movement for the environment, is set to once again unite millions of people around the world to show their commitment to the planet.

Can you take up the challenge and power off for one hour this Saturday?

Please try. Show our children how we value our world and take that responsibility seriously.

**I look forward to welcoming parents on Friday at 1.30pm for the Prep 1 & 2 Easter Performance
All parents are welcome.**

School closes for the Easter Holidays at 3.15pm on Friday 5th April and reopens on Thursday 25th April.

Walk Down Memory Lane

Thank you to those Prep 4 families who have already sent in photos for your daughter's Leavers Book. A reminder for all to email photos to prep4photos@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk

Remember the clocks go forward one hour on Sunday 31st March at 1am!



BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 27th May 2019. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.