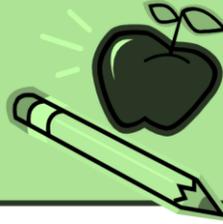




# Newsletter



**Newsletter 25**  
5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter

### Easter

The oldest and most solemn celebration of the church's year is Easter, which is continued over a period of forty days, called the Paschal Season. The two most powerful symbols of Easter are the paschal candle and the often repeated Alleluia, a cry of joy and victory. The great St Augustine taught,

**'We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song.'**

*Easter was also the time when baptism was administered. The new Christians kept celebrating the new life they had received. All of are baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is then the period to celebrate our Christian life and identity.*



Mrs Birtles and her team have focussed extremely well on supporting children's learning and development. They are able to accurately discuss each child's individual learning styles and tailor their teaching around this.

The safeguarding practices are very secure and mean children feel safe and secure in the school.

Thank you for a very welcoming visit!

Alison Follows  
Early Years Improvement Office  
London Borough of Redbridge  
3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

### Nursery & Infant 1 trip to Woodford Fire Station



On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, our Nursery and Infants 1 girls visited Woodford Fire Station. They had a fantastic time, learning lots about the workings of the Fire Station, had the opportunity to sit in a fire engine (above), held the water hoses and met all the firemen and women. My thanks to the parent helpers who assisted on the day. Mrs Forrester

### Easter Production Prep 1 and 2

What a fabulous show we were treated to this afternoon. The girls gave an outstanding performance of 'The Gospel Show' demonstrating what high quality standards we achieve. The singing, acting and showmanship was amazing. Parents and guests were taken on a rollercoaster of emotions as we journeyed through the story of Easter. The road to Calvary was particularly poignant when Jesus met his Mother. The reverence when died on the cross brought tears and gasps. Well done Prep 1 and 2 I am extremely proud of you all. Mrs Birtles. Photos on website.

### Mission Statement

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

## Easter Bonnets

Our playground was lit up by an array of beautiful Easter bonnets today, as our Nursery and Infant classes proudly walked around displaying their magnificent works of art for the rest of the school to see. They even paraded round for our Prep 1 & 2 parents this afternoon before the Easter production of 'The Gospel Show'. The winners for the best hats were awarded to Ana, N; Amelia I1; Saffron I2; Ria I3



## Eco Art

Please start collecting plastic bottle tops of all colours and wash and donate to school so that we can use them in our Eco friendly art project next term.

## Summer Uniform

All children to be wearing Summer Uniform when they return on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Please refer to the school website for the correct uniform. Lyons Outfitters are fully stocked for your uniform needs. The school holds stock of white summer hats, should you wish your daughter to wear one in the extremely hot weather when they play outside. Please visit the shop tab on 'School Money' to make this purchase.

## **Sporting Achievements!!**

### **Spring Run - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Fairlop Waters**

The girls really enjoyed the opportunity to take part and compete against other schools on Tuesday. They conducted themselves very well with the fastest finishers being 53<sup>rd</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> out of a field of 146. We are looking forward to doing it all again at the summer meet on 5<sup>th</sup> June. See website for photos

### **Netball**

On Tuesday, we played against St John's and won 7-1. We also beat Mossford B 11 - 0. What a fantastic way to end the season for our talented Prep 4 girls. Player of the match was Kymora. Well done to all the girls, who have really worked hard and played some fantastic netball. I hope you will have many opportunities to continue netball in your secondary schools.

## **This Week's Attendance**

Nursery	100%
Infants 1	98%
Infants 2	97%
Infants 3	87%
Prep 1	99%
Prep 2	75%
Prep 3	97%
Prep 4	92%

**Lates – unfortunately we still seem to have some persistent lateness amongst some of the girls. Arriving late to school impacts negatively on your daughter's learning especially as they can now enter the classrooms from 8.45 to be ready to start lessons at 9am.**

## **Sponsored Walk PA**

Well done to everyone who participated in the Sponsored Walk. I am pleased to announce that the following girls raised the most money for Infants; Angel Agyeman Boakye Menkah an amazing £140.00. Preps; Isabella Armstrong who raised £141.05 Total raised £898.00. Well done and thank you for supporting the P.A. Have a wonderful Easter.

**Mrs Mansi-Kennedy**

## **Prep 3 Mass**

Once again, our girls delighted the congregation in Mass yesterday morning. It is always such a proud moment for me to receive such beautiful acknowledgement of our girls, their behaviour, their appearance and their singing, in particular comments were received about how uplifted everyone felt after hearing the girls sing, 'As I went a' walking.'