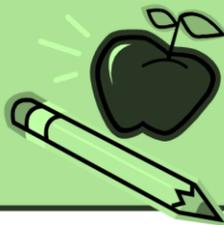




Newsletter



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St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter

A fond farewell to Prep 4

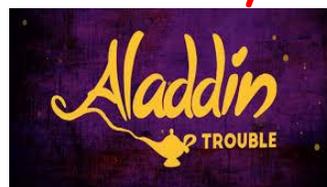
This has been an emotional week for our Prep 4 girls, parents and school staff.

The first of our Leavers' events took place on Tuesday with a Mass at OLOL church, celebrated by Fr. Pat. This was followed by a beautiful lunch in school for the girls and their parents and I trust that you all enjoyed this special occasion with your daughters.

The girls returned for an evening's entertainment with a pop-up cinema showing 'Bugsy Malone'. They all looked extremely stylish, dressed up either as a Bugby Malone character, or in their best 'party' outfits. Popcorn and pick & mix were available in abundance and the evening ended with a disco medley and lots of dancing (the teachers gave the girls a run for their money!). Photos are available on the school website.

We have also received a very special visitor to the school this week. Celia Parsons, Alumni to St Joseph's Convent School during 1935 to 1952, (it was an all-through school in those days) spent time with the Prep 3 & 4 girls, delighting them with stories of her time here many, many years ago. She shared her experiences, her feelings about returning and I know that the girls were very moved by her recollection of her time at St Joseph's, some 60 years ago. This morning we received a lovely letter of thanks that I would like to share with you all

A lad in our school! Better, Bigger, Brighter than Broadway!



After many weeks of rehearsals, Prep 3 & 4 delighted everyone with their amazing performance of **Aladdin**. My thanks to the girls who worked tirelessly to give an outstanding performance; to Ms Dodd and Mrs Ayling for their dedication and enthusiasm, to Mrs Selner for her impressive artwork, to Ms Clement-Doyle for her musical input and to all our parents who supported their daughters with the wonderful costumes and practicing of lines. The girls certainly 'wowed' the audience and it was a pleasure to see so many of you last night.



Good morning to you all,

Having now sorted the WiFi here I am able to send my sincere thanks for the kindness received at the school over the past two days. I have come away feeling like one of a large family!

The children's performance last night was fantastic. Such enthusiasm and some excellent talent. I enjoyed it very much and feel honoured to have been invited.

My journey to Wanstead is part of my 'bucket list'. I will not be returning. At present I am so fortunate that I can still feel safe when driving - but this may not continue, in which case I will become home bound.

Please give the children my congratulations for their tremendous effort last night. Also, wish the leavers every happiness and success in their new schools. They have certainly had an excellent beginning to their school lives.

I wish you all a very happy holiday and give my sincere thanks once again for all the kindness shown to me which is appreciated greatly.

May God bless you all.

Celia Parsons.

School Uniform for September

All children are to return to school in Summer uniform please.

New school junior rucksack for all Preps (order on SchoolMoney shop tab). Please note that only one dangly keyring will be permitted!

Infants and Nursery children are also encouraged to purchase the Infant Rucksack.

Pencil Cases

Your daughter will only require the following items in her pencil case.

- 1 pencil
- 12 coloured pencils
- 1 glue stick (eg Pritt)
- 1 sharpener

Preps 3 and 4 will require a fountain pen or equivalent, when informed by the class teacher.

Clubs

The Autumn term extra-curricular club programme will be announced in September and will commence in week 2. Our usual before and afterschool club will be available from when the school reopens on Wednesday 4th September.

Car Share



If any parents might be willing to share school journeys between St Joseph's and Loyola School in Buckhurst Hill next term, kindly let Mrs Lennard know. V Thank you.



PA News

A big thank you to everyone who has helped, donated and supported the P.A throughout the year and to all the other parents who have manned stalls, poured Prosecco for Christmas Fetes, flipped burgers, made Samosas and walked in the rain on St Joseph's Day. A mention to Linda (Prep 4 Rep) - thank you for all your help over the years in updating the class with events, attending meetings and helping.

I wish all the Prep 4 girls well and hope that they will pop back and still come to the Christmas Bazaar. Once again, thank you and I do hope you all have a lovely Summer Break.

Natasha Mansi-Kennedy, P.A Chair

Mission Statement

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

I would like to take this opportunity to bid our Prep 4 girls a fond farewell as they embark on the next part of their education journey. You have been a pleasure to get to know and I look forward to hearing about your ongoing successes.

I would also like to wish all of the girls and their families a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September *love Mrs Birtles, Headteacher*