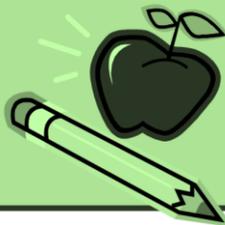




# Newsletter



Newsletter 2  
13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter

### Wake Up and Shake Up

What a lovely return for this year on Wednesdays and Fridays. It was a surprise this week for the girls but will now be a firm feature of our week on the above mornings. This should encourage and support everyone getting up and out as the weeks move on. It always leaves everyone with a smile on their face and energy and more enthusiasm for the day ahead. So well done everyone who participated this week keep it up!



**GOOD LUCK!**

Wishing all our Prep 4 girls every success in their 11+ examinations tomorrow and over the next few day and weeks. They have worked extremely hard in preparation.

#### Safety

We had our first Fire Drill of the new academic year on Tuesday with an excellent outcome as always. The speed and manner in which the girls conducted themselves was admirable and our new Reception and Infants 1 were remarkable. Well Done.

### PINK DAY

As in previous years, you will be aware of our successful Pink stall that is a prominent feature of our Christmas Bazaar. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, children are requested to bring in donations of Pink items that can be sold at the Christmas Bazaar in November. As a special thank you, children can then have their nails or a small face paint feature applied in school. This will be applied by school staff upon receipt of any donations. Thank you in advance.



### Beginning of Year School Mass

Father Pat came into school on Wednesday at 11am and celebrated Mass. It was a spiritual and uplifting celebration. Girls and staff led the liturgy in varying forms. Our new school and class candles were blessed along with, the soon to be distributed, prefect badges. We remembered all members of our school community in our prayers. The singing was exquisite and it was joyous to see our new Infants 1 lending their voices to the celebration.



### Calendar dates for the Autumn Term

Please find enclosed our Autumn term calendar of events. Further dates may also be added as the term continues.

On **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**, a class induction meeting will be taking place for all parents at 3.45pm. The event will commence with parents invited into the hall where Catherine Munns, Head of School Service & Clinical Development, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) will deliver a talk about the importance of mental health and well-being for children. This will be followed by an overview of the programme of study/curriculum delivered in class by your daughter's class teacher. I look forward to seeing you all there.

You will also note that this year we have invited a new school photographer, Gillman & Soame, into school on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual photographs of the children.

Please also make a note of our *Global Languages Week* taking place from **23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September**. The class teacher will be speaking to the girls about dressing up in a national costume or one from the country they will be studying for **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Mr Nicholson**, our **Chair of Governors**, will also be in school that week to talk and help prepare the **Prep 4 girls** regarding interview technique for their impending entrance exams.

#### Mission Statement

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

### School CLUBS

All children who attend extra-curricular clubs afterschool are to be collected from the black gate in the playground please. The club teachers will bring them to the gate when the club finishes and dismiss.



### Prayer Bears

Three Infant children, one from each Infant class, will be or will have arrived with one of our new prayer bears. These are very special and have all being named and carry a guardian angel pinned to one of their ears. They travel in a specially designated school rucksack. Inside you will find information regarding their stay with you. We are looking forward to hearing and making class spiritual journals of their travels. The girls are very excited about them. They always come back to school on Monday though!

### Swimming Lessons

*This week, swimming lessons resumed for all Prep classes. The orange swim bags looked fantastic.*

