

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

Dear Parents and Carers,  
 Newsletter No. 18 – Spring Term

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## WORLD BOOK DAY

### Book Aid International

A big thank you to all the staff and children for their hard work and efforts on World Book Day last Friday. Thank you also to the parents who made costumes and supported the event. We had a lot of fun and the spotlight on reading was such a positive message for the children.

Prizes of books and dojo points were given to the following children, for their fantastic costumes:

Nursery	Priscille	Veer
Reception	Amanda	Branick
Year 1	Henry	Danny
Year 2	Queenie	Olivia
Year 3	Ruby	Ivy
Year 4	Josh	Santino
Year 5	Olivia	James
Year 6	Frankie, Adam	Drew, Sonny



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Thanks also to those of you who donated on the day; we raised a total of **£69.70** which we will be passing on to Book Aid International on your behalf. Find out about this charity and their work by visiting: <https://bookaid.org/aboutus/>

## SLEEP OUT Four Walls Sleep Out

Well done to all the volunteers who slept out in our basement playground two weeks ago to raise awareness and funds for the homeless in our area. The total raised by all the participants came to **£1,533**. Thank you to everyone who may have supported this event; photos have been scrolling on our front lobby screen to give you a flavour of the experience.

### Dates for your Calendar – Catholic Life of the School

1. The Feast of the Annunciation 25th March
2. Guardian Archangels to lead Family Prayer 28th March
3. Year 3 family prayers in class next Friday 22nd March
4. Cafod World Water Day 22nd March
5. All St Joseph's Angels will be inducted during our special mass for the Feast day of St Joseph 19th March
6. Mothering Sunday 31st March



*'Tuesday 19th March is the Feast day of St. Joseph, the husband of Our Lady and the Foster father of Jesus. He was the head of this little family in Nazareth. St. Joseph worked hard as a carpenter in order to provide a home for Mary and Jesus. St Joseph showed great faith and trust in God and great faith and trust in Our Lady. He watched over them both and protected them from harm. He accepted, without complaint, his role in raising the Son of God.*

*St Joseph became a role model for Jesus, teaching Him His prayers, bringing Him to the synagogue and even teaching Him to be a carpenter like himself.*

*St. Joseph is a wonderful person to have as our school patron! What an example he is to all of us; how to work hard; how to love God and others; how to show respect. We place ourselves under the protection of St Joseph and ask him to watch over all of our families; our home family; our community families and our school family.'*

**RE Homework** - This week was **Sikhism week** at St Joseph's. We started the week off with a very interesting and enlightening assembly then different workshops for all classes including EYFS with Mr Singh from the Sikh Education Service. On Wednesday, KS2 visited a Gurdwara, the Sikh place of worship, in Shepherds Bush. They were able to dress up in



traditional Sikh clothing, learn all about how Sikhs worship and even got lots of tasty traditional food to eat! Today we ended the week with a bang! We welcomed Bhangra 4x4 who taught the children folk dance from the Punjab in Northern India using drums and traditional music. The children had a real insight into how Sikhs worship, their main beliefs, traditions and way of life. The children have really enjoyed their week and have impressed everyone who worked with them! Look out for photos on our school website!



The gentleman from Bhangra 4x4 commended the children for their enthusiasm and their excellent behaviour, so well done everyone!



**Year 5 and Year 6** - Write about Sikhism focusing on prayer and worship and the importance of the 5 k's. Write at least one full A4 page.

**KS1 and Year 3 and Year 4** - Write about any area of Sikhism that you enjoyed and learned about this week.

**St Joseph's Day Mass – 9.30 am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** (at St Anselm's and St Caecilia parish), when our Guardian Angels will be commissioned by Father David. Parents are most welcome to join us.

**Pope Francis Tweet**

As we set off on our Lenten journey, the Pope reminds us to be thankful for God's love:

"At the beginning of Lent ... ask for the grace to preserve the memory of all that the Lord has done in our lives, of how He has loved us."



**Attendance**

The table opposite shows the percentage of children present in the period since the half-term break, i.e. from 25<sup>th</sup> Feb to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Year 2 achieved the highest figure; however, we need to see ALL classes achieving and ideally exceeding the minimum DfE target of 96%. Miss Plivda will continue to monitor attendance and punctuality so do expect to be contacted if your child's attendance is a concern.

Year Group	% Present
Nursery	95.6%
Reception	95.7%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	96.8%

Looking at the late marks, we are recording an average of 3 late children per day in the same time period. We repeat our reminder to all of you regarding the importance of arriving on time and making a healthy, organised and settled start to the school day.

**Staffing Update**

Many of you will already have met Mr Paul Hume and Mr Paul Robison, who are now teaching our Year 4 class. We are delighted to welcome them to the St Joseph's family.

At the same time, Ms Liz Burdon has taken responsibility for our Nursery class and is equally a welcome addition to our family.

Sadly, Ms Alana Redmond, who has been teaching our Reception children with Ms Susko, will be leaving us at the Easter break, to continue further study. We wish her every success. We are delighted, however, that Mr Paul Robison will be taking over the role; he will therefore be teaching Year 4 on Mondays and Tuesdays and Reception on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Ms Logue and Ms Tyler**

We are both very happy to meet parents at the door in the mornings. However, please be aware that our timetables are full and we often have meetings scheduled in. Can I ask you, therefore, if you require a longer meeting, to ask for an appointment, when your concerns can be addressed more appropriately. Equally, at the end of the day, although Ms Logue is often in her office, please do not delay her by engaging in detailed and complex conversations as you pass through the corridor. Thank you for your understanding.



## Parent Governor

We have a second vacancy for a parent governor and will send out letters on Monday with nomination forms and dates. Please consider putting yourself forward if you feel you can make a significant contribution to the work of the Governing Body. If you are uncertain, please do speak to me about it. Thank you.

## Mothers' Day Worship

Early Years and KS1 will be presenting their Mothers' Day Worship and parents are invited to attend on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 pm.



## CLPE Fundraising

Miss Quirke plans to run TWO marathons this year, in Manchester and London! Her allocated charity is the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education, a cause very close to our hearts. Please consider making a donation on her Just Giving site and cheer her on in these two amazing events. Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/deannaldnmcr>

## Clubs and Activities

On the last week of term i.e. w/e 5<sup>th</sup> April, there will be **NO CLUBS**, apart from the multi-sports club, which will run.

Energy Kidz will still run the after-school provision on the last day of school.

## London Fire Service

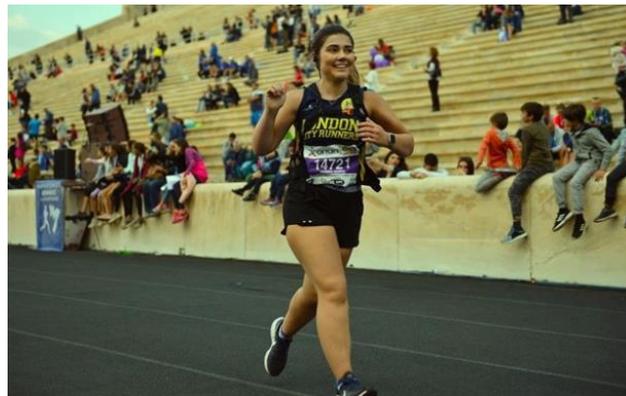
This week Year 2 and Year 5 were visited by a representative from the London Fire Service, who taught them about fire safety at school and at home. We were asked to share the attached with parents, offering a free home safety visit – do take a look.

With every good wish for the weekend.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler  
Headteacher



## Deanna runs the Manchester and London Marathons 2019!

This April, I will be running two marathons for The Centre for Literacy in Primary Education because I want to improve literacy in primary schools.

# Would you like a FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT?



London Fire Brigade will give you important fire safety advice and fit free smoke alarms where needed.

## TO ARRANGE A VISIT SIMPLY:

Freephone 0800 028 4428

E-mail [smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk)

Text/SMS 07860 021 319

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