

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



'Treat others the way you want to be treated.'

Matthew 7:12

19/4/24

Dear Family,

This week we celebrated Mass in school with Father Nick and fellow parishioners from St Frances of Rome. This was a wonderful way to start the new term! The children sang and read beautifully as always and it really was a special occasion.



Father Nick and the parishioners of St Frances of Rome have kindly donated £4400 towards the purchase of new IPADS for our children! This is such a kind and generous gift and on behalf of our school family we are extremely grateful!



On Monday morning members of our governing board came for a visit to see the school in action. The focus of their visit was to observe

'The Catholic Life' of our school. During their visit they enjoyed speaking with the children, staff and witnessing the Gospel values in action, which permeates through our school life at St Joseph's.



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LEARNING IN ACTION

In Science this week, Everest class have been investigating different seeds and discussing what these might grow into.

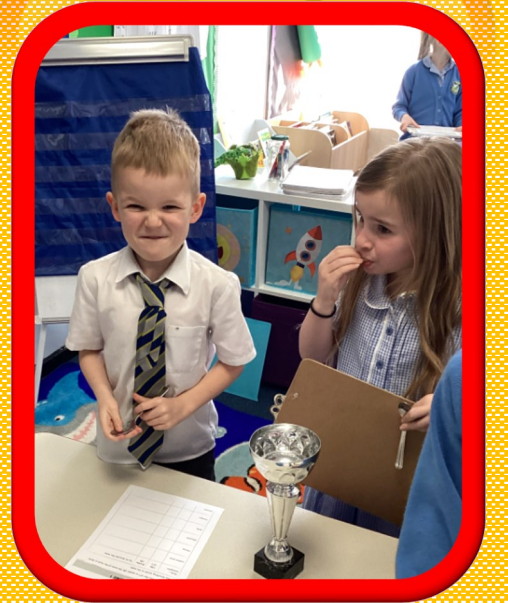
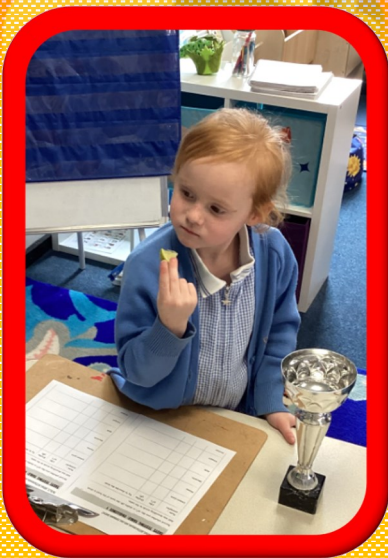


Everest class enjoyed using the iPads to learn how astronauts survive on the International Space Station. The children explored the ISS using a virtual tour.



A message from Mrs Urding...

Big Ben Class are learning about their senses in Science. They took part in a tasting experiment where they had the option to taste honey, marmite, milk, vinegar, orange and lemon. Some tastes were popular than others! They then described these tastes using great vocabulary such as sour, creamy, spicy, sweet and salty. We talked about how the tongue has many taste buds and how each part of the tongue detects different tastes. Did you know the tip of your tongue is responsible for tasting sweet things



LEARNING IN ACTION

A message from Mr. Mason...

Blue Lagoon Class have been learning about the beginning of the Early Church in their RE lessons this week. They recreated the moment of Jesus' ascension to Heaven and the mission he set for his disciples.



The disciples gather together to talk about their mission and then feel the Holy Spirit's presence.



The disciples have been given the power to speak multiple languages. They then welcome people all over the world.



Peter speaks powerfully of Jesus' miracles and promises to the thousands. The baptism of the people begins.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Liberty Class had a lovely visit to Ross Community Gardens on Tuesday afternoon, searching for minibeasts. The children found lots of different

bugs and insects including earthworms, ladybirds and woodlouse.

The children also got to

see all the lovely produce growing and see how much the environment had changed since our last visit in February. We were even lucky enough to see a family of ducks who are currently living at the gardens! Thanks as always to Tim and his team for accommodating us!



Year 4 POEMS

Year 4 used Maya's Angelou's incredible 'Still I Rise' poem as inspiration to write their own beautiful poems on how they would respond if bullying were to take place. We discussed, at length, our feelings and emotions when we feel down or in a negative space and what we can do to get ourselves out of it. We also connected this with our RE learning around the impact that Good News can bring us and the way it changes the way we feel—confident, spirited, valued and recognized.

Here are some examples of our poems.

Sill I rise

You may push, sneer or torment me,
With whispers and shoves you victimise.
You can make my feelings hurt,
But like a tornado I will always rise.

Just like moons and like suns always show,
With the guarantee of a new day with a surprise.
Just like dreams and hopes, reaching for the stars,
Still I rise.

Did you want to see me heart-broken?
Me dropping down with my sorrowful cries?
Hurtful cries like a rain storm,
Stalking my horrible demise.

On the clouds leaping, still bouncing I rise.
Floating up, soaring high like a dove, I rise.
I'm a hurling wind swishing the clouds away
I will go the right way every day.

Leaving behind hours of worry and shame,
I rise.
Entering a world that flourishes with dancing dears
I rise.
From my parents who helped me I bear the dream
I am the hope, bright beam, the power of my youth
I rise, I rise, I rise!

Written by Jessie Williams – Year 4

Still I Rise.

You may threaten, push, laugh, bully and make fun of me,
With whispers games and rolling your eyes.
You may terrify me with mean words,
But as the sun rises, I will always rise.

Just as rainbows in the sky shining bright,
With the promise of a new prize,
Just like dreams and hopes,
still I rise.

Did you want to see me devastated?
Breaking me and making me disguise?
Arms hanging like spaghetti.
Watching my hurtful divide?

On the water bounding still floating, I rise.
Swimming up-thrashing smashing like crashing water, I rise.
I'm a teacher handling against the lies.
I'm an army in an earthquake trying to find the cries.

Retreating from hours of anxiety and distress.
I rise!
Embracing a world with new years and birds chirping.
I rise!
From my grandparents who love me, I bear the proof.
I am the truth, the hope, the power of my youth.
I rise, I rise, I rise!

Written by Matas Jurkevicius – Year 4

Still I Rise

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may tread me in the very dirt,
But still, like dust, I rise.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes and springing highs,
Still I rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like tear drops,
Weakened by my soulful cries.

Out of the huts of history's shame,
I rise.
Up from a past that's rooted in pain,
I rise.
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise.
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise.
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise.
I rise.
I rise.

by Maya Angelou

Still I Rise

You might push, insult and laugh at me
With kicking and punching and lies
You may grab me and throw me in the dirt
But like a rocket entering space, I rise.

Just like stars shine bright at night
With the determination of the sun's prize
Just like goals reaching high
Still I rise.

Do you want to see me crumble?
Do you want to see me hopeless and capsized?
Arms hanging like branches on the trees?
Drowning in my cries from my eyes?

On the ground jumping, still leaping I rise!
Climbing up swinging, soaring like a monkey I rise!
I am a jaguar, strong and powerful, standing against the people who are
shameful
I am a soldier fighting against the rage, I rise.

Saying goodbye to decades of stress and worry
I rise.
Embracing a galaxy that flourishes all around me
I rise.
From my sister who brought me up I bear the beam of light
I am the dream and hope, the power of the fight
I rise, I rise, I rise!

Written by Leo Hunter – Ye

Sill I Rise

You may push, laugh and tease me,
With whispers, games and shoves,
You may laugh at my work,
But like tall mountains I still rise.

Just like a rainbow's prettiness, I reach high.
Just like the stars shining and shimmering in the night sky,
Just like the river moving,
I will rise!

Do you want to see me in pieces?
You trapped me in a box and bullied me,
My tears dropping like a waterfall,
But still I will rise!

On the surface trapped, but marching forward, I will rise,
Moving forward and going through, I rise.
I'm a rhino, charging against the bullying
I'm a burning lamp, flaming and flickering.

Leaving behind hours of hurt and fear
I rise.
Stepping into a world that blossoms surround me,
I rise.
From my parents who take care of me, I bear confidence
I am the light, the team, the might of my dreams
I rise I rise I rise!

Written by Mia O'Sullivan – Year 4

Still I Rise

You might threaten, exclude and insult me,
You terrify me with your games, mean words and rolling eyes.
You may push me down in the dirt,
But like lily pads, I will rise.

Just like birds flying brightly in the sparkling daylight,
With the courage of a new day's sunrise.
Just like goals stretching high,
Still I rise.

Do you want to see me raging?
Destroying me and making me horrified?
Bowed head like a scolded child?
Watching my sorrowful cries?

On the path running, still sprinting, I rise.
Leaping up – bashing, thrashing like soaring, I rise.
I'm an elephant stomping against the tide.
I'm a tree in a storm, my bashing strength towering high

Leaving behind days of trauma and sadness,
I rise.
Adventuring into a world that puppies dancing around me,
I rise.
From my family who loved me, I bear the dreams
I am the truth, the hope, the power of my team.
I rise, I rise, I rise!

Written by Sofia Meek – Year 4

HEREFORD SCHOOL GAMES!

A message from Mr Gunter...

We had a fantastic time at the Hereford School Games on Tuesday .

The children performed superbly throughout and were recognised and congratulated for showing many of the Games Values, including passion, determination and self-belief which contributed to an overall finish of fourth in the athletics.

Well done everyone!! 🏆👏🥇







Garden Club



A message from Mrs Hodges...

This week in gardening club we started off by sowing some nasturtium seeds in some old turf we had dug up from another area and relocated to our greenhouse area, perfect to brighten up the area in a few weeks. We repotted our tomato plants and brought them out of the main greenhouse into our smaller purpose built structure. We then moved into the reception garden where we planted runner beans, French beans and peas directly into one of our raised beds, the children are all looking forward to tasting these! We have now received our certificate for our level 2 gardening award and we are well under way to achieving our level 3!



THE COOKING CLUB

A message from Miss Sadler...

This week at Cooking Club the children helped to bake vanilla cupcakes. They helped to measure ingredients, whisk the eggs and combine the mixture. They then spooned their mixture into cases and they were put in the oven to bake. Once cooled, the children also decorated their cakes with butter icing and sprinkles and piped on some royal icing in their favourite colours.



Bikeability

Cycling Proficiency for the 21st century



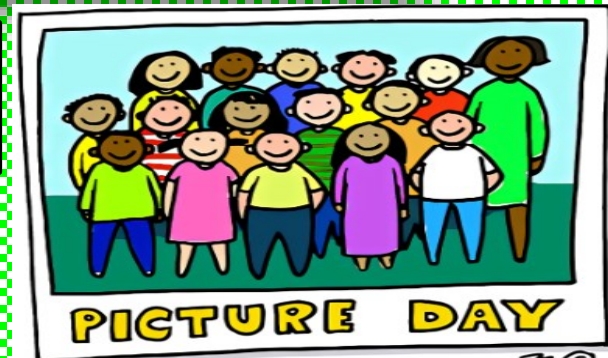
Our Year 6 children have had a great week completing their cycle training. This national programme helps to learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads. Everyone did really well and the instructors were very impressed with our children!

Bikeability gives everyone the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life. Thank you to Miranda and Steve for their super training!





On Monday 22nd April the photographer will be visiting for class photos.



On Tuesday 23rd April it is St George's Day! St George is the patron saint of England! On this day it will be a non uniform day and everyone is invited to come to school in red and white colours.

On Tuesday 23rd April, Year 2 will be visiting Eastnor Pottery Barn, linking to their art topic on sculpture this half term.

Also on Tuesday both Year 3 and Nursery will be visiting the Community Gardens.



Next Wednesday morning, our year 5 children will be visiting Pizza Express in Monmouth and making pizzas as part of the Design and Technology topic on developing recipes for this half term. Our Year 4 children will be swimming at Monmouth in the morning.



Next Friday 26th April, Year 5 will be performing their class assembly at 2:00pm, families are warmly welcome to join us.



Dates to Remember

Monday 22nd April	School Photographer – Class photos
Tuesday 23 rd April	Nursery and Year 3 Community Gardens
Tuesday 23 rd April	Year 2 @ Eastnor Pottery Barn
Wednesday 24 th April	Year 5 Pizza Express Monmouth
Friday 26 th April	Year 5 Assembly
Monday 29 th April	Road Safety – Reception, Year 1, 3 and 6
Tuesday 30 th April	Year 4 Community Gardens
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 14 th May	Year 5 Community Gardens
Monday 20 th May	FSJ Crazy Hair Day – donations for Summer Fayre
Tuesday 21 st May	Noah's Ark Farm visit
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term

Dates to Remember

Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
Thursday 6 th June	Cheltenham Science Festival KS2
Friday 7 th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 11 th June	Ross Community Gardens Year 6
Thursday 13 th June	Parent Voice
Wednesday 19 th June	New Reception Class Picnic afternoon
Thursday 20 th June	Summer Music Concert @ 2:15pm
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th June	Year 5 and 6 Isle of Wight residential
Saturday 29 th June	Summer Fayre @ 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Monday 1 st – Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 4 London Residential
Tuesday 2 nd July	Ross Community Gardens – Nursery
Thursday 4 th July	Move up Day
Friday 5 th July	FSJ Bingo after school @ 5:00pm
Wednesday 10 th July	Shrek the Musical Junior @ Monmouth Savoy Theatre
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 2:00pm
Friday 12 th July	Nursery Graduation @ 10:30am
Friday 12 th July	FSJ – Whole School Colour Run!
Friday 12 th July	End of summer term

**NURSERY IN ACTION!
A MESSAGE FROM MRS
LEREGO**

We have been making the most of the lovely weather this week in Nursery!

We had a tea party outside on the crates, played in the outdoor role play vets surgery and the children have been practicing their balancing and pedalling skills on the bikes.

We had great fun in the water - rolling the balls down with the water and playing with the numbered ducks and boats. This week's 'Star of the Week' is Agatha for settling well into the nursery routine.







Happy Birthday to Buddy in Reception, who celebrated on 15th April. Happy Birthday to Arabella in year 3, who celebrated her 8th birthday also on 15th April.

brated his 5th birthday

Happy Birthday to James in year 4 who turned 9 on 16th April and Otto, also in year 4 will be celebrating his birthday on Sunday 21st April.

Wishing them all a very time celebrating with family and friends this weekend!



Next Week →



LIBERTY	Benji G
BIG BEN	Edith G
EVEREST	Isla W
BLUE LAGOON	Guste J
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Jacob D
MOSI OA TUNYA	Edward R
ANGEL FALLS	Izzy KP



ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!



LIBERTY	98%
BIG BEN	94.85%
EVEREST	97.08%
BLUE LAGOON	97.41%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	98.7%
MOSI OA TUNYA	99.09%
ANGEL FALLS	93.75%

LIBERTY	<i>Thomas C</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Guy HD</i>
EVEREST	<i>Emmy R</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Zelda H</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Sofia M</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Dandrei M</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Silvija A</i>



LIBERTY	<i>Phoebe B Anthony L</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Matas J Oliviia U</i>
EVEREST	<i>Isla H Jacob A</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Patrick HD Immy May B</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Leo H Oliver M</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Gabriella B Freya HD</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Ella Louise C Daniela G</i>

LIBERTY	<i>Kevin A</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Shriyukt P</i>
EVEREST	<i>Leo O</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Arabella B</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Jessie W</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Anna S</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Dustin A</i>

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

