St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

Matthew 7:12

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Dear Family,

Happy St David's Day to everybody! Today we are celebrating in style with Mr Gunter leading our very own Eisteddfod , here in school this morning. The children have been busy practising the different songs and poems in their houses, in preparation for our whole school performance before lunch. This afternoon we look forward to Year 4's assembly, linked to their Geography topic on the environment. Our Mayor of Ross– Councillor Louis Stark will be coming along to join us for this special event.

Yesterday we sent home our final OFSTED report from our recent inspection. It is a positive outcome for us, acknowledging our happy, vibrant and thriving school community. Our target is to ensure all curriculum objectives are implemented across all subjects and these are monitored, which of course will be achieved by the end of our academic year, whilst making sure we do what we do best– providing enriching opportunities for our children which go beyond the classroom setting and last a life time!

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LEARNING IN ACTION!

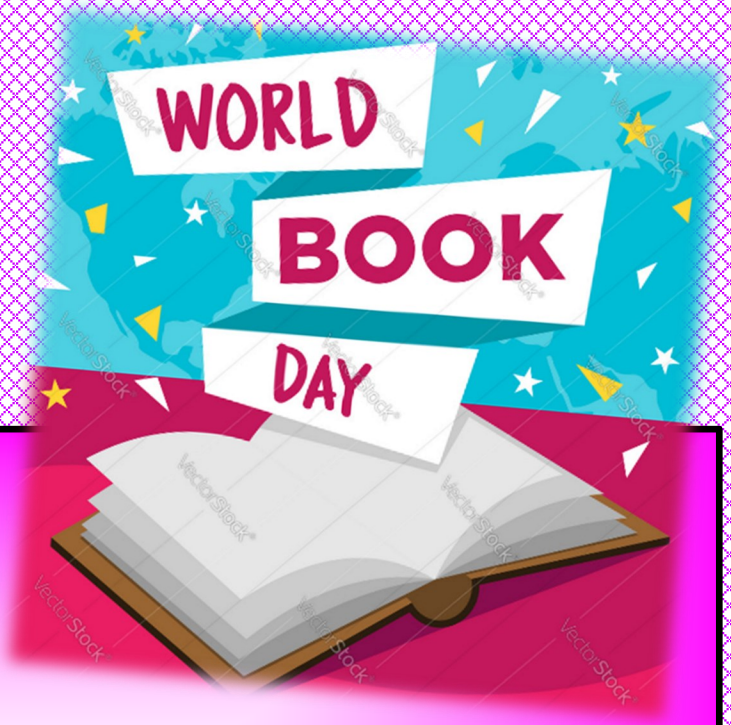
This week, Year 4 have been exploring negative the impact we are having on our planet when it comes to plastic waste. Having seen pictures and videos of sea-life being impacted and destroyed, we have pledged to reduce, reuse and recycle as much as we can. Why don't you help us on our mission! Send us your empty crisp packets so that we can keep them out of our oceans and re-purpose them into survival blankets for the homeless.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP IN ACTION!

During our collective worship in Liberty Class this week, we talked about Lent. We read from the Bible about Jesus being in the desert for 40 days and how Jesus might have felt. We then talked about what Lenten promises we can make to be kind and helpful to others during this Lenten season.

YEAR 3 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Wednesday Year 2 visited St Frances of Rome Church, to learn about the Stations of the Cross. Father Nick explained each station to the children and they said a short prayer at each one. The children returned to school full of enthusiasm with their new knowledge on the Stations of the Cross. Well done Year 3!



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FSJ NEWS....

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Next week we will be holding our Spring term parents evenings on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March. You should have received an email this week with a link for you to book a suitable time slot. If you were unable to do this please contact the school office who will be happy to help you.

APETITO FOOD TASTING....

St Josephs– Parents Evening Menu

Mains

Salmon Tagine (gf)
Salmon in an aromatic sweet tagine sauce with diced apricots and chickpeas.

Roast Beef (gf)
Thick cut, tender steam roasted beef in a rich gravy

Chicken and Butterbean Stew with Dumplings
Chicken, butter beans and cherry tomatoes in a tomato, garlic and smoked paprika sauce, with suet dumplings.

Chana Masala (ve, gf)
Chickpeas, onions and red peppers in a delicious tomato, coriander and cumin sauce.

Sides

Minted Summer Vegetables (ve, gf)
Root Vegetable Medley (ve, gf)
West Country Cheddar Mash (v, gf)
Vegetable Rice (ve, gf)

Desserts

Apple Crumble (ve)
Vanilla ice cream with strawberry or Caramel swirls

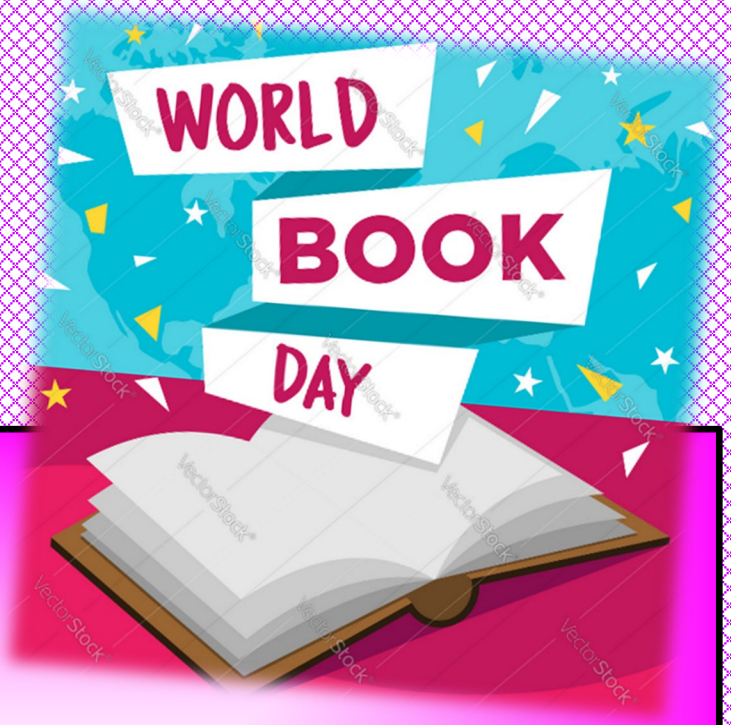
Lemon Drizzle Cake (v)
A zesty cake with a tangy lemon drizzle topping.

Chocolate Chip and Salted Caramel Sponge (v)
A rich chocolate sponge with a lightly salted caramel sauce.

Please ask the kitchen for a full list of allergens

apetito

We are really pleased to be inviting our catering provider - Apetito, during parents evenings the 4th and 5th March. They will be offering tasters of new items for our menu for all to try. Sittings will be at 3:45pm to 4:30pm and 5:15pm to 6:00pm. We hope that you are all able to stop by and enjoy a taster and let us know your thoughts.



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Art Club News....

This week in Art Club, we eagerly anticipated the arrival of spring! Using a foam egg, recycled brown, orange and red papers and a whole bunch of glue, we made our individual spring robins using a decoupage technique. They turned out super cute and once the layers of glue have dried, will be a wonderful way to say hello to spring.

Remember next week there is no Art Club (due to parents evenings), however After School Club is available should you need the provision. Miss Clare, Miss Teresa, Mrs Gray and I all look forward to seeing you in two weeks when we have fun with textile arts!

ST DAVID'S DAY!

CELEBRATIONS!

A huge thank you to all of our children who participated in our St David's Day Eisteddfod. We were treated to a wide range of creative talent. Well done to everyone who wrote a poem, created a piece of artwork or who gave a musical performance. Our guest judges, Mr Murray (music teacher) and Mrs Gunter (Mr Gunter's mum), were blown away by the tremendous efforts of our children.

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GARDEN CLUB

A message from Mrs Hodges…

In gardening club this week we talked about temperatures using a thermometer to check the temperature and humidity of our greenhouse compared to outside. We also talked about peat and doing our bit to preserve it, we experimented with a new peat free compost to see how it compares to what we have used preciously. We planted 2 more varieties of potatoes along with some spinach, mustard and parsley seeds indoor and outdoor. We also planted some wild flower seed bombs in individual pots and look forward to seeing which of the 30 varieties we end up with. The RHS are impressed with what the children have been up to and have asked us as members if we'd like them to write an article on what its like to start a school garden, the children have given me some fantastic quotes to be used and we hope to send over some images for the article too. Permission forms will be circulated this week.

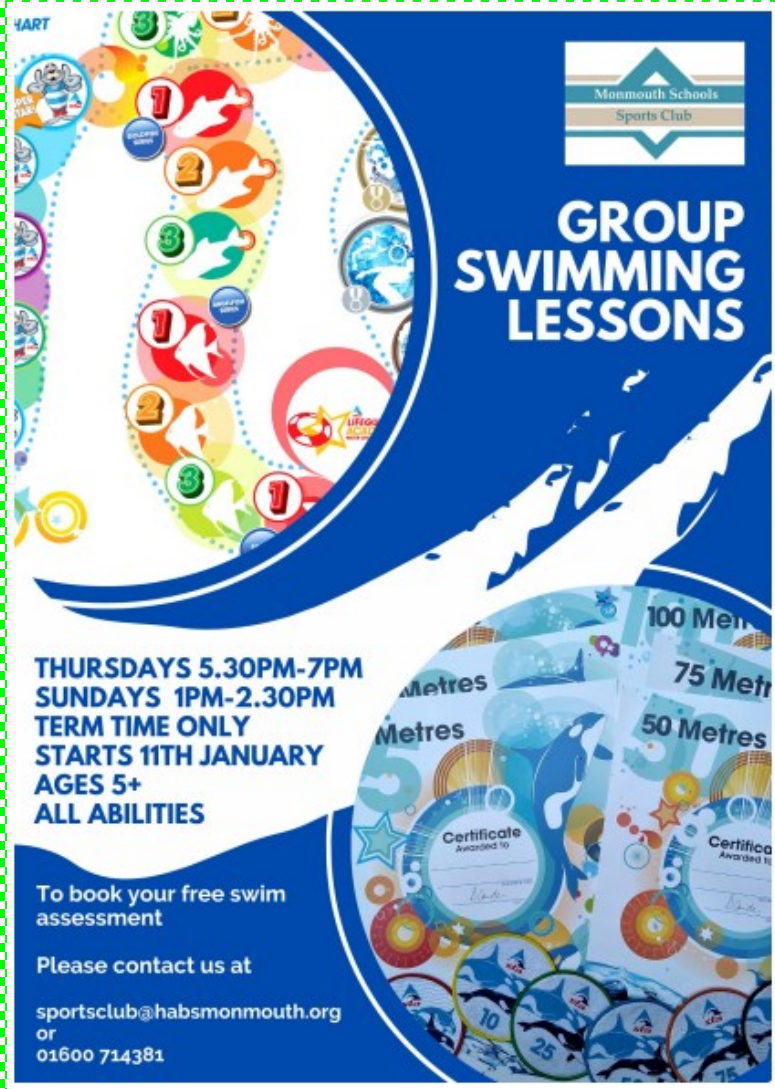
Let's get cooking

A message from Miss Sadler…

During cooking club this week, the children made ham quiches. The first helped to chop the ham, and then lined the pastry into the tins. They then helped to whisk the eggs, before adding the ham and spooned it into their pastry cases. They looked delicious when they came out of the oven!

Poppy's Dad—Matthew Webb in Year 1 is going to be taking part in the Wye Valley TEC Ultra Marathon challenge Saturday 18th in aid of raising funds for the FSJ and the School. We wish Matt the very best of luck with his training and for this event. Matt has set up a GoFund Me page and we would all be grateful if you are able to support him in reaching his fundraising goal. To donate please follow the below link:

https://gofund.me/547c1074



ST JOSEPH'S AMBASSADORS!

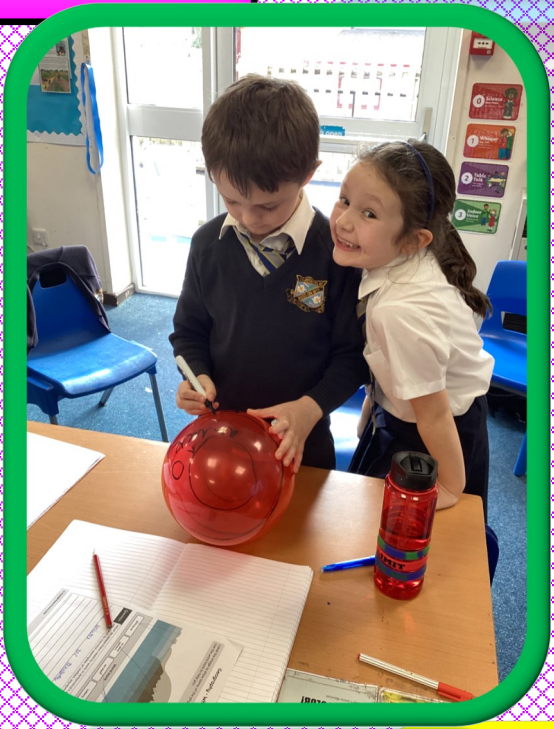
A special mention to our St Joseph's pupils, Izzy, Abby, Darcey, Cece, Gabriella, Amelia.E and Paisley, who are part of the St Mary's choir each week. Ross-on-Wye Mayor, Cllr Louis Stark, highlighted the importance of having a vibrant voluntary and community sector in Ross during the Town Council's Civic Service on Sunday 25th February at St Mary's Church. Thank you to our children for being great ambassadors for St Joseph's!

Year 1 have been enjoying looking at the similarities and differences between flowers and plants. They particularly enjoyed smelling them!

More learning in action...

A message from Mr Mason..

Blue Lagoon Class have been enjoying their new Geography unit that aims to answer the question 'who lives in Antarctica?'. They have been using lines of longitude and latitude on a world globe to locate Antarctica. They now have a great understanding of the 5 main lines of latitude and used balloons to demonstrate their understanding of their order. They will investigate the human and physical features of Antarctica in their next learning clues to answer the big question!



Dates to Remember

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March	Spring Term Parents Evenings
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7th March	Reception and Key Stage 1 visiting the Courtyard Theatre
Friday 8th March	Archbishop of Cardiff Mark O'Toole visiting
Friday 8th March	Year 2 Assembly @ 2:00pm
Monday 11th March	Poetry Evening for Key Stage 2 @ 6:00pm
Tuesday 12th March	Blue Lagoon Class visiting Bishopswood—Field Studies Council
Thursday 14th March	The Dogs Trust visiting for class workshops
Friday 15th March	Year 3 Assembly @ 2:00pm
Monday 18th March	The Big Lent Walk—Malvern Hills Year 1– 6
Saturday 16th March	Herefordshire Schools Swimming Gala
Tuesday 19th March	Year 2 visiting Community Gardens
Tuesday 19th March	St Joseph's Feast Day– Mass in school @ 10am
Wednesday 20th March	Reception Class—Little Oaks Play Village
Wednesday 20th March	Year 5 and 6 Isle of Wight Parent Meeting @ 3:45pm
Friday 22nd March	Year 1 Assembly @ 2:00pm
Friday 22nd March	End of term

NURSERY IN ACTION!

A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

The Nursery children (and staff!) had a wonderful time on their trip to tiny town this week. They were very excited to board the big coach and had a great time exploring the different role play areas. They went shopping, constructed a big wall in the construction area, served Ice-cream's in the cafe and took turns to do hair and make up!

We enjoyed a packed lunch together before a very sleepy coach ride back to Nursery!

Star of the week:

Everlie for very good listening this week.

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See inside
Your Body

Happy Birthday to Tilly Rose in Year 3 who celebrated her 8th birthday on Monday 26th February. Happy Birthday to Aurora in Year 1 who turned 6 on Tuesday 27th February. Happy Birthday to Connie in Year 4 who is 9 today! Wishing them all a wonderful weekend celebrating with family and friends!

Viktor and Defne shared their Baba Marta celebrations with us today. Every year on 1st March, Bulgarians take part in this special celebration to welcome the approaching spring. They kindly made Martenitsas for all of Year 2 to wear. These are thought to bring health, happiness and longevity.

LIBERTY	*Anna M*
BIG BEN	*Edith G*
EVEREST	*Viktor S*
BLUE LAGOON	*Oscar R*
ARC DE TRIOMPH	*Matthew W*
MOSI OA TUNYA	*Toby S*
ANGEL FALLS	*T.K*

ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!

LIBERTY	78.8%
BIG BEN	97.27%
EVEREST	87.92%
BLUE LAGOON	93.57%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	89.57%
MOSI OA TUNYA	83.18%
ANGEL FALLS	93.57%

LIBERTY	Ariana P
BIG BEN	Annabella C
EVEREST	Leo O
BLUE LAGOON	Joey P
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Sofia M
MOSI OA TUNYA	Evana S
ANGEL FALLS	Olivia-Lei S

LIBERTY	Toby M Halle S
BIG BEN	Callan A Bella B
EVEREST	Hunter W Sonny L
BLUE LAGOON	Tilly-Rose W Karla B
ARC DE TRIOMPH	James M Jacob D
MOSI OA TUNYA	Archie D Darcey G
ANGEL FALLS	Ella– Louise C Amelie K

LIBERTY	Buddy H
BIG BEN	Joshua G
EVEREST	Sakura P
BLUE LAGOON	Archie B
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Leo H
MOSI OA TUNYA	Freya A
ANGEL FALLS	Rhys.W

Enjoy your weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Francis