

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

23/2/24

Dear Family,

During our whole school assembly on Monday we came together to launch the start of our Lenten journey, which began last week on Ash Wednesday.



We reflected on our Lenten promises and how we could use our school mission statement to help us be the best versions of ourselves. We shared examples of what this looks like, such as respecting others views, using kind words, being generous to others, showing compassion and being empathetic of other people's feelings. Throughout our Lenten journey, in the lead up to Easter, we will come together each week during assembly to share examples of how we are being the best versions of ourselves.



THE BIG LENT WALK

On Monday 18th March years 1—6 will be taking part in our Lenten challenge! We will be venturing to the 'Malvern Hills' for a full day of fun, orienteering and other planned activities whilst achieving the challenge of our walk across the hills, exploring the unique cultural heritage, wildlife and geology of this iconic English landscape. This will be a great day for our school community and we are really looking forward to supporting CAFOD and making a positive difference. You can make a donation to this challenge by following the link below.

[St Joseph's Big Lent Walk is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

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LEARNING IN ACTION!

A message from Miss Sadler...

During our R.E learning this week, Liberty Class role played a Mass. They discussed what happens during the gathering procession and re-enacted it. They made sure they had a priest, altar servers and a congregation. After this they sang 'We Gather Together' and talked about welcoming, gathering and listening. The children also practised using words the priest would say to welcome people: "The Lord be with you." And then responded by saying, "And with your spirit."



A message from Miss Sadler...

On Wednesday, Liberty Class had a great afternoon exploring solids and liquids and investigating what happens when you mix them! The children got to observe and talk about what happens when they mix different dry and wet materials together. This introduces the big chemistry idea that some materials can be mixed together, and can change. We had a great time making our own mixtures and deciding what materials to put into them.



A message from Mrs Urding...

The children in Big Ben class are learning about plants this term. They planted bean seeds and with the help of our expert gardener Roy, they learnt about and identified the different plants in our school grounds and the greenhouse. They smelt some Rosemary and we talked about what plants need to grow well. Super learning Big Ben class, we cant wait to see our bean plants grow during the next few weeks.



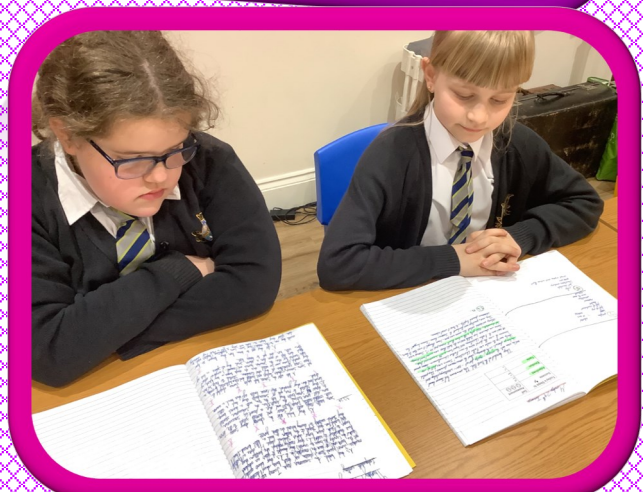
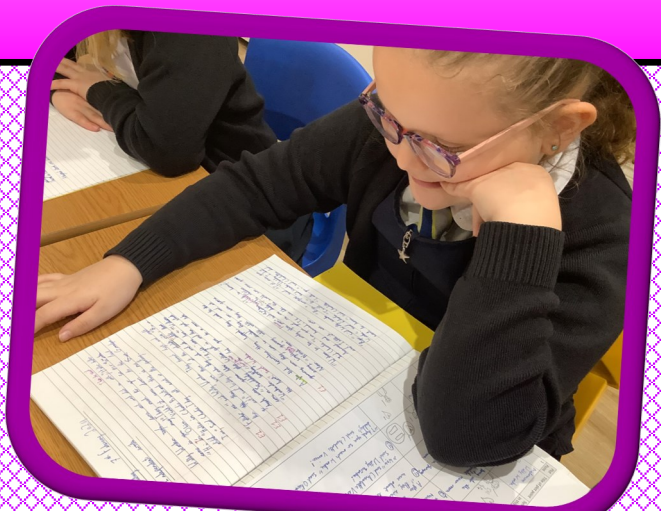
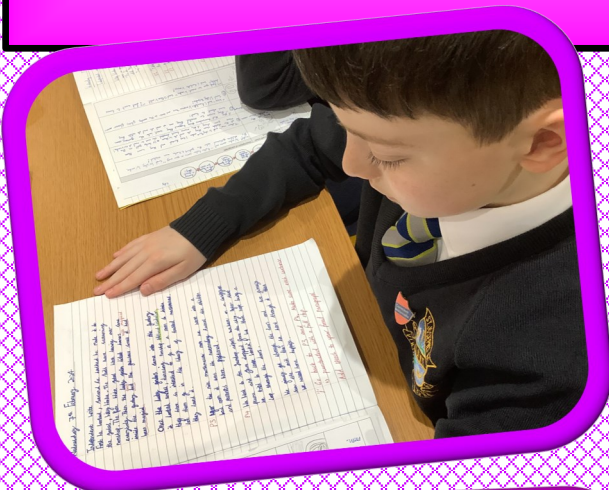
CURRICULUM AMBASSADORS

A message from Miss Steiner...

I met with the Curriculum Ambassadors this week to chat about Write Stuff English lessons and to have a look at their books together. The children were keen and excited to tell me about their current learning, and Year 3 were very much enjoying working on their independent write to finish off their Write Stuff unit. We talked about what they liked about Write Stuff and the children listed many things, including the 'chotting' and partner work; the focus on rich vocabulary and the 'step-by-step' approach to becoming better, more technically accurate writers. The children spoke enthusiastically about both narrative and non-fiction units and Year 5 were excited about starting a unit on speech writing this week.

Everybody found the piece of work that they were most proud of from their Write Stuff books and shared it with the group. It was a delight to hear the children talk so passionately about writing and the journey that Write Stuff is taking them on.

Special thanks to the children who came in place of Curriculum Ambassadors who were unwell yesterday!



FSJ MATCH FUNDING



If we have any families that work for the companies above, please let us know as we maybe able to apply for match funding. This is where companies will match the amount of funds we have raised at given events– which would be really beneficial for our school!

FSJ NEWS...

We are delighted to share that so far FSJ have raised £468.91 thanks to Co-op members. The funding is from members who have chosen our charity as the cause they would like to support. Co-op also match fund the amount raised thorough fundraising, giving us a fantastic total amount! Thank you everyone and a special thank you for Tiffany Preece for letting us know about this great opportunity.

Easter Crafternoon and Egg Hunt

We have an egg-citing event planned for all our Nursery, KS1 and KS2 children for Easter. We are planning a crafty – afternoon, from painting eggs, to designing their own Easter eggs. Weather permitting, we are hoping to organise an Easter egg hunt for each child to find their treat.

Exciting new events coming this year!

We have lots of new and exciting events planned this year. A sneak peek of one of them taking place in March – Wonka Golden Ticket Bars! Lots of wonderful prizes to be won. More details coming soon...

Our next meeting is Wednesday 28th February afterschool. Everyone is welcome to come along and attend.



On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day here in school.

On this day the children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character of their choice. During this day the teachers have planned lots of exciting activities for the classes to partake in.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be venturing to the Courtyard Theatre in the morning to watch a performance of 'the Owl and the Pussycat.'

In the afternoon, on their return they will join the rest of the school in playground parade!

We're all really looking forward to this special event!

ST DAVID'S DAY!



Message from Mr Gunter.....

As part of our St David's Day celebrations, we are holding competitions that can be completed before the day of our school Eisteddfod.

Art - something that is linked to Wales e.g. dragon, daffodil, mountains etc. This can be in the form of any media e.g, painting, drawing, collage etc.

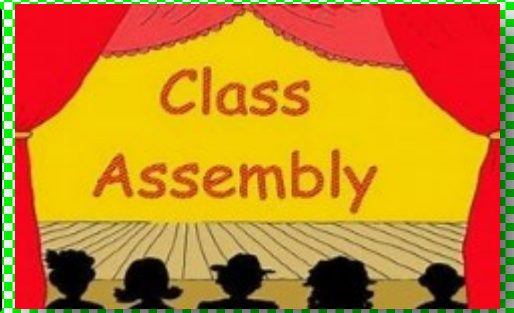
Poetry - this can be on any theme and style you wish.

The deadline for entries to these competitions is **Monday 26th February**.

Good luck to everyone.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

THIS TERM



Friday 1st March @ 2:00pm— Year 4

Friday 8th March @ 2:00pm—Year 2

Friday 15th March @ 2:00pm—Year 3

Friday 22nd March @ 2:00pm—Year 1



YEAR 4 - IMPORTANT INFORMATION



After their class assembly next Friday 1st March, Mr Patel will be leading a meeting for year 4 parents to go through the itinerary of our Year 4 London two night residential in July. There will be an opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have regarding this trip.

Football Experience

A message from Sofia....

On Saturday 17th February I went to Hereford Football Club Stadium with my Granddad. I enjoyed walking on the pitch and really loved watching the match. The end score was 0—0. I'm looking forward to visiting again soon we had a great time! Congratulations to Sonny and Hugo who have won tickets to the CHORLEY match on the 9th March.



GARDEN CLUB

A message from Mrs Hodges...

This week in gardening club we removed, inspected and cleaned all our pots from the greenhouse making sure there were no pests left and gently relocating the ones we did find. We cleared off the roof making sure we get as much sunlight as we can into the greenhouse. We planted our first lot of potatoes today, the children are excited to see how they progress! We spent some time admiring what we've already grown and all agree that the bulbs we planted already look fantastic! We distributed the hyacinths we grew around our school so that everyone can enjoy them with us, they smell amazing!



Let's get cooking

A message from Miss Sadler...

This week at Cooking Club, we made chocolate chip cookies! We started by creaming together the butter and sugar before adding the other ingredients into the bowl. Our last ingredient was chocolate chips which we had to mix into our dough. We then floured our hands and rolled the dough into balls before putting them into the oven.



YEAR 5 AND 6 ISLE OF WIGHT

24TH—28TH JUNE 2024!



We will be holding a parent meeting for our summer residential to the Isle of Wight on Wednesday 20th March at 3:45pm in Mr Gunter's classroom.

During this meeting we will go through the itinerary of the trip in detail, as well as including all of the necessary information parents and children will need to know. Parents and children will also have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have too.

PARENTS
EVENING

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.

Please come along and support this fabulous production! Tickets are selling fast!

St. Joseph's RC Primary School's production



Matilda

The Musical Jr.

THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2024

St. Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye - 6pm

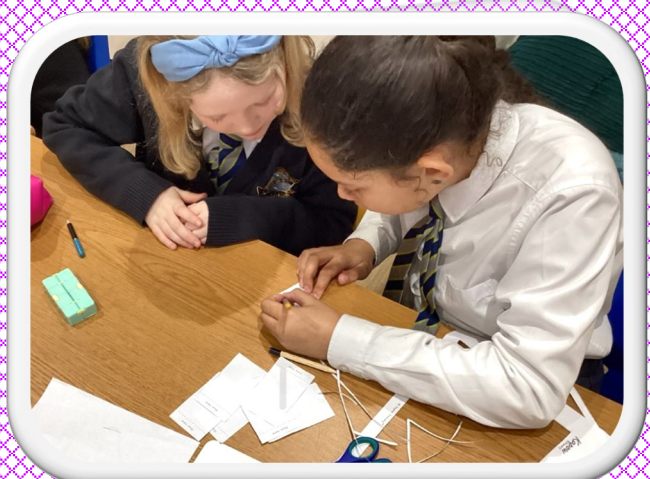
Tickets are £6 each and can be booked by emailing
the school office at: admin@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk

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More learning in action...

A message from Mr Gunter...

In Year 5 computing lesson this week, we were creating flip books as an introduction to our new unit of animation. Looking at how animators from as far back as the 19th Century, created optical illusions to give the impression of movement before it was a real possibility by using stop motion.



Dates to Remember

Wednesday 28th February	Phonics Parent workshop @ 3:30pm
Friday 1st March	St David's Day celebrations
Friday 1st March	Year 4 Assembly @ 2:00pm
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

We have had a super week here in Nursery getting very messy! The children loved making some junk models, art with Miss. Jenn and exploring the shaving foam.

We read the story of The Runaway Pea and used tweezers to count the peas in the numicon shapes.

We had our Lent assembly this week, the children added their lent promise leaves to the Lenten tree.



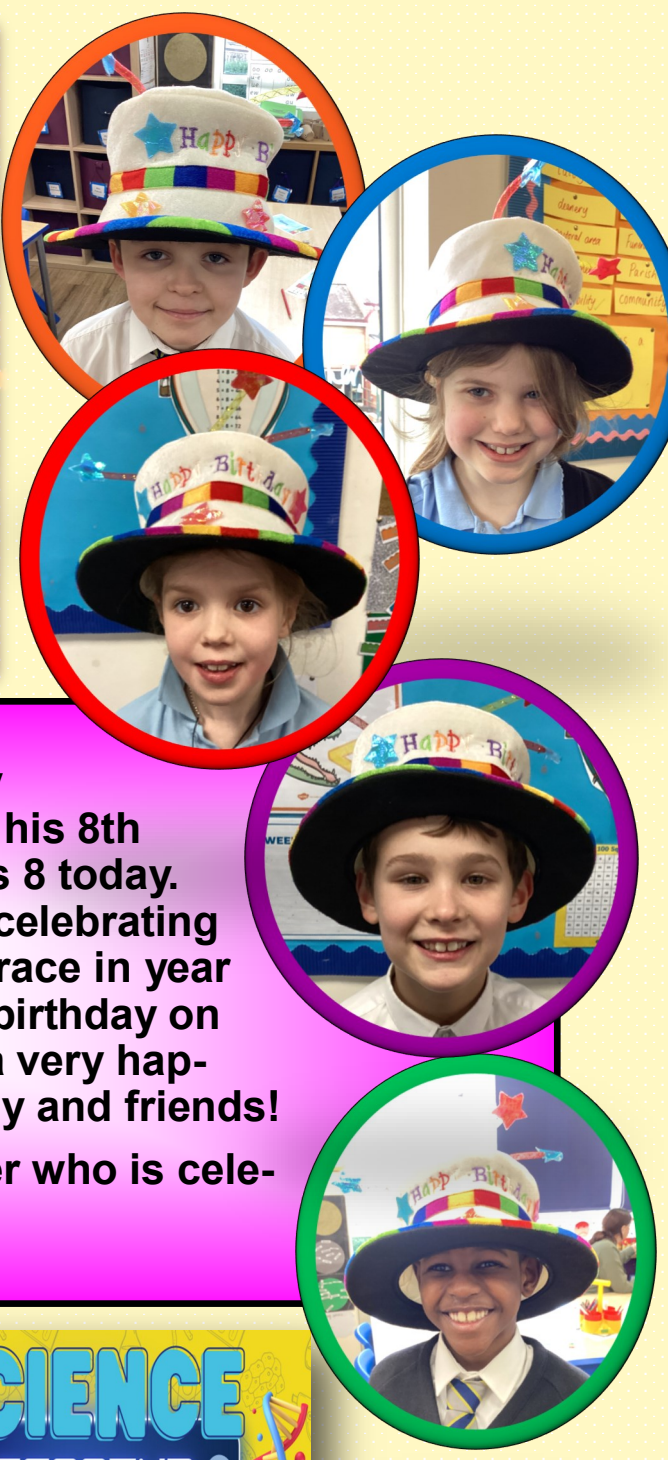
Star of the Week

Star of the week:

Jemimah for coming into Nursery really happily.



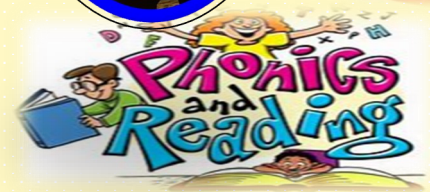




Happy Birthday to Fifo in Year 2, who celebrated his 6th birthday on Thursday. Happy Birthday to Oscar in Year 3, who celebrated his 8th birthday, also on Thursday and Zelda who is 8 today. Happy Birthday to Charlie in Year 2, who is celebrating his 7th birthday today! Happy Birthday to Grace in year 4, who is celebrating her 9th birthday on Saturday. Wishing them all a very happy time celebrating with family and friends! Happy Birthday to Miss Sadler who is celebrating her birthday today!



Next Week



Next Wednesday 28th February at 3:30pm Mrs Murray will be leading a phonic workshop for Year 1 parents. This will be extremely useful for parents to understand how we teach phonics and what the Year 1 national phonics screening check entails. We look forward to welcoming you then.

LIBERTY	<i>Phoebe B</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Phoebe B</i>
EVEREST	<i>Mimo A</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Arabella B</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Jake B</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Anna S</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Leo W</i>



**ROYAL WRITER
OF
THE WEEK!**



LIBERTY	92.08%
BIG BEN	93.44%
EVEREST	89.13%
BLUE LAGOON	98.21%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	94.78%
MOSI OA TUNYA	98.18%
ANGEL FALLS	98.75%

LIBERTY	<i>Toby M</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Callan A</i>
EVEREST	<i>Charlie C</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>David A</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Logan H</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Edward R</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Izzy KP</i>



LIBERTY	<i>Buddy H Edmund KP</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Shriyukt SP Alice H</i>
EVEREST	<i>Dexter W Fifo A</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Amilia C Oscar R</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Matas J Ruby W</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Luke J Evlyn M</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Olivia Lei S Daniela G</i>

LIBERTY	<i>Thomas C</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Norrie P</i>
EVEREST	<i>Riley P</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Zelda H</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Lily Mae A</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Joseph L</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Daisy Mai N</i>

Enjoy your weekend.
God Bless
Mrs Francis

