

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

*Matthew 7:12*

26/1/24

Dear Family,

We have had a great week here in school, holding our mastering number parent workshop on Monday for Reception parents. On Tuesday we hosted our amazing St Joseph's Got Talent finals, which was a real treat!

Yesterday we welcomed Mrs Pearce, to our school, for a termly curriculum audit. Mrs Pearce, is an experienced headteacher and also a serving Ofsted inspector. During her visit Mrs Pearce focused on what's happening in our curriculum. She spoke with leaders at all levels and our curriculum ambassadors.

**'Well done for everything you've achieved. Looking back since the last inspection you have brought the curriculum such a long way and there are many strengths to celebrate.'**

Of course, there are always areas to develop and we never stand still here at St Joseph's and so we will continue to work hard on these areas and look forward to her next visit.



# **CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK...**

**Year 4 have loved investigating how long it takes to melt ice. We used different lines of enquiry to investigate what might impact the rate of melting ice for example,**

***'How does the shape of ice affect the rate of melting?'***

**and**

***'How does mixing different materials into the ice affect the rate of melting.'***

**After preparing our ice blocks we conducted fair tests and took measurements throughout a morning. We look forward analysing and presenting our data next week.**

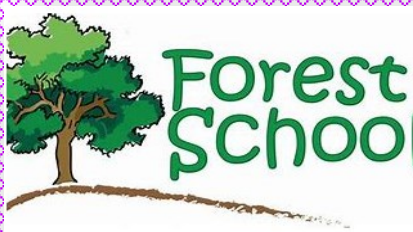


***In RE, our Year 2 children have been reenacting different parts of the Mass. They enjoyed reading and listening to the Gospel and learning the different responses and what they actually mean.***

***They also discussed the different signs we make before the Gospel reading and the significance of this. We think about Jesus, we speak about Jesus and Jesus is always in our hearts.***



***At forest school this week, Liberty Class enjoyed making potions and exploring their senses. We also used an app on the iPad to identify what different birds we could hear while we were down there.***



# CURRICULUM AMBASSADORS

## *A message from Miss Steiner..*

I met with the new Curriculum Ambassadors this week to have a conversation about Reading in Key Stage 2. The children were all very keen to share their thoughts and ideas and had lots to say about all of the elements of Reading here at St. Joseph's.

To begin with, we talked about the Key Stage 2 Reading Scheme and many of the children spoke with enthusiasm about the books they had read or were reading. They explained that they love the graphic novels we have and also the range of non-fiction texts. Abigail was especially excited about the books she had been reading about famous artists! The children had some great ideas for ways that we can expand and improve our reading scheme to include even more of the books they love to read.

Next, we spoke about Reading Plus and the children told me how much they like the format of the program and the way that they can achieve 'combos' and move up through the levels. They feel that they make good progress with their fluency and comprehension. Phoebe explained that she would like there to be more of some text-types within

her level and I told her that Reading Plus is sneaky about trying to encourage children to read widely and across a range of different subjects and topics!

Finally, we talked about Reading Together Time and the children told me about which books they had especially enjoyed so far this year. The Year 5 children were huge fans of both of their archaic texts last

term ('Anne of Green Gables' and 'A Christmas Carol') and they are also really enjoying 'Once' this term, which is a very different book. The Year 3 children both loved 'Paddington Bear' last term and have enjoyed 'The Midnight Fox' so far.

It was a real delight to hear the children talk with enthusiasm about Reading and the stories and non-fiction texts they have enjoyed on their own and with their classes this year.

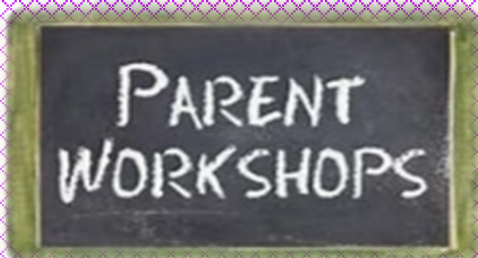
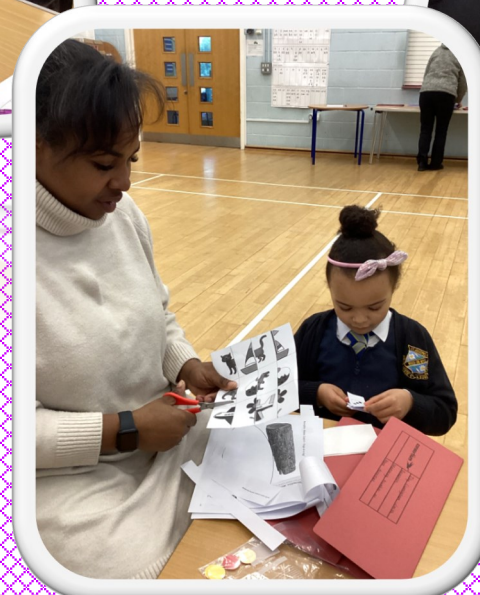


# PARENT WORKSHOPS

## FOR RECEPTION CLASS

### *Mastering Number Parent Workshops - Reception*

*On Monday, Liberty Class had a great morning at their Mastering Numbering Workshop, with their parents and family members. We shared some of our number work that we have been learning in school and also played some games and activities with our grown ups that we can now use at home. It was a fantastic turn out and invaluable learning experience for both children and parents - thank you to all who attended!*



**We will be holding Maths - Mastering Number parent workshops on the following dates:**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January @ 9:00 am - Year 1**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February @ 9:00 am - Year 2**

**These workshops, are designed to help you to support your child with their Maths learning. The sessions will be held in the school hall at 9:00am.**

# FRUIT TASTING IN YEAR 3!

WE LOVE FRUIT



*A message from Mr Mason...*

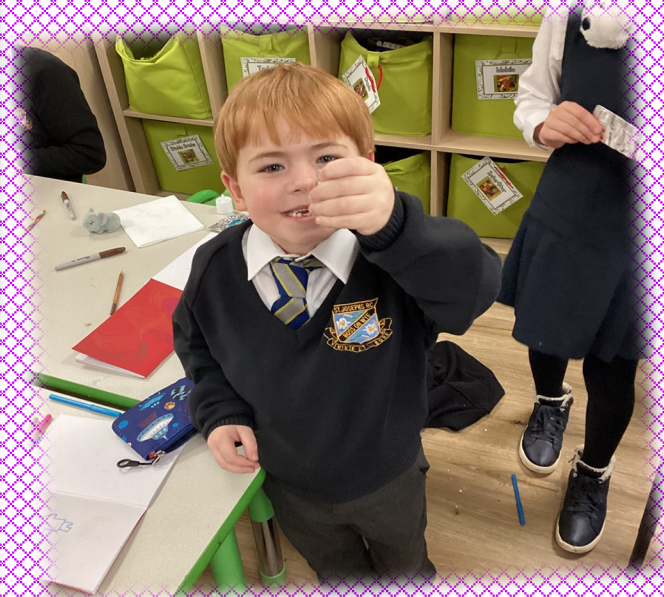
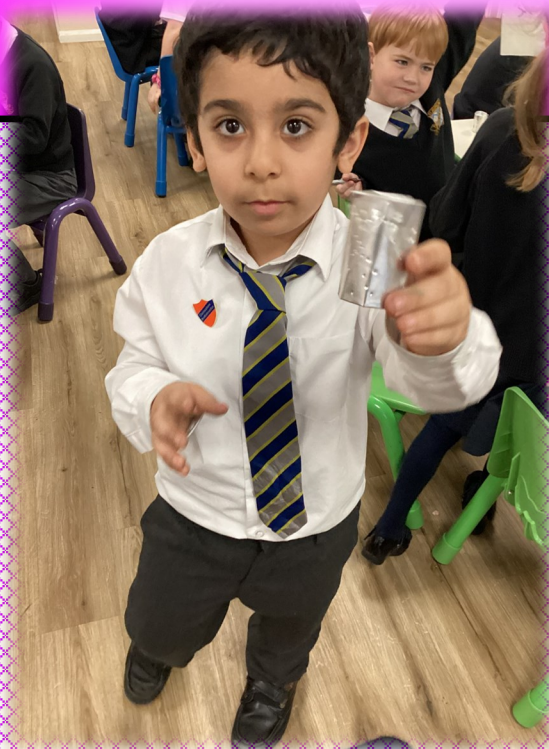
**Year 3 had a fantastic afternoon today, tasting a range of different fruits! The lychees and Sharon fruits were a winner amongst some of the children although pineapple was the firm winner!**



# ART CLUB

*A message from Miss Jenn..*

This week in Art Club, we created embossed tin tiles and also created beautiful lanterns, learning about the American Art of Tin Punching. The children first drew their designs on the tin, then for the embossing, used a pointed stylus to emboss the design into their tin, exploring different lines and shapes. They then drew a design on a smaller piece of tin and used a pin to punch holes along their design before wrapping it around a candle. Next week will be "magical".

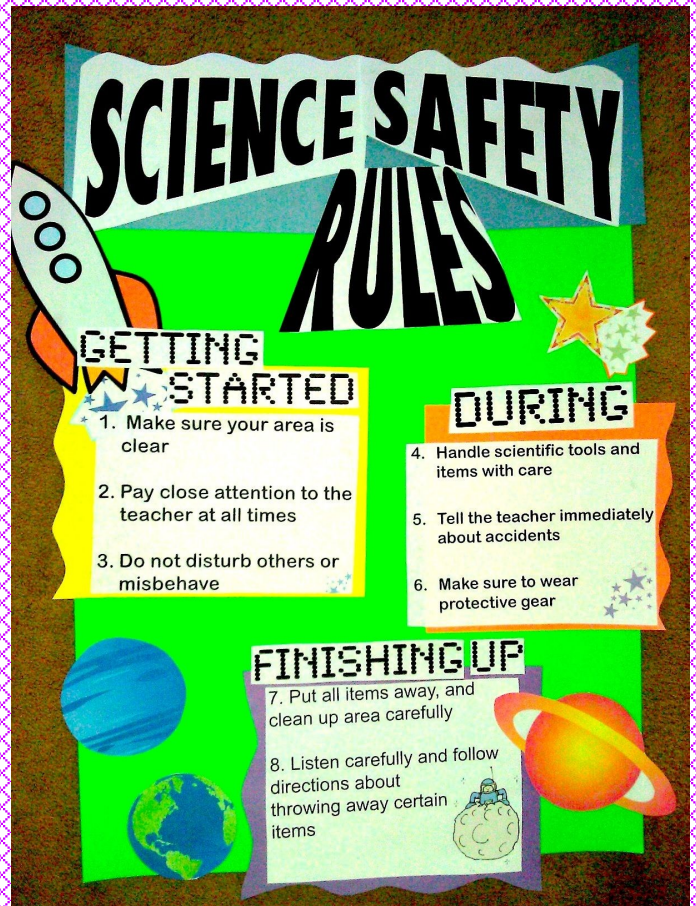
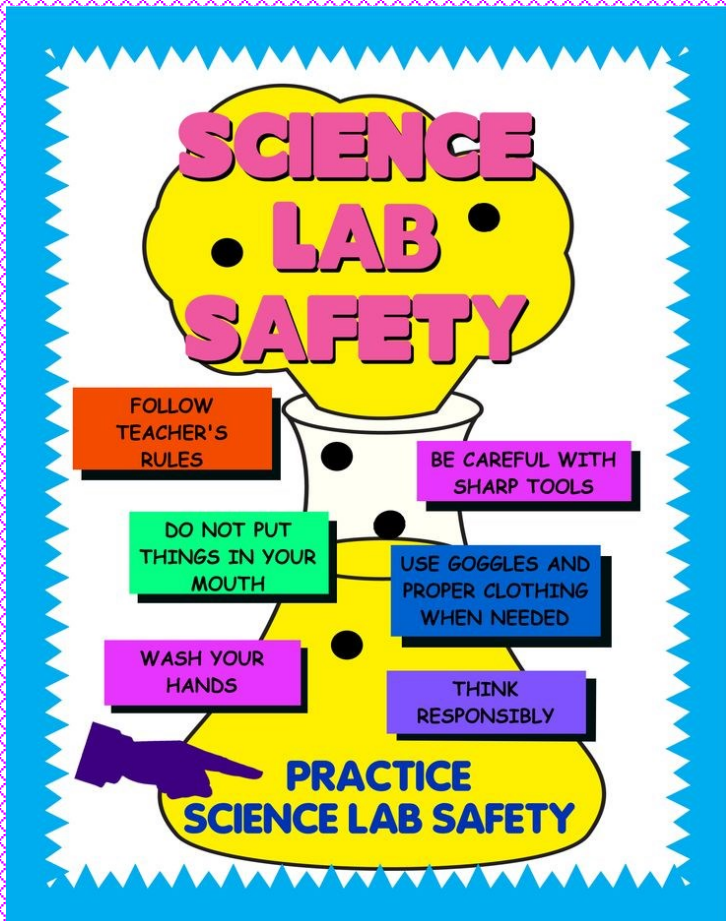


# Science Poster Competition

*A message from Mr Gunter and Mr Mason...*

*We are hosting a Working Safely in Science poster competition leading up to half term. We will be having a separate competition for Early Years/KS1 and another for KS2. The winning poster will win a prize as well as having their poster on display in each classroom of the school to remind everyone of how we can enjoy our science safely. The deadline for the poster entries is Friday 9th February. We have included a few examples below to give you some inspiration for what to include on your own poster.*

*Good luck to everyone!!*



**Magpie some ideas from these posters to get you started on your own if you want.**

# JUNIOR MAYOR



***Congratulations to Emma Hurds, a former St Joseph's pupils, Miss Jenn's daughter and Kai's sister for being elected as Herefordshire's Junior Mayor! This is an amazing achievement and we are all so proud of!***



## FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE!

**Joshua in year 1 was selected to attend Hereford United Football stadium last weekend to watch his team in action! He thoroughly enjoyed himself– what a great experience!**

**If you would like to be added to the draw for two match tickets, please contact the school office.**



# Community Kindness Challenge

We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Jenn for organising lovely challenges and activities for all of us at St. Joseph's. We have had so much fun making kindness paper chains, thank you letters and posters. Miss Jenn approached [Coffee #1](#) in Ross to ask if we could decorate their cup holders with inspiration messages of kindness. They agreed and so the community of Ross on Wye will receive a coffee cup holder decorated by each child at St Joseph's.





Free pre-loved school uniform stall at  
Ross Community Garden, Old Gloucester Rd.  
Please feel free to drop off unwanted school uniform items as well  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 10.30am-12noon**



## Ross on Wye Pancake Races Sunday

**11th February 2024**

**Ross on Wye Town Centre**

**Registration at the Market House from 11am  
Races start 12 noon**

### **Race Categories and Order**

**Under 5 years**

**5 - 7 years**

**8- 10 years**

**Adult Fancy Dress**

**11 - 13 years**

**14 - 16 years**

**Adult - ladies**

**Adult - men**

**Teams (4 people)**

**Business teams also  
welcome!**

### **Special Prizes**

**Children's Fancy Dress**

**Adult Fancy Dress Race**

**Team Trophy**

**Free Entry**

**Certificate for all entrants,  
winners medals  
and a lot of free fun!**



**Organised by Ross on Wye Lions and Ross Rotary**



***A message from Mrs Hodges...***

**This week in gardening club we took to the field to identify bird calls using an app on the iPad in preparation for our bird watch. We were amazed how many there were, now we just need to spot them all!**

**We had a fascinating lesson on pruning from Roy, he showed us his best techniques and how to make dibbers from the left over cuttings which we will use in gardening club. We**

**planted onion and shallot and the children are looking forward to tasting the difference once they've grown. We also talked about watering using a moisture meter to test whether we've been giving our greenhouse plants enough or too much water.**





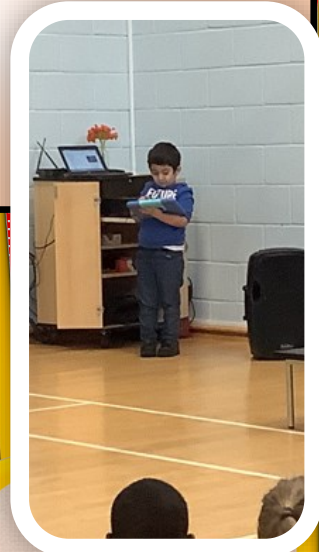
This week at Cooking Club, the children helped to bake their own 'Jammy Dodgers'. We first had to make a biscuit dough by combining all the ingredients and then roll it out and cut 2 heart shaped biscuits. We then cut a hole out of one of our biscuits, before layering it on top of the other. We then added jam into the hole and put them in the oven to bake.

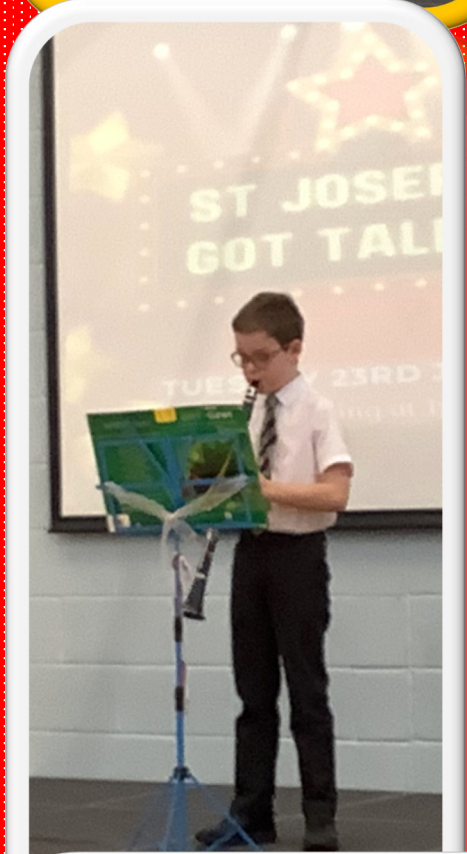




**A huge congratulations to all of our finalists , who took part in the 'St Joseph's Got Talent' event on Tuesday, in front of the whole school, our judges and parents. We are all so proud of your efforts!**

**To those who took part in the class auditions—WELL DONE! We are so proud of all of you and we hope you continue to share your talents again in next year's event!**









# JOIN OUR TEAM

## APPRENTICESHIP

This is an exciting opportunity to be a part of our amazing Nursery team!

We are looking for a new member of staff to join us as a level 3 apprentice.

Please get in touch for further information.

**STARTING:**  
March 2024

Contact Us

01989 564655



[admin@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk)



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful candidate will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service enhanced check and further pre-employment checks will be conducted in accordance with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023.

**FSJ NEWS!**

**I ❤️  
Disco**

## **Valentine Disco – Friday 9th February**

To celebrate the end of half term, we will be hosting our annual Valentine themed disco.

**KS1 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

**KS2 5pm – 6pm**

Disco, entertainment, snack box and drink

£3 per child attending. Please email the office to book a place and we will add it on to your parent pay account.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



# HALF TERM HOLIDAY Club

12TH - 16TH FEBRUARY

 [holidayclub@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:holidayclub@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk)

 01989 564655

Mr Smith and his team are looking forward to hosting our February half term holiday club, they have lots of exciting themed days planned!

Places are now limited, so if you would like to book your child a place, please email the school office.

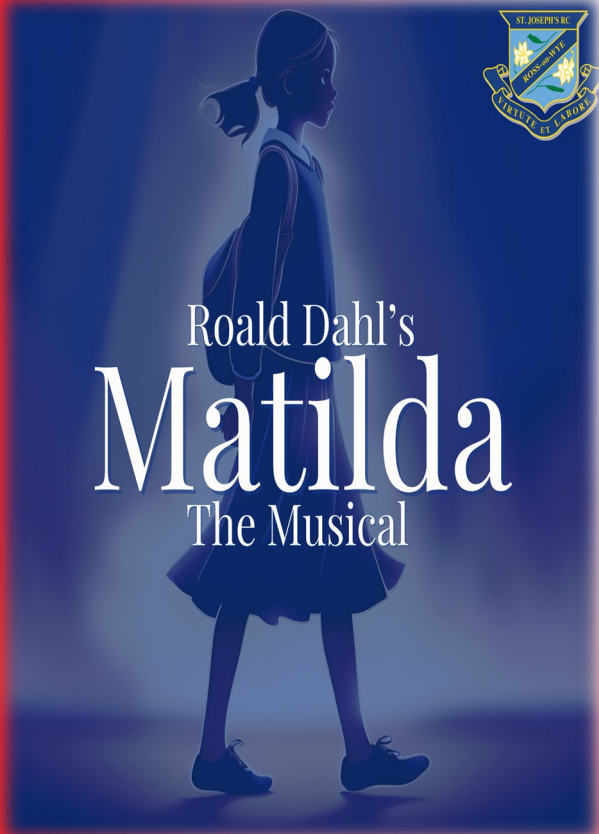
## MORE FSJ NEWS!

### Storage facilities

FSJ members have purchased a shed for storage. We are hoping to sort through all donations/equipment etc and store for ease of access for all our events. Thank you to Kenny and Matt for kindly offering to build.

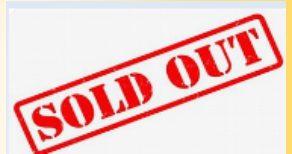
### Exciting new events coming this year!

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...



Tickets are available to purchase for our Matilda Performances at the Phoenix Theatre in Ross on the following dates:

Wednesday 7th February @ 6:00pm



Thursday 8th February @ 2:00pm

Thursday 8th February @ 6:00pm



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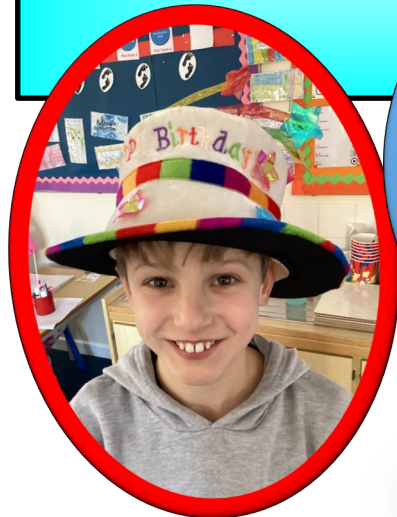
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



**Happy Birthday to Reuben in year 3 , who celebrated his 8th birthday on Thursday 25th January.**

**Happy Birthday to Antony in Year R, who is celebrating his 5th birthday today!**

**Happy Birthday to Ned in Year 4, who is turns 9 on Sunday 28th January. Wishing them all a very time celebrating with family and friends!**



**If you have any questions or concerns regarding St Joseph's , please use the appropriate channels and come to the school in the first instance,**

**Many thanks for your continued support.**

<b>LIBERTY</b>	<i>Lahna B</i>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<i>Sophia E</i>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<i>Antonio B</i>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<i>Zelda H</i>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<i>Leo H</i>
<b>MOSTA TUNYA</b>	<i>Freya HD</i>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<i>Ella Louise C</i>



# ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!



<b>LIBERTY</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<b>97.5%</b>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<b>96.52%</b>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<b>99.21%</b>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<b>99.13%</b>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<b>97.27%</b>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<b>99.37%</b>

<b>LIBERTY</b>	<i>Thomas C</i>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<i>Annabella C</i>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<i>Finley R</i>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<i>Tyler H</i>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<i>Jacob L</i>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<i>Dandrei M</i>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<i>Archie W</i>



# Mathemagician!



<b>LIBERTY</b>	<i>Arthur W</i> <i>Oscar H</i>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<i>Guy HD</i> <i>Phoebe S</i>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<i>Emmy R</i> <i>Charlie C</i>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<i>Patrick HD</i> <i>Cece G</i>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<i>Grace S</i> <i>Otto C</i>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<i>Joseph L</i> <i>Gabriella B</i>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<i>Paisley CB</i> <i>Dustin A</i>

<b>LIBERTY</b>	<i>Edmund KP</i>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<i>Ozias H</i>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<i>Sonny L</i>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<i>Oscar R</i>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<i>James M</i>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<i>Oli B</i>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<i>Amelie K</i>

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

