

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

27/10/23

Dear Family,

As we come to the end of week 8, in our Autumn term, it gives me great pleasure to say—WELL DONE to all our children and staff for working so hard and achieving so much during this half term. I'm sure you will agree—we are now in need of a week's rest before our Christmas festivities begin in the next half of the term— which is always an exciting time of the year here in school! A special mention to our new Reception children who have been absolute super stars in their first half term of school life, coming in every morning—happy and excited for their learning—they have made excellent progress and we are super proud!



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OUR CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK...

THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON WORKSHOP!

YEAR 1

On Wednesday, Big Ben Class had a fantastic day of drama! They were transported back in time to 1666, to the time of the Great Fire of London. Singing, dancing with 'fire sticks' and the 'Great Fire of London' quiz were just a few of the amazing activities they also took part in. The children were very impressive, displaying their knowledge and understanding of this topic. It was a super opportunity to consolidate their learning too.



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Belonging - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family



RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

YEAR 1

As part of their RE curriculum this week, Big Ben class enjoyed learning about the sacrament of Baptism in RE. They role-played a Baptism and talked about the important words and actions that occur and the significance of some special items such as the Baptismal candle, white garment and shell.



A message from Mr Patel...

YEAR 4

On Tuesday, Year 4 welcomed Mr Wilkes (Olcan and Hunter's Dad), from Caplor Energy, to talk about renewable energy. We learned how important it is to tap into the world of renewables in order to help protect our Earth. Did you know that the Earth receives more energy from the sun in one hour than the planet uses in one year!

We also learned about how we can store energy from solar panels, wind turbines and heat pumps so that nothing goes to waste. The best thing is that we will never run out of renewable energy and it does much less damage to our Earth than non-renewable energy like fossil fuels. Thank you to Mr Wilkes for giving his time to come and help us with our learning.



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As a celebration for working so hard this term, Year 4 prepared and lit a fire, using flint and steel, in our Forest School area. We reflected on our learning from this term and will strive to achieve even better next term. We also tested sticks to see how good they would be for toasting marshmallows; as you can see, they got a 10/10 rating! Great work Year 4!



The Perrygrove Railway Adventure

Liberty Class had a fantastic first school trip to Perrygrove on Thursday! To tie in with their 'All About Me' topic this term, the children enjoyed a Teddy Bear's Day Out on the train. They each brought in their favourite teddy from home, and had an amazing day exploring the Forest of Dean. We started with a wander through the woods, seeing how many teddies we could spot in the trees. We then explored Foxy Hollow—a large play area with slides, tunnels and swings. After lunch we read our special teddy bear story before boarding the train with our bears. To end our day, the children got to explore the Twilight Houses. They behaved impeccably throughout and were a real credit to the school. Well done Liberty Class—we are so proud of you!



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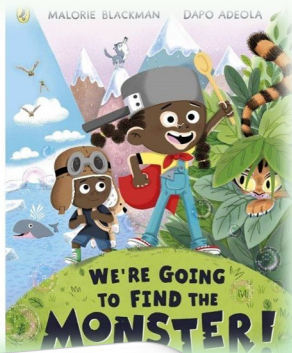


CELEBRATE
**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

This month, every class has been learning about and celebrating the achievements of inspiring Black British icons. From sporting icons to scientists, we have learned about the incredible contributions that have been made to British culture. Here are just a few...

'Ade Adepitan inspires me because he overcame challenges of being in a wheelchair to achieve great things.'

'I really like Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock because she is a scientist and she has made a film about the sky at night'



Reception Class enjoyed listening to stories by Black Authors. A particular favourite was *'We're going to find a monster'* by **Malorie Blackman and Dapo Adeola**. We also used the story of Rosa Parks to talk about and understand the importance of treating others the way we would like to be treated.



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In Year 4 we learned about the incredible achievements of **Floella Benjamin** and **Courtney Tulloch**. We also shared our projects with each other, learning how Black people overcame many barriers to make a better future for others.



Year 5 have loved watching **Jean 'Binta' Breeze's** dub poetry performances. We even had a go ourselves and performed some of our own poems.

We also learned about **Charlie Philips** and that despite having a dream of being an Opera singer, he became a phenomenal photographer of Black London.

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Year 6 have been learning how

Clive Sullivan became the first Black captain of any Rugby side. He captained the Great Britain Lions in 1972.



This week in cooking club the children made their own marshmallow pumpkins, to celebrate our pumpkin party tomorrow after school. We melted down marshmallows, added orange food colouring and mixed in rice crispies. We then added the mixture to cases and put a rolo chocolate on the top to create the top of our pumpkin. We then decorated them with coloured icing.





Parents Evening



Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th November

On **Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th November**, we will be holding our Autumn term parent consultation evenings. Everybody should now have an allocated appointment time. If you have not got an appointment, please contact the school office.

During these consultation evenings, we will be holding an art exhibition of the children's art work in the sports hall. Miss Jenn and the children have been working hard to create some fantastic pieces and parents are able to purchase these at a small cost, to cover the cost of resources. Also, during these evenings the FSJ will be selling pizzas for tea, in the hall and so families can either eat in or take away.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



**UK
PARLIAMENT
WEEK**
6th - 12th November 2023



During Parliament Week all classes will immerse themselves in a world of debates, workshops, and activities that celebrate parliamentary democracy. It's all about learning, discussing, and engaging in the democratic process.

Thursday 9th November

Our year 5 and 6 children will be singing at the Remembrance Service at the prospect at 11:45am. Please come along and join us if you are able to.

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THE LION THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY C.S. LEWIS

On Friday 8th December, our Key Stage 2 children will be visiting the Birmingham Repertory Theatre to watch the fabulous production of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* (based on the novel by C.S Lewis), as part of our Christmas celebrations in school. This will be an amazing experience for the children and a perfect way to enter into the spirit of Christmas, with our school friends.

The coach will be leaving school at 11:00am on this day. The children will need a packed lunch and a filled water bottle. We will have lunch once we arrive at the theatre and then the performance starts at 1:30pm.

We will be returning back to school for 5:30pm. During the interval the children will be treated to an ice cream/lolly.

Letters can be downloaded from the letter section on the school website.



On **Friday 22nd December**, our Key Stage 1 children will be visiting the ICC in Newport, Wales to watch the fabulous production of '*Cinderella on Ice*', as part of our Christmas celebrations in school. This will be an amazing experience for the children and a perfect way to end our successful term, getting into

the spirit of Christmas, with our school friends.

The coach will be leaving school at 11:30 am on this day. The children will need a packed lunch and a filled water bottle. We will have lunch once we arrive at the venue and then the performance starts at 1:30pm.

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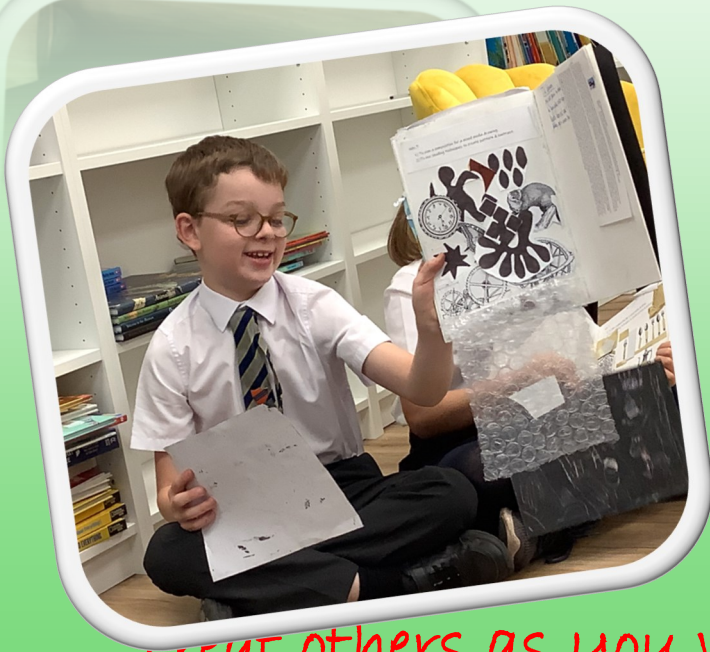
CURRICULUM AMBASSADORS...

This week Miss Sadler met with the Curriculum Ambassadors and our focus was on Art and Design Technology in the curriculum. The children enjoyed talking about their learning journeys in these subjects so far this year, including the different skills they have been applying and developing throughout each weekly lesson. The children also included examples of things they would like more of, such as more teacher feedback and house point rewards for great art work and effort!



ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

FOCUS



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Gardening Club

A message from Mrs Hodges...

In our last Gardening Club of the term we harvested more radish and our rocket, it had a delicious peppery taste! We took some home to share with our families.

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Roy this week who came bearing pots for us to plant up and hang on our fence. We used miniature daffodil, tulip and fritillaria bulbs. We can't wait to see them in spring!



HOUSE CAPTAINS



Our House Captains for this Year have been awarded to:

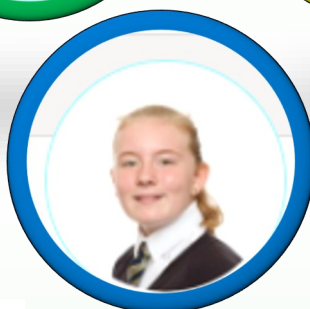
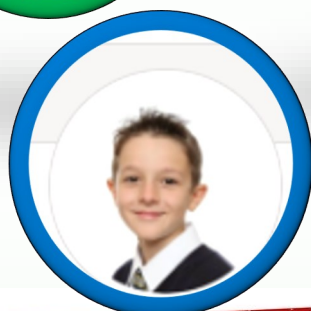
St Francis - Phoebe and Archie

St Mary's—Ella and Rhys

St Vincent De Paul — Amelie and T.K

St Joseph's — Daisy-Mai and Leo

Congratulations to you all, we look forward to you leading your Houses this year!



**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**

YEAR 6 PARENTS

The closing date for secondary applications for 2024 intake is Midnight on 31 October 2023.

The link to admissions page is **Secondary school admissions – Herefordshire Council** for all relevant information and to apply via the portal

Please read all relevant information on the admission pages before completing application.

A link to the portal can be found below.

[Apply for a School Place \(herefordshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk)

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FSJ NEWS



Co Op Local Community Fund

Starting this week, if you are a Coop member you can choose Friends of St Joseph's as your local cause. For every £1 you spend, we receive 2p. THANK YOU!



On Friday 17th November is 'Children in Need' day and we will be having a PYJAMA DAY in school.

After school on this day the FSJ are holding a Movie Night for the children. The movies chosen are Teenage Kraken—KS2 and The Secret Lives of Pets—KS1. Children can also bring in a pillow and a soft toy for movie night.

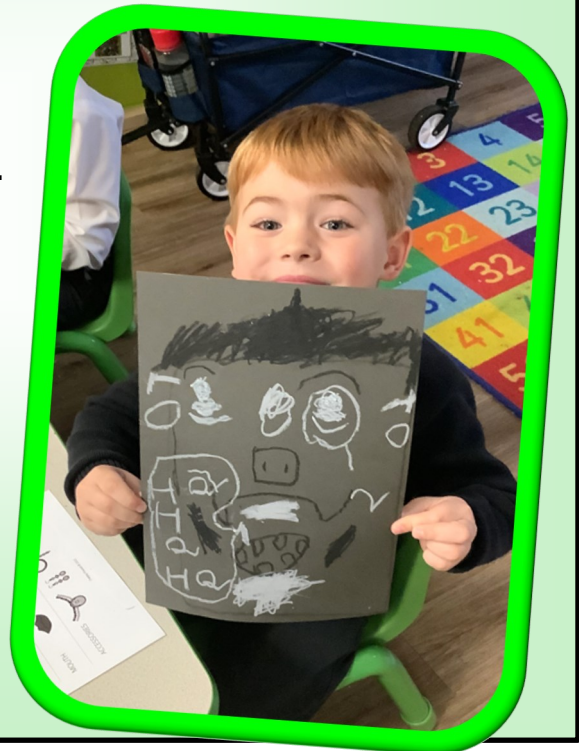
They will enjoy a hotdog, ice cream, popcorn and a drink. The cost of this event is £4.00 per child and is payable via parent pay. Please let the office know if you would like to book your child a place.

A message from Miss Jenn...

Our final Art Club of the term was focused on creating Tim Burton inspired portraits and zentangle pumpkins. As always with Art Club, I love how every artist's unique voice shines through and the participants have the freedom to express and create in their own unique styles. Well done to everyone who took part this half term and a huge thank you to Clare and Teresa for their invaluable input! Next half-term we will play

around with boho art, acrylic painting, gratitude activities, a textile experience involving hedgehogs and much more!

I look forward to creating art with you in November!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM...

Monday 6 th and Tuesday 7 th November	Parents Evenings
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 th November	Pyjama Day – Children in Need
Friday 17 th November	Movie Night - FSJ
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 4 th December	Advent Assembly
Friday 8 th December	KS2 Christmas Outing
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity @ 5:30pm
Thursday 14 th December	KS2 Christmas performance @ 6:00pm
Friday 15 th December	Nursery Nativity @ 2:00pm
Thursday 21 st December	End of term Mass
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 22 nd December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Outing
Friday 22 nd December	Nursery Christmas Party
Friday 22 nd December	End of term

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

We had a wonderful trip to Ross community gardens this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different fruits and vegetables growing in the garden and running through the willow dragon. We picked and pressed apples and enjoyed tasting the yummy juice! We finished off by planting our own daffodil bulbs to take home and take care of.



**Star of the week: Charlie. R for taking part in all the
nursery activities**

WE'VE GOT SOME GREAT NEWS

A fantastic team effort helped our Year 5 and 6 children to become county football bowl champions at the Herford Primary County Championships tournament on Thursday. They all played superbly, had lots of fun and showed great team spirit throughout.
WELL DONE EVERYONE!



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A very Happy Birthday to Poppy in Year 1, who celebrated her 6th birthday on Tuesday 24th October. Happy Birthday to Ozi, also in year 1, who celebrated his 6th birthday on Wednesday 25th October and Sonny in year 2, who also turned 7 on 25th October. Happy Birthday to Archie in year 6, who turned 11 on Thursday 26th October. Sophia in year 1 will turn 6 on Saturday 28th October. Jake in year 4, will be celebrating his 9th birthday on 29th October and Dustin in year 6 will be celebrating his 11th birthday on 3rd November. Wishing them all a great time celebrating with family and friends!



After half term we will be staggering the lunchtimes for Key Stage 1 and 2 and so the field will be out of action during lunchtimes—due to the mud and slippery surfaces. Once April arrives we will be all back to the normal lunch hour and the field will be back in full use.

LIBERTY	<i>Edmund KP</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Norrie P</i>
EVEREST	<i>Finley R</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Tilly W</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Otto C</i>
MOSTA TUNYA	<i>Evana S</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Lexi S</i>



ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!



LIBERTY	98.46%
BIG BEN	94.06%
EVEREST	98.7%
BLUE LAGOON	97.14%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	97.39%
MOSI OA TUNYA	98.1%
ANGEL FALLS	98.75%

LIBERTY	<i>Maisie B</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Alfie P</i>
EVEREST	<i>Holly W</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Joey P</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Oskaras J</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Edward R</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Lexi S</i>



LIBERTY	<i>Halle S Phoebe B</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Aryah W Jaxon P</i>
EVEREST	<i>Dexter W Riley P</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Archie Ba Eli B</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Jessie W Ned K</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Toby S Amelia E</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Archie W Leo W</i>

LIBERTY	<i>Aiden G</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Anabella C</i>
EVEREST	<i>Isla H</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Abby KP</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Ruby W</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Anna S</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Olivia Lei S</i>

Warm wishes for a lovely half term break!

God Bless

Mrs Francis

