

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

13/10/23



Dear Family,

This half term our values are *'Grateful and Generous'*. On Monday we came together to celebrate our Harvest Assembly. This was a wonderful way to reflect on our values. Being *Grateful* for the Harvest and the food that has been grown.

Generous in how we come together to serve others, who need our help, by donating to our local Food Bank. These acts of kindness help us to be the best versions of ourselves, as we remember every good deed creates a positive outcome. If we all remember to do this—what an amazing world we could have!



OUR CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

A message from Mr. Mason...

This week Blue Lagoon made an apple crumble to highlight the importance of eating seasonally. The children developed their cutting, peeling and mixing skills to create their crumble and shared it with their family. To finalise the process, all the children gathered their own and others' opinions on their apple crumble and reflected on what they enjoyed and the improvements that can be done the next time they make it. The focus of this DT lesson was for children to understand how gathering ingredients locally can make a positive impact on our environment.



YEAR 3



...as you would like to be treated.'

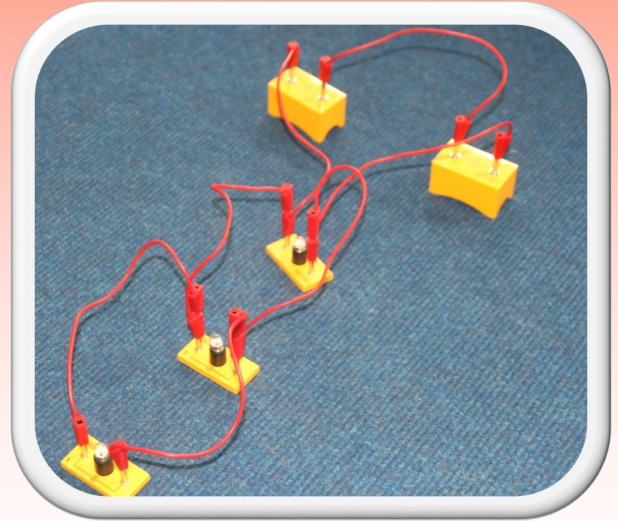
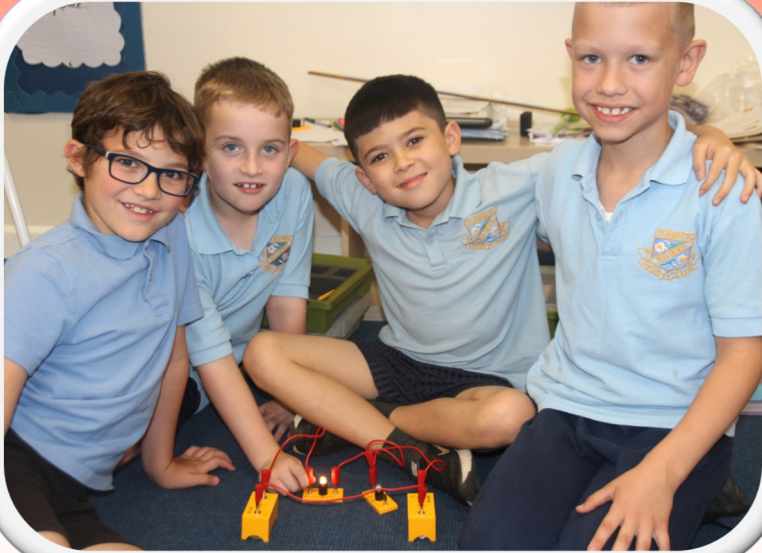


A message from Miss Steiner...

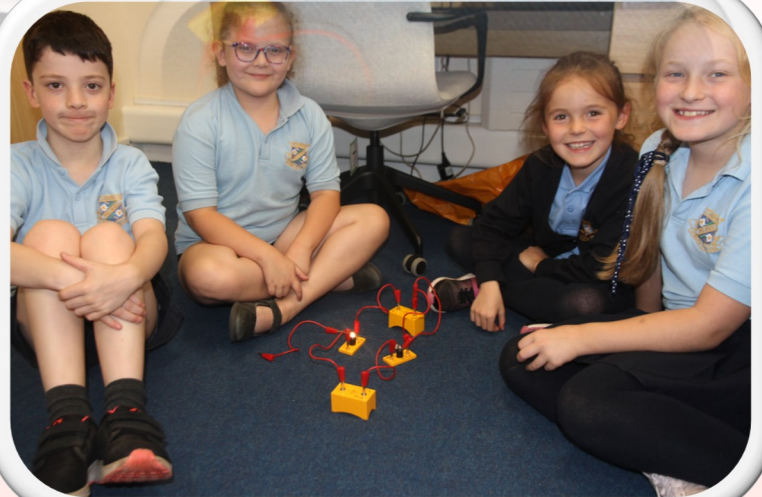
Year 6 children took to the floor this week to debate the relative merits of living in Ancient Athens and Ancient Sparta. They had spent time researching the similarities and differences between these Ancient Greek city states in a previous history lesson and had prepared arguments thoughtfully. Amelie and Rhys presented initial arguments to kickstart the debate and then all of the children made contributions to a very passionate and energetic discussion! After Paisley and TW had summed up their respective team's main points, every child wrote about their own personal opinions and conclusions.



During Science this week, Year 4 have been learning about the limitations of a simple series circuit and investigated how to overcome these by building a parallel circuit.



In PE this week, Year 4 have continued to apply their football skills by practising attacking and defending drills. They are beginning to understand the importance of decision making in game play situations.



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As part of their Science topic 'Animals', Year 1 have been looking closely at fish. They identified the scales, fins, gills, eyes, mouth and tail and made some detailed observational drawings and wrote labels. Enjoyable but a bit smelly!

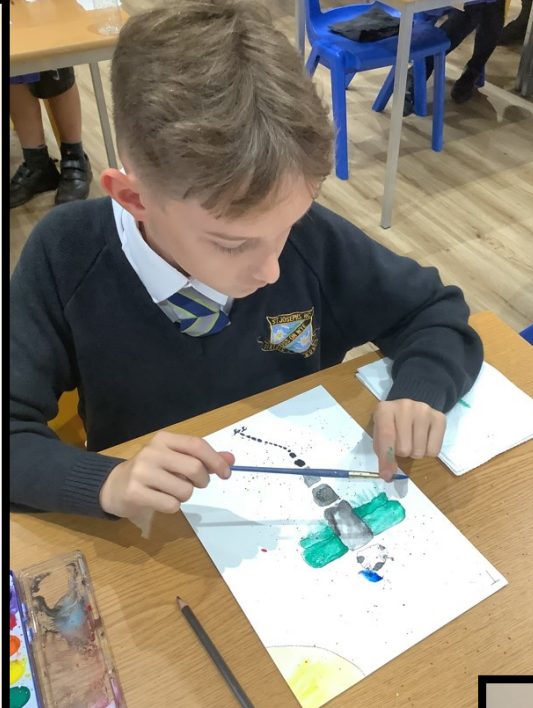
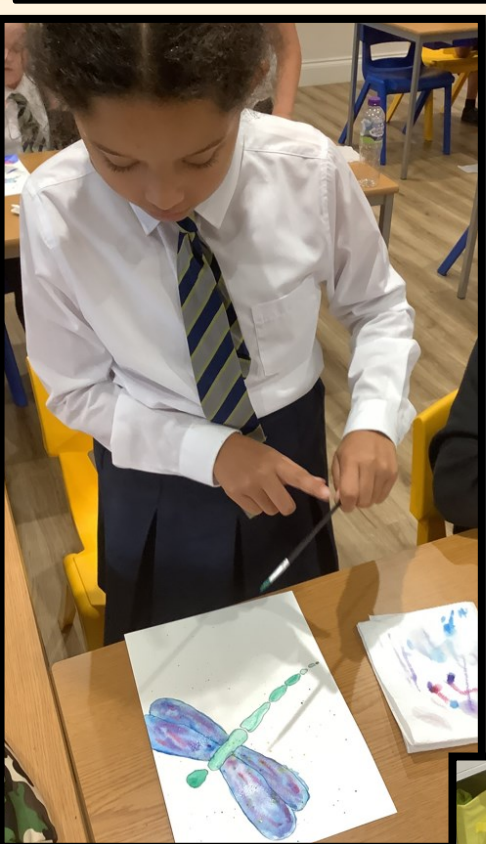


Reception have been answering the question 'What is in the sky?' They discussed which objects they've seen in the sky and helped to sort pictures into whether it could be seen in the sky or not. After forest school, we then lay on the field and talked about what we could see in the sky!



Art in Action

The children in Year 5 spent a calm, relaxing hour painting watercolour dragonflies with Miss Jenn this week. Their careful, precise approach was very impressive and they all managed to make the piece their own with individual additions and interpretations of the challenge. The final paintings are beautiful and will be available to buy at the big art exhibition and sale on Parents Evenings!



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Please follow the link below to view our SMSC calendar of events for this academic year.

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VACANCY

Teaching Assistant– January 2024

This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic level 2/3 qualified teaching assistant to join our friendly and supportive team. We are looking for someone with drive, commitment and a passion for learning, to support the class teacher in making learning, fun, exciting and challenging for all our children.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children; successful applicants will need to provide 'right to work in the UK' documentation, undertake a DBS and be able to provide two satisfactory references.

If you would like more information about the vacancy please contact the school office.

SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER

St Joseph's RC Primary School Family Art Afternoon!

**You are cordially invited to join Miss Jenn
for an afternoon of Art!**

**We will create fabric scrap bowls and play
around with watercolour techniques.**

When: Saturday 14th October from 1-4

Where: St Joseph's Sports Hall

Cost: £3/person or £10/family of 4

All supplies included

RSVP to the office please,

Limited Spaces Available

- **This is a half termly activity, the next theme will be a Christmas Crafternoon! Date TBC.**

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MONDAY

On Monday 16th October we will be taking part in our 'Sponsored Silence!' This challenge will be taking place straight after lunch. Thank you to those who have already sent in their sponsorships.

TUESDAY

Next Tuesday 17th October—Year 4 will be visiting Ross Community Gardens. They will walk there after lunch and return to school in time for the end of the day. Please ensure they have their waterproofs and wellies.

THURSDAY

Liberty class (Reception) will be heading off to Perrygrove Railway in Coleford on **Thursday 26th October**. The children will be having a teddy bears picnic and will take part in a teddy bear hunt through the woodland, enjoy a Perrygrove story, ride the train and have fun at Foxy Hollow. Don't forget to bring your teddy bears

The
Perrygrove
Railway Adventure



FRIDAY

Next Friday the FSJ have organised a Family Bingo Night for our school community to enjoy! This event will start from 6:00pm—please book your tickets through the school office.



**NEXT
WEEK**

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

ARRIVE FROM 6PM
EYES DOWN AT 6:30PM

Please book your place through the school office.
£1 per adult entry - including a raffle ticket!
Children - free entry.

**NEXT
WEEK**

Scientist of the week



Congratulations to



Well done!

Signed: _____

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Starting from next week, we will be presenting classes with a new award—'SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK!'

This achievement will be awarded to a child in each class, at the end of the week, who has excelled in their Science lesson. They will receive a certificate and also get to dress as a scientist in their class for the whole week!

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With only two school weeks left to go until half term, Mr Smith and his team are busy planning some super exciting activities for our Half term Holiday Club! We do have a few places left. If you are interested in this provision, please call the office to secure your booking.



HALF TERM HOLIDAY Club



**30TH OCT TO
3RD NOV 2023**
Monday to Friday
8am-3pm

2-11 YEARS

Breakfast club from 8am.
Wrap around care till
5.30pm

UNIQUE THEMES EVERY DAY

Snacks and drinks provided
throughout the day
(Cooked or packed lunches also
available at an additional cost)

Join us for a half term of endless fun and
fabulous activities!

Whether building, crafting, painting or sports,
each day brings new surprises, friendships, and
unforgettable moments.

Book your child's place now!



CONTACT US

01989 564655

holidayclub@st-josephs.hertford.sch.uk

ART CLUB IN ACTION THIS WEEK!



This half term, Art Club has spent each week been building on the theme from the previous week. Last week we drew what we thought we saw and then practiced drawing and painting what we actually saw. This week, we had fun painting book-marks inspired by Vincent VanGough's work, painting what he saw. The creations in Art Club blew me away! We have SO many incredible artists in our school! Next week, we will create micrography and/or continuous line self portraits about how we see ourselves before we end the term playing around with Tim Burrton and Picasso inspired creations.

SCHOOL Attendance

At St Joseph's we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality.

We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time.

We do have high standards and because of this our pupils achieve great outcomes! Thank you for working together with us to ensure our children are able to make the most of every available opportunity.

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FSJ NEWS!



Second hand uniform & cake sale Friday 6th October – £169.18. A huge thank you as always for the generous donations for our school community!

As we shared, our last donation was for the outdoor equipment for our children to enjoy which was gratefully received!

Our current fundraising is for enhancing our IT equipment throughout the school. Look out for our thermometer of funds so everyone can keep a close eye on our target!



Non uniform day Friday 27th October

Please bring costume/party wear in a bag for the children to change into if you would like, this is optional.

Please bring bottle or chocolate donations for the upcoming Christmas Fayre if you are able to

£3 per child, includes a snack bag (bookable through parent pay)

Entertainment and disco!

KS1: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

KS2: 5pm – 6pm

Happy Birthday!!



A very Happy Birthday to Paisley in year 6, who celebrated her 11th birthday on 9th October. Happy Birthday to Annabella in Year 1, who turned 6 on 10th October and Olivia, also in year 1, who turned 6 on 11th October.

Happy Birthday to Amelia. E in Year 5, who is celebrating her 10th birthday on Saturday 14th October and Jacob. L in Year 4, who is also celebrating his 9th birthday on Saturday. Wishing them all a very happy time celebrating with family and friends!



*St Joseph's Art
Exhibition & Sale*

*6th and 7th of November
2023 in the Sports
Hall.*

*After your parent's evening,
please come and take a look at
the beautiful creations made
by our talented pupils! All
artwork will be for sale,
proceeds to go towards pupil
enrichment at St Joseph's.
Beautiful artwork makes a
great gift!*



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM...

Monday 16th October	Sponsored Silence
Tuesday 17th October	Year 4 visiting Ross Community Gardens
Tuesday 24 th October	Nursery visiting Ross Community Gardens
Friday 27 th October	FSJ – Pumpkin Party
Friday 27 th October	School closes for half term
Monday 30 th October- Friday 3 rd November	Holiday Club
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

The children loved having our first 'dough disco' this week! We used our playdough and our fingers to manipulate the dough to the music to help with our fine motor skills.

We have been exploring our maths and small world tuff trays inside - we have made long and short towers and used the coloured blocks to make patterns.





Star of the Week



Our Nursery Star of the Week this week goes to Rya for coming back into nursery so happily!

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COOKING CLUB THIS WEEK WITH MISS SADLER AND MR BARLOW...

A message from Miss Sadler...

We had 2 delicious treats to create at cooking club this week! We first made some jam tarts - the children used cups as cutters to cut out circles in the pastry and then filled these with strawberry or raspberry jam. While they were cooking, we also made chocolate rice crispy cakes! We melted the chocolate, poured it over the rice crispies and gave it a good mix. We then spooned the mixture into cases.



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Our Garden



A message from Mrs Hodges...

Exciting news in gardening club this week, we are now members of the Royal Horticultural Society's campaign for school gardening! We had a read through our welcome pack and got some fantastic ideas for future projects. We talked about the importance of birds in our gardens and filled and hung some feeders in a tree. We looked at the sorts of foods we eat every day that contain seeds and what we'd need to do in order to produce our own food at home and in school. We also looked closely at seed germination in progress then carefully pricked out our pak choi we planted a few weeks ago and examined the different parts of the plant.



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A HUGE
THANK YOU
FROM ALL OF US!

CHARITY CYCLE

THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!

We raised over £1000



Thank you to Mrs Lerego and Mrs Niblett, who completed their 70 mile bike challenge at the weekend. They did a fantastic job and managed to raise over £1000 for the development of our Nursery and Reception outdoor areas!

We are also very grateful to Mrs Niblett (Mrs Lerego's Mum) for donating an additional £500 towards our funding pot. This donation is on behalf of Mrs Joyce Thomas (Mrs Niblett's Mum), a very valued member of our community, who sadly passed away this year. Joyce served as the Mayor of Ross on Wye and was a popular member of the Town Council for many years. She was passionate about education and children's learning and so this gift is in memory of her. We are extremely grateful! Thank you.



**ROYAL WRITER
OF
THE WEEK!**



LIBERTY	97.69%
BIG BEN	96.25%
EVEREST	97.83%
BLUE LAGOON	98.21
ARC DE TRIOMPH	96.52%
MOSI OA TUNYA	95.24%
ANGEL FALLS	97.5%

LIBERTY	<i>Lahna B</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Amaya P</i>
EVEREST	<i>Isla W</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Henry B</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Jacob D</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Toby S</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Silvija A</i>



LIBERTY	<i>Sophie A Nora A</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Andrew G Benjamin H</i>
EVEREST	<i>Elia E Rupert B</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Abigail D Tanya May W</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Poppy B Jacob L</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Evlyn M Freya A</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>TK W Lexi S</i>

LIBERTY	<i>Viktor K</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Alice H</i>
EVEREST	<i>Theo B</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Lennox WC</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Otto C</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Ellie R</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Ella Louise C</i>

Have a lovely weekend.
God Bless
Mrs Francis

