St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

Matthew 7:12

6/10/23



Dear Family,

On Thursday we had our first Parent Voice meeting of the year, which was really positive. We discussed our school priorities for this year and the actions we are implementing to drive school improvement.

We also discussed our home learning and would like to ensure that this is a positive experience for all families. With this in mind, we are going to be making some tweaks, starting from next Friday. We would value your feedback on this new format over the October half term, when we will send out a parent questionnaire. Thank you as always for working together with us.

Today we have taken part in a whole school Science workshop Day with Sublime Science. The children had a fantastic time taking part in investigations involving whirlpools, making homemade sherbet and looking at the effects of wind on given objects. These are just a few examples the children enjoyed taking part in.





OUR CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK!



This week we have been focusing on Judaism, as part of our RE curriculum. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning!



Reception Class looked at the signs and symbols. They learnt about the significance of menorahs and made their own!



Year 1 reenacted the stories of Moses and learnt about why he is so important in the Jewish faith.









MOSES LEADING HIS PEOPLE TO THE PROMISE LAND.

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Year 2 have been learning about the weekly celebration, Shabbat. We role-played a Shabbat meal, lighting the candles, giving a blessing and sharing Challah bread.

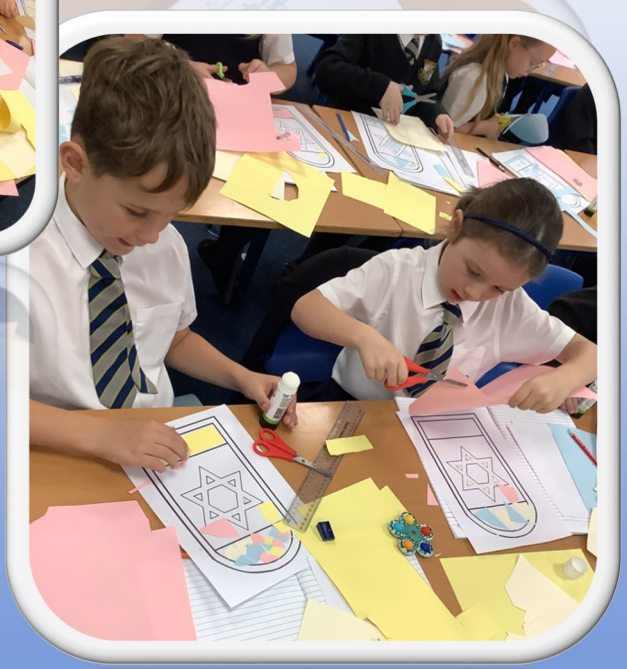


Year 3 have been focusing on the significance of stained-glass windows in a Synagogue and why the Star of David is important to the religion and why it is all over the Synagogue walls, ceilings and windows.









Year 4 learned all about the importance of The Torah to Jewish people and how a Yad is used to follow the ancient Hebrew text. We now know that the Torah is a scroll of teachings from God handed to The Prophet Moses.







Year 5 have been learning about the story of Passover and retold the story by creating a comic book, using photographs of themselves acting out the significant events.







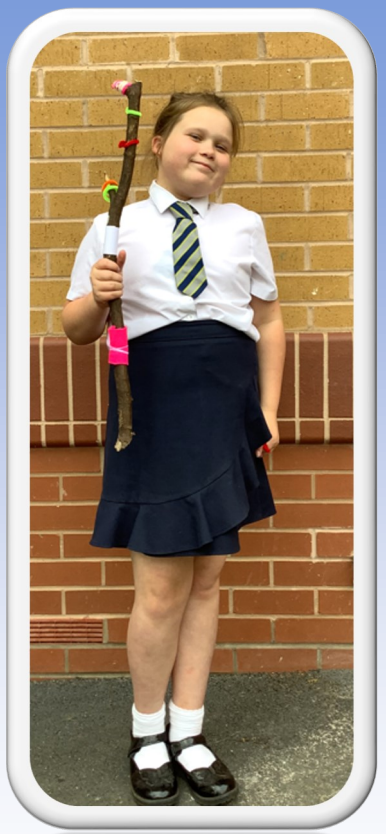


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Year 6 have been making resolution sticks as part of their work on Rosh Hashana. They created new school year resolutions on how to be the best versions of themselves.



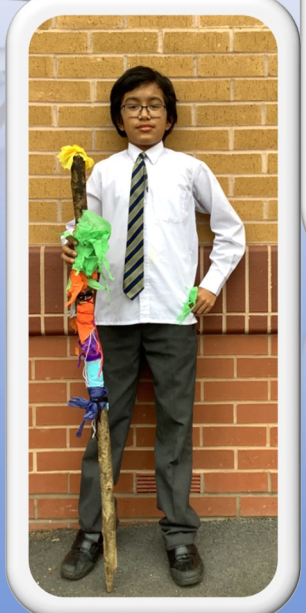














In Art with Miss Jenn this the children continued to create their individual pieces for our art exhibition in November. They enjoyed using sharpies and magically transforming their backgrounds before putting a custom drawing on top!









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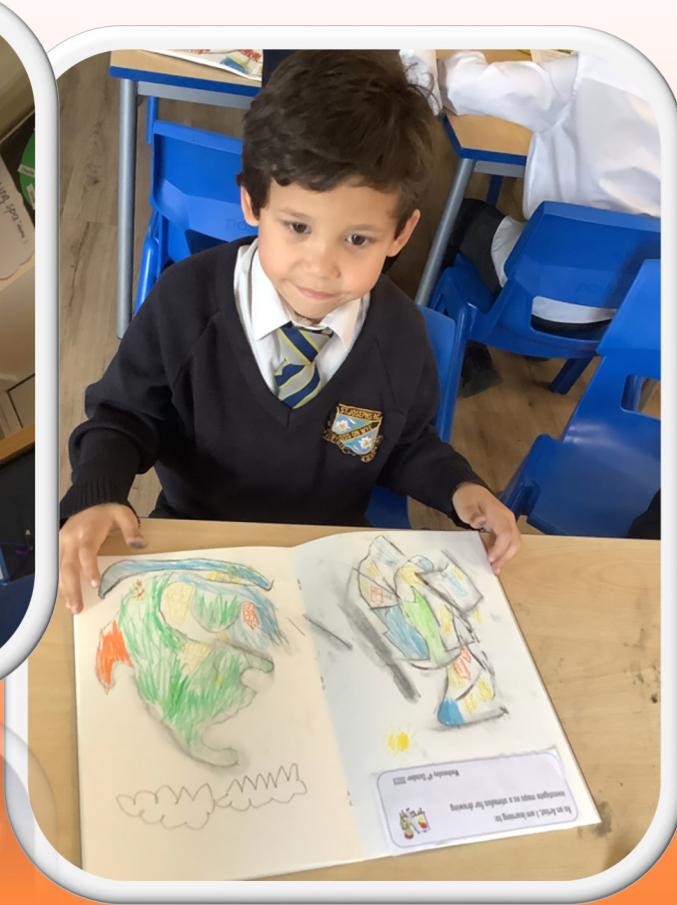






Year 2 have been using maps as a stimulus for their art-work. They created a map of their journey to school using a variety of media. The children will now learn how to felt and will use this skill to re-create a section of their map.





TAG RUGBY!



On Wednesday afternoon our year 5 and 6 children took part in a tag rugby tournament, at Ross Rugby Club, against other local schools. The children played brilliantly with great enthusiasm and passion! We are all really proud of them—they were fantastic ambassadors for St Joseph's!









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MONDAY

On Monday afternoon we will be celebrating Harvest during our whole school assembly. The children have been practising their harvest song and have written prayers for this celebration. Thank you to everyone who has donated towards our harvest collection.

CHELTENHAM FESTIVALS
LITERATURE





FRIDAY

Next Friday—Year 1 & 2 will be visiting the Cheltenham Literature Festival . We will be leaving school at 9:30 am and we will arrive back at school in time for normal pickup.
To enhance our children's reading for pleasure, they will be taking part in a story telling session in the Story Shack before making their way to the Garden Theatre at midday. They will attend a story reading session with the author and illustrator Benji Davies. He will be demonstrating his illustrating skills whilst he presents his new book, The Great Storm Whale. We are really looking forward to this special event!

SATURDAY

Places are filling up fast for our 'Family Art Afternoon' on Saturday 14th October here at school. Miss Jenn has some fantastic activities planned for the afternoon, it will be a great family experience!

If you would like to attend this event please contact the school office as soon as possible as there are limited spaces left.

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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

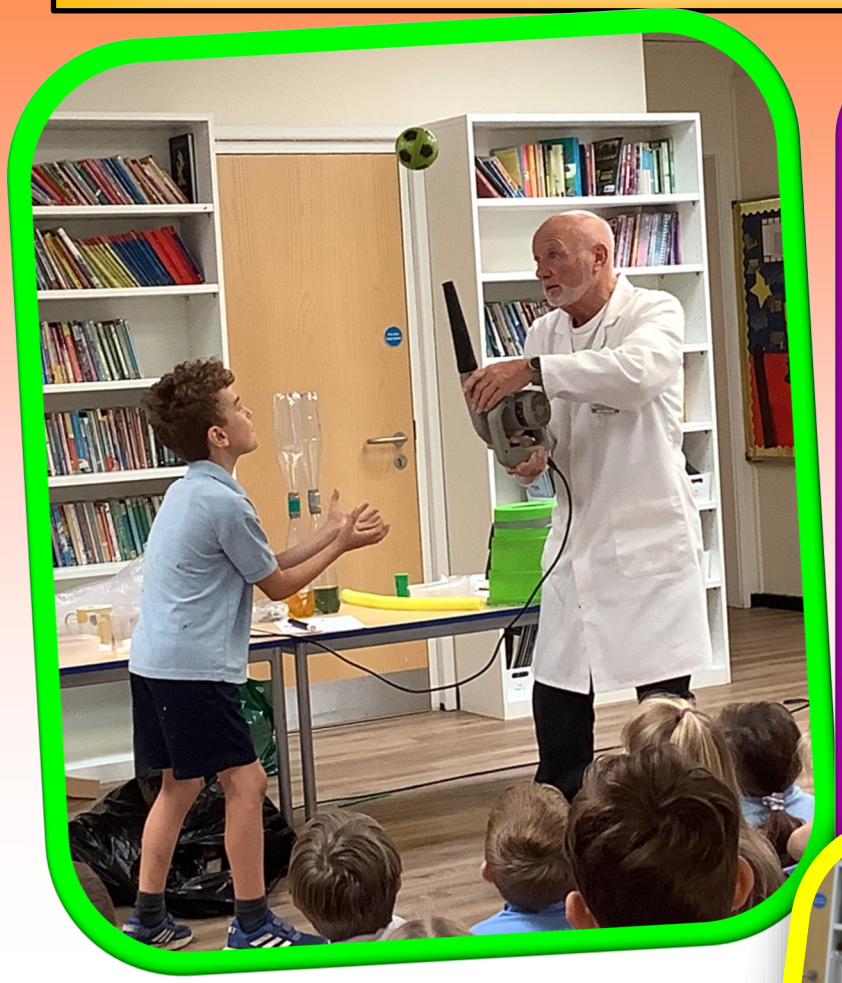
All supplies included

RSVP to the office please,

Limited Spaces Available

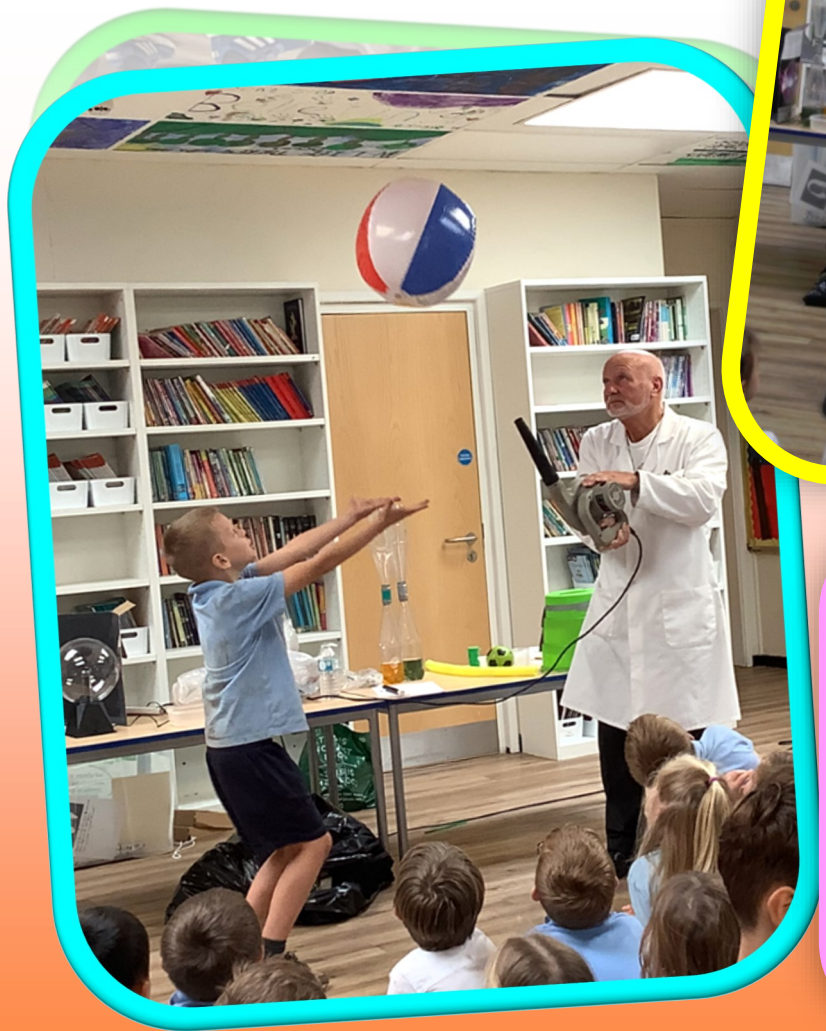
- This is a half termly activity, the next theme will be a Christmas Crafternoon! Date TBC.

SCIENCE WORKSHOP DAY IN ACTION!











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ERFORMING ARTS






OUR HOUSE SAINTS
Big Ben Class



COMING SOON!

The Perrygrove Railway Adventure



Liberty class 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 along to enjoy the ride!

They will be departing school at 9.15am and will return by 3.00pm.

An update from Miss Steiner...



Our production of 'Matilda' is already looking set to be BRILLIANT and that's a good job, because I have managed to secure a booking at The Phoenix Theatre in Ross for our performances in February! It is so exciting to be able to provide our children with the opportunity to perform in a real theatre again and I am sure that it will enhance the experience for our audience members as well.

The energy and enthusiasm that the children are bringing to rehearsals is just incredible and they have also shown a real commitment to learning lines and music each week. I am regularly putting backing tracks and movement videos on to Kinteract for them all to access and, so far, they have been fantastic about working on these at home - thank you so much for your support with this!

We are excitedly looking forward to starting our dance rehearsals in November (parents of the cast will have received an email about dates for these extra sessions) and also to the possibility of performing some songs from the show in the town centre, since this was such a huge success with 'The Sound of Music' last term.

FSJ NEWS!



Thanks to everyone who attended the MacMillan coffee afternoon. It was a great success and we raised £47.80 for a great charity.

Thanks also to everyone for donating to the Rags to Riches collection. This raised £101.10!







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 to Evlyn, who celebrated her 10th Birthday on 25th September!

Happy Birthday to Luke who celebrated his 10th Birthday on 26th September!

Happy Birthday this week to Hugo in year 5, who celebrated his birthday on Sunday 1st October. We hope he had a lovely time celebrating with family and friends!





This weekend Mrs Lerego and her Mum—Mrs Niblett, are taking on an impressive 70 miles cycle in just one day! We can't help but admire their determination as they embark on this challenging journey. All the money raised will go towards improving St Joseph's Nursery and Reception outdoor areas! Please follow the link below to donate , in support of our school!

Crowdfunding to help fund the outdoor play areas in st.Joseph's nursery and reception. on JustGiving



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM...

Monday 9th October	Harvest Festival
Friday 13th October	Cheltenham Literature Festival for years 1 and 2
Tuesday 17th October	Year 4 visiting Ross Community Gardens
Thursday 19th October	Reception Class visit Perrygrove Railway
Tuesday 24th October	Nursery visiting Ross Community Gardens
Friday 27th October	FSJ – Pumpkin Party
Friday 27th October	School closes for half term
Monday 30th October- Friday 3rd November	Holiday Club
Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th November	Parents Evenings
Monday 13th – Friday 17th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17th November	Pyjama Day – Children in Need
Friday 17th November	Movie Night - FSJ
Friday 1st December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 4th December	Advent Assembly
Friday 8th December	KS2 Christmas Outing
Tuesday 12th December	KS1 Nativity @ 5:30pm
Thursday 14th December	KS2 Christmas performance @ 6:00pm
Friday 15th December	Nursery Nativity @ 2:00pm
Thursday 21st December	End of term Mass
Thursday 21st December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 22nd December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Outing
Friday 22nd December	Nursery Christmas Party
Friday 22nd December	End of term

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NURSERY IN ACTION!

A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

The children have loved exploring all their tuff trays this week! We have been using our fine motor skills to pick up coloured pompoms using tweezers and make a colourful caterpillar, fitting shapes into chalk outlines and exploring the 'people who help us' tuff tray.

Miss. Knowles attended a song and rhyme training day and has bought back lots of lovely new songs we are trying out - they are really enjoying the songs and rhymes with the coloured scarves!









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Our Star of the week is Kostia for coming in to Nursery really happily all week.

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COOKING CLUB THIS WEEK...

A message from Miss Sadler...

This week at Cooking Club, the children helped to bake banana muffins. They broke up the banana, mixed the dry ingredients and then added melted butter and eggs. The children worked really well together to spoon the mixture into the cases. Our muffins rose beautifully in the oven and were a delicious treat at after school club!

















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Our Garden



A message from Mrs Hodges...

In this week's gardening club we had a special visit from our gardening expert Roy, who kindly donated pots bulbs and flowers to us. We chose our favourites and planted them up to put in our reception garden for everyone to enjoy. We also took home our harvested wall flower seeds to sow with our families in spring.











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St Joseph's Art Exhibition & Sale

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

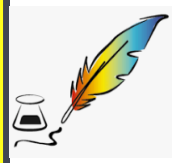
After your parent's evening, please come and take a look at the beautiful creations made by our talented pupils! All artwork will be for sale, proceeds to go towards pupil enrichment at St Joseph's.

Beautiful artwork makes a great gift!





ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!



LIBERTY	98.46%
BIG BEN	97.5%
EVEREST	96.09%
BLUE LAGOON	98.57%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	99.57%
MOSI OA TUNYA	97.27%
ANGEL FALLS	100%

LIBERTY	Kevin A
BIG BEN	Phoebe S
EVEREST	Sonny L
BLUE LAGOON	Lennox WC
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Matas J
MOSI OA TUNYA	Freya HD
ANGEL FALLS	Daniela G



LIBERTY	Viktor K Ariana P
BIG BEN	Callan A Joshua G
EVEREST	Jacob L Isla H
BLUE LAGOON	Joey P Zelda H
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Ruby W Matthew W
MOSI OA TUNYA	Joseph L Henry H
ANGEL FALLS	Vera A Archie W



LIBERTY	Illyana CS
BIG BEN	Bella B
EVEREST	Mimo A
BLUE LAGOON	Arabella B
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Ned K
MOSI OA TUNYA	Evlyn M
ANGEL FALLS	Amelie K

Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Francis

