

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

4/10/24



Dear Family,

This week we enter the month of October and today we celebrate the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. As part of our Values work this half term—'Curious and Active,' Reception class have been learning all about this special saint—the patron saint of animals and how he was ACTIVE in devoting his life to following Jesus's teachings—through giving to the poor.



All of the classes have been learning about the work of different saints this half term and how they played an ACTIVE role in helping to make the world a better place.

Prayer of St. Francis

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.



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

LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

Swift Class have been busy this week painting produce ready for our Harvest Assembly next week. We have been learning the song 'Thank you God for the Harvest' and have made props of the fruit and vegetables from the song. We also talked about what produce they have seen growing in the fields locally and even in our Reception Garden!

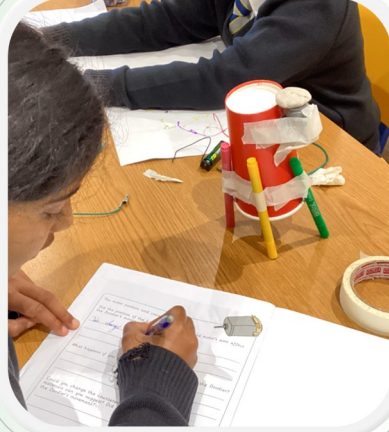
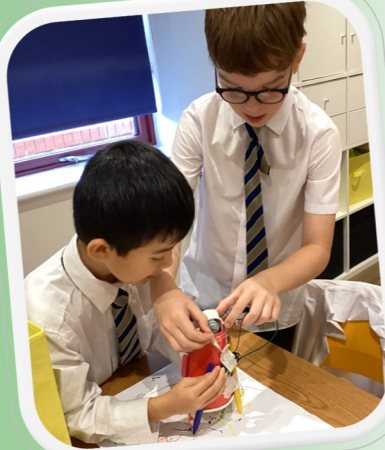


Year 1 had lots of fun using water colours to paint their animals in Science this week. They have been learning about the different animal groups and could choose to draw a mammal, reptile, amphibian, bird or fish. They also learnt about how to use water colours to get a depth of colour and how to use the paintbrush with careful strokes to create the best effect.



LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

The Year 5 children in Miranda Class have continued working on their DT project this week... They have been investigating the impact of a series of different modifications on the function of the Doodlers. This has included making changes to the counterweight, the writing implements and the position of the motor. All of this information-gathering will be super-useful when they come to design their own Doodler!



MEET OUR NEW LIBRARIANS!



Here are the twelve Year 6 children who are going to be our school librarians this year! They have received their training and will be in the library each lunchtime from next Monday, meaning that all of our children can borrow books and return them as they please!

Watch this space for more information about an event to raise money to buy more new books for our lovely library...



Protect our children!

Parents and guardians: Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe. Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops



Christmas

Dates for your diary

Although we still have 8 weeks to go until our Christmas festivities begin here in school we would like to keep you updated of our plans for Christmas visits and celebrations here in school.

On Monday 16th December, our Reception children will be visiting 'Clearwell Caves'.

This will be an amazing experience for the children and a perfect way of getting into the spirit of Christmas, with our school friends. During this magical tour, the children will be visiting Santa and receiving a gift, then stopping off at Beechenhurst, for a picnic and some outdoor games on the way home.

Year 1 and 2 we will be visiting Santa Safari on Tuesday 17th December.

They will be venturing on a safari through the park, getting close up to all of the animals, as well as visiting Santa and receiving a gift! They will stay for cookies and milk before heading back to school.

Our Key stage 2 children will be stepping into the magical winter wonderland and beating heart of the home of Welsh rugby at the Principality Stadium on Tuesday 17th December. We are super excited and have an action-packed day for the children!

KEY STAGE 2 ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA 2024

Monmouth Girls School Theatre

Friday 20th December @ 6:00pm



RECEPTIONS ADMISSIONS

September 2025

Do you have a child
born between
1 September 2020
and 31 August 2021

If so you will need to
apply for a school
place by 15th Jan 25
(to commence Sept 25)

*St Joseph's Primary School is a thriving
and happy primary school, providing a
broad and balanced curriculum.*

*To arrange a visit, please contact us on
the details below.*



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YEAR 3 AT THE COMMUNITY GARDENS!

Year 3 had a fabulous afternoon of outdoor learning on Tuesday with Tim and his team @ Ross-on-Wye Community Garden.

The children enjoyed decorating their own garden rulers to use at home, as well as collecting different items that represent the Autumn season.



A PERFECT
Autumn
day



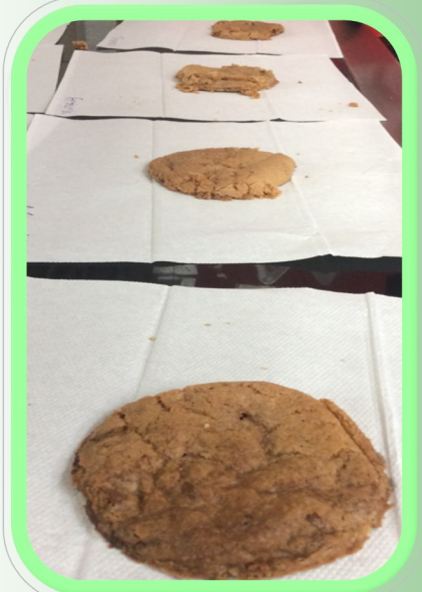


HAPPY autumn

Cooking Club

A message from Miss Sadler....

During this week's Cooking Club, the children helped to bake chocolate chip cookies. We first started by melting the butter and combining this with light brown and granulated sugar. We then added our eggs, vanilla essence and flour and mixed it until it formed a dough. We then added the best ingredient - chocolate chips! Once the dough was all combined, we floured our hands and rolled the dough into small balls before putting them into the oven to bake.



Gardening Club

A message from Mrs Hodges...

This week in gardening club we looked at the changing leaves and the reasons why they change colour. We saw some beautiful colours! We headed to the reception garden to do some pond designing and bug house planning, we're really excited to make a start! Next, we harvested our remaining runner beans ready to dry and replant. We were amazed to see we'd grown sweetcorn when we opened up the pods and we couldn't believe the size of our beetroot! We can't wait to taste them at home with our families.



MARK THIS ON YOUR
CALENDAR

QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT

JOIN US FOR OUR QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL AND NURSERY. THERE WILL BE QUESTIONS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

THERE WILL BE A CHICKEN CURRY AND VEGETABLE CURRY KINDLY DONATED TO US BY HAZELHURST NURSING HOME AND A LICENSED BAR.

TICKET INCLUDES
QUIZ ENTRY, A
RAFFLE TICKET
AND A CURRY

FRIDAY 8TH NOV

5:30PM-9PM

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS: ADULT £10 / CHILDREN £5

MAXIMUM 10 PEOPLE PER TEAM

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



HALF TERM HOLIDAY Club

**28TH OCT TO
1ST NOV 2024**

Monday to Friday
9am-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)*

CONTACT US

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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!





On Monday 7th October we will be holding our Harvest Assembly.

Celebrating harvest together is a wonderful way to teach our children about the importance of giving, sharing, and understanding the source of their food. We have been practising songs and written our own prayers for this special occasion. A BIG THANK YOU to families who have donated towards our collection for the local foodbank .



Next Tuesday the 8th of October we will be representing the school at the School Games Values Festival at Hereford Leisure Centre. Some of our KS2 children will be participating in a selection of activities which include: multi sports, multi skills and tri golf. The festival is focused on values that are important to demonstrate when playing team sports. The School Games values are Respect, Teamwork, Passion, Determination, Self-Belief and Honesty.



Next Tuesday afternoon 8th October, Year 1 will be venturing down to the Community Gardens for the afternoon. The children will need a bring in some old, comfortable clothes to change into.

We will be leaving after their lunch at 12:45pm.

Can PE kits please be brought to school on Mondays and so they are in school for the week and taken home on the Friday for washing.

Many thanks





YOUNGMINDS
Hello Yellow
 THURS 10 OCT

**I'm saying yes to yellow...
 to show young people they're not alone**

M&S | YOUNGMINDS

We will be celebrating World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10th October, together with many other schools up and down the country. On this day the children are invited to come to school wearing yellow. We are not fundraising on this day but just promoting positivity and well being amongst our school community. The children will be marking this event in their classes with some well being activities and, which we look forward to sharing with you!

Why wear yellow?

Wear yellow this World Mental Health Day and stand together for children's mental health.

Lots of us struggle with our feelings sometimes and when this happens it's tough. It's important to know that there are people around us who can help and we're not the only ones going through this.

We're not saying you have to dress up like Pikachu, but just a touch of yellow somewhere can show children like you that they're not alone. You could even brighten up your classrooms or school corridors with yellow too.

Wear yellow with thousands of other schools on 10th October and raise money to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health. Because we stand brighter, together.



#HelloYellow

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Next Friday afternoon, 11th October, some of our KS2 children will be taking part in a Quick sticks tournament at John Kyrle with Mr Mason. Letters have been sent out with further details.

NURSERY IN ACTION THIS WEEK
A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

The children have enjoyed developing their cutting skills to create 'My favourite things' collages this week. We also created some lovely pieces of art using air dry clay and gems.

Our time on the playground has been spent making tall towers, throwing and catching large balls and fishing out the fish and numbered ducks from the water.



Everlie for independence in her health care routines.



COMING SOON



Friday 25th October

We will be hosting our annual PUMPKIN PARTY in the sports hall.

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

Please be considerate of any 'props' children may like to bring as part of their costumes.

£4 per child, includes a snack bag (bookable through parent pay)

Entertainment and disco!

KS1: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

KS2: 5pm – 6pm



Congratulations to Mr Brain and his family, who have welcomed a baby girl—Autumn on Monday 30th September. Sending love and best wishes from all of us here at St Joseph's.

FOREST SCHOOL



Next Friday 11th October—Year 3 will be spending the afternoon at Forest School—with lots of exciting activities planned!! Please can they bring in old, comfortable clothes to change into. Many thanks

Diary Dates

Monday 7 th October	Harvest Assembly @ 2:00pm
Tuesday 8th October	Year 1 Community Gardens Visit PM
Tuesday 8th October	KS2 School Games Values Festival at Hereford Leisure Centre
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day Children invited to come to school wearing yellow!
Monday 14th October	KINTERACT Parent Workshop @ 3:30pm
Tuesday 15th October	Year 5 Community Gardens Visit PM
Friday 25 th October	FSJ Pumpkin Party
Friday 25 th October	Break up for half term



SWIFTIES	99.5%
ABBA	99.26%
FANTASIA	99.12%
ZIMMER	100%
ALISHA	98.85%
MIRANDA	100%
SHEERIOS	98%

Parent Workshops

*Mrs Murray will be leading a Kinteract Parent workshop on **Monday 16th October at 3:30pm in her classroom.***

Please email the school office to book a place. Kinteract is our online learning platform and is a really helpful way of communicating between home and school. The children's homework is also set via this platform.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Royal Writer's CERTIFICATE

This certificate is awarded to



Pot of Gold



This week's winners are:

Aurora, Freya A,

Ellie, Evana, Halle,

Rose, Buddy and

Henry S



Enjoy your weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Francis

