



Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed the rather wet Bank Holiday! Not quite what we would have wanted but still nice to have the long weekend.

Year of St Joseph

We celebrated the feast of St Joseph the Worker on Saturday and this month, as part of the year of St Joseph, we have written class prayers.



Dear St Joseph

I will listen carefully to instructions,
I will work hard at school and at home,
I will use kind words to be a better friend.

I will say please and thank you
And all of the work I do, I do for you.

Amen



Gospel Reading

Please follow this link to see some lovely family resources that can be used at home.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKJWQntMCVMzmZxwtmQCssRQkSKQXwFthFWpWXVJxQmRhstQNvHzDMCGwcRllzftQTZg?>

Little Joeys

The children in Little Joeys have shared the story of Wibbly Pig in his garden this week. The children have explored many things found in the garden by using muddy coloured cornflour gloop! They used the gloopy mix to hide and find the bugs and to also try guess what they were by just touch.



FS1

"Let's make a den and a campfire. We can roast marshmallows on the flames." One of our friend's fabulous imagination led to an amazing role play experience in FS1. Super teamwork!



FS2

FS2s have been learning all about bees! Did you know that bees have two tummies? They collect nectar from flowers and take it back to their hive. That's where they make the honey! We have collected honey from our own hive this week and sold both set and clear honey sandwiches in our honey farm. The children counted their coins carefully and demonstrated their fine motor skills, spreading the honey carefully onto the bread. Delicious!



Y1

Messy Art lesson this week . We are working on our sculpture topic by using paper-mache to Make hot air balloons.
Lots of fun with glue!



Y2

Year 2 enjoyed testing different materials in Science with a squash, a squeeze, a bend and a twist!



Y3

Year 3 enjoyed looking at a variety of archives about Loftus, kindly brought in from the Town Hall by Benjamin's mum, including what it was like to work in an Ironstone mine in Cleveland, very old school log books from Loftus and some World War 2 artefacts. They were shocked at how dangerous it was working in the mine!

Loftus Mines
Particulars of Fatalities that have occurred at these mines from January 1st. 1888 to December 31st. 1907

Name	Date of accident	Date of death	Year	Cause of accident	Remarks
	-	-	1888	-	
	-	-	1889	-	
	-	-	1890	-	
	-	-	1891	-	
	-	-	1892	-	
Cornall	Oct. 24	Oct. 29	1893	Shot	Cornall although in charge of the district went and stood in shelter while a shot was being fired at a point where the shot came through and injured his back
	-	-	1894	-	
Wiseman	Jly. 1	Jly. 23	1895	Fall of stone	Age 47 Wiseman had fired a shot and dislodged a piece of stone which eventually fell on his back and injured his back and side

Y4

Year 4 have been busy designing their own healthy burgers in DT. We had a class discussion on what healthy food is and used the Internet to identify some interesting facts about the hugely popular fast food choice. This helped us to decide what we were going to include within our own creations. There were definitely some very interesting burger ideas, we may just need XL buns!

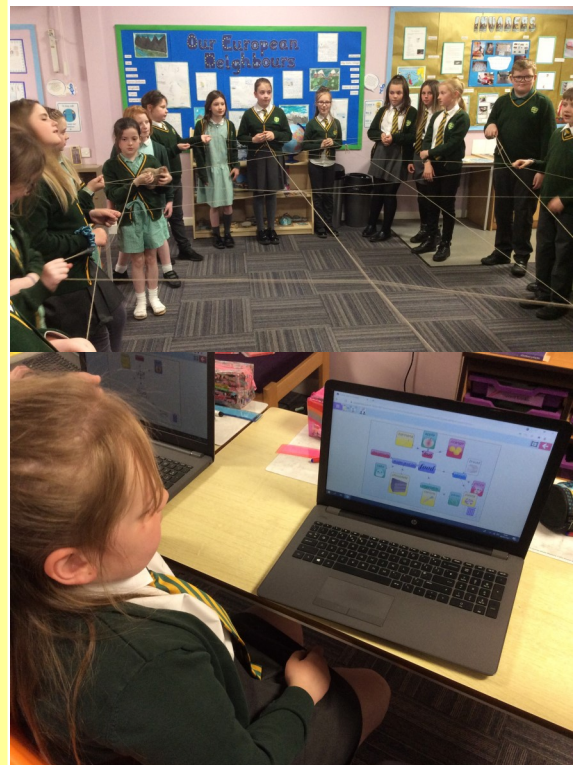
Y6

Y6 completed their final session with Children Challenging Industry. They had to work together in order to complete a challenge set by ECF. Their challenge was to create a circuit where a light had to be turned on when the container filled with a certain amount of water. The children showed excellent problem solving skills, perseverance, communication skills, as well as being resilient. They certainly came up with lots of creative ideas! Definitely some future engineers in the making!



Y5

In Computing, Year 5 are learning about concept maps. We created a physical concept map by passing a ball of wool around to link our ideas. Once we developed our web of ideas, we tried to remember what everyone's ideas were - it was tricky! We then thought about the importance of visual representations when discussing complex ideas. We began to make our own concept maps using Purple Mash.



6th Week of Easter

This Sunday's reading is from the Gospel according to John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.

What I command you
is to love one another.'

A short cartoon retelling of the story can be found at <https://youtu.be/pCILO36BecwIn>

Lots of other lovely resources at

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKJWQptltJmrXklKcbvxpWcnNGTmKvFhdlhJRNQhgHKfgPICQm cXTQGCzXLnqQ SvnLB?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

Parent and Toddler Group

Our St Joseph's Parent and Toddler Group restarts next week. It will take place on Tuesday from 2-3pm In the EYFS outdoor area so coats and masks needed! Other Covid measures will be in place and a copy of the risk assessment available for you.

This is a great start to life at St Joseph's and is open to everyone whose child will be attending our school. Only one adult per family at present. Please inform school by the end of the school day on Monday 10th May to secure your place as numbers have to be limited for Covid reasons.

Play group is free but we are always happy accepting donations for teas & coffees.



Well done to the following children, your teachers are very pleased with the time you have spent learning your times tables!

- Y2 - Isaac
- Y3 - Eva
- Y4 - Freya
- Y5 - Lucian
- Y6 - Danai

Lexia

We have lots of children accessing Lexia, a web based reading programme. Mrs O'Hara has picked the following children for a special mention and certificate this week as they are making a real effort with their reading. Well done!

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| Y1- Oskar | Y4- Ollie |
| Y2- Henry | Y5- |
| Y3- Bella | Y6-Katie |

STARS OF THE WEEK

Teachers have awarded certificates this week to children who have worked hard with their science. I have seen some great scientific experiments this week and some exceptional problem solving. Well done to all of the children who have worked hard.

- Little Joey's-
- FS1- Charlie & Isaac
- FS2- Lewis & Martha
- Y1- Charlotte & George
- Y2- Joseph & Oliver M

- Y3- Masie & Freddie
- Y4- Isabelle & Jack
- Y5- Eva Rose & Ben
- Y6- Luke & Emily