



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

We were fortunate in completing our school sports day before the rain started! Thanks to those who sent money in, we have passed this on to Isaac so that Children's Cancer North can benefit.

The winning house on the day wasSt Joseph so well done to those children. I think all of the children deserve a mention as they were all great sports.

Gospel Reading

In this week's reading from Mark we hear about when Jesus called the twelve disciples together and sent them out two by two. He said, "Don't take anything with you on your journey except a stick—no bread, no beggar's bag, no money in your pockets. Wear sandals, but don't carry an extra shirt." He also said, "Wherever you are welcomed, stay in the same house until you leave that place. If you come to a town where people do not welcome you or will not listen to you, leave it and shake the dust off your feet. That will be a warning to them!"



So they went out and preached.

In the last week of school, let's try to be open to others, share what we have and be friendly and welcoming to everyone.

Little Joys

This week Little Joys showed their support for England by making flag biscuits. They showed super developing fine motor skills.



FS1

FS2 have loved joining in with England's Euro 2020 semi-final celebrations. After finding England on the map, the children spent time creating their own England flags. We also took part in some friendly games of football and loved singing and dancing along to the 'Three Lions' anthem. We are super excited for Sunday's final! It's coming home!



FS2

'Why do I have clean water in my tap that is so healthy to drink when some people don't?' A thoughtful question asked by one of our FS2 children this week as part of our RE topic. So we started investigating! We were sent some photos from our partner school in Ghana and Miss Horton told us all about her travels there. We even got to try on some special Ghanaian clothes! We learnt that in Ghana, the water isn't clean and they have to grow their own food - plantain, cacao beans and potatoes. We've been busy growing our own potatoes too! What a perfect time to dig them up and appreciate all the hard work that goes into growing your own food!



Y1

Year 1 have enjoyed using their counting skills in our special 2, 5 and 10pence shop this week.



Y2

Year 2 finished their Art topic by designing and making an Easter Island head sculpture. They had great fun!





Y3

Y3 have been busy completing homework tasks this week for our Geography 'Coast to Coast' topic. Here is a patriotic sand castle ready for Sunday!



Y4

Year 4 children have been inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' this week in Art. The children have produced some lovely landscapes using oil pastels, looking closely at the different shades and strokes Van Gogh used to add more depth within his work. Y4 worked hard to capture some great details in their work and definitely had fun blending the oil pastel colours together.



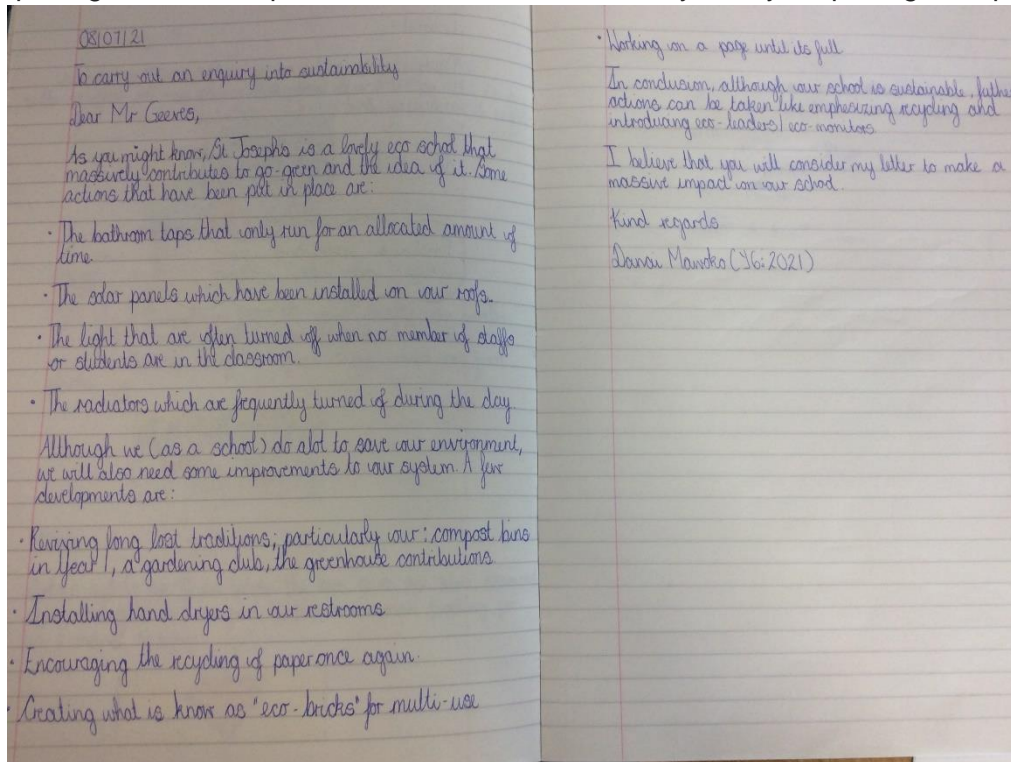
Y5

In Year 5, we have been reading scripture from Genesis to learn about the creation story. We have also studied Laudato Si' - the letter written by Pope Francis that asks us all to protect the earth. We have thought about why it is so important to look after our world and how we can be stewards of God's creation.



Y6

Y6 have worked really hard this week to finish our Geography topic 'Go Green'. We have been thinking about our school and how we can make it more sustainable. The children evaluated the things we have and do in school already such as the solar panels where we have created 36.92MWh of energy since December 2011 and making sure that lights are turned off when classes are outside. They decided to write letters to Miss Baker, Mr Geaves, Miss Wright and myself to share their amazing ideas on how we could enhance what we are already doing such as recycling paper and collecting our fruit waste at playtime and putting it in the compost bin. Miss Baker will be busy next year putting their plans to action!



Relationship and Sex Education

We will be teaching some RSE lessons next week. You received details of what will be taught in each year group earlier this term. It is all age appropriate. However, if you wish your child to be withdrawn from these lessons, you will need to notify school on Monday morning.

Stars of the Week

Teachers have awarded certificates this week to children who have worked hard in Geography which is our topic focus this half term.



Little Joey's	Amelia
FS1	Harley and Phoebe
FS2	Lola and Lewis
Y1	Alexis and Jacob
Y2	Oliver and Oliver
Y3	Benjamin and Ellie
Y4	Diwai and Konrad
Y5	Jayden S and Isabelle
Y6	Danai and Matthew A



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

Y2	Charleigh	Y3	Fiann
Y4	Jack	Y5	Lucian
Y6	Jack		

Lexia

We have lots of children accessing Lexia, a web based reading programme. The following children for a special mention and certificate this week as they are making a real effort with their reading at home. Well done!

Y1	Abigail	Y2	Henry
Y3	Logan Luke	Y4	Harriet
Y5	Brooke	Y6	Katie

HOUSE POINTS

St Anthony	198 points
St Cuthbert	213 points
St Joseph	198 points
Our Lady, Star of the Sea	201 points
Well done to everyone in St Cuthbert!	

A couple of reminders!

Covid

We have managed so well up to now, let's hope we can continue into next week. So many schools have had to close bubbles which is such a shame at the end of term.

If you need to report a positive test result or your child has symptoms out of school hours, please ring me on 07826789383 or email covidpositive@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk so that any arrangements that need to be made in school can be made as quickly as possible. **This is particularly important over a weekend.**

Please make sure that you inform us as soon as possible if during a school day.

Thank you for your support with this.

End of day routines

Please make sure that you do not arrive early to pick children up from school. Y2 Y4 and Y6 leave school at 3.05pm.

FS, Y1, Y3 and Y5 leave at 3.15pm (unless siblings in Y2 Y4 Y6).

Classes for 2021/22

Little Joeys	Mrs Breckon
FS1	Miss Pollock
FS2	Miss Horton
Y1	Miss Ogden
Y2	Miss Ayton
Y3	Mr Scarlett
Y4	Mr Atterton
Y5	Miss Baker
Y6	Miss Wright/Mrs Laverick

Mrs Laverick joins us from another NPCAT school and will work alongside Miss Wright who is our Deputy Head in September and will be in charge when Mr Geaves is not in school. We welcome Mrs Laverick to our staff team.

Term Planner

Some dates for our last week

Mon 12th July	
Tues 13th July	Transition to new classes FS2 Graduation – children only
Wed 14th July	Retreat/picnic lunch/treat – children only
Thurs 15th July	Last after school clubs Y6 presentations – 6pm
Fri 16th July	Leaver's Mass 10am – children only. Zoom link will be sent so you can join live. Break Up

School Uniform

There will not be any PE lessons next Friday so all children need to be in school uniform.

Charges 2021/22

Governors have approved the following charges from September.

Little Joeys	£3 per session
Wraparound for FS1 children	£3 until 1.15 £7.50 until 3.15
Wraparound for 30 hour children	£3 for lunchtime care
After school clubs	£1.50
Breakfast Club	£2.50

School lunches will be £2.20 a day in all NPCAT schools from September. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office.

Children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 are all eligible for Universal Free School Meals but please still let us know if you think you may be able to get free school meals as school receives additional funding for these children. It sounds complicated – if in doubt, give us a ring!

School minibus charges - Mrs Farrier has sent letters to anyone expressing an interest in using our school transport from September. If you haven't received information and would like a place for your child, please contact the school office by Wednesday next week so that bus schedules can be organised.

Playground

We have some lovely new playground markings that the children will be able to enjoy from Monday.



Football

I am sure we are all hoping that England are the winners on Sunday! Let's hope it doesn't go to extra time or penalties- far too stressful!

NPCAT schools are all open as usual on Monday as per DfE expectation.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs A G Toward

Head teacher