



The St Joseph's Journal

ALL ABOUT THE BIG WORLD WE LIVE IN

EXCLUSIVE NEWS TODAY

Goodbye Father Bill!

Exclusive interview with our favourite Father Bill!
By Zainab and Amina Yr5

This Easter Fr Bill is retiring, so before he goes we decided to ask him a few questions to ensure we learnt all we could from him before he goes off to his next adventure.

What inspired you to become a priest?

From feeling, even as a young boy, that God was calling me to be a priest. It took a few goes though... We all found out more about this in Fr Bill's last mass.

How did you come to St Joseph's?

The Archbishop sent me to Banbury to be parish priest of St Joseph's in 2011.

Have you worked in other parishes?

I worked as the chaplain to the West Indian community and parish priest of St Philip's Smethwick.

How long have you been a priest?

20 Years.

Were you a member of a parish before you became a priest?

Yes in Birmingham



Was your family religious? Did they inspire you?

I come from a very strong Irish catholic family.

What are you looking forward to in your retirement?

More time for prayer and more time for my family.

What is the thing you are most proud of in your life as a priest?

Working with young people.

What will you never forget about your time as a parish priest?

The strong faith, goodness and support of so many people.

Is there anything else which you would like to tell us for our school newspaper?

Faith is sometimes a difficult road. But the lord promises such wonderful rewards if we trust in him.

Our favourite Father Bill quote
"How much does God Love you?"

Check out our Easter puzzle pages at the back of this edition
This paper is written by the St Joseph's Newspaper club

Can you spot the fake news hidden in our reporting?

30 Second interview with Ms Smith

by Nayana Yr 6

We had a quick catch up with Mrs Smith to find out how she felt about the year so far and some upcoming events as well!

How are you feeling about the SATs?

I am quietly confident because I know Mrs Marsh is very prepared and she is very experienced in her job. I can definitely see progress and hard work.

How do you think the children feel about SATs?

I think they have mixed feelings, some people may be anxious and some others will just want to get them over with!

How do you feel about Fr Bill leaving?

I am sad for the school but happy for him, we will miss him.

Sporting Success!

We have been involved in a range of sporting activities this term.

On 14th March our Netball team travelled to Bicester to play in a tournament of 12 teams. The team played fantastically against tough competition and came 5th overall.

On 23rd March there was an athletics meeting which Mick says was a learning curve for all the children involved but a great experience.

We have also been involved in football tournaments, leaders training and Year 1 have been to a multi-skills afternoon at BGN

View from the playground

By Emma, Maisey, Leika Yr 4

Over the last week we have been out on the playground finding out what the pupils of St Joseph's have enjoyed about their term so far!

Year 1 Best bits so far

Early Years Best bits so far

Year 2 Best bits so far

- I enjoy writing in Robin group - Clara
- I love painting - Rosie
- Playing games in PE - George
- Making slime in science week - Liliana
- I enjoy art because it's creative - Molly
- Science week slime! - Amelia

Year 3 Best Bits so far

Year 4 Best bits so far

Year 5 Best bits so far

Year 6 best bits so far

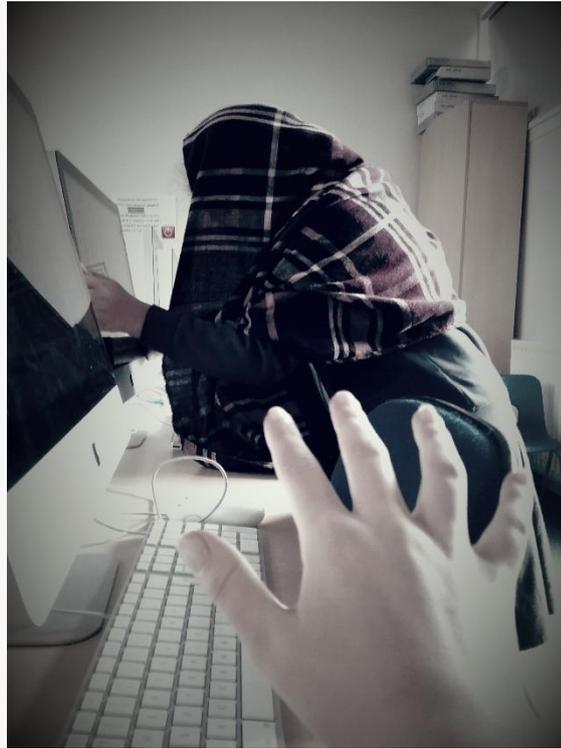
- Swimming because we are having fun while learning - Isabel
- Mary Arden's Farm, I liked the pig - Elvey
- The Science week crime scene because it was fun - Roland
- Rehearsing the Easter performance - Edwin
- World Book Day because we all dressed up as our favourite characters - Colm
- Science week because we made slime, and investigated a crime - Mia
- I enjoyed going to Bletchley Park - Weronika
- I really enjoyed Science week - Nayana

Bewildering Break-in by Weronika and Freya Yr6

A shocking discovery faced staff as they arrived at school one day this term.

Ms Smith came into school and found her office door open. She knew something was wrong immediately. She said, "I am devastated, we've always relied on the school's honesty and now someone has broken this trust."

A photograph of the crime being committed was captured and Ms Smith is relying on the children of St Joseph's to help her solve the crime. Her final comment was, "There must be an eye-witness, does anyone recognise the figure in this picture?"



Do you recognise this suspicious character? If so contact our Crime Stoppers in our newsroom!

What is Fake News?

by Weronika and Freya Yr6

Fake News is something that has been in the news a lot recently. So we thought we'd explain a little more about it.

Fake news is created when rumours or untrue things are reported as facts and look like true news stories.

Fake news is easy to spread because of the internet.

People believe the reports because they sound true or interesting and it is very difficult to decide whether a report is true or not.

Our top tip is always look for evidence and double check news stories you see by talking to trusted adults.

St Joseph's Zoo

by Faith, Kristina, Nesia Yr 6 & Atena, Sarah, Mia Yr 4

On Monday 26th February, Year 1 were told to look after unhatched ducklings for a few weeks until they were hatched and healthy.

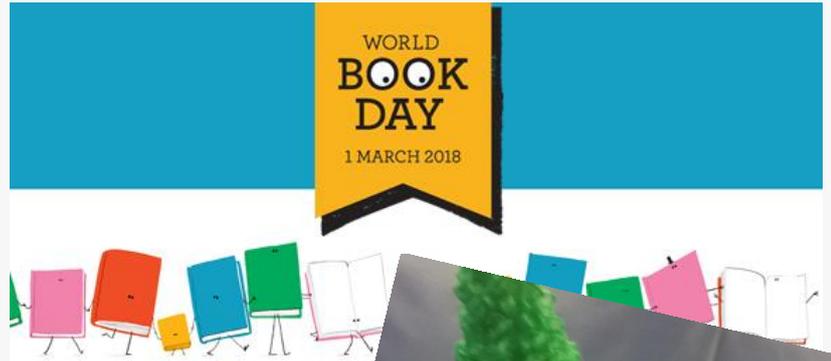
All of them hatched successfully, although one was a bit late and a little ill. After a week or so Year 1 decided to let Year 2 look after them as well. The ducklings were very energetic; creating artwork during their time with us.

Meanwhile, Yr 4 have adopted a Hamster and chosen the name Coco. It will take Coco a few weeks to get comfortable in the classroom and be confident with where it is living. Coco only comes out when it is nice and quiet. We are not sure if he is a boy or a girl because it is tiny as it's a Dwarf Hamster.

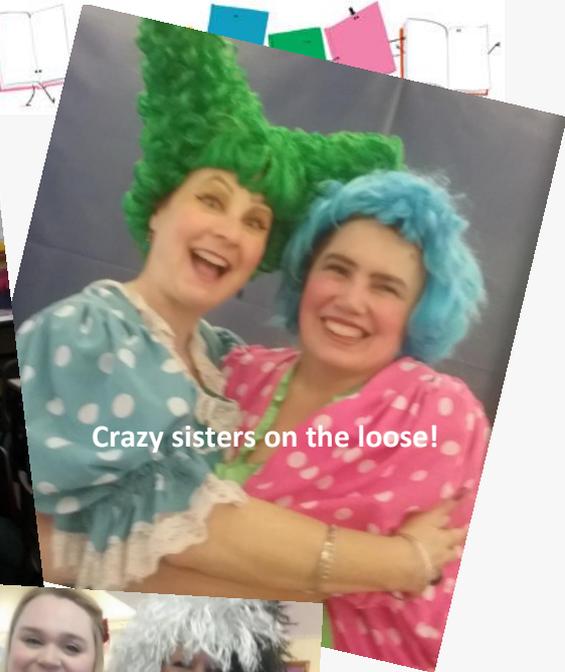


Have you spotted the fish in Yr 3 and Early Years?

World Book Day



Book characters hard at work



Crazy sisters on the loose!



Crazy Teachers!

On World Book Day everyone shared stories and dressed up as their favourite book characters.

There were various activities that occurred around the school from scavenger hunts and the Biggest Book Show on Earth to games like 'Match the Shelfie to the Selfie'

In the afternoon we invited our families in to share stories with us!

It was great fun!



Stanley Yelnats caught in Year 5

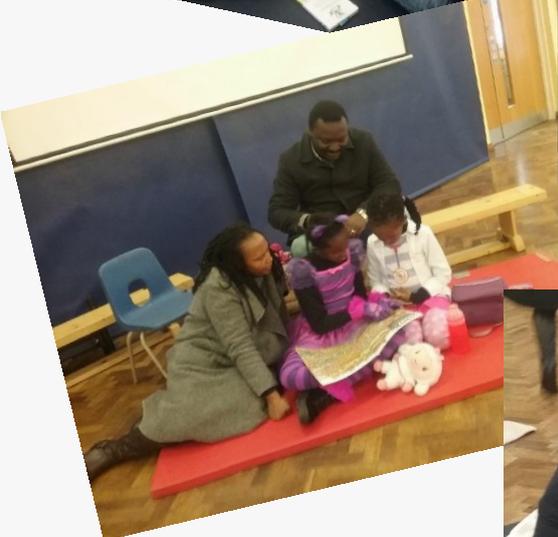
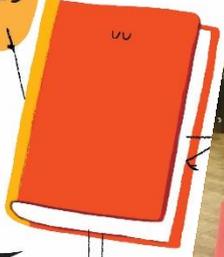
At the end of the day we all got a book token to spend on a range of World Book Day books...What did you spend yours on?





FOR 1 MINUTE TODAY

SHARE A STORY



Amazing Science Week

We had an excellent Science week organised by Mr Lewis – Thank you!

It all started with a great assembly and Mr Lewis played us a video of a crime scene which we all visited on Tuesday. We looked at fingerprints, ink, clothing and investigated 5 suspects.



Solving the crime!



On Wednesday Atomic Tom visited and started the whole day with a brilliant assembly. Year 3 and 4 then learnt all about atoms and made slime while Year 5 and 6 spent the morning with Atomic Tom and learnt all about electricity.



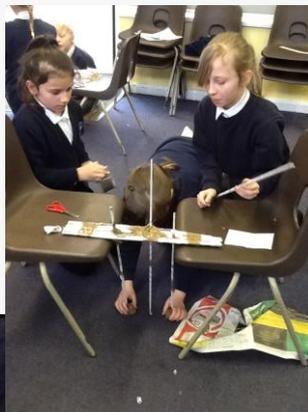
Acting as atoms with Atomic Tom



Making slime!



Over the week all the classes also had a challenge – to build a bridge that could hold a 1kg bag of sugar and span 20cm but was only built from newspaper and sticky tape.



Bridge building

Friday was the finale and we all dressed as scientists and scientific ideas!



Our Scientists!



Puzzle Pages

by Gloria and Gabi

Easter Wordsearch

Can you find the following words in the wordsearch?

- basket
- bunny
- Easter eggs
- Good Friday
- happiness
- lent
- supper

y	s	b	l	t	z	f	b	o	s	y
a	u	o	a	p	n	u	f	s	w	f
d	p	m	h	s	n	e	e	q	c	i
i	p	g	l	n	k	n	l	b	w	u
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Egg Hunt!

Can you find the 10 eggs hidden in this picture?

