



The St Joseph's Journal

ALL ABOUT THE BIG WORLD WE LIVE IN

EXCLUSIVE NEWS TODAY

The Royal Wedding!

by Atena and Mia Yr 4

On Friday 18th May we celebrated a special Royal Wedding Day. On Saturday 19th in Windsor Prince Harry and Meghan Markle started a new journey in their life.

In school we celebrated this by dressing in red, white and blue and doing lots of different activities and learning in our classes.

We investigated what each class did to explore and find out more about the royals and the wedding!

In Nursery and Reception they had a big, enjoyable party. They also did some cooking, Iman said "It was super yummy and I enjoyed decorating our classroom!"

It is reported that in Year 1 there was a huge dance off and more baking was done. George said "We ate popcorn!" Meanwhile, in Year 2 the children researched and wrote reports about Meghan Markle before enjoying a royal party

Year 3 had fun and enjoyed dressing up.

In Year 4 we researched the role of the royal family, learnt about things like Trooping the Colour and the family tree. "I thought it was really interesting," stated Atena.

Year 5 and 6 also spent the day enjoying the build up to the wedding, although not everyone thinks it is the best thing ever. Katy feels, "I like Meghan because she gave up her work that made her a lot of money for her true love but I don't know how I feel about Prince Harry marrying an American." Faith responded to our questions with "I'm super shocked that Meghan quit her job for her husband!"



Year 4 learning about Trooping the Colour

Year 6 SATs!

By Edwin Yr 4

I spoke to a Year 6 about how she had found the SATs week.

It seems the Year 6 children were nervous but excited before the tests and that once they actually started they enjoyed the experience. Some of them felt they were easy. Others that although they were hard they were well prepared.

Having spoken to some of the children I am a little worried about how I will feel about them but I think I have the skills to do it!

Sibling views on SATS!

By Kamil Yr 4

SATs has been something Year 6 have been preparing for for a while but what have their siblings noticed about the experience?

My brother was nervous at first, the grammar and punctuation was hard and that is not a very good feeling, but as they went on he began to feel better...by Maths he was feeling excellent. Now he can't wait for the scores!

Can you spot where in school the donkey has been hiding?

Check out our puzzle pages at the back of this edition

This paper is written by the St Joseph's Newspaper club and Year 4

Sporting Success!

by Roland and Joey Yr 4

This term KS2 have been taking part in the FA skills programme. Each class has had a weekly session with Luke the FA coach working at our school. We spoke to those who had taken part to find out what they thought...

The pupils we asked said they had enjoyed the session although they took some getting used to! Everyone enjoyed how active they were, with lots of minigames and point scoring. New skills were learnt by all from dribbling to learning the rules and improving our skills. Some people even said that they used not to like football but now they do.

It was agreed that most of us enjoyed learning our new skills and will be using them on a pitch near you soon!

60 second interview

by Edwin Yr 4

Have you ever wondered what happens in a school office? I went and interviewed Mrs O'Donoghue and Mrs Poncini to find out more about their jobs.

When I arrived they were busy but they kindly asked me to sit down and interview them.

I found out that Mrs O'Donoghue is organising all the new reception children coming in September. She is also working on the budget to make sure we have enough pencils and rulers.

Meanwhile, Mrs Poncini organises trips and the money, so that the bills can be paid. She is also getting everything ready for September.

They both love working at the school and they love it when children come to visit!

View from the playground

By Millie, Thelma and Atena 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 like going on the bigger playground - Helen

I like going out and playing with my friends - Maria

I enjoy doing art - Alicja

Art is great - Igor

I like practising my handwriting - Nicola

I enjoyed learning about the royal Wedding - Vanessa

Year 3 Best Bits so far

Year 4 Best bits so far

Year 5 Best bits so far

Year 6 best bits so far

Making spring rolls from the Philippines - Isabel

I enjoyed making political posters - Thelma

I enjoyed doing science, maths and computing - Vivienne

I enjoy doing art - its the best! - Paige

Sewing has been fun - Xavier

I loved doing the bank budget in maths for our political posters - Atena

I enjoyed doing maths, computing and English - Julia

I really enjoyed doing art especially designing things - Alexie

Our new team

by Emma and Maisey Yr 4

In our last edition we said goodbye to Father Bill and so we are excited to now introduce our 2 new priests who have visited school to celebrate the 2 masses we have had this term.

So far both priests have proved to be fun and nice. Father Richard celebrated a very joyful mass with us and made us feel he had been a priest his whole life. When mass was celebrated by Father Chris we laughed a lot and really enjoyed learning about his vocation.



Healthy Eating

by Leika and Theo Yr 4



This term we have had a lunch time focus on healthy eating. It started with Healthy Eating week and from that we carried on having healthy lunches. To reward people for bringing a healthy lunch we have been giving out stickers.

When we started not many people had healthy lunches but focusing on healthy eating has changed this. The stickers that have been given out have definitely made a big difference to peoples' lunches.

Our dinner lady Mrs Judd has worked hard to make the school dinners healthier too by putting more vegetables in them as well as the meat or fish and some carbohydrate. For pudding there is always fruit or yoghurt and sometimes jelly.

Our school thinks having a balanced diet is important because if you get overweight it can cause health conditions that would not be good and you can also develop life long diseases.

Our research shows that to eat well you should have 5 portions of fruit or vegetables, some protein and some carbohydrate. About once a week it is good to have some sugar for a treat!

St Joseph's Zoo

ZooLabs

by Thelma Yr 4, Joy and George Yr1

This term KS1 visited a zoo right here in school! There is no school zoo but ZooLabs created an adventure for the children in the library one day.

Everything from cockroaches to snakes, and from snails to tarantulas were visible in portable tubs.

The children loved it, they even named the gerbils Inky and Luna.

George from Year 1 said "I loved the tree frogs because they hopped away!"

Joy from Year 1 reported "The tree frogs came from African water hole. We saw a giant African snail, it ate greens and crunchy cucumbers"

We think the children can't wait for another ZooLabs visit!

Animals in school

by Fatimah and Nicola Yr 4

We are a school of animal lovers it seems, so we went to explore to see what animals are actually found in our classrooms.

In Reception this term they have some tadpoles and some fish. The tadpoles will eat fish food and they swim together happily. The fish have been here for 7 months but the tadpoles only just arrived and Reception are looking forward to seeing how they change.

In Year 3 they have a class fish called Patrick, he is 3 years old, the pupils in Year 3 feed him everyday and have to clean him carefully.

Meanwhile in Year 4 Coco the hamster has discovered a love of cucumber!



Patrick in action!

Year 4 Politicians

by Thelma and Fatimah Yr 4

In Year 4 we have been learning all about democracy and politics. We have even created our own parties and you can see our posters in our classroom window.

The project started because we were interested in democracy and we heard that there was going to be a local election. We investigated the different candidates and their manifestoes and then we created our own ballot papers and held a vote. The green party won!

After that we wrote manifestoes and speeches, we created budgets to see how much our manifestoes would cost.

Atena said "It was really exciting!". It made us feel really happy that we were learning about it. It made us think about our local area and we looked at this at home.

We also learnt about statistics which help you sound more interesting and make people interested in what you say. We were surprised by some of the things we found out. Ask us about it to find out more!

Father Hudson Mass

by Nathan and Kamil Yr 4

On Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 11.15 Mrs Hardie and Mrs Vale took us and 8 other children to the Good Shepherd Mass.

We got on the bus and we drove to St John's to collect some of their children and staff too! We drove to Oxford.

When we arrived we lined up with St John's ready to go into mass. The Principal Celebrant was Bishop William Kearney and our reader was Katy. Every child sang beautifully and there was a song that we knew because we sing it at school. Kamil did the offertory with Elise, we took the money raised for Father Hudson during lent.

When Mass was finished we went on the bus and watched a film. The film was called Ice Age and was very good. We drove back to St John's to drop off the teachers and children that belonged to that school. The coach drove back to St Joseph's to drop off the teachers and children there. We went into school just to pick up our things and we came back out to be collect by our mums and dads.

We really enjoyed the Mass it was really lovely.

Languages Day by Frewyn and David Yr4

On Monday 21st May everyone in school took part in Language and Culture day as part of our Pentecost celebrations.

In Nursery the children learnt all about Hungary, they wore red white and green. They made Hungarian flags and coconut biscuits and learnt a song in Hungarian.

Year 1 investigated Poland, from how to talk Polish to cooking food which Nathaniel really enjoyed. Gabriel said "I liked making a Polish flag and learning about Poland."

Meanwhile, in Year 2 Chinese language and culture was on the menu. Lexiss said "I have been taught how to speak Chinese!"

Year 3 had a visitor from the Philippines and tried to learn some of the language. Davidson said "I learnt that they have the same meal every day." Michelle enjoyed learning more about the language.

Year 4 looked at the languages and culture of a few places, in particular Slovakia and Hungary. Emanuel and Alfie stated "We liked listening to the music and eating Slovakian sweets."

Vietnamese was the language Year 5 learnt more about and they particularly enjoyed tasting different foods. "When they eat herbs and spices they didn't know how it would taste, they just went for it" Faith added "I really liked dressing up on the colours of the flag."

Faith, in Year 6, said "My favourite part of languages day was the food; food is life!"

We think it was a really successful day!

A quick review of the term!

by Millie and Sarah Yr 4

Our reporters have scoured the school to find out what each class has been learning and enjoying this term. As always there have been lots of fun times and interesting projects going on...

Our Reception class always walk around school looking happy and comfortable. When we visited them they told us they like singing and learning new songs. They enjoy imaginative times; dressing up and writing stories. They have also planted seeds this term

In Year 1 this term everyone has been working hard. They enjoy doing lots of maths activities and learning more PE skills. Year 1 also seems to be growing lots of interesting plants outside their classroom.

Although year 2 have had lots of things to focus on and work towards, they have still found time to have fun. Vanessa said "I loved learning about the Royal Wedding."

Isabel in Year 3 reported "I am trying to join my handwriting to make my work neat which I like." Year 3 have also carried out a sewing project as part of their RE work.

Year 5 have been really focusing on developing their art skills. Faith said, "I really enjoyed shading a cube and thinking about where the light would be."

Although preparing for SAT's, Year 6 also found time to enjoy story writing, particularly stories about Pentecost

Puzzle Page

by Leika, Maisey and Emma

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Holiday Madness

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holiday
spring
sunshine

Look closely at the picture, can you spot where the donkey has been hiding in school?

