



The St Joseph's Journal

ALL ABOUT THE BIG WORLD WE LIVE IN

EXCLUSIVE NEWS TODAY

Reading Challenge Launched

By Year 4

Tuesday 17th July saw the school gathering in the hall for a special assembly, about the Summer Reading Challenge 2018.

This year's theme is Mischief Makers because we are celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Beano!

To take part you have to go to the library (you need to be a member which is free and easy to do!) At the library when you register your interest you will be given a map. You then need to choose 2 books – of any type you find interesting.

When you have completed those books, return them to the library and you will be awarded some stickers with clues to help you find the treasure buried in Beano Town. The stickers are scratch and sniff for added excitement!

Then you can choose another 2 books and so on. You have to read 6 books in total to finish the challenge. Once you have finished you will get a gold medal, a certificate and a wrist band.

Year 3 and 4 also created their own Mischief Makers which will be on display in the Banbury Town Library.



As part of this challenge we are also doing a summer sponsored read. Children who read over the summer can ask their families and friends to sponsor them for what they read...They can read magazines, newspapers, books, comics, websites, recipes, Kindles...anything that uses their reading skills!

The money raised by each child will be collected in on the first week of term and used to buy NEW books for their NEW classroom.

So if you want NEW comics or David Walliams books or Diary of a Wimpy Kid or non-fiction books or atlases or adventure books in your class **you better get reading!**

Check out our summer puzzle pages at the back of this edition
This paper is written by Year 4

The Great Big BGN

Mass By Edwin and Murrin

On Friday 29th June, Year 4, 5 and 6 went to BGN for mass. They were celebrating the feast day of St Peter and St Paul.

After a hot walk to BGN everyone enjoyed a break in the shade and a drink. Then we put our bags in the Drama Room and went to the Sports Hall. We were surprised to find it ready for mass, with carpet, and full of people.

Fr Chris celebrated the mass and there was a choir and a band made up of some teachers and BGN students. "I was shocked by the amount of teachers who had incredible music talents." Said Atena.

When mass was over we had a picnic lunch and then we started the journey back to school.

Nursery, reception, year 1 and 2 all celebrated mass at St Josephs' church. All the participants in both masses were very impressed with us!

Quadkids! By Atena and Nicola

This term year 3, 4 and 5 selected teams of children to go and take part in the Quadkids competition. Quadkids is basically a sports day but it's also a primary athletics event which takes place every year.

The event took place at BGN and there were lots of events eg 30 m sprint, 400m long distance run, standing long jump and long vortex throw.

When the runners were in their starting positions they felt every single flying, living creature in their tummies, but they still did well.

Atena from Year 4 qualified to take place in the final at Warriner school, she was ranked 8th overall – Well Done Atena!

Sports Day at St Josephs' By Emanuel and Dominik

On Friday 13th July, St Josephs' School celebrated sports day! It was a beautiful, hot and fun day for us all!

The day started with us getting into our house teams and having a whole school dance on the playground.

After that we got the opportunity to do 12 different activities, things like rolling a yoga ball around a circle or doing an obstacle course. Ms Smith timed us and blew a whistle to let us know when our time was up. "I liked it because it helps you learn your skills." Said Emanuel.

After a picnic lunch with our classes and families we moved down to the race track, where Nursery and Reception had held their races in the morning.

Every one of us got to take part in 2 races including things like egg and spoon, sack, bean bag balancing, yoga ball rolling, pogo jump and skipping.

By the end of the afternoon we were all tired and hot but it had been a great day



Planting in the Park by David and Michal

Year 4 took part in Planting in the Park on Friday 15th June in People's Park Banbury.

Year 4 walked to People's Park to take part in the event. They had made paper mache solar system because the theme for the flowerbeds was space.

When they arrived they were shown to their flowerbed. During the morning, the pupils dug holes and planted a range of flowers using the colours to represent a galaxy. They then added their planets.

After a picnic lunch there was time to play in the park and then there was a radio roadshow with lots of music and games. This was when the flowerbeds and space displays were judged.

Year 4 didn't win but they made a great display and had fun. By the time they got back to school they were tired.



A team of Year 4's plant the final section of the flower bed. "It was great fun!" Said Michal.

Year 5 Science Day

by Angelina, Theo and Joey

Have you ever wondered how science is taught at secondary school?

The Year 5's enjoyed a science day at BGN a few weeks ago. After a walk to the school they were split into groups.

The first thing they did was experiment with microscopes – looking at plants and seeing weird a funny things!

The second activity they did involved putting on goggles and making fireworks out of metal!

Mr Lewis said, "All of us enjoyed every single thing that we learnt, saw and made!"

I think all of us would agree we want to go to Science Day at BGN!!!!

Exciting Early Years Farm Visit

By Emma and Maisey

On 19th June, Nursery and Reception went on a trip to the Cotswold Farm Park.

The EYFS travelled on a coach for about 50 minutes to get to the farm. Once they arrived, the children saw some of the cutest animals ever! Isabel said "My favourite animal I saw was the pink piglets, they were soooooo cute!" Helen added, "I love the black pigs." They also saw ponies which they liked too.

After a morning of meeting animals they all had lunch including Mrs Rataj-Zygmuncik's birthday cake. In the afternoon they saw more animals including bunnies, ponies, pigs and more. They even got to stroke them.

Finally, they came back to school – some of them even fell asleep on the coach!

The children enjoying a close up experience with the animals



Fantastic Pantastic Play

By Thelma, Atena, Leika and Nicola

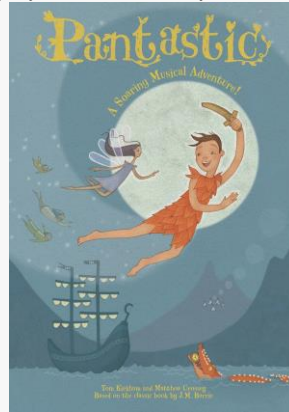
Monday July 16th saw a strange arrival at St Josephs! Year 5 and 6 performed a play called Pantastic as the final performance of this year.

The play is based on the well-known story of Peter Pan the leader of the Lost Boys (the lost boys are a gang of lost boys). There is also a gang of pirates who want to capture Peter so they can lead the Lost Boys.

Our reviewers think the music was good and the acting was well done, we really enjoyed some of the jokes – some of them were very silly!

Members of the cast said they felt nervous before going on the stage and a little foolish and embarrassed. Once on stage they were shy and determined and by the end they were just very proud. They really should, they did a great job.

Well done guys you were really *PANTASTIC!!!!!!*



Transition Day

by Sarah and Mia

On Tuesday 3rd July St Josephs' school had their transition day. This is when each class gets to experience their new class and teacher for a whole day.

The new reception class enjoyed their day and made plate faces which you can see on display next term. Year 1 used treasure chests to share their favourite things. Year 2 investigated the story of Samuel and created pictures of themselves, Year 3 played some team games.

The new Year 4 wrote letters to people they admire to ask for reading recommendations while the Year 5's did some beautiful art work and the new Year 6 did drama games.

Although we are ready for the summer holidays we are feeling more relaxed about next term having spent the day in

The Residentials

Year 5 by Roland and Alfie

Year 5 went to Horley Scout Camp on 14th and 15th June for a camp out!

Year 5 were learning about maps and geography and so took the opportunity to put their learning into practise. The activities they did included a midnight walk and having time to play in an awesome playground. There was lots of running around to be done!

Year 6 by Kamil and Frewyn

The Year 6 pupils went to Grendon for 3 days as a treat after their SATs.

The trip took them 30 minutes by coach but once there they had a great time. Patrick reported that the swamp was his favourite thing. There was a tree trunk across part of this which they had to crawl across to get to the other side. Lots of them fell in! They also had to use things like monkey bars to try to get across.

Other activities included Tarzan Adventure, raft building, team games and high ropes. The food was amazing as well.

"I would recommend this adventure to the new year 6's but be careful, I fell in the river, the swamp and the mud!" Said Ella.

Clarinet Concert

by Thelma and Leika

Year 4 did a clarinet concert on Thursday 12th July. A lovely lady called Ms Roberts has come in every Thursday afternoon to teacher them the different steps on the clarinet.

We learnt the notes E and D in the first session then we gradually learnt the notes C, F and G. A was the last and highest note on the clarinet. Eventually we developed our skills enough for the concert.

On the clarinet there are different holes that when your fingers cover particular holes would make a sound which would either be squeaky. Loud or quiet. It makes a sound by having a thing called a reed vibrate against your lips to make a sound that sounds like a buzzy bee.

The pupils that learnt the clarinet put on the show and leant a script including songs and dance moves as well as playing a range of simple and more complex pieces.

Everyone was very impressed and we look forward to continuing our learning next year!

Grand Day In by

Millie and Fatimah

On Wednesday 18th July Key Stage 1 enjoyed a day at the beach in the comfortable surroundings of our playground.

Everyone came to school in their holiday clothes and got to enjoy paddling pools, a huge football and ice cream!

They spent most of the day outside enjoying all the fun of the seaside and when it got too hot they had the treat of a film!



Virtual Reality

by Angelina, Theo and Joey

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to visit the Great Wall of China?

On Monday 2nd July Year 3 and 4 walked to the Space Studio at Banbury Academy to explore the world as part of their Planet Earth topic. Everyone really enjoyed it when they put on the VR headset and saw New York City, the Amazon Rainforest and the Great Wall of China. We also went to the Sahara Desert and the Himalayas.

The Year 3 children though it was weird being in the Sahara surrounded by sand but not being able to feel it – although it was hot enough.

Year 4 enjoyed the Rainforest and found the Himalayas very cool too!

Year 6 Transition

by Millie and Fatimah

In the first week of July the year 6's spent a few days at their new secondary school, we asked them what they had found out!

The Year 6's are going to a range of BGN, Banbury Academy and the Warriner. All of these schools have over 800 pupils so life will be very different for everyone there.

Lexie said, "I feel confident with my new teachers and the school now, it's bigger and I won't see all my school friends."

Colbey stated "I think the teachers there will be really supportive".

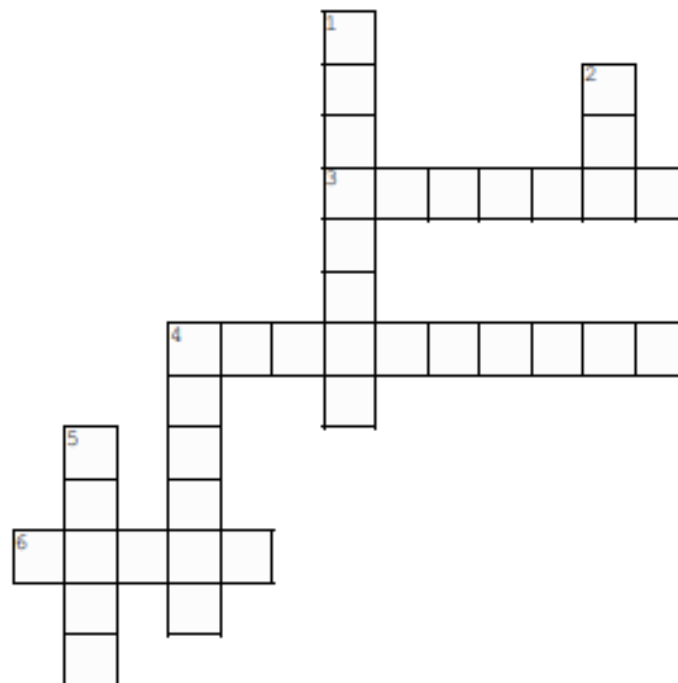
We wish them lots of luck and look forward to finding out how they get on!



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Complete the crossword below



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- 3. you need a tent for this
- 4. a summer fruit
- 6. covers at least 70% of the world surface

Down

- 1. a summer treat
- 2. gives us light
- 4. a season
- 5. has sand and water

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