



# The St Joseph's Journal

ALL ABOUT THE BIG WORLD WE LIVE IN

EXCLUSIVE NEWS TODAY

## Netballers Nail it!

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April the St Joseph's mixed Year 5 and 6 netball team travelled to the county finals in Abingdon. At the end of the competition they were ranked a staggering 9<sup>th</sup> out of 144 schools in the county.

The team has been playing together for a year under the coaching of Miss Maycock. They have worked hard as a team and did not let difficult games undermine their team work, keeping their heads high and learning from every match. They took lessons from playing against fantastic teams from across the county.

Mr Pemble said "this is a major achievement for the team. Well done team and Miss Maycock, your hard work it really paid off!"

Katy and Thelma, players on the successful team said they had been surprised to get to the final as they were the shortest team there and some of their opponents were twice their size. Having felt nervous and intimidated the team worked so well together and just enjoyed playing getting



more confident with each match. The team reported that it is their solid teamwork that makes them so successful and that it is exciting to see how much they have improved since they started playing together. "Never judge a book by its cover," Katy Raynor said "we are a little disappointed but we have done so well for us. It's not about everyone else it's about us as a team."

We are very proud of such exceptional sportsmanship, Well Done Team!

## The Easter Play

By Laibah, Iliana and Bianka Yr 4

This week has seen the performance of the Easter story, performed by Year 3 and 4.

The play, written by Year 4 using the Gospels, has been performed three times; twice to parents and once to the school. Although it has been hard work for the children they have found it really enjoyable. "Loads of people found learning their lines tricky but they managed it, and our acting skills have really developed – some of us have real skill! We were very nervous but we did it and are really proud!" Said a Year 4 pupil.

## The Promise

By Leika, Emma and Maisey Yr5

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March an actor visited our school to help us perform a whole school drama piece.

Mrs Mills from the Cherwell Theatre group worked with every class over two days and used a book called 'The Promise' to help us create a play which was performed to the whole school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Joy, Year 2, said "It was really fun and I really enjoyed it." "It was lovely to watch, I thought it was a great performance." Said Mrs Marsh

This paper is written by the St Joseph's Newspaper club:  
Michelle, Maisey J, Elise, Iliana, Bianka, Laibah, Emma, Maisey and Leika

# Mental Health Awareness Week

## by Michelle Yr4

The 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February saw us recognising Mental Health Awareness week in school. It was a week of thinking about how we think and feel and how these experiences can affect us and our learning.

Every year group focused on different things linked to staying healthy mentally and physically. For example what exercise we have, the foods we eat, how much sleep we get and how much water we drink. We learnt about how our brains respond to the things happening around us and how to deal with difficult feelings like being angry. Annie Evans, our Place2Be councillor has also been developing this learning across the school this year.

We have learnt a lot about how to handle our feelings and recognising our emotions, how to be mindful and meditate – we'd like to learn more!

Earlier in the term we also had a visit from the Life Education Bus to learn about how our bodies and brains work and how to stay safe and talk about things that concern us.

"Actually, it's really helpful for our problem solving and learning about how to help ourselves." Said a Year 4 pupil.

---

# Sporting News!

## by Iliana, Bianka, and Laibah Yr4

**This term has seen St Joseph's continue to show a range of talents in a range of sports!**

Year 4 continue to swim every week and are really growing in confidence and skill – and will be swimming at Woodgreen after the holidays. Meanwhile, Year 3 have followed the Football tournament experience (before Christmas) with a Dodgeball competition.

Year 1 enjoyed a Multiskills day at BGN, lots of people got certificates for their skills and sportsmanship. They did things like running and throwing which they really enjoyed.

Fencing club also had a tournament, fighting with real swords and in the protective clothing the professionals wear. They really enjoyed the experience of a competition.

# Mothers' Day Meal

## by Leika, Emma and Maisey Yr5

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March St Joseph's hosted a special Mothers' day lunch for all the mothers who were free to come.

As a special treat the St Joseph's choir performed a specially prepared song to everyone as they sat and ate.

Mrs Akhtar said "The mothers' day lunch was really good and I had a lovely time." Mrs Rataj added, "The choir sounded amazing and filled the room with their singing!"

---

# World Book Day

## by Michelle Yr 4

**We celebrated World Book day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March with lots of events in school as well as some amazing dressing up!**

The day started with a Reading Breakfast in the hall, where we were invited in to share books with our families – the books were free and available for us to take home too.

We then had a whole school assembly where we had to find clues to help tell the story and the clues spelt out words and the words were 'Stories are for sharing!'

During the day we found out about all the different characters everyone had come as, some of the ideas were really creative. Some people came as dictionaries or real people from non-fiction books!

Book activities took place in every classroom, some people did book quizzes, some looked at the Children's Laureate and others investigated different types of books, stories and characters.

The day ended with us all sharing stories, our families were invited in to read with us and then we had the Reading Café in the hall.

*The Reading Café is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month and is a chance to share books, donate books and pick up books all for free. Next Reading Café is in the hall on May 1<sup>st</sup>!*

---

# St Joseph's Zoo!

## by Iliana, Bianka, and Laibah Yr4

In EYFS the children are looking after some tadpoles and some caterpillars which are now enjoying some peace and quiet in their cocoons! They are monitored every day to see how the animals are changing and developing.

# Science Week

by Elise and Maisy J Yr4

**This year we celebrated British Science Week from 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. During the week we all explored lots of different science concepts and enjoyed lots of practical science!**

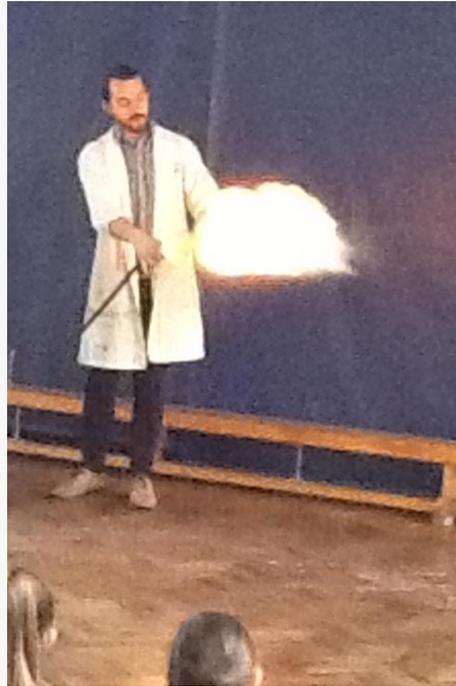
Science week is about learning about the world around us and how we live in it. It's also awesome and full of having fun! All of the science we do is interesting and creative. One of the great things about science week is that it is about having a go and testing ideas.

This year every class did an experiment every morning and afternoon and we discovered lots like dancing raisins and how liquids mix.

Atomic Tom came into school for a day and taught as lots about how humans travel around the world, which led us to ask questions about how we move, gravity and forces.

When we asked children from across the school what they thought they said...

"Science week was a blast!" , "It was really enjoyable." , "I really like science week."



Crazy sisters on the loose!

## Author in school

by Leika Yr5

**On February 26<sup>th</sup> author Mark Robson visited St Joseph's to share his ideas about writing books and Taekwondo!**

Mark spent the day working with the children in Year 4,5 and 6; sharing his ideas about creating characters, developing plots and holding an audiences attention. He shared some of the books he had written and helped us begin our own stories.

He also did an assembly to KS2 which involved talking about what inspired him and teaching us all some Taekwondo.

After the writing workshops he showed Year 3 some Taekwondo moves and Riley Cook said "I really enjoyed Mark coming in and teaching us Taekwondo."

Maisey in Year 5 said "It was amazing writing with him!"

