



The St Joseph's Journal

ALL ABOUT THE SCHOOL WE GO TO

EXCLUSIVE NEWS TODAY

The Space Chase is on!

By Ms Wortley



This year we have had lots of fun reading activities happening in school and out of it too!

The Big Book Swap and the Reading Café will be continuing next year, these are opportunities to add to your personal library by picking up books for free. You can also donate books you no longer read any more to us and we will find them a new home.

Also this year, every class has had a termly visit to the library to pick books and have a read. It's been really lovely to see everyone enjoy books, share newly discovered writers and try something new. "Reading in class every day is actually my favourite thing!" said one Year 4.

This summer Woodgreen Library is part of the Space Chase reading challenge happening around Oxfordshire. If you are a library member (membership is free, just join up at the library), you can enrol for the summer reading challenge (this year it has the theme of Space Chase) For every book you read you get stickers and rewards until you have read 6, then you receive a certificate and medal. Sign up now!

Hagbane's Doom!

By Vivienne and Ellie, Y6



Year 6 have worked really hard to produce the end of year play this year!

The play tells the story of 3 children who find their way to another world where evil Hagbane rules the forest and the forest creatures live in fear. Year 6 have found it really enjoyable but tiring. All the decisions about dance moves and costumes have been made by Year 6, although props have been created by Mrs Walsh.

It is an excellent show and really shows the talent in the class.

"We are excited to show off our hard work to our family and friends." Said Ellie.

Courageous Cake Sale

by Vivienne and Ellie, Y6

On Friday 21st June a group of Year 6 girls organized and ran a cake sale for a charity close to their hearts.

Katy, Ellie, and Ella baked cakes and Vivienne, Ellie, Katy, Ella and Philana decorated and ran the sale which raised £108 for Children Heard and Seen. This charity helps kids with a family member in prison, like taking you for days out.

"The money that was raised will pay for summer activities for children this summer." Said a charity spokesperson.

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Sports Day and Sports News at St Joseph's

by Bianka and Laibah, Y4

Friday 5th July saw us all take part in a very successful sports day at school.

During the morning we divided into house teams and took part in a carousel of activities ranging from an obstacle course to a huge, human marble run. It was very hot but we all had great fun! At each station we scored points for completing the games and for our team spirit. While we were doing this the EYFS enjoyed a brilliant sports day on the field.

After a delicious picnic lunch with our families on the field we started our main events. Every class got to take part in 3 races and there were activities for us to do after we had raced on the playground, which the Year 6's had set up and run.

Everyone got to take part in a sprint race and a fun race – like three-legged, egg and spoon, or bean bag balancing, and then we had relays or extra fun races.

The Year 6's were leaders of groups and helped give out race stickers and organize equipment. Everyone was in a great mood and the day was really enjoyable.

St Rose won the house cup and St Jadwiga C won recognition for their teamwork and Sportsmanship.

This term has also seen Year 4 swimming at the outdoor pool at Woodgreen – they would recommend a visit to anyone wondering what to do over the summer as they have absolutely loved it!



The Summer Fete

By Maisy J, Y4

On Friday 28th June St Joseph's held it's annual Summer Fayre.

Stalls and games were set up around the playground and as soon as school finished, the fun got started. It was a place where children and adults could have fun.

There were tombolas and face painting as well as classics like Splat the Rat and a plant stall. There were opportunities to throw wet sponges at family members, and Mr Lewis and Ms Wortley if you were lucky! Alfie said "It was a really cool."

It was also a very hot afternoon but we all still managed to raise some money for the school PTFA to buy books for our EYFS and KS1 classes.

Transition Day

By Bianka and Laibah, Y4

Wednesday July 3rd saw us all move around the school and experience our new classes.

While the Year 6's spent a week exploring their new secondary schools, life at St Joseph's also changed as we all got to spend a day in our new classrooms.

Every class spent time in their new room with their new adults and it seemed to be a really successful day!

The new Year 1's spent the day with Mrs Davies making bee head bands and exploring different shapes. Year 2 created self-portraits and did creative writing using objects in a box. Year 3 learnt about the sea and did some fun maths. Year 4 with Mr Lewis went on a scavenger hunt and learnt about the seaside using objects to help them. Year 5 played 'what's in the box?', wrote poetry and did maths based on themselves. Finally, In Year 6 they looked at a book called Flotsam and tried to work out what it might be about.

It's fair to say, everyone (teachers included) is excited about the next year, but we are looking forward to the holiday too!

Come Dine with me

by Emily, Preston and Igor, Y2

On Tuesday 9th July we had a come dine with me day, we made yummy, yummy pizza and dessert made with ice-cream and whipped cream.

We made chef hats and everyone made pizza dough or helped make the pizzas. There were waitresses and waiters who made sure everyone had food and we had to pick blackcurrant or orange juice. For pudding we had knickerbocker glories!

Two tables were laid out in the hall and we all put on party clothes.



Great Day In

By Nathaniel, Liliana, Joy and Logun, Y2

On Wednesday 10th July, Year 1 and 2 had a Grand Day in.

There were beach balls and sand (which tickled toes) and a game with 4 tin cans people had to knock down to get a prize. Also there was a paddling pool (with water as cold as ice) with toys, bikes and space hoppers. After that everyone had an ice-cream.

We had our lunch outside and had watermelon and an ice pole for pudding. When lunch was finished we went inside and played songs and people were dancing and people were drawing and playing all their favourite games like hangman.

“When it was Grand Day In I was going to explode with joy!” Said Joy.

“I love the Grand Day In and we had lots of fun!” said Logun.

Father Chris Visit

By Rosie, Y1

Wednesday 16th July saw Father Chris being interviewed by Year 1.

Year 1 had the opportunity to ask Father Chris lots of questions about his work. They learnt lots and he told them they asked really tricky questions!

Year 5 BGN experience

By Emma, Maisey and Leika, Y5

On Wednesday 12th June Year 5 walked up to BGN to participate in the first English day.

After arriving, the children were separated into different groups – each group taking part in a different activity which were all based on the theme of Victorians. The different activities included; children living in Victorian towns, children living in Victorian countryside, chimney sweeps, children’s toys. All the groups enjoyed working on art, drama and poetry tasks.

At the end of the day each group presented their work to the adults and other children, it was a brilliant day!

On Tuesday 25th June the Year 5 pupils went with St Mary’s and St John’s to BGN to take part in a science day.

They started with a physics lesson where they were measuring light using solar panels, then they went to biology to look at plant cells using microscopes. After break they investigated electrical current using copper wire and finally they explored how the different colours in fireworks are made. “It was a great adventure in science.” They said.

Finally, on Tuesday 27th June 6 Year 5 students attended a maths competition at BGN.

The team were greeted by Year 9 students and other schools took part. They started with a code activity, then they had to programme car bots and do a blindfold challenge. There were 3 rounds and they were given 45 minutes to answer as many questions as they could. “It was a fun and challenging day.” a competitor said.