



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Newsletter

Friday 19th April 2024



Folgarida, Italy Ski Trip

During the first week of the Easter Holidays, 50 students and 6 staff members went on the school's annual ski trip. It was an incredible holiday full of memorable moments and memories created that will last a lifetime.

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well. Link to the latest video is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZa8vKL0cqs>

Please like and subscribe to be made aware of all new and exciting St Josephs content.

St Joseph, pray for us.

Mr Stapleton



"The glory of God is a human being fully alive!"

Theme of the Week – Good Shepherd

The image of sheep and shepherds are ones that are seen throughout the Bible. In Ezekiel 34, it reads that the shepherds looked after themselves and not their sheep and as a result, the sheep were scattered. It was only because of the Lord, the Good Shepherd, that they were looked after and taken care of. In Jeremiah 23, though no mention of sheep and shepherds, a similar message to that of Ezekiel is seen where it reads the Lord's people being scattered by the rulers but then goes on to say that the Lord will gather his people together later saying *'He will be called 'The Lord Our Salvation'*. John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God and in John's Gospel, Jesus' condemnation to death comes at the exact time that the Passover lambs are being prepared for slaughter. John the Baptist says the lamb "takes away the sins of the world".

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses this image of himself as the figure of the Good Shepard who is tending his flock to the point where He will give his life for them. That mixture of tenderness and toughness, care and self-sacrifice, is one that summarises Jesus's practice of leadership. Jesus' is not a leader of detachment and defensiveness; rather a leader of physical involvement and self-sacrificing love. In the Good Shepherd's love, His own life matters less than that of His sheep. The Good Shepard's love is one that can be compared to a mother's love for her young, something that is free and unquestioned both by the mother and by the one she nurtures.

The authority of the shepherd costs the shepherd, not the sheep. The image of the shepherd cannot be separated from how the shepherd actually cares for his own sheep. His concern is not untroubled; his courage not without bloodshed, his love is not detached. When we see how Jesus actually behaves as a leader, we see his tenderness and courage, He sorts out the lost and the least and the last. When He wanted to tell the people of a tender God He spoke of a shepherd who when losing one of his sheep leaves the others and goes off in search of the lost one searching for it until he finds it and returning with it to the fold. And why does Jesus do this? Because where there is no love, there is no loss. Jesus will search for all His sheep because He loves them all. All of us may know someone who has wandered away from the church and is lost, those who have no sense of belonging. In our school, some suffer a sense of not belonging at times, maybe when you have had a falling out with a friend, or sometimes when you just do not think you fit it. And at these times, how will they know they are welcome back if no one tells them or comes to find them? How will they know they are loved? Today, this week, this term, we can encourage you to reach out to others who are alone by inviting one or two lost friends into your presence and allowing them to see the love Jesus has for them by making sure they know they belong and are loved.

Good Shepherds

Weekly Reflections
21st April 2024



A reading from the Gospel of St John (10:11-18)

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus Christ,

You call each one of us to be witnesses
– to tell others what we have
experienced of your love; to make
known what you have done for us and
to testify the way you have changed
our lives.

You have given us the good news;
teach us to share it, in your glory.

Amen

Saint of the week – Mark the Evangelist – 25
April



John Mark was born in Cyrene and his family moved to Palestine shortly after his birth. His mother, Mary, became an admirer of Jesus. She even offered her house as a place where the first Apostles could meet. Mark is often identified as the young man who accompanied Christ after His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. He travelled with Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin) back to Antioch; Barnabas and Mark then both accompanied Paul of his first missionary journey. John Mark (St Mark) is who is ascribed to being the author of the Gospel of Mark

Mark was:

Learned and Wise

Day 1

The image of sheep and shepherds are seen throughout the bible. Why do you think this is? What love does a shepherd have for his flock and why does he have this love?

Day 2

Jesus, as the shepherd, has love for his sheep.
How did Jesus demonstrate his love for his flock?
Why do you think Jesus's leadership is one of doing and self-sacrifice?

Day 3

Why does Jesus care for all of his sheep and go out in search for a single lost one?
Why does Jesus care for the lost, the least and the last?
How can you ensure others around you do not feel lost?

Feast Day - Faith Walk

On Wednesday 1st May, we will celebrate our Feast Day, St Joseph the Worker. Attached to the newsletter is a letter outlining the plans for the day. It will involve Mass in the morning before a whole school 'Faith Walk and Picnic' to Eton fields. The walk is compulsory for all students and parents/guardians must give consent via ParentPay. If any parent/guardian have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at j.gibbons@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk



Reminder of the Big Lent Walk!

This is rescheduled to NEXT Saturday 27th meeting at 10am at school. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible! Please email me (Miss Crabtree – c.crabtree@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk) with any questions. Please also fill in this Google Form quiz to confirm your attendance:

<https://forms.gle/jsXPF9n8AQ6qsJj36>

Attendance Notice - Opticians Appointments

Please could all opticians' appointments be arranged outside of school hours where possible. Please be aware that opticians are also generally open at the weekend for appointments. The exception for this would be in an emergency.

PE After School Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 1	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball (GCSE students only)	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball (GCSE students only)	Badminton and Basketball
Lunch 2	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball
Afterschool	Fitness KBR/THU Dance HST	Athletics JCO THU AAN KBR Flag football MJO/ HMC	Rounders KBR AAN MJO Tennis JCO Cricket THU		Year 10,11,12,13 Basketball CWH Girls Football JSI

Ski Trip 2024

During the first week of the Easter Holidays, 50 students and 6 staff members went on the school's annual ski trip. It was an incredible holiday full of memorable moments and memories created that will last a lifetime. From the sheer amount of snow, the yummy Italian food, karaoke and bingo, chair lift disasters to dancing on the slopes, the students and staff simply had the best time. The staff could not be prouder of the students who showed resilience to learn a new sport, humility whilst looking after each other and utter determination to improve and succeed both on and off the piste!

Thank you to everyone who made this trip - you know who you are.

If you are interested in coming skiing next year, look out for the **Ski Trip 2025 Launch** - Coming Soon!!





Science Club

Students enjoyed handling pets brought by Sandra Kszczot in Y11.



Year 7 News

I hope everyone had a lovely and restful Easter Break, the Year 7s are not into their final term of their first year of secondary school. The summer term for many is by far the best as there is lots to look forward to such as the Thorpe Park trip, Sports Day and the Faith Walk.

Just to add some more information regarding the Faith Walk. This will be happening on the 1st of May. This will involve the whole school walking from front gates all the way to Eton College, this is a great initiative which we began last year. More information has been given to students regarding this but please can I ask that all parents/guardians consent to this on ParentPay as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

Year 8 News

Welcome Back Year 8, I hope you had a fun filled and restful Easter Break. What a great week we've had all students have returned to school with a positive attitude and are very clearly working hard in lessons, this is shown by being one of our best weeks behaviourally since September. New journals have been given out for this term, so please make sure home school agreements are signed and timetables written in.

Miss McCormack – Head of Year 8

Year 8 Basketball

The Year 8s had a game all the way in Folkestone on Tuesday! It was a long journey there but the boys had high spirits for their first JNR NBA Playoff game. The boys had only lost one game thus far this season so the confidence was high. Unfortunately, the game ended with us losing narrowly by 3 points. Despite this their spirits remained high and there were lots of positives to reflect on and to take away moving into next season.



Year 9 News

Welcome back! It's great to see everyone and the positive impact Year 9s have made in their first week of the summer term. Application forms for the St Joseph's Got Talent show have been distributed to form tutors; if you have a secret talent now is your chance to showcase it! Wednesday 1st May will be the Faith Walk to Eton where we will have some games and a picnic. Later on in the day will be a staff vs student football match and BBQ; if you would like to join in with the BBQ please confirm your attendance which will be sent out next week.

Looks like the weather will be changing, so hope you all have a lovely weekend 😊

Miss Joseph – Head of Year 9

Year 11 News

Well done for a great week back. Can I remind you that interventions are compulsorily for all students required to attend. The staff are experts in their fields and students should take advantage of this. This week we had a motivational speaker in to cover revision for the GCSE's. The feedback was really positive and the students gained knowledge they previously didn't have. Every pupil should have a revision timetable mapped out for them and it is really important that they are revising every day.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Dunleavy – Head of Year 11



Year 11 – 'Get Ready' Presentation

On Thursday we were privileged to have some visitors speak to Year 11 about how to get 'exam ready' and managing their emotional and mental mind set as they prepare themselves for their exams. The Year 11s were absolutely buzzing about the assembly afterwards. Please do ask them

about it and keep that



momentum and motivation up.

In the run up to their first 9th May) it's key that pupils we have prepared for them intervention, Intervention as Intervention classes PE lesson. Your support here child's success. Updated class shared regularly online with



written exam (RE exam on maximise the interventions which include afterschool during Reading Time as well happening during their Core would be invaluable for your lists for intervention are pupils.

Year 11 Students of the Week

Jakub Przybylo and Fran Curtis!

Year 11 Football News

The Year 11 football squad travelled to Windsor Boys School for the Quarter Finals of the District Cup. The strong squad knew that a loss would mean this would be their final game in St Joseph's colours.

A strong display throughout all team members showed equal opportunities and equal positions for the majority of the first half, reflecting the scoreline of 0-0 at the end of the first period.



Again, another stalemate for the majority of the 2nd half, with big opportunities falling to Radek and Filip, forcing quality saves from the WBS goalkeeper. Unfortunately, the stalemate ended with around 6 minutes to go when the ball found a WBS player at the edge of the St Joseph's box, and he managed to place it in the only spot Dawid couldn't reach.

The final 6 minutes came with relentless St Joseph's pressure, but unfortunately, they couldn't find the back of the net.

An excellent performance throughout all team members. Full-time score: WBS 1-0 St Joseph's."

French Speaking Countries

- There are 29 countries that speak French as their official language
- This is equal to over 400 million people
- You can communicate with all these people!



MFL Superstars

Félicitations!

9X1 FRENCH

Abigail

Szczepanek,

Angelo Da Silva, Ella Villacrusis & Antoni Tobjaszewski for excellent attitude and behaviour for learning.

Anna Wydrych-Kang for her autonomy in doing extra French challenges. Natalia Zaworkska and Mikah

Aungon for their wonderful word and idiom of the week! Céline Sidyk for being brave enough to test out her own French tongue twisters on our Head Teacher and nomination for the goldfish bowl!

of the Week -

Samar, Dominic

Branson Pereira,



MFL News

Our Spanish A level students had the amazing

opportunity to spend a day at the BFI (London), where they watched

the documentary 'The Silence of Others' (Almudena Carracedo, Robert Bahar 2018). This documentary explores the representation of political repression as well as ideas of the 'disappeared', memory wars,



and the struggle of victims who are still calling for justice after the dictatorships in Spain and Chile. Then, they were able to speak via Zoom and listen to the testimony of one of the victims of Franco's dictatorship.

School Canteen Menu 22nd – 26th April 2024



				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Volcano Chicken Pasta	Spicy Beef Nachos served with Sour Cream & Cheese	Chicken Enchilada	Cottage Pie	Oven Baked Fish served with Chips
Bombay Potato Pie	Vegetable Stuffed Jacket Potatoes	Vegetable Tikka Masala served with Rice	Quorn Sausage Arabiata	Quorn Sausage served with Chips
Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Iced Chocolate Cake	Flapjack	Rice Crispy Cake	Dorset Apple Cake
Teriyaki Noodles	Pasta with a Cheese Sauce	Pasta with a Tomato Sauce	Sweet Chili & Coriander Noodles	-

Sandwiches, Baguettes & Wraps
Jacket Potatoes & Fillings, Pizzas & Burgers
Fruit & Cold Dessert Pots.

HARRISON
food with thought

Some delicious Easter Treats made by the canteen for students from last term:





#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- D** Let the length of the side of the regular hexagon be a . Then its perimeter is $6a$. Therefore the perimeter of the equilateral triangle is also $6a$, so the length of each of its sides is $2a$. The diagrams show that the equilateral triangle may be divided up into 4 equilateral triangles of side a , whereas the regular hexagon may be divided into 6 such triangles. So the required ratio is $4 : 6 = 2 : 3$.



Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- D** The difference between the given options and 1 is $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{7}$, $\frac{1}{10}$, $\frac{1}{11}$ and $\frac{1}{10}$ respectively. As $\frac{1}{11}$ is the smallest of these fractions, $\frac{10}{11}$ is closest to 1.

Puzzler of the week

When travelling from London to Edinburgh by train, you pass a sign saying 'Edinburgh 200 miles'. Then, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles later, you pass another sign saying 'Half way between London and Edinburgh'.

How many miles is it by train from London to Edinburgh?

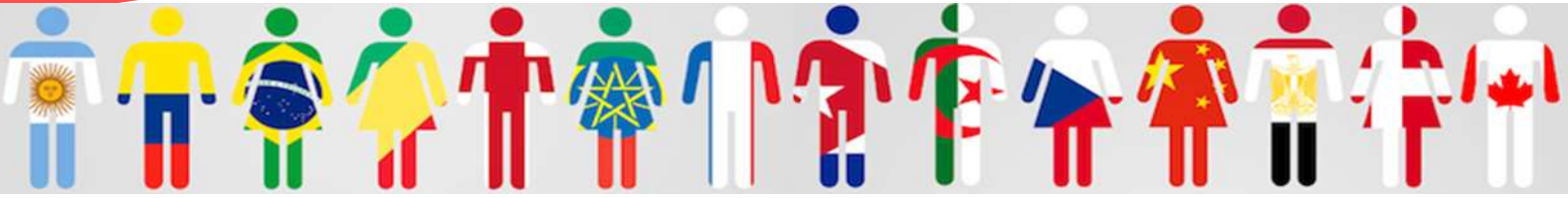
- A 393 B $396\frac{1}{2}$ C 400 D $403\frac{1}{2}$ E 407

Break time Teaser:

Amrita is baking a cake today. She bakes a cake every fifth day. How many days will it be before she next bakes a cake on a Thursday?

- A 5 B 7 C 14 D 25 E 35

Send your answers to Mr Allinson. Complete answers will get positive points on Class Charts.



EAL NEWS

English as an Additional Language

Do you know?

Raising multilingual or bilingual children is a long-term commitment. To make multilingualism work for your child and family, there are things you can do each day and might need to think about over the long term. These things include:

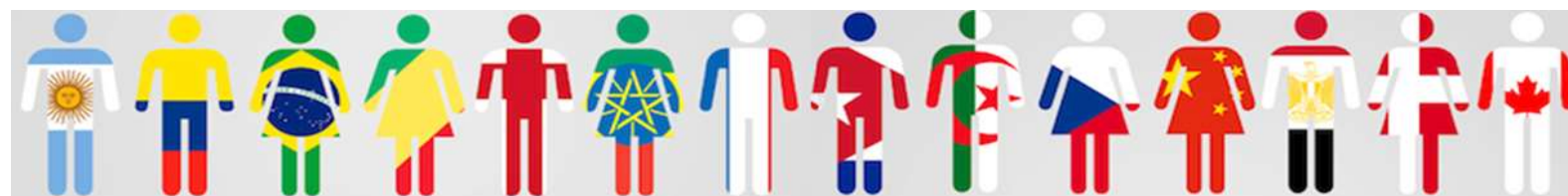
- sticking with your heritage language, even when there's pressure to choose English
- reminding yourself that using your heritage language helps to strengthen family bonds
- using your heritage language to play games, read books, cook food and do other fun things that make it positive for your child
- making sure your child gets plenty of chances to hear and use their heritage language

Children who grow up in a family where parents have only limited English do better at learning English in school if they keep speaking their heritage languages at home. That is because a solid base in their first language makes it easier for them to learn a second one.

Free Online resources

International Children's digital library: this website aims to enable families to have access to the books of their cultures and language regardless of where they live.

http://en.childrenslibrary.org/library/books_by_language.html



Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Riley Henshall for an amazing start to this term and to Rosie Kirke for receiving the most positive points out of all the students this week. Well done both!

Year 8

Nicole Hrakalo – Horawska and Marly Kostandy for Highest positive points

Year 9

Branson Pereira and Oliwia Kozak for getting the most positive points this week

Year 10

Maksymilian Oleszak and Rosa Rodriguez for being compassionate and loving in their supportive contribution to other tutees and form tutor.

Year 11

Jakub Przybylo and Fran Curtis

Year 12

Alexander Pienczewski and Finlay Gibbons for earning the most positive points this week

Year 13

Clinton Njoku and Sheryl Fernandes for earning the most positive points this week

