



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023



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Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,
Hope you are all safe and well.

My weekly video messages can be watched on our new YouTube channel @SloughStJosephs.

Link to the latest video is:

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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 – Christ the King

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. This feast day marks the end of the Church's year and in the Gospel, Jesus tells us of the things he wants us to do for each other. This is a really important message from Jesus, **what we can do for one another!** Christ wants us to show his love for him by helping our neighbour. Jesus states a number of ways we can do this, feed and clothe the hungry and needy, care for the sick, welcome strangers, give a drink to the thirsty. This Gospel sums up the message that Jesus has brought to us week after week. Jesus wants us to be loving and caring towards each other.

In the 2nd letter from St Paul to the Corinthians, Paul declares that the faithfully departed will be brought back to life in Christ. During the month of November, we have remembered those who have gone before us, whether it be the Remembrance Service on the playground, the Service after school in the Chapel where we remembered family or friends who have gone before us or maybe just in private prayer - anyone whom you chose to remember. In Christ, we remember that they will be brought back to life. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus explains he will return to glory as the Good Shepherd to care for his flock. In today's society, we can see badness in the world and see it around us. But we must remember, as the Good Shepherd, Jesus knows his flock and will come back to take care of us.

Jesus explains that we are to be judged worthy of a place in God's kingdom. What counts for this is how we have served those in need, how we have recognised Christ in each other. As a school, our mission is '**Unlocking Belief in All**' and this centres on our virtues of:

Learned and Wise, Loving and Compassionate, Truthful and eloquent, intentional and prophetic, attentive and discerning, faith-filled and hopeful, curious and active, grateful and generous.

We are committed to working in areas of social justice and help for the poor, the needy and the sick. As a school community, we have the chosen school charities: Access to Shine, Catholic Workers Farm and our House charities of Cafod, Slough Homeless, Teenage Cancer Charity, Catholic Children's society, Rainbow trust Children's charity and the Catholic World Mission. We ask all the school community to engage in these areas of service.

Jesus in the Gospel stresses the importance of helping those most in need, and when we do, we do this for Him. During the week ahead seek out someone in need and reach out to them with a loving action.

Christ the King

Weekly Reflections

26th November 2023

A reading from St Matthew's Gospel 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, you are the King of the Universe and our king, but you remind us that yours is a kingdom of service. Give us the courage to invest our energy in serving you in being shepherds to one another so we all can rejoice in your true presence.

Amen

Saint of the Week



A fisherman from the northern shores of Lake Galilee, Andrew was the first of the Apostles to be called by Jesus. He was brother of Simon Peter (St. Peter), and introduced him to Jesus.

After Pentecost, the record of Andrew's ministry and preaching become very unclear. Andrew is said to have been crucified (tied rather than nailed), preaching from the cross for two days. St Andrew was:

Intentional & Prophetic.

Day 1

How do you respond to those in need? Can you recall an experience of having someone respond to your time of need? Did it change your attitude to helping others?

Day 2

Can you recall our school virtues and when have you been able to demonstrate these this year?

Day 3

The feast of Christ the King also reminds us that whatever happens in the world and in our lives, we have to put our trust in him.

In a moment of silence, put before the Lord something that worries you, and ask him to take care of it, or give you the strength to bear it.

How can you try to take someone else's worry away by your own actions this week?

Holy Family Youth Mass

On the Feast of Christ the King, 26th November 2023, Father Kevin and representatives of the Holy Family staff would love anyone with a connection to Holy Family Catholic School to join us in the celebration of Mass at 11.30am, at Holy Family Church. Current school staff will welcome you and present you with a commemorative Holy Family Catholic School enamel badge; current and past pupils, staff and governors will lead various parts of Mass and refreshments be will provided after Mass. Our aim is simple: to stay connected, so that you will always feel a sense of belonging to Holy Family Catholic School and Parish community. We especially hope to see our 2023 Leavers to hear how you are getting on in Year 7. We hope to see you there.

Regards, Holy Family Staff.

CHRIST'S REIGN AND HIS KINGDOM REMAIN ETERNAL!

Feast of Christ the King
26th November 2023

**You are invited to
11.30am Mass at
Holy Family
Catholic Church**

*Please stay after Mass for
refreshments and a chat with
Holy Family Catholic School
Alumni.*





Special invitation to all Youths:

Celebrate with us the Feast of Christ the King at

Our Lady of Peace Church

On 25th November @ 9.30am.

Refreshments and conversation after mass.



This Mass will be lively and meaningful, designed to connect with the interests and spirit of the youth. Join us as we come together to honour Christ as our King and celebrate our faith as a community.

We encourage you to invite your friends to join us for this inspiring and joyful celebration. Let us come together to worship, reflect, and strengthen our sense of unity in Christ.



Free school meals

Am I eligible for free school meals?.....

You will be able to claim free school meals for your child if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have a net income from employment of no more than £7400 per year). For more information on how the government calculates your earnings from employment whilst claiming Universal Credit, please check the "Eligibility under Universal Credit" section below.
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please give on the link below to apply. If entitled, Slough Borough Council will inform you and the school.

<https://www.slough.gov.uk/xfp/form/244>

Christmas Hampers

Over the course of the next three weeks all tutors groups are asked to make up a Christmas Hamper for the St Vincent De Paul (SVP) charity to support those less fortunate over Christmas. Please can parents and guardians support this and encourage their child to bring in at least one item for their form hampers.

Please see the poster below outlining more details....





SVP Christmas Hampers

*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done (Proverbs 19:17)

Help families and vulnerable people in Slough this Christmas- donate to your forms Christmas hamper!

All forms are asked to put together at least one hamper. Hampers should include non-perishable food, toiletries and Christmas items

Please ensure items donated have a use by date of no earlier than February 2024

Your hampers should include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christmas card or festive message - Christmas pudding, biscuits or cake - Christmas selection boxes - Cereal - Soup - Pasta/Rice - Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce - Lentils, beans and pulses - Tinned meat - Tinned vegetables - Tea/coffee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tinned fruit - Fruit juice - Instant mash potato - Noodles - Sugar - Shower gel - Shampoo - Soap - Deodorant - Toothpaste - Toothbrush - Flannel - Towels - Scarf/Gloves/socks
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All hampers to be completed and delivered to the school hall (under the tree) for Friday 15th December

Thank you!

Student Leadership Roles across the School

Over the last few weeks, students have been applying for a number of student leadership roles. I received over 160 applications and was completely overwhelmed by everyone's enthusiasm and dedication. A big congratulations to the following students for their leadership positions!

The Senior Student Leadership Team

Head Boy = Chiadikaobi Emekwuo Year 13

Head Girl = Nichole Osei-Agyarko Year 13

Deputy Head Boy = Cameron Martin Year 13

Deputy Head Girl = Adrianna Wroblewska Year 13

Megan Shea Year 13

Hamda Hussain Jama Year 13

Esther Owusu-Ansah Year 13

Steven Anamanya Year 13

Martyna Krzesaj Year 12

Finlay Gibbons Year 12

Leah Walls Year 12

Aleksander Jozwiak Year 12



Student Mentors

Natalia Bednarczyk 12C

Alexis Jaca 12M

Jennifer Njau 12M

Adina Soper 12J

Rodnie Coroza 12M

Liam Paes 12C

Anand Kaur Khalsa 12C

Matteo Mennone 12P

Lena Bojarska 12J

Finlay Gibbons 12C

Leah Walls 12P

Chloe Baladad 12J

Zoe Lorraine Galong 12M

Daisy Loft 13J

Julia Kolmetz 13J

Melissa Pala 13J

Michal Bogacki 13C

Megan Shea 13P

Hamda Hussain Jama 13P

Esther Owusu-Ansah 13M

Steven Anamanya 13P

Chiadi Emekwuo 13J

Nichole Osei-Agyarko 13C

Cameron Martin 13P

Adrianna Wroblewska 13M

Student Learning Support Assistants

Patrycja Artemska 12C

Shanti Kumar 12M

Nina Czarnecka-Staszok 12J

Emma Tully 12J

Martyna Krzesaj 12J

Finlay Gibbons 12C

Leah Walls 12P

Aleksander Jozwiak 12J

Alex Pienczewski 12P

Belatriz Lamelo 13P

Megan Shea 13P

Hamda Hussain Jama 13P

Esther Owusu-Ansah 13M

Steven Anamanya 13P

Chiadi Emekwuo 13J

Nichole Osei-Agyarko 13C

Cameron Martin 13P

Adrianna Wroblewska 13M

Student Voice Representatives

Chiadi Emekwu 13J
 Nichole Osei-Agyarko 13C
 Grace Hall O'Rorke 11V
 Mary Jane Visitacion 11T
 Adrian Jurys 11J
 Jack Deegan 11V
 Perase Thomas 11C
 Molly Dlubak-Daly 10C
 Vince Lacsamana 10V
 Darryl Dwayne Reyes De Belen 10J
 Michal Kundys 9T
 Noah Devereux 9V
 Jakub Ogonek 9M
 Izzy Bown 8P
 Jessica White 8V
 Szymon Bogacz 8J
 Abiezer Bakhsh 8T
 Antoni Mielcarek 8M
 Vittorio Fernando 8M
 Zofia Waraksa 8M
 Thomas Walls 8P
 Lara Buckley 8M
 Amelia Odindo 7M
 Chloe Cinco 7M
 Albert Garniewski 7M
 Wiktor Belniak 7V
 Marcus-Simon Bulley 7V
 Alekdandra Sapinska 7C
 Dominik Sobczak 7J
 Kingston Da Costa 7P
 Bianca Danek 7P
 Rachel Yamlinga 7V

Chaplaincy Leaders

Aleksander Maciejewski 8T
 Bruno Valek 8J
 Cameron Martin 13P
 Coco Janot 8C
 Emma Powell 9P
 Ethan Louis 12P
 Jessica Lysiak 8C
 Phoebe Tomar 9T
 Romain Janot 10C
 Taia Butler 9T
 Joanna Balasa 8M
 Alessia Celorico-Jones 9M
 Kaitlyn Wynne 9P
 Leah Walls 12P
 Matteo Mennone 12P
 Hannah Marie Anaya 11C

Parent Evening Ambassadors

Belatriz Lamelo 13P
 Mateusz Skowera 12P
 Mikhaella Mendoza 12V
 Chloe Mechure 11P
 Daniel Rossiter 11M
 AJ Samar 11V
 Aldrick Costillo 11V
 Rosa Jarret 10V
 Liza Pereira 10J
 Benedito Quodres 10J
 Darragh O'Connor 10T
 Anna Wydrych-Kang 9C
 Dawid Kociolek 9C
 Izzy Bown 8P
 Jessica White 8V
 Szymon Bogacz 8J
 Abiezer Bakhsh 8T
 Antoni Mielcarek 8M
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 Bianca Danek 7P
 Rachel Yamlinga 7V

Transition Mentors

Rosa Jarrett - 10V
 Maja Traczyk - 10V
 Filip Kozak - 8J
 Dominika Marczuk - 8J
 Darren-Jake Bailey - 8M
 Joanna Balasa - 8M
 Theolyn J - 8P
 Neve Cullen - 8V
 Rio Moore-Fleming - 8V
 Marion Mwangi - 8V
 Matas Overall - 8V
 Maja Skrzydlewska - 8V
 Samuel Sudhagar - 7C
 Florence Tambwe - 7C
 Ciara Croxford Shallae - 7J
 Antonia Dudek - 7J
 Jemima Da Silva - 7P
 Zephaniah Deepak - 7P
 Ria Basil - 7T
 Hanna Cafferena - 7T

Sustainability Leaders

Matilda Kemp 10M
Patryja Szczepanska 9P
Alexey Popovic 8P

House Captains

Cecilia

Eva Fernandes 10C
Romain Janot 10C

Jerome

Patrick Lopez 9J
Liza Pereira 10J

Mark

Antoni Tobjaszewski 9M
Mikah Aungon 9M

Peter

Alex Baptista 9P
Maria Drewnowska 9P

Teresa

Nathan James 10T
Wiktoria Zych 10T

Veronica

Emmanuel Ofori 10V
Keeley Canavan 10V

Homework Superstars

Malaika Abubakari – 7 Peter
Coco Janot – 8 Cecilia
Jessica Lysiak – 8 Cecilia
Evadne Vermeulen – 9 Peter
Olivier Gburek



The Baby Bank Pyjama Appeal

A massive THANK YOU to everyone that has contributed to this appeal!



Year 7 News

Less than one week away from Parents Evening please make sure you have signed up to it via Parent Pay. Also, please make sure your child is writing and booking appointments in the back of their Journal. During Parent's Evening you will have the chance to discuss your child's progress currently with their teacher's, so it is massively important that you get all appointments booked. If you would like an appointment booked with me then please do let me know. Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

Year 9 News

Well done for another positive week! Across the year group we have started to thrive with the number of positive points we are getting on a daily basis. For my half term competition, the current leaders are: 9 Mark, 9 Teresa and 9 Veronica- please remember to complete all of your homework on time. If you do not understand the work set, then send a message to the class teacher on teams before the due date! Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Joseph – Head of Year 9

Cross Country Competition

On Thursday a group of Year 7-10 boys and girls competed in a cross-country competition at Upton Court Park. The students participated with heart, determination and a smile on their faces even after running 2km, 3km or 4km. Well done to all the students involved; you did St Joseph's proud 😊



Year 11 News

Well done to all of year 11 who completed their first sets of PPE's this week. A reminder that ALL homework must be done, the teachers set robust homework for a reason and I am noticing a lot of missing homework. Please can we address this. A reminder that as the cold weather comes in a dark coat is required in school.

In the meantime have a great weekend

Year 11 Battlefields Trip

A reminder that the Year 11 Battlefields Trip has been cancelled. If you have not already received your refund, please send your bank details to Ms. Weir at E.Weir@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk or Ms. Stagg at E.Stagg@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk.

We apologise for this inconvenience, however it is due to initial change of dates that we require these details. Should you have any queries, please do contact Ms. Weir directly.

Year 11 Taster Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be confirming our **6th Form Taster Day** on **Tuesday 5th December**. This letter will provide all the details your child will need for the day.

- Pupils are to wear business dress for the day. (**6th Form Uniform Policy overleaf**).
- The day begins with a brief assembly in the hall. Pupils can drop their bags and coats off in the Sixth Form Study Centre and then proceed to line up in the Quad for **8:25am**.
- They will then go to their Taster Lessons from **Period 1 – 4**. (Reading time and lunch will be as normal).
- *They will be informed about the lessons they have been allocated to, several days beforehand, via Classcharts.*
- There will then be an assembly during **Period 5** where I will be speaking to the year group about the application process and providing them with careers advice.

Applications for 6th Form will officially open from **Thursday 4th January – Friday 9th February 2024**.

We are very much looking forward to seeing them all on this day and are confident that they will greatly benefit from the occasion.

Mr R Dann

Sixth Form Lead – r.dann@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

Year 11 Football News



The year 11 Football team travelled to The Langley Academy for a clash of two well rounded football teams. Within the first minute St Joseph's found themselves 1-0 down. But battled on and equalised late into the first half. The second half remained 1-1 with various opportunities for both teams to steal the victory. Tremendous efforts in defence from both sides right until the final whistle with the final score ending in a 1-1 draw.

Man of the Match:
Albie G

TVLP Art Competition

Firstly I would like to thank everyone that took part in the TVLP Art Competition this Autumn. There were some outstanding entries and it was difficult to judge.

The TVLP received some amazing entries from across the partner schools and the level was very high. Jeanette Kemp, the Coordinator, would like to pass on her congratulations to all students and she will deliver certificates to the school for all that took part.

She is pleased to announce the following winners from the TVLP schools:

First Prize Younger Years:

Arianna Lacson - Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo at St Josephs School Slough

First Prize Higher Years:

Iris M- Moby Dick by Herman Melville at St Marys School Ascot

High Commended All years:

Lexie B- Her Fearful Symmetry by Audrey Niffenegger St Marys School Ascot.



The winners have also been announced on the TVLP social media page, and Jeanette will be meeting with all of them to present their certificates and prizes in the coming weeks.

Please be aware that this weekend the best entries will be displayed at the Windsor Arts Fair on 24/25/26th of November. Attached are complimentary ticket codes for families and teachers who would like to visit our exhibition of the students that took part- this is first come, first served for availability.

The entries will also be published and displayed in Maidenhead library- and there will be more information to follow about this.

Once again, an amazing congratulations to Arianna Lacson who won first place- this is a great achievement, and we are very proud. Plus, well done to all other entries which showcased some superb artistic talent at St Joseph's.

Science Club

Students made glue from milk by souring it using vinegar (an acid) which separates it into curds and whey.

Then they neutralised the curds by adding a base to produce glue. This glue consists of particles of the protein casein that are precipitated from the milk by the addition of vinegar, and it is the polymerisation of these protein molecules that forms the glue. The students tested the glue by sticking together two lolly sticks.



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Year 12 Art News

Some of our Year 12 art students have started their large oil painting portrait studies this week. Already looking fantastic!



Windsor Art Fair



Drama News

The school Shrek Production will take place at 7pm in the school hall for 4 nights only 12-15th December.

Tickets are on sale NOW via ParentPay. Limited availability so please book your places early!

History News

Trip to Winchester Christmas Markets

The trip to the Winchester Christmas Markets will take place on Friday 8th December for Years 10 - 13. We will depart St. Joseph's at 8.45am and depart Winchester at 4pm, aiming to be back at St. Joseph's at 5.30pm.

All students should be in their school uniform on the day. Students should bring their own lunch with them, however free school meals will be provided to the relevant students. Students will have the opportunity to shop at the Christmas markets throughout the day and so may wish to bring some money with them. We recommend that students bring no more than £20 each.

Please note that this trip is fully booked.

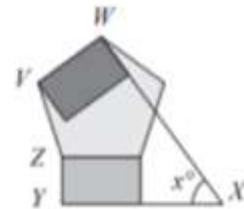




#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- B** Since $VWXYZ$ is a pentagon, the sum of its interior angles is 540° . Now $\angle ZVW$ is an interior angle of a regular pentagon and so is 108° . Both $\angle VWX$ and $\angle XYZ$ are 90° ; and the reflex angle $\angle YZV = 90^\circ + 108^\circ$. Therefore $540^\circ = 108^\circ + 90^\circ + 90^\circ + 108^\circ + x^\circ$. Hence $x = 540 - 486 = 54$.



Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- D** The sum of the interior angles of a quadrilateral is 360° . So the smallest angle in the quadrilateral is $3 \times \frac{360^\circ}{3+4+5+6} = 60^\circ$ and the largest angle is $6 \times \frac{360^\circ}{3+4+5+6} = 120^\circ$. Hence the required difference is 60° .

Puzzler of the week

Three equilateral triangles with sides of length 1 are shown shaded in a larger equilateral triangle. The total shaded area is half the area of the larger triangle.

What is the side-length of the larger equilateral triangle?

- A $\sqrt{5}$ B $\sqrt{6}$ C $\frac{5}{2}$ D $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ E $1 + \sqrt{3}$

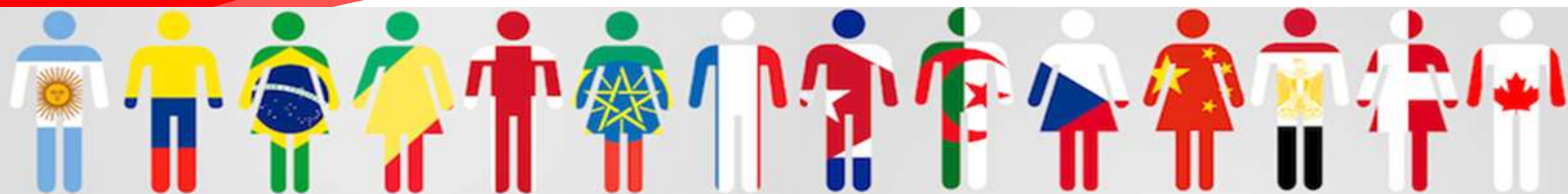


Break time Teaser:

Which of the following is equal to $\frac{3^9}{9^3}$?

- A 3 B 9 C 27 D 81 E 243

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



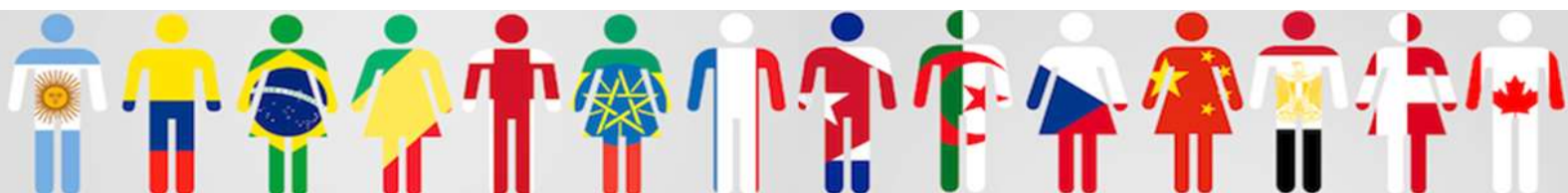
EAL NEWS

(English as an Additional Language)



Why Home Learning Matters for EAL Learners:

1. **Cultural Connection:** Home is where cultural identity is cultivated. Encouraging discussions about cultural backgrounds and traditions not only fosters a sense of pride but also helps EAL learners connect with their heritage. This connection is invaluable for building confidence and a positive self-image.
2. **Customized Support:** Every learner is unique, and home learning provides an opportunity for tailored support. Parents can identify specific areas where their child may need extra help and create activities or exercises that cater to those needs. This personalized approach can significantly boost a child's confidence and comprehension.
3. **Expanded Vocabulary:** Exposure to a rich and varied vocabulary is essential for language acquisition. By incorporating new words into everyday conversations and activities at home, parents can contribute significantly to their child's vocabulary growth. This, in turn, enhances their ability to express themselves more effectively.
4. **Cohesive Learning Environment:** A seamless transition between the school and home learning environments is vital. When parents and teachers collaborate, learning becomes a cohesive experience for the child. Regular communication about classroom themes, projects, and goals ensures that parents can align their home learning activities with what is happening in the classroom.



Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year7

Arianna Lacson for winning the TVLP Art Competition and Robert Slezak for his beautiful reading during Cecilia House Mass.

Year8

Victoria Pantlin, Bruno Valek, Joanna Balasa and Izzy Bown for most positive points.

Year9

Samantha Albalate and Oliver Stacey for getting the most positive points this week

Year 10

Dominik Maslach and Oliver Ventura for achieving the most positive points this week.

Year 11

Mary Jane Visitacion and Adrian Jurys for gaining student leadership positions

Year 13

Jak Rushbrooke for giving up his free time to help with after school clubs in PE and Adrianna Wroblewska for embodying the school profile and giving up her time to support other students.