



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024



Faith Walk 2024

On 1 May, we celebrated our feast day, St Joseph the Worker. Thank you to all students that took part, an amazing time was had by all.

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=WDkOn5f2PZY&feature=youtu.be>

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!"

Changes to the Timings of the School Day – begins 7th of May

From Tuesday the 7th May, we will be bringing our lunch period forward by one hour to support our Year 11 and 13 students who will be beginning their exams very soon.

All the best of luck to those sitting exams in the coming week!

Period 1	08:45 – 09:45
Period 2	09:45 – 10:45
Break	10:45 – 11:05
Period 3	11:05 – 12:05
Lunch 1 (Yr 11, 8, 9) Reading 1 (Yr 12, 13**, 7 and 10)	12:05 – 12:40
Lunch 2 (Yr 12, 13, 7 and 10) Reading 2 (Yr 11, 8 and 9)	12:40 – 13:15
Period 4	13:15 – 14:15
Period 5	14:15 – 15:15

Theme of the Week – My friend if

The Gospel on Sunday gives us one of the most memorable instructions from Jesus, *“This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.”* A beautiful commandment to give and one in which can only bring us true happiness when truly believed in and accepted.

In English, we use the word love a lot but sometimes we use it for things we just actually like. Whereas in other languages, they have many words for love and then use different words for the correct context it should be given in.

So much of what we love is actually to do with self-gratification and possession. It is tied up with our own need for fulfilment. This then can make the learning or knowing of what God’s love means difficult for us to understand. The reason being is we might associate the meaning of love from our own experiences; how a family member, friend or someone you know shows their love for you or how you show it to them. Imagine you have a bag of sweets and you are with a sibling. You offer them a sweet because you love them, but do you give them the entire bag? Probably not and depending on the circumstance, you may not give them a sweet at all! It doesn’t mean you do not love them but based on the context our illustration of love may differ. As a result, when we try to understand the true meaning of God’s love it can be difficult to understand. However, the reality is God’s love overflows for us. Imagine a waterfall and how the water continues to pour out no matter what, God’s love pours out for and it is never stops. Sometimes, based on the way we feel or how we have acted, we may turn and think God’s love might be limited because of our actions, but it isn’t. The love that Jesus talks about in today’s Gospel is about obedience, willing co-operation and sacrifice that produces joy.

Jesus knew he would soon die and rise to new life – this was a sign of his love for everyone, not just you and me, but everyone! He also knew his disciples would not understand the things that would happen so he told them how much he loved them and asked them to share this love with others. Not just those who believed at the time, but to go out to everyone, believers and non-believers and show them God’s love. We could quite easily misinterpret what Jesus says here. He is not saying that his love will depend on whether we obey or not, this would be a conditional love. Obedience in the mind of Jesus is surrender of will that can only flow from the absolute security of knowing ourselves loved and cherished by God. God wants the best for us and for those around us. Such surrender brings joy, freedom, and a delight in ‘obeying’ commands and living the loving way.

Pope Saint John Paul II said, *“We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures. We are the sum of the Father’s love for us”*. This too is a beautiful quote because Pope Saint John Paul II is saying we have successes and failings and we will always encounter these in life but this does not define us. What we need to do is open our hearts and minds (maybe in prayer) and accept the endless love God gives us. We too can truly bear the fruit we are commissioned to grow and only then, will we truly be fulfilled and finally see the entirety of God’s love.

My friends if

Weekly Reflections
5th May 2024



A reading from the Gospel of St John (15:9-17)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Prayer for the Week

Loving God,

We praise you for your love that cannot be kept down, whatever it may face. May the knowledge of that love inspire us to keep on following you.

Through Christ our Lord

Amen

Saint of the week – Matthias the Apostle –
14th May



Matthias first appears in the Acts of the Apostle when he was chosen to replace the treacherous Judas Iscariot, who hanged himself in shame. Unlike the other apostles Matthias was not chosen by Jesus who had already ascended into Heaven, but was elected by the remaining eleven.

Following the miracle of Pentecost, at which he was present, Matthias seems to have preached in Judea and then went on a missionary journey to Cappadocia. He was apparently stoned to death by Pagans.

Matthias was:

Attentive and Discerning

Day 1

Can you write down three things you love? Think of three categories: something silly (like "pizza"), something unexpected (a hobby or interest) and something serious (family, God etc.) Share this with your classmates, why do you love these things?

Day 2

If you had to explain to someone the similarities and differences between how God loves us and our traditional notions of love, what would you say?
What has been your experience of feeling or believing God's love?
How do you think it has changed you?

Day 3

Ascension Thursday – This is a Holy day of Obligation in the Church where Jesus ascended into Heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father.

Year 11 News

A huge well done to Year 11s as they started their GCSEs this week with Languages Speaking Exams taking place as well as the Art exam. Their motivation and commitment has been brilliant.

Exam Periods Timetable

Next Week Year 11s will commence with their first set of written exams. Their RE exam and BTEC Sports exam will be on 9th May. As such as we head into exam season, Year 11s will be following an Exam Periods Timetable. This will mean that whilst Year 11s will continue to attend all lessons up to May Half Term certain lessons will be replaced by an intervention lesson depending on what their immediate exams are. This is to ensure that pupils can focus on what their immediate concerns are in terms of revision as well as staff having the time to continue teaching and review critical content coming up in future exams.

Attached you will find the spreadsheet for the Exam Periods Timetable detailing where their intervention lessons are.

Year 11 Leavers Assembly

Year 11 will have their Leavers Assembly on Tuesday 7th May Period 5 followed by a BBQ in the quad. We hope it is wonderful time to show our appreciation

Period	(Wk A) Mon 20th May		Tues 21st May		Wed 22nd May		Thurs 23rd May		Fri 24th May	
	Exam	Session	Exam	Session	Exam	Session	Exam	Session	Exam	Session
Breakfast 7.45 - 8.20		English Intervention		Vocational Business Intervention		Physics Intervention		English Language Intervention		French Intervention
1	English Literature Paper 2	Normal Lessons	Vocational Business	Normal Lessons	Physics	Normal Lessons	English Language Paper 1	Normal Lessons	French Writing	Normal Lessons
2		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons
Break										
3		Normal Lessons		Computer Science/Child Development		GCSE PE Intervention		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons
LUNCH										
4		Normal Lessons	Computer Science Paper 2/Child Development	Normal Lessons	GCSE PE	Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons
5		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons
After school 3.15 - 4.15		Vocational Business Intervention		Physics Intervention		English Language Intervention		French Intervention		May Half Term
Key	Indicates no GCSE exam on.									
NB										
If a lesson has finished all its assessments, students can revise in that time with the teacher supervising										
If a student does not take the session/subject they are in normal lessons.										
HODs will need to give GSCL 1 week's notice for staff required for your relevant intervention and cover										
Breakfast revision sessions will take place in the Year 11 formrooms										

Faith walk – Highlights



St Josephs Day – Whole School Mass



The Mayor of Slough

Cameron Martin in Year 13 arranged for the Mayor to come in and give Mr Stapleton an award for bravery following last years intruded incident



Year 7 News

We had a lovely day on Wednesday with the Faith Walk, the Year 7s had a great day and behaved magnificently, unfortunately the staff lost to the Year 11s in the afternoon in our annual Football Game but the students enjoyed watching their Head of Year make many mistakes out on the pitch, I'm sure they are all looking forward to their turn in Year 11. Can we please ensure that Homework is being focused on and being completed on time.

Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

Year 8 News

Year 8 were lucky enough this week to take part in the Faith Walk to Eton Fields, bringing together the school community to celebrate St Josephs. The whole school mass is always a time of celebration and the opportunity to represent our school and the catholic ethos within it. 5 Year 8 Girls represented the school for Flag Football and both boys and girls in the Slough 3v3 competition bringing success in both competitions. Next week is a Bank Holiday on Monday 6th so look forward to seeing you all back refreshed on Tuesday. Have a great weekend.

Miss McCormack – Head of Year 8

Year 8 3v3 Basketball



On Wednesday a group of Year 8 students went to Langley Grammar and participated in a 3v3 basketball tournament. There was a lot of hard competition but the St Joseph's team; only narrowly lost 2 out of 6 matches to come 3rd overall! Well done to David, Eliza, Edzio and Kwame.

Year 9 news

This week the whole school celebrated St Joseph's Day with a mass held by Father Kevin followed a faith walk to Eton where the students were able to relax with a picnic with their friends and take part in activities such as tug of war and races. The day finished with a BBQ and the staff vs students football match where the Year 11s 8-3!

Have a lovely and restful bank holiday weekend 😊

Miss Joseph – Head of Year 9

Year 11 News

Well done to everyone who took their French and Spanish speaking exams this week. The Art GCSE took place yesterday and today, I popped in and there were some amazing pieces of art work. Next week are the RE and Drama exams a big good luck to all year 11 for them.

This Wednesday (May 1) was St Joseph's Day. We took a faith Walk to Eton followed by a picnic there before returning to school. When we returned there was a BBQ and the traditional staff V Year 11 football match. Well done to the team who had a considerable victory!!!

Finally, next Tuesday is Year 11 leavers assembly. This will take place in the hall followed by shirt signing and a BBQ in the quad. Please ensure you bring a spare shirt in on the day.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Dunleavy – Head of Year 11

TVLP – United Nations

What a great event we hosted last week! I cannot thank you enough for your collaboration and support. I truly believed it was worthy. The level of discussion and debate in St. Joseph's Model United Nations were way above all our expectations, and the feedback was outstanding. We also had incredible speaker guests. It was truly perfect. I want to mention and acknowledge Jennifer and Farrah for being chairs, Jeanette Kemp from TVLP for all the organization, and lastly, congratulations to Tymon Jablonski and Aiden Daliling for achieving the reward for the best delegation.



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About Multi-Cultural Day

Multi-Cultural Day provides a vibrant platform for students, teachers, and staff to come together in a festive environment to learn about, appreciate, and celebrate the myriad cultures that make up our school community.

Get Involved!

We encourage all parents to engage with their children about their own cultural stories and values as part of this celebration. It's a wonderful opportunity for you to contribute to your child's understanding and appreciation of their own heritage and that of their peers.

Participate in the Celebration

To make this event as interactive and inclusive as possible, we invite your children to take part in various activities. Please encourage them to sign up via the Microsoft Form link provided [HERE](#) or on **Classchart**. Whether it's performing a cultural dance, showcasing traditional attire, or participating in cultural quizzes, there's a way for every student to get involved!

This event is a fantastic way for our students to express themselves and learn more about the world in an engaging, respectful, and joyful way. We look forward to seeing a high level of participation and enthusiasm as we come together to celebrate our unique and wonderful community.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in making our Multi-Cultural Day a memorable one.

Warm regards,
Ms Ura

ST. JOSEPH'S KS3 COMPUTING CLUB

CAN YOU PROGRAM?

Wednesday Week A

3:15- 4:15

CP2



**SEE MRS. VIEGAS FOR MORE
DETAILS.**



#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- B In the seven lines each of the integers from 1 to 7 is used twice and each of the integers from 8 to 14 is used once. So the sum of the numbers in the seven lines is $(1 + 2 + \dots + 14) + (1 + 2 + \dots + 7) = 105 + 28 = 133$. Therefore the total of the numbers in each line is $133 \div 7 = 19$.
It is left as an exercise for the reader to show that it is possible to complete the diagram so that the total of the three numbers in each line is indeed 19.

Solution to the Break-time Teaser:

- C Let g and s be the number of goats and sheep respectively. Then $s = 2g$ and $12 = s - g = 2g - g = g$. Hence the number of animals is $s + g = 3g = 36$.

Puzzler of the week

One hundred rectangles are arranged edge-to-edge in a continuation of the pattern shown.



Each rectangle measures 3 cm by 1 cm. What is the perimeter, in cm, of the completed shape?

- A 800 B 700 C 602 D 600 E 502

Break-time

Teaser

April, May and June have 90 sweets between them. May has three-quarters of the number of sweets that June has. April has two-thirds of the number of sweets that May has.
How many sweets does June have?

- A 60 B 52 C 48 D 40 E 36

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

NFL Girls

Tuesday 30th April was St Joseph's first league game against the home team Cranford Community College. We started in defence with the girls getting an interception in the 2nd play, both offense and defence put Cranford under pressure scoring 3 Touchdowns and giving us a win in our first league game. We move on to our next league game on Tuesday 7th May vs Villiers. Well Done Girls!!

EALING LEAGUE



FIXTURES

JETS CONFERENCE

GAME	DATE	TEAM 1	VS	TEAM 2	VS	TEAM 3	VS	TEAM 4
GAME 1	16 APR	William Perkin (28)	vs	Ealing Fields (40)	vs	Kingbury (28)	vs	Langley (28)
		Featherstone (8)		ADA Lovelace (12)		Pioneer (8)		Turing House (22)
GAME 2	27 MAY	Featherstone	vs	William Perkin	vs	Pioneer	vs	Kingbury
		ADA Lovelace		Ealing Fields		Turing House		Langley
GAME 3	14 MAY	ADA Lovelace	vs	Featherstone	vs	Turing House	vs	Pioneer
		William Perkin		Ealing Fields		Kingbury		Langley

STANDINGS

JETS POOL A

TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Ealing Fields	1	1	0	0	28	5
William Perkin	1	1	0	0	28	5
ADA Lovelace	1	0	0	1	-28	1
Featherstone	1	0	0	1	-28	1

JETS POOL B

TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Kingbury	1	1	0	0	28	5
Turing House	1	1	0	0	2	5
Langley	1	0	0	1	-2	1
Pioneer	1	0	0	1	-28	1

BEARS CONFERENCE

GAME	DATE	TEAM 1	VS	TEAM 2	VS	TEAM 3	VS	TEAM 4
GAME 1	16 APR	Cranford (4)	vs	Northwood (28)	vs	Teyford (24)	vs	Wexham (8)
		St Josephs (16)		Alec Reed (8)		Beaconsfield (28)		Villiers (34)
GAME 2	27 MAY	Wexham	vs	Alec Reed	vs	Northwood	vs	Villiers
		Cranford		Beaconsfield		Teyford		St Josephs
GAME 3	14 MAY	Villiers	vs	Beaconsfield	vs	Alec Reed	vs	St Josephs
		Cranford		Northwood		Teyford		Wexham

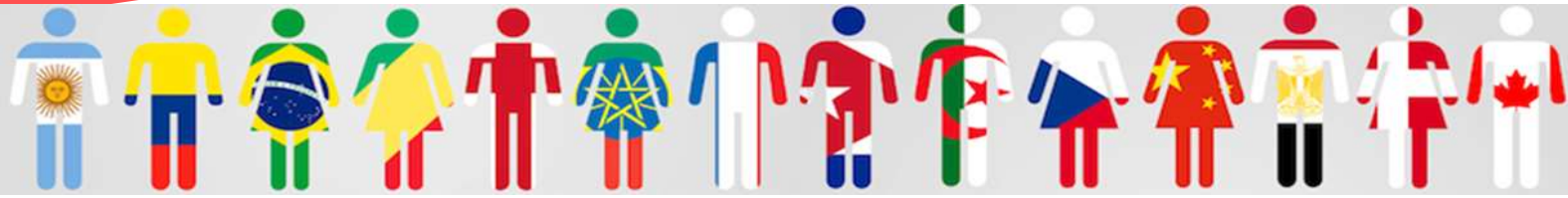
BEARS POOL A

TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Northwood	1	1	0	0	28	5
Beaconsfield	1	1	0	0	5	5
Teyford	1	0	0	1	-5	1
Alec Reed	1	0	0	1	-28	1

BEARS POOL B

TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Villiers	1	1	0	0	28	5
St Josephs	1	1	0	0	4	5
Cranford	1	0	0	1	-4	1
Wexham	1	0	0	1	-28	1





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:

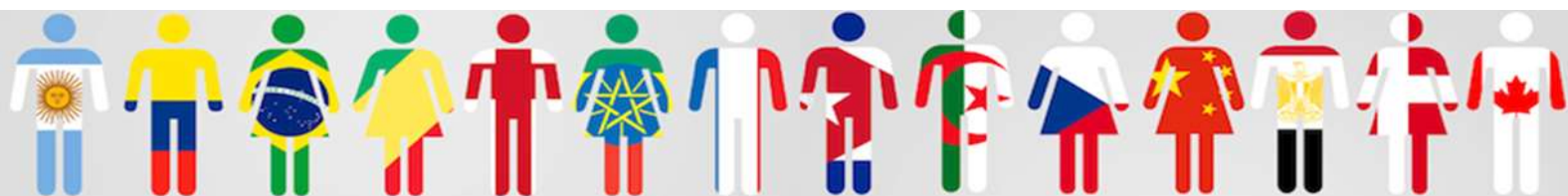
- sticking with your heritage language, even when there's pressure to choose English
- reminding yourself that using your heritage language helps to strengthen family bonds
- using your heritage language to play games, read books, cook food and do other fun things that make it positive for your child
- 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 they live.

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



Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Kezia Antao and Jan Gadziala for receiving the most positive points

Year 8

Marion Mwangi and Filip Kozak for Most Positive Points

Year 9

Ava Bellamy & Afonso Jose Reis for most positive points

Year 10

Alexander Homot and Marlena Michalowska achieved the highest number of positive points this week.

Year 11

Oskar Belniak and Cayden Rodrigues student of the week

Year 12

Mikhaella Mendoza and Bartosz Dworak for the most positive points on Classcharts.

Year 13

Reuben Jaques for his dedication to his EPQ and Julia Kolmetz for great work in English.



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Shaggy Calf Lane, Slough, SL2 5HW

Required ASAP

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

32.5 hours per week, term time + 5 days insets/holidays
8.15am to 3.15pm Monday to Friday
STCAT L2 point 4 £18,228 actual salary

The suitable candidates:

- Must have GCSE equivalent in English and Maths at grade C or above.
- Be prepared to work with groups and individual pupils.
- May have an interest in progressing to teacher training.

An application pack can be downloaded from the school website
www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

Only applications submitted on the school's application form will be considered.

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