



### Football Festival – thank you to our Leaders



On Thursday, twelve 6<sup>th</sup> form students assisted with a primary school football festival. Working with Reading FC they helped coach pupils from 14 different primary schools and ran a tournament for them. The pupils had an excellent time and our leaders did a fantastic job in keeping them engaged and active whilst ensuring they had fun.

**Leaders:** Rebecca Jones, Rhys Wilder, Bobby Kadiri, Aaron Cabasa, Daniela San Jaun, Sean Teodoro, Joe Stabler, Liam Stabler, Jakub Obara, Michal Waraksa, Mateusz Cieslak, Dorien Chakaokza



## FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well.

My weekly message is in video format. Please do take a listen and let us know what you think, any feedback is welcome.

**Please find below the link to our website to view my message:**

<https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Letters/20221007-Newsletter-1.m4v>

St Joseph, pray for us

Ciran

## THEME OF THE WEEK – Give glory to God

In this week's Gospel, Jesus is on his way to die in Jerusalem, and enters a village between Samaria and Galilee. In the Gospels, the village has always a negative connotation. It symbolises a community so staunchly attached to traditions and ways of thoughts, that it inevitably opposes all that is new out of prejudice...including the Good News of Jesus. The motto of a village is: 'It's always been done this way!' In Mark 8:23 Jesus heals a blind man, but before he does that he takes him out of the village. As long as we remain in the 'village' we will never recover our sight to be able to see the novelty of the message of Jesus

### What are the villages in our life? In our society?

Ten lepers approach Jesus and shout from a distance asking him to have compassion on them. In those times all skin diseases (from dermatitis, eczema to proper leprosy) were called leprosy. If a rash appeared on the skin, the person was immediately cast out of the village, had to wear torn clothes and shout out loud "Stay away, I am impure"! This is because leprosy was considered a punishment for great sins, and lepers had to be avoided in every way. If a skin rash mistaken for leprosy healed naturally the person had to go to the priest who would confirm the healing and restore them to social life. Nevertheless proper leprosy never healed, and the person would become more and more disfigured, isolated and rejected until their death. In our story they are ten in number, and **10 in the Bible means totality**. In that village ALL were lepers...all had a disease which kept them away from God and other people.

Luke is telling us that spiritually speaking WE ARE ALL LEPERS, we all have sins, wounds and limits that prevent us from living a full life in God.

### What are our leprosy? What prevents us from living a full life of relationship with God and one another?

Lepers were considered **non-living**, or **walking dead**, and it was thought that even God rejected them and did not listen to their prayers. But Jesus came to show us a completely different image of God. Not a strict judge, but a loving father. Jesus has compassion on these lepers and sends them to the priests to show their healing. Notice that he does not heal them and then send them, he sends them first, and as they go, they are healed.

### Healing from our sins and wounds does not happen all of a sudden, miraculously, but rather as a process, a journey that requires a step at a time.

As the ten are healed, only one turns back to praise God and thank Jesus, and he was a Samaritan, a despised foreigner. Here Luke is not talking about gratitude. The man is praised not because he was grateful and the other nine were not (maybe they were planning to go to Jerusalem, wash, take their families and go to thank Jesus with a gift). The Samaritan is praised because he has understood something fundamental: **That the only place where we find healing from our leprosy, from the moral diseases that keep us away from God, is the Word of Jesus**. The Word of God in the Bible and the Gospel is the only cure for the diseases of a broken world. St Irenaeus famously wrote that **"The glory of God is the man fully alive"**. How do we become fully alive? **By trusting Jesus and walking according to his word**.

# Give glory to God

Weekly Reflections

10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## A reading from St Luke's Gospel

**Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

## Prayer for the Week

Father God, we give you glory because in your son Jesus Christ you show us your loving face. Like the lepers in the Gospel, we trust that your Word can heal us from our sins and wound, so that we may be restored to a living relationship with you and with our brethren. Amen

### Day 1

In the Gospels, the village always symbolises something negative, a place where traditions and customs are so important that anything new is rejected out of prejudice. Jesus tells us that in order to welcome his word and be fully alive we have to come out from these 'villages'.

- What are the 'villages' in our life?
- And in our world?

### Day 2

Lepers at the time of Jesus had to cope not only with a terrible illness that disfigured their bodies, but also with the rejection and contempt of all, including their families. They were forced to live the rest of their days in pain and loneliness. Leprosy has disappeared in our Western world, but there are still people around us who live with illness and isolation.

- Who are the 'lepers' of our society?
- How can we make a difference to them?

### Day 3

Luke uses the story of the ten lepers to stress the fact that we all have sins and limits which prevent us from living a full life according to God's desire. In a sense, we are all **spiritually lepers**.

- What do you think are the spiritual illnesses of our society?
- Why are people always so unhappy?

### Day 4

It is only when the lepers follow the command of Jesus and make the first step on the journey to Jerusalem that they find themselves healed.

- Are there things in your life that need healing?
- The first step towards healing is sharing our pain! If you need help, make sure you talk to someone.

### Day 5

St Irenaeus wrote that "The glory of God is the man fully alive".

God is not our competitor, but a loving father who rejoices when we live our lives fully. He made us and knows what makes us really happy.

- Do you give glory to God with your life? How?





## 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

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

## St Jopen 2



Our 2<sup>nd</sup> St Joseph's Golf day will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Farnham Park Golf Course. It would be lovely to see as many of the St Joseph's community, students and former students, staff and parents take part. Please see below for details.

Mr J Gibbons

## World Mental Health Day-Monday October 10th

The Mental Health Foundation has set us a challenge to help improve our mental health and well-being.

The aim is to complete 12,000 steps a day throughout the month of November- sign up on the website and do your bit to help look after your own mental health and raise funds for this vital organization to support others.

You can learn more about the challenge here <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/get-involved/events/12000-steps-day-november-challenge>



Miss S Cheston

## School Photos – Order Online!

St Josephs had Professional Photographers here on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October to take all students photographs.

Your son/daughter should have come home with their proof form. The images will be available to purchase online at [Marston Events](#)

**Reminder that orders placed within 5 working days will have a 30% discount!**



## House Competition

Well done to all participants in the Bake Off last week. We had over 50 entries and raised lots of money for our school charity in the process. The leader board stands after round 2:

Place	Form	Points
<sup>st</sup> 1	Peter	156
<sup>nd</sup> 2	Jerome	128
<sup>rd</sup> 3	Veronica	108
<sup>th</sup> 4	Teresa	90
<sup>th</sup> 5	Mark	72
<sup>th</sup> 6	Cecilia	59

We raised a **whopping £125.00!** This money will go towards our school charity.

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Form group	Names of student	Position
7 Peter	Alexey Popovic, Edzio Stacey, Maria Drewnowska	1 2 3
8 Peter	Kaitlyn Wynne	1
8 Peter	Emma P,	2
8Veronica	Nikola Zulewska	3
9 Peter	Richard Liyanaarachchige and Michael Njau	1
9 Peter	Anthony Omale	2
9 Cecilia	Romain Janot	3
10 Mark	Amelka Zak	1 <b>Overall winner</b>
11 Teresa	Daniel Roda	1
13 Jerome	Jasmine Hetherington	1
13. Peter	Belatriz Lamelo De Souza	2

Next week the House Countdown competition will take place for all students to participate in.



## House Competition – HIGHLIGHTS





## Parent Survey - DEADLINE

The Parent Survey will close this Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9:00am. Please use the link below to complete the survey. *In order to be entered into the prize draw (£10 Amazon Giftcard) you will need to enter your child's name at the start of the survey*, this is optional.

<https://forms.office.com/r/FNQtk2EE3n>

Your opinions will be greatly valued.

## Rewards Screen

Please see the attachment for full details of the rewards, challengers and dates.

REWARDS SHOP - COLLECTION



LRC

In the Break & Lunch

- Orders before 5pm will be available from the following day
- Orders more than **two weeks** old will be cancelled (points will be refunded)

Mr R Dann

## Literacy - Word and Idiom of the Week

Word of the Week is '**straightforward**'. This adjective means:

1. Something that is uncomplicated and easy to understand.

*"In a straightforward case no fees will be charged"*

2. A person who is honest and frank. Frank means to be open, honest, and direct in speech or writing, especially when dealing with unpalatable matters.

*"A straightforward young person."*

Idiom of the Week is 'to kill two birds with one stone'. This means to succeed in achieving two things in a single action.

### Reading Test Ages and Scores

Thank you to all the students for completing their reading tests. In your next school report, you will see:

- ♦ Your son/daughter's most recent Reading Age (i.e. the age at which their reading ability is compared to the national average).
- ♦ The Progress Category (i.e. a descriptor of the progress that the student has made since their last test or, if no previous test, based on their score compared to the national average).

We will endeavour to send the report that is generated by their test to you, which gives the implications for students on their reading skills, what to improve and who they can be supported.

## Year 13 Information Evening

The sixth form team invite the parents of year 13 to a critical information evening, focusing on:

- ♦ Information and Guidance for students as to how to get in to their top choice university or career
- ♦ How parents can help with supporting making career choices & applications
- ♦ How to prepare for exams and achieve in Year 13
- ♦ How parents can help with supporting study at home
- ♦ The pastoral support that we offer in a critical time of life

Please RSVP via the link here: <https://forms.office.com/r/wgKDJtcc36>

Mr G Stack-Clark

## YEAR 7 NEWS

Well done to the following pupils, Thomas Walls, Jenson Boggi, Connor Jones, Jeremiah Pulickan and Eilis Conlon for earning the most positives in a day.

This week 7 Mark had their retreat, it was a reflective day enjoyed by all. With three weeks to go can we ensure that standards are kept up, excellent uniform and all equipment being carried in your linen bags.

In the meantime have a great weekend.

Mrs Dunleavy



## Year 7 Football

A captivating game was had at Westgate School for the newest Football team at St Joseph's. The Year 7 boys left no fan with any fear of facing boredom. The boys started the game strong with Westgate struggling to break the strong defensive line at the back made up of Edzio, Jenson and Freddie.

We had many chances early on with Thomas give the keeper a few things to think about but we had our best chance when Tobi broke down the left hand side free from any defender and capitalised to tuck his shot away into the bottom left hand corner to make it 1-0. Westgate quickly came back to make it 1-1 with our stellar Goalkeeper Colby narrowly missing the save. We quickly made it 2-1 when David looped a ball from the right half of midfield over to a breaking Rio who kept his composure and slotted the ball away.

Westgate demonstrated vast amounts of resilience once again coming back to make it 2-2. Half time was called, the team spoke, came up with a plan and came out pushing from the whistle. Eoin, Darren, William and Seb made an impact pushing the ball forward from the the start of the second half. The boys had a good chance early on that hit the post and missed by a whisker. Once again a beautiful pass was made through the middle of the defence straight to Rio, he took his time and got his second of the game making it 3-2.

Westgate came back very quickly to make it 3-3. With 10 minutes to go the game became very back and forth, making all fans and coaches nervous as to what the outcome could be. The ref shouts that 2 minutes are remaining. Tobi then breaks down the left side as he had done so well throughout the game. He crosses the ball into the centre of the box where 2 St Joseph's red shirts are placed. The Westgate defender attempts the clearance but unfortunately kicks it in the direction of his own goal, the keeper cannot do anything. Game goes to 4-3 to St Joseph's. The boys win their game and start the season with a victory!

**Man of the Match - Rio and Tobi!**

**Next fixture will be next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Mr Cooper-Santos

## YEAR 11 NEWS

### Y11 Football Game

The year 11 team travelled to Langley Academy for their second instalment of the league title defence.

After a nervous start, Simone threaded the needle through the defence, with a spectacular ball to put Ryleigh through one on one with their goalkeeper. He slides it past the goalkeeper with ease. 1-0.

With St Joseph's playing the majority of the football, but often unable to find the end product. The Langley academy team found them self in a strong position against the run of play. A shot from outside of the area that took a deflection snuck it's way past Alex and found its way into the back of the net for an against the run of play equaliser. 1-1.

Half way through the second half Eryk picks up the ball 10 yards outside of the box and curls his shot around the goalkeeper for a potential goal of the season effort. 2-1.

St Joseph's dominance showing late into the second half, with the midfield creating all the chances and shutting out any threats Langley Academy had. Building play down the right wing, a ball crossed in, pin balling around the 6 yard box and St Joseph's sneaking a toe onto it and directing it into the back of the net. 3-1

MOM – Simone

**Next game Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> @ Westgate**

Mr T Hunt

## YEAR 13 NEWS

Next week year 13 have their post 18 options evening on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. This will be an opportunity to look at the next steps for students. It will provide key information on UCAS, student finance, apprenticeships and key dates/ information regarding this year. Form tutors will also be available to answer any questions you may have.

Only 12 school days left until year 13 begin their PPE's. In preparation, its important students are using the Vespa study skills to revise and prepare in each of their subject areas. In addition, students should be using PLC's and knowledge organizers to help learn and retain key knowledge. Good luck to you all!

Have a great week

Mrs Bray



## PE News

### Upcoming fixtures

#### Football

- ♦ Monday 10th October- Year 8 vs Dedworth (away)
- ♦ Monday 10th October- Year 7 vs Dedworth (home)
- ♦ Tuesday 11th October- Year 9 vs LGS (away)
- ♦ Thursday 13th October- Year 11 vs Westgate (away)

#### Netball and Girls Football

- ♦ Tuesday 11th October- Year 11 netball tournament @ Herschel
- ♦ Wednesday 12th October- Year 7 and 8 girls football vs Baylis and Herschel @ Baylis
- ♦ Thursday 13th October- Year 8 and Year 9 netball vs Westgate (home)

Miss M Joseph

## History House Competition!

October marks Black History Month here in the UK - a month in which we celebrate the achievements of black individuals and groups throughout History.

To mark Black History Month, the History Department invites you to create a fact-file, poster or presentation on any significant black individual throughout British history.

To enter, please bring your poster to any member of the History Department by the end of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Miss E Weir

## CAFOD Young Leaders

On Thursday, our CAFOD Young Leaders went to The Archbishop Amigo Jubilee Hall at St. George's Cathedral in London. Their project throughout the last year has involved raising money to buy school supplies for children in Nigeria.



They delivered a presentation on how successful this has been and how they had grown as leaders. Well done to Olivia Quinn, Dawid Fulara, Bela Lamelo De Souza and Iyanu Sanni!



Mr T Ojakovoh



## Design and Technology Department

Year 7 are busy designing their mini-mes, whilst enjoying tasty fruit salads; Year 8 have baked delicious savoury rolls, and are now working on puddings, whilst in the workshops they have begun working with tools and equipment to complete their first practical tasks. Year 9 have been learning about the sources and discussing impacts of different materials and have built on their first breadsticks bake using the recipe to make perfect pizzas. Year 10 are investigating mechanisms and motions and creating products and dishes for specific users. Examination classes are progressing well with their NEAs having mostly met their first interim deadlines.

Fantastic efforts by the pupils in our electives too- We are really looking forward to sharing some more of the great work being produced both here in the newsletter and also on our Instagram: stjosephsdt

Keep up the great work DT!



### D&T Stars of the week



Demi-Mae Bailey, Emilia Pytel, Kacper Kostrakiewicz, Vanessa Buda, Daya Kumar for highest positive points awarded in Design and Technology subjects recently.

## EAL NEWS (English as an Additional Language)



### Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer many opportunities for learning. Use the following tips to support reading at home:

<p><b>Questions</b></p> <p>Fill free to use your home language when talking about the book.</p>	<p>All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to'. Ask questions before, during, and after reading aloud. This can help your child focus attention on the ideas in the story. So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is happening?</li> <li>• Where is this?</li> <li>• Who is that?</li> <li>• When might this be happening?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ask your child to summarise what they have read</b></p>	<p>Model how to summarise the key events/facts in the book. Encourage your child to have a go using a proper sentence and relate the book to what he/she already knows or has experienced.</p>
<p><b>Maintain the motivation to read</b></p>	<p>Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Engage in conversations; offer a literacy-rich environment, even talk about school, magazines, or current events. Ask them what they are reading and discuss the books. Also, ask them about their reading age and appreciate their efforts.</p>







# #IcandoMaths

## Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- B** At each of the points indicated by a dot, four quadrilaterals meet, so that at least four colours are needed.  
The diagram shows that four colours is possible, so the minimum number of colours Khelen needs is four.



## Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- B** The value of 2019 tenths is  $2019 \times \frac{1}{10} = 201.9$

## Problem of the week

Four different positive integers are to be chosen so that they have a mean of 2017. What is the smallest possible range of the chosen integers?

- A 2                      B 3                      C 4                      D 5                      E 6

## Break time Teaser:

Each of the diagrams below shows a circle and four small squares. In each case, the centre of the circle is the point where all four squares meet.

In one of the diagrams, exactly one third of the circle is shaded. Which one?



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

# PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

## YEAR 7

**Eilis Conlon** and **Maya Biskupiak- Shah** for the most number of positives this week

## YEAR 8

**Dominic Szczepanek** (8 Mark) for showing excellent enthusiasm and curiosity during his braille elective, **Phoebe Tomar** (8 Teresa) for gaining an impressive number of positive points this week whilst always showing a positive attitude.

Special mention also to the **whole of 8 Mark** who have received lots of positive comments from their teachers. They have been described as a group that worked to their highest possible ability and showed a great deal resilience.

## YEAR 9

**Wiktoria Rygielski** and **Nathan James** for highest amount of positive points this week

## YEAR 10

**Chauntell Filipowicz**, **Isabelle Pace**, **AJ Samar** for the most amount of positive points this week - well done!

## YEAR 11

**Aleksander Jozwiak** and **Nikola Wietchy** for the most positive points this week

## YEAR 12

**Daniela San Juan De Leon**, **Bobby Kadiri**, **Aaron Cabasa**, **Rhys Wilder** for their fantastic efforts at the primary school's football festival

## YEAR 13

**Michael Addison** for the best reading score in the school and **Natasha Baron** for being really focused on her career choice and working hard to achieve in her subjects.

Well done to **Olivia Quinn**, **Dawid Fulara**, **Bela Lamelo De Souza** and **Iyanu Sanni** our CAFOD Young Leaders for their project presentation at the Archbishop Amigo Jubilee Hall at St. George's Cathedral in London