



### Commonwealth Baton Relay



We had two year 7 students and Mrs Anstiss who were our representatives for the commonwealth games baton relay that has been taking place across the whole of Slough this week. They collected the baton from two Lynch Hill representatives outside of school and after being cheered on from some of our students and staff, ran all the way to the next stop, Willow Primary. They were also joined by Lesley Owusu, former GB sprinter and St. Joseph's alumni to complete their stretch of the course. They all then spent the afternoon at the celebration/closing event hosted by Wexham School where the Mayor and Mayoress were in attendance.

We are extremely proud of all involved and very grateful for the opportunity to represent our local community.

## 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/Newsletter-08.07-1.m4v>

St Joseph, pray for us

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## THEME OF THE WEEK – Who is my neighbour?

Our theme this week comes from the words in the Gospel; 'Who is my neighbour?'. Jesus is asked by a lawyer about how he could inherit eternal life. Jesus answers by saying: 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' (Luke 10:26) But the lawyer questioned Jesus on who his neighbour was. Jesus replied with the parable of the Good Samaritan, a story that we know so well. This story helps us to reflect upon who our neighbour is and how we treat others.

**Who would you say is your neighbour?**

**What would you have done in this story? Would you have stopped and helped or walk on?**

The question that the lawyer asked at the beginning of the Gospel about inheriting eternal life is important for us to think about too. We desire to have eternal life, but what do we have to do to reach it? The answer is in the Gospel. What does the Gospel say? We are on the journey towards eternal life, it's not just something for the end of our earthly life, we must prepare now. We are called to live a life of holiness.

**What must you do to inherit eternal life?**

**What changes or decisions do you need to make?**

As we come to the end of the school year, we can look back and reflect upon our spiritual journey we have been on this year.

**Where have you experienced the love of God?**

**Who has inspired you in faith?**

There have been many experiences of joy and everything we have been given this year has been a gift from God. Think back over the year, what can you be grateful for? Who has helped you this year, who has supported you and guided you? What can you take from your experiences and to share with others?

Let us give all the glory back to God in thanksgiving and joy!

# Who is my neighbour?

Weekly Reflections  
11<sup>th</sup> July 2022



## A reading from St Luke's Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

## Prayer for the Week

Gracious and Holy Father, give us the wisdom to discover You, the intelligence to understand You, the diligence to seek after You, the patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You, and a life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

### Day 1

Our theme this week is 'Who is my neighbour?', the question that was asked to Jesus in the Gospel. Jesus' answer was in the form of the parable of the Good Samaritan. This is a well-known story which helps us to reflect upon who is our neighbour.

- Who would you say is your neighbour?
- What would you have done in this story? Would you have stopped and helped or walk on?

### Day 2

'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' - We desire to have eternal life, but what do we have to do to reach it? The answer is in the Gospel. What does the Gospel say? We are on the journey towards eternal life, it's not just something for the end of our earthly life, we must prepare now. We are called to live a life of holiness.

- What must you do to inherit eternal life?
- What changes or decisions do you need to make?

### Day 5

God of the ordinary, be with us as we spend our time with friends and family. Give us strength and courage to do what is right, to be witnesses of our faith. Amen.

### Day 3

**St Benedict (11<sup>th</sup> July)**

*Lord God, you appointed Saint Benedict*

*to be a wise master in the school of your service.*

*Give us grace to put your love before all else, and so to run with joy in the way of your commandments.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

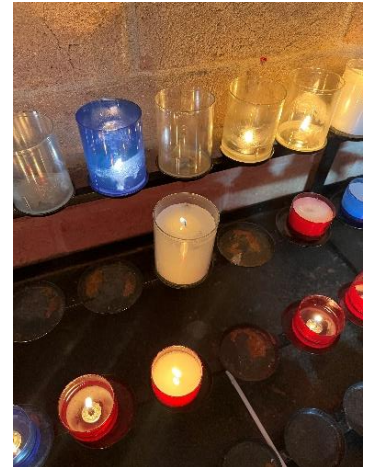
### Day 4

**Glory Be**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen



## Chaplaincy Trip to Walsingham!



**The candle for the school community**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, the Chaplaincy Ambassadors spent the day at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham. The Ambassadors joined other pilgrims for Mass, visited the Slipper Chapel and the pilgrim site as well as spending some time in prayer at the candle bank, praying for the school community.



## Academic Review Day

Academic Review Day will be this Monday 11th July from 8am – 4pm. All parents/guardians should now have made a 15 minute appointment to see your child's form tutor to discuss their progress to date.

When you arrive to St Joseph's for your meeting please can you go to the main reception of the school first to sign in. From there you will then be directed to your child's form room for your scheduled appointment. When arriving to the classroom chairs will be placed outside in case you have to wait for the tutor. Those driving to St Joseph's are more than welcome to park their cars on our school playgrounds, 6th form students will be there to assist with direction for this. I advise that you don't park on the slip road into St Joseph's. Please can I then ask that you go to the main reception again after your appointment to sign out before leaving.

All students who are entitled to Free School Meals will be able to pick up a packed lunch from the canteen after their meeting.

Work for lessons on Monday will be uploaded to Microsoft Teams so your child can complete at home.

If you have any concerns please do contact your child's form tutor

## 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>

Mr J Gibbons



## Awards Evening 2021/22

Our Awards Evening took place yesterday where we saw over 150 of our pupils receiving a variety of academic and pastoral awards. Over 350 people in our community attended. They enjoyed a selection of canapes and drinks before the event, made very kindly by Mr Mall & our Year 10 Food Technology students. The evening itself saw a variety of musical and theatrical performances as well as two of our past pupils (Declan Waters & Janella Marie de Jesus) speaking to our award winners.



We were delighted that Nathan Marriot's family were in attendance to present his award for excellence - which was presented to Ethan Louis in Year 10.

I would like to thank everybody that contributed to the evening, we look forward to celebrating the successes of our pupils next year.

Mr Dann



...and our special winner in memory of  
Nathan Marriot –

**Ethan Louis** holding the Nathan  
Marriot Award

## Rewards Screen

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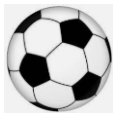


In the **LRC** all day every day!

*\* Orders before 5pm will be available from the following day*



Mrs R Dann



## Official Fantasy Premier League 2021/22

Dear parents/carers,

If you or anyone in your family enjoys playing Fantasy Football (FPL) you can be a part of the SJCHS FPL Premier League.

There is a link below to click to register your team and join our school league.

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/fn6vw3>



## YEAR 8 NEWS

What a pleasure it was last night giving out my Head of Year awards. As I said on the evening I could have given out the awards many times and it was a really difficult choice, a massive well done to Anushka and Nathan. Next week we have the following events happening

- ❖ **Monday:** Academic Review Day- Please ensure that you have made an appointment with your child's tutor on the day. This is to discuss academic progress and will be around 15 minutes long.
- ❖ **Thursday:** Thorpe Park
- ❖ **Friday:** There will be a whole school mass. Details will be sent out during the week. In the meantime have a fabulous weekend

Mrs Dunleavy

## YEAR 10 NEWS

The last 2 weeks have been incredibly busy for Year 10. I am so proud of all our students for the positivity and resilience with which they approached their first ever PPEs.

This morning we received our results which was a really great experience. We have got around 310 days until our GCSEs are due to start.

The message today is that every single one of our students is capable of making excellent progress and improvements in that time. We have got lots of plans in place for next year to support them in this but ultimately we ask that everyone tries their best, does everything that is asked of them and completes regular revision. If there is anything you are worried about following the exams please speak to your child's form tutor on academic review day.

It was so wonderful to see our last ever sports day this week and I am really looking forward to our final week of term. We will be working hard right up until the last lesson on Friday so attendance is vital!

Finally I would just like to thank all of the students who have gone above and beyond this half term. Those who helped out at Year 6 transition day and with the awards evening in particular.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mr Robinson

## YEAR 12 NEWS

A big thank you to all the year 12 helpers this week who have assisted with induction day, sports day and awards evening. You have been fantastic and have shown a real sense of leadership and community.

Year 12 had fun celebrating sports day on Wednesday. Students participated in athletics track and field events as well as basketball and dodgeball. Congratulations to Peter house who won for year 12 and Cecilia who won overall, in the whole school results.

Congratulations to all who received an award at awards evening. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the success of so many of you this year and for you to be recognized for your diligence and hard work. Hope you enjoyed it.

### Another busy week coming up:

- ❖ Monday: Academic review day
- ❖ Tuesday: Electives period 5
- ❖ Thursday: Thorpe Park rewards trip
- ❖ Friday: Whole school mass 9:15 and finish at 12:30

Have a great week!

Mrs Bray

## St Joseph's 2022 Sports Day

On Wednesday we had our Sports Day which saw some huge successes across all the year groups. We had pupils show off their natural talents and for some, their sheer resilience to succeed. On the day it was great to see so many pupils involved and that commitment saw **Cecilia House** take the overall Sports Day Winners for 2022.

### Overall Winners



### Year 10 Winners



### Year 9 Winners



### Year 7 Winners

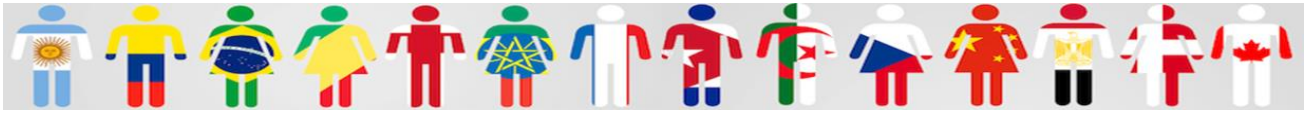


### Year 8 Winners









## EAL NEWS (English as an Additional Language)

**EAL Social Club** will be for year 8, 9 and 10 (Week 2) remember it is Chat & Chew so come with your lunch. Please use your login to start your independent learning at home. For all the students on Access Pathway, you are required to go to T1 every morning after line up on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I will always be happy to help. [J.Ura@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:J.Ura@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)

### Food for thought over the summer

Going away in the next couple of weeks? Whether you are going away or not, remember that children learn through play and curiosity. At the same time, playing with children is important for supporting your child's literacy development, reducing stress and improving mental health among parents or caregivers. Several studies suggest that learning is a major part of what occurs during play: Playing and learning are inextricably linked. For children, playing with adults is likely to be even more enriching.

Here are some fun games for all ages:

1. **20 Questions:** [Click here to learn how to play this game](#)
2. **Pass The Story:** [Click here](#)
3. **Scrabble:** [How to play Scrabble](#)
4. **Terraforming Mars:** [Click here to Learn how to play](#)
5. **Don't Eat Pete:** [How to play](#)

### Free Online resources

Document about parenting and supporting teenagers

[https://worldwithoutorphans.org/service/38803/download/id/562995/name/Parenting\\_Tips\\_Merged\\_16.pdf](https://worldwithoutorphans.org/service/38803/download/id/562995/name/Parenting_Tips_Merged_16.pdf)







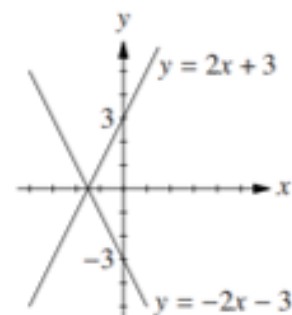
# #IcandoMaths

## Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- E The diagram shows that the reflection of the line  $y = 2x + 3$  in the  $x$ -axis has gradient  $-2$  and an intercept on the  $y$ -axis of  $(0, -3)$ .

Therefore, the equation of the reflected line is  $y = -2x - 3$ .

(Note that reflection in the  $x$ -axis changes  $y$  to  $-y$ .  
Hence the equation of the reflected line is  $-y = 2x + 3$ ,  
so  $y = -2x - 3$ .)

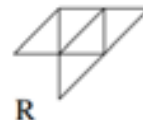
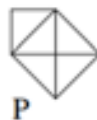


## Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- E In ascending order, the first factors of 240 are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 20.  
So the first numbers on Kai's list are 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19.  
Hence the sixth number on the list is 17.

## Problem of the week

Five congruent triangles, each of which is half a square, are placed together edge to edge in three different ways as shown to form shapes P, Q and R.



Which of the following lists gives the shapes in ascending order of the lengths of their perimeters?

- A P, Q, R      B Q, P, R      C R, Q, P      D R, P, Q      E P, R, Q

## Break time Teaser:

Which one of these is a multiple of 24?

- A 200      B 300      C 400      D 500      E 600

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



# PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

## YEAR 8

**Wiktoria Rygielski** and **Oliver Ventura** - Both for highest achieving classcharts this week

## YEAR 9

**Kacper Moszumanski** and **Julia Pytel** for earning the most positive points in the year group this week.

## YEAR 10

**All of Year 10** for their fantastic efforts in the PPE exams. I am so proud of you all!

## YEAR 12

**Piotr Augustyn-Sharma** and **Hannah Crow** for helping with whole school events this week.