



Year 8 netball team win the tournament!



This week we saw the year 8 netball team take part in their Netball tournament which had been cancelled earlier in the year. The team were extremely keen and excited to take part in their tournament. All girls who took part played an important role in the team and fought hard in every game they played. Their hard work and competitiveness paid off as they won.

★ Well done year 8 netball team! ★

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/20220513-Ht-Newsletter-13Th-May-2022-1.m4v>

St Joseph, pray for us

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THEME OF THE WEEK – Loving Friends

Our theme for the week is Loving Friends as we hear in the Gospel Jesus giving the commandment to love one another, as He has loved us. We are called to love everyone, Jesus laid down His life for everyone, we must take His example of loving one another, unconditionally, putting others first. We read in the Gospel this week of Jesus speaking to His disciples preparing them for when He has ascended into heaven. What is important to notice here is that Jesus gives a commandment. We must love one another. As disciples of Jesus, we must be that example showing to others how to love and care for one another. We are called to be Christ in the world, in everything we do we must be Christ-like and loving to everyone we meet. We shouldn't choose who to love and not to love, we are to love everyone just as Jesus loves us.

How can you be Christ-like today, showing love and care to those around you today?

We hear in the Gospel Jesus talking about God being glorified. Everything we have been given is a gift from God, in all that we do, all glory must be given back to God. Jesus has been glorified, God has been glorified in Him as He is divine, everything we are given by God we must thank Him and give Him back the glory.

What things in your life are a gift? What do you want to say thank you to God for and giving Him back the glory?

Every week in the liturgical year, there are saint's feast days. This week we celebrate the feast days of Pope Saint John I, St Dunstan, St Bernadine of Siena, and Ss Christopher Magallanes and companions. St Dunstan is an English saint; he was once the Bishop of Worcester. We can ask these saints and all the saints to pray for us. They have specific intentions that they are patrons of, we can take inspiration too of their lives and the way they lived with Christ at the forefront of their hearts and minds.

What saints do you know about? What is it about them and their story that inspires you?

The month of May is dedicated to Mary our mother, the mother of Jesus. She too is a saint who we can ask for her prayers, and particularly during this month of May. There is a tradition of crowning a statue of Mary with flowers during the month of Mary. Mary our mother and Queen of the May – Pray for us!

Loving Friends

Weekly Reflections
16th May 2022



A reading from St John's Gospel

John 13:31-35

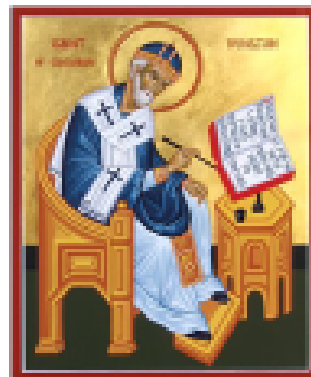
When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

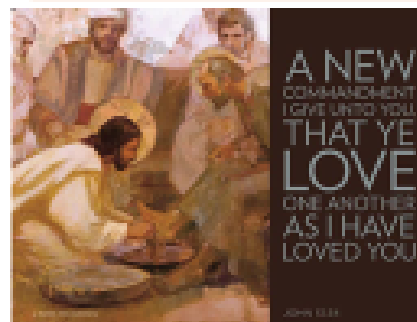
Prayer for the Week

God our Father, may all that we see and experience lead us to grow in wonder and respect, that we may value and be thankful for everything in our lives each day. Inspire us to choose wisely and live positively, and make good use of our knowledge and talents, both for ourselves and for the benefit of others.
Amen.



Day 1

We read in the Gospel this week of Jesus speaking to His disciples preparing them for when He has ascended into heaven. Jesus gives the commandment to love one another. What is important to notice here is that Jesus gives a commandment. We must love one another. As disciples of Jesus, we must be that example showing to others how to love and care for one another. We are called to be Christ in the world, in everything we do we must be Christ-like and loving to everyone we meet. We shouldn't choose who to love and not to love, we are to love everyone just as Jesus loves us. How can you be Christ-like today, showing love and care to those around you today?



Day 2

"God is glorified" - In all that we do, all glory must be given back to God. Jesus has been glorified, God has been glorified in Him as He is divine, everything we are given by God we must thank Him and give Him back the glory. Spend a few moments now, thinking of all that you have been given. Silently in your heart, tell Jesus all these things that you have been given and say a prayer of thanksgiving.

Day 3

Short Litany of Thanksgiving
Father, you bless us with the gift of life. Father, we give you thanks.
You give us your Son as our Saviour. Father, we give you thanks. You teach us his word of life. Father, we give you thanks.
You make us your holy people. Father, we give you thanks. You call us to sing your praises for ever.
Father, we give you thanks.

Beloved God,
you have given us all grace and life through the hands of Christ our Saviour.
With Jesus, we bless Your Name.
With Him we thank You.
Amen.

Day 4

St Dunstan - Feast Day
19th May
Bishop of Worcester
Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

Amen.

Day 5

O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.
Amen.

YEAR 8 NEWS

Another really successful week here at school.

Well done to 8 Cecilia who won Krispy Kremes for the whole form. Today we had an awards assembly led by Mr Dann, congratulations to all the winners.

This week Year 8 have been looking at natural disasters in Geography, in History they are learning about WW1, Science chemical and metals, Music they have been looking at 3 little birds Bob Marley.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Dunleavy



YEAR 11 NEWS

Important information GCSE Exams starting Monday 16th May: - Please read the attached letter giving information on the GCSE Exams

YEAR 12 NEWS

This week has been exceptionally challenging for all of us and in fairness, you have been outstanding. I am honestly very proud of the way the Work Experience went through especially considering that we had inspection the same days.

Regardless, we continue as planned with no incidence but very good feedback from Learning to Work agency and all St Jo's staff.



It was one of those weeks that makes all the hard work and effort worthy. At the same time, from my personal perspective and also from your answers I can say that it was quite useful Work Experience, remarkably the "Speed dating" with the Business experts. This kind of opportunities are rare so use every single one to get the maximum benefit from as it could be life changing moment.

Talking about completely different topic, next week we start the exam season. Here you have the exam you might have next week:

Mon 16 May	08:45	01:30	EDEXL/KSQ	31490H01	Hlth & Social Human Lifespan Development	BTNG/B	12 & 13
Mon 16 May	13:00	01:30	EDEXL/KSQ	31524H01	Sport:Anatomy and Physiology	BTNG/B	12 & 13
Mon 16 May	13:00	01:40	EDEXL/GCE	8FM0 01	Core Pure Mathematics	GCE/ASB	12
Tue 17 May	08:45	01:30	AQA	7404/1	Chemistry AS Paper 1	GCE/ASB	12
Wed 18 May	08:45	01:30	AQA	7407/1	Physics AS Paper 1	GCE/ASB	12
Wed 18 May	08:45	01:45	AQA	8700/1	English Language Paper 1	GCSE/9FC	12 & 13
Thu 19 May	08:45	02:00	EDEXL/KSQ	31463H01	Bus&Ent:Personal and Business Finance	BTNG/B	12 & 13
Thu 19 May	13:00	02:00	EDEXL/GCE	8MA0 01	Pure Mathematics	GCE/ASB	12
Fri 20 May	08:45	01:30	EDEXL/GCSE	1MA1 1F	Maths Non Calculator [F]	GCSE/9FC	12 & 13
Fri 20 May	08:45	01:30	EDEXL/GCSE	1MA1 1H	Maths Non Calculator [H]	GCSE/9FC	12 & 13
Fri 20 May	13:00	01:30	AQA	7401/1	Biology AS Paper 1	GCE/ASB	12
Fri 20 May	13:00	01:30	EDEXL/KSQ	20207K01	The World of Travel and Tourism	BTNG/B	12 & 13
Fri 20 May	13:00	01:30	EDEXL/KSQ	31491H01	Working in Health and Social Care	BTNG/B	12 & 13

Remember you need to be ready and prepared before your exam time. I will set reminders and I will be round to check if there is any problem

Next PSHE is on Tuesday 17th May P1

Good luck with your exams! You are the best!

Mr Romero - Head of Year 12

YEAR 13 NEWS

Good luck to all who are starting exams on Monday. Additional intervention sessions have been put in place for Year 13 so they will need to refer to their alternative timetable. **Just a reminder** that students cannot wear a watch and all water bottles must be clear of labels.

Prom is due to take place on Thursday 14th July at Wexham Park Golf Course. Tickets are available for £30. There will be a buffet, DJ and fruit punch.

Next week PSHE will be on Tuesday period 1 therefore all year 13 should be in for form time.

Thank you.

Mrs K Bray

Head of Year 13

Literacy Update

Literacy - Word and Idiom of the Week

The word this coming week is '**notwithstanding**'. This is preposition and a synonym for the phrases 'in spite of this'. This means 'without being affected by the particular factor mentioned'. An example sentence is:

"Notwithstanding the evidence, the consensus is that the jury will not reach a verdict".

"He was suddenly cold in spite of the sun".

The idiom this coming week is '**The Darkest Hour is Just Before the Dawn**'. This is an expression that conveys the opinion that there is hope, even in the worst of circumstances.

UNWANTED UNIFORM ITEMS – DONATIONS VERY WELCOME!

We are currently running very low on clothing we can loan to students in the event of accidents or one of our pupils needing to borrow an item of clothing during school hours.

We kindly request that if you have any items that are no longer needed and you wish to donate to the school for us to assist our students we would be very grateful!

Clothing must be **clean** and **undamaged** and we specifically require following items:

- ❖ Blazers
- ❖ Trousers
- ❖ Skirts
- ❖ Ties

Thank you very much in advance for your support.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

A huge Congratulations to the Year 10s who took part in the Duke of Edinburgh expedition last weekend.

A couple of groups took a short cut at the end so may need to redo one of the days!

Overall it was a very successful weekend

Well done!

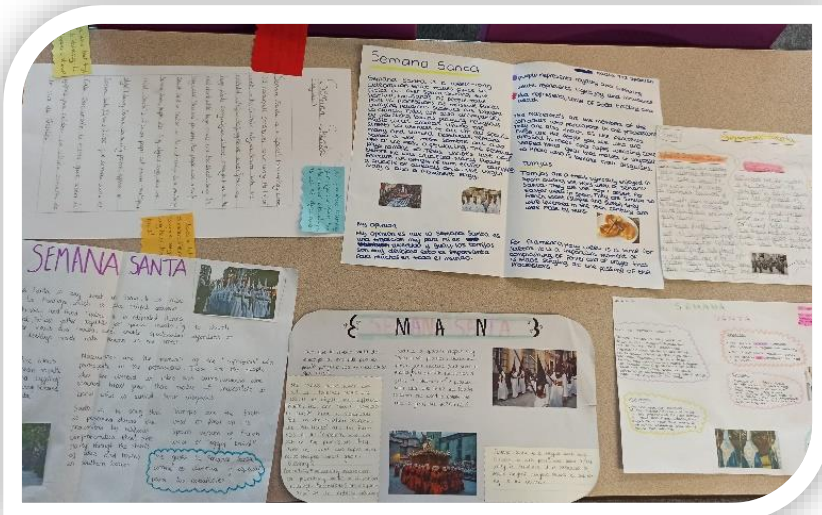


MFL News

Semana Santa is a week-long celebration that takes place in cities all over Spain. During the festival, thousands of people take part in processions. Floats carry religious statues representing religious scenes. Marching bands play religious music with crowds lining the streets to witness it all.

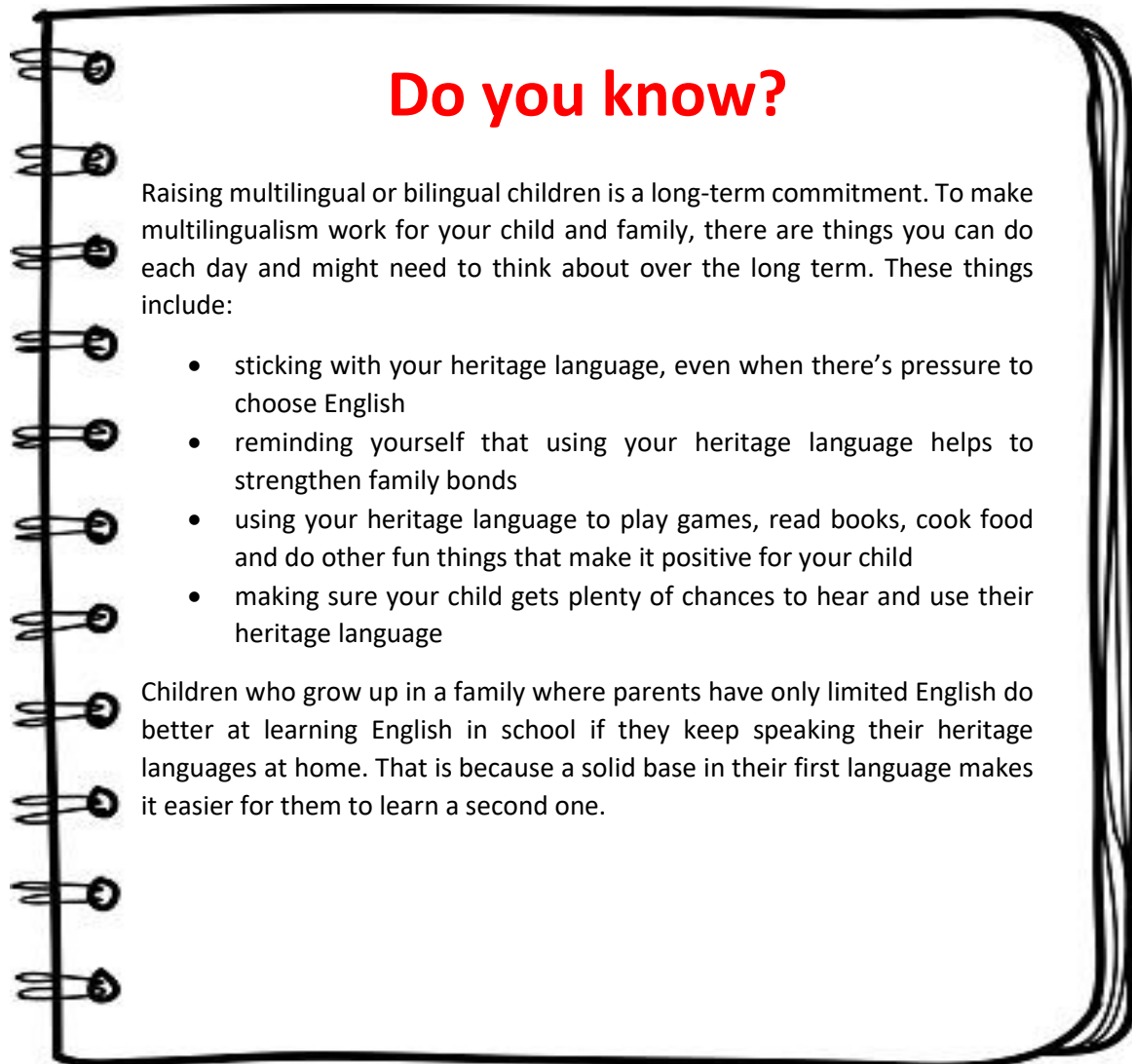
Of all Spain's many and varied festivals, **Semana Santa** is the most sombre but also one of the most captivating. The festival pays homage to Jesus Christ's last days before he was crucified. Many floats (called **pasos** or **tronos**) feature an effigy of him either carrying a crucifix or already on it. The Virgin Mary is also a prominent effigy.

Our students have created outstanding projects about this celebration. Here are some of them:



EAL NEWS (English as an Additional Language)

EAL Social Club will be for year 8, 9, and 10 (Week 1:12:25-1.00pm) remember it is Chat & Chew so come with your lunch.



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



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Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- C** The perimeter of each rectangle is $2 \times (3 + 1) \text{ cm} = 8 \text{ cm}$.
 The total perimeter, in cm, of the separate rectangles is therefore $100 \times 8 = 800$. When two rectangles are placed together at a "join" in the pattern, there is an overlap of length 1 cm and the total perimeter is reduced by 2 cm. In the complete pattern there are 99 joins and hence its perimeter, in cm, is $800 - 99 \times 2 = 800 - 198 = 602$.

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- B** In hours, 6 minutes equals $\frac{6}{60} = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1$.

Problem of the week

Patrick drives from P to Q at an average speed of 40 mph. His drive back from Q to P is at an average speed of 45 mph and takes two minutes less.

How far, in miles, is it from P to Q?

- A 1.5 B 6 C 9 D 12 E 15

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.

PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7

Dorian Kubiak and Mia Thornhill for excellent reading during tutor time

Daragh Byrne and Mia Thornhill for their learned attitude in lessons this week. Well done!

YEAR 8

Abnushka Kelvin Kappil for attainment and **Adriel Dias** for overall progress

YEAR 12

Adrian Fernandes and Rebecca Conlon for their amazing participation during Work Experience sessions

YEAR 13

Brandon Matthews and Lee Collins for excellent work on their work placements