



Year 7 Girls Football



An amazing win for the Year 7 Girls team on Wednesday afternoon against Baylis Court. It was a dominant display from start to finish with the game finishing with a result of 6-1! Keep up the good work girls!

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/20221014-Newsletter-1.m4v>

St Joseph, pray for us

Ciran

THEME OF THE WEEK – Steadfast in Faith

This week Jesus tells another story to explain the importance of keeping prayer going in order not to lose heart. Sometimes, when we look at all the violence, injustice, corruption, financial struggle, poverty and war around us we are tempted to become discouraged. As soon as we switch on the television all we hear is that nothing will ever change, and things will only get worse. Jesus gives us a remedy to avoid going with the flow of resignation and pessimism: PRAYER. **Are you ever tempted to lose heart? Why?**

In order to use this remedy, we have to understand it first. **What is prayer?** Some people think it's the repetition of formulas like the Our Father, Hail Mary, etc. These established texts may well be used in prayer, but they are not PRAYER in themselves. Other people think that prayer is only a way of endearing God to obtain something from him; a tit-for-tat where we pay Him some lip service and then expect Him function as our life insurance. This is not prayer either.

So what is prayer? **A DIALOGUE.** Prayer happens when, in a moment of stillness, we open our hearts to God in a conversation. In this conversation we tell God about our worries and hopes, we express our love for Him and we get to know Him better just as we would a friend or a spouse. How does God speak to us in this dialogue? Through his word: Holy Scripture. Through the prayerful reading of the Bible we understand what God thinks, what his dreams on us are, and how we can align our choices with his project and live lives that build the kingdom of God here on earth.

Prayer only happens within a **relationship** with God. Without a relationship there cannot be authentic prayer, and without prayer we get sucked into the mentality of the world, its fashions, its false promises, and its pessimism. **What is your prayer life like? Are your prayers just words or do you have a dialogue with the Father?**

Going back to our parable, we see two characters: The judge and the widow. **The judge does not represent God, and the message is not that we must annoy an unjust God until he hears our prayers out of tiredness.** The judge is the incarnation of all those established institutions which promote injustice rather than justice, oppression rather than liberation, corruption rather than equity. The widow represents those who are weakest and often are the victims of injustice, those who are deprived of the little they have by the greed of others. The widow could have just said "What can I do, this is how the world goes" and go away in resignation, or turn herself to injustice like the others. Instead she cries day and night, takes an active part in the promotion of her right until justice is restored. The widow teaches us that getting involved in restoring justice is worthwhile.

God gave us various gifts so that WE can make a difference in the world rather than expect a miracle from above. It is God's desire to see justice back in our world, but he wants **us** to be the agents of his kingdom and keep trying to build the world he wants by staying in touch with him in prayer. This is the meaning of the last questions Jesus asks: *when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?*, that is, when Jesus will return in glory to judge all the world, will he find people who love God, remain faithful in a dialogue with him and work for justice, or will he just find automata who repeat prayers while lamenting how miserable a place the world is and hoping in a miracle? **In which group will you be?**

Steadfast in Faith

Weekly Reflections

17th October 2022

A reading from St Luke's Gospel Luke 18:1-8

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father, keep us steadfast in our faith in you. We know that you want to build your Kingdom in this world through our hands; make us hopeful and willing to work in your presence for healing and reconciliation in a troubled world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Day 1

In our Gospel Jesus tells a parable to teach us that to avoid becoming discouraged, we must always give space to prayer. Discouragement seems to be very popular in our times, with new wars, financial struggles, climate issues etc.

- Why do you think human beings have a tendency to become discouraged?
- Is there something in particular that makes you lose hope?

Day 2

Prayer is the remedy for discouragement. But **what is prayer?** Is it a mere repetition of formulas (Our Father, Hail Mary etc.)? Is it paying lip service to God so that he may miraculously solve our problems in return?

- Do you have a prayer life?
- If so, how would you describe it?

Day 3

The wicked judge in the parable represents established institutions of power which promote injustice rather than justice, oppression rather than liberation, corruption rather than equity. The widow is a metaphor for those who are weak and helpless, and often at the receiving end of injustice.

- Who are the judges and the widows of our society?

Day 4

Jesus asks: *when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?*, that is, when He will return in glory to judge all the world, will he find people who love God, remain faithful in a dialogue with him and work for justice, or will he just find human robots who repeat prayers while lamenting how miserable a place the world is and hoping in a miracle?

- In which group will you be?
- Where do you think we should turn to find out what God thinks and how He wants us to live?

Day 5

A beautiful prayer to say before going to bed, particularly when you are worried about something:

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The judgment seat at Tel Dan (800 BC)

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 2nd St Joseph's Golf day will take place on Saturday 22nd 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

Rewards Screen

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



★Pupil & Parent Survey Winners★

Thank you very much to the 201 Parents who took part in our termly survey. We are currently reviewing all of the responses and will be looking to move the school forward bearing these in mind. As promised, I have done the draw for the £10 Amazon Gift Card and our winners are:

The Parents of Liv Basquill in Year 7 (it would seem that Liv will be the one actually spending the money!)

Our Pupil Survey Winner is: **Adrian Vaughan in Year 8**

Well done to you all.

Mr R Dann

Literacy - Word and Idiom of the Week

Word of the Week is 'undergo' which means to experience or endure something.

"The planes have to undergo rigorous safety checks."

"You may undergo disappointment and failure before experiencing success."

Idiom of the Week is 'elbow grease' which means to do hard physical work like scrubbing.

"If you put in some elbow grease, you will be rewarded."

Miss A Nash

YEAR 7 NEWS

Another great week for year 7. This week 7P and 7C went on their retreats. In lessons they have been studying the following: In English looking at creative writing, in Drama acting out the Pied Piper in History the slave trade, in Geography continents and co-ordinates and in Food tech they have made fruit salad. Its pizza next! Next week 7V and 7T are going on their retreats. In the meantime have a great weekend.

Mrs Dunleavy



**Positive vibes heading off
to retreat from 7C !**

7C Amazing Cell's Project!



Year 7 Football

A tough result for the Year 7 Boys team this week, despite the loss the boys showed a high level of resilience and passion throughout. We go again next week Away to Langley Grammar on Monday. A shout out to two students who received Man of the Match honours for their individual displays, well done to **Freddie Clark** and **David Gheorghita**.



Mr Cooper-Santos

YEAR 8 NEWS

Netball

On Thursday the Year 8 netball team had a match against Westgate.



The girls fought hard through each quarter and ended up winning 8-5. Well done to: Samantha Albalate, Licia Triumph, Ava Bellamy, Ella Villacrusis, Emilia Malczewska, Abi Samar, Paulina Konopka, Wiki Banasik, Natalia Zaworska and Mikah Aungon.

Player of the match: Mikah Aungon

Football

The year 8 girls' football team started their season with a 7-0 win against Baylis! St Joseph's seemed unstoppable with Nadia Yara and Celine up front and in midfield; with Nadia scoring 6 and Yara scoring 1. Isla, Luciana and Natalia with a strong defensive line acting like a brick wall and not let anything/anyone past them! It was a great game to watch/coach and puts us in great stead for the upcoming power league tournament. Well done to: Natalia Zaworksa, Luciana Mwaura, Celine Sydyk, Nadia Sztuba, Isla Slessor and Yara Teixeira.

Player of the match: Nadia Sztuba



Miss M Joseph

YEAR 8 Football v Dedworth

The Y8 football team opened their campaign at home against Dedworth.

A battle that was even through the game, but St Joseph's took an early lead with a great effort from Kosi placing the ball in the back of the net to put St Joseph's 1-0 early.

This goal set the tone of the goal festival that laid awaiting.

Kasper showing great footballing control and skills delivered the next blow to the score board putting St Joseph's up 2-0 early on in the first half. After a tough final period to the first half, and conceding far too many goals. The half finished 4-2 to Dedworth School.

The second half started with St Joseph's looking sharp. Playing all of the football in the middle of the park. This resulted in Alex getting in a scoring the first goal of the 2nd half 4-3.

After great attacking pressure, Dedworth seemed to bend, giving away a penalty and an opportunity to draw things level. The captain, Jean-Marie steps up and slots away the ball in the back of the net. 4-4

A similar story to the last goal, the pressure had been building and something gave. Again another penalty and an opportunity to get the lead back. Jean-Marie steps up again to take the penalty and just like last!

After a tense final 5 minutes with great defensive efforts the game finished 5-4 and St Joseph's take the win.

Goals

- ♦ Jean-Marie x2
- ♦ Kosi
- ♦ Alex
- ♦ Kasper

MOM – Jean-Marie

Next game, Tuesday 18th October @ Beechwood.

Mr T Hunt



YEAR 9 NEWS

Dear Year 9

Next week Thursday, during our assembly, Mr Romero (the other Mr Romero) will tell you about the "Duke of Edinburg" programme. I highly recommend everyone to do it, especially this year is Year 9 focus. If it is the first time you ever heard about DOE, please read information from the link below:

<https://www.dofe.org/about/>

Next week will be last one before half term break. Be sure you know what to revise during the break. Talk with your teachers and ask for help to organise all your homework. Also, if you did not attend Welcome Evening, this week you must arrange a meeting with your form tutor. Ask for them for their availability

Enjoy your weekend

Mr Romero

Year 9 football V Langley Grammar School

The Year 9 football team opened their footballing fixture list with a trip away to Langley Grammar School. A well fought first 10 minutes with opportunities going both ways but no one managed break the deadlock.

Loris and Emanuel caused problems for the grammar schools defense, getting in behind them at their own will. Finally the first goal came with a great strike by Loris with an equal save but fortunately falling at the feet of Zac in the 6 year box. He then tucked it away to open the score sheet.

With the majority of the opportunities going the way of St Joseph's. With the rare occasion Langley grammar school broke behind it was comfortably snuffed out by the Jordan Pickford style goalkeeping by Gabi.

The second goal came by the center back Mikolaj driving forward and winning 50/50 battels and poking the ball in behind with perfect weight for Albi to pick it up and calmly ease it past the keeper. 2-0

Quickly after St Joseph's 2nd goal the Grammar school made a quick reply, a slight blunder and lack of communication between Gabi and the two center backs, Marcus and Mikolaj the Langley grammar school attacker managed to snake a goal in. 2-1

The second half followed a similar path as the first, with all the football being played by Manchester City, I mean St Joseph's. Jovan finding space and running at defenders, leaving them in its wake. He fired a long range speculative effort from 30 yards, with the keeper scrambling it ricocheted of the cross bar and into the lap of Emmanuel who drove it home for his well deserved goal. 3-1

With captain Kye taking control in the last 5 minutes calming his team down and getting to the final whistle. 3-1 St Joseph's

Goals Zac Albi Emmanuel

MOM – Emanuel & Albi

Next game Wednesday 19th October @ Beechwood

YEAR 11 NEWS

On Tuesday the Year 11 netball team took part in Slough Schools District Netball Tournament.

All of the girls played very well linking play through defence, mid court and the shooters. The team won 4 games, drew 1 and lost 3; coming 5th overall. Well done to the following students: Martyna Krzesaj, Megan Fullam, Abi Kalicka, Jasmine Fernandes, Mia Woodley, Sophie Sidua, Saskia Adams, Agata Santoro, Patrycja Artemska, Adina Soper, Tia De Jesus, Julia Saladyk, Athena Thomas and Melanie Lukomska

Player of the tournament: Tia De Jesus

Miss M Joseph



YEAR 13 NEWS

Year 13 Information Evening

Thank you to all of the parents that attend the Year 13 Information Evening on Tuesday this week. Please find all of the resources that I mentioned via this link: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/after-the-6th-form/post-18-options-evening/>

St Joseph's Sixth Form Website – Useful Links

Home Page: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/>

You will then find the following information in the 'About Us' menu:

- ♦ Sixth Form Uniform Policy: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/about-us/sixth-form-uniform-policy/>
- ♦ Revision and Student Resources: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/about-us/revision-and-student-resources/>
- ♦ 16-19 Bursary Fund: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/about-us/revision-and-student-resources/>
- ♦ The Super Curriculum: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/about-us/widening-participation/>

- ♦ The Scholar's Programme: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/about-us/scholarsprogramme/>
- ♦ Wellbeing: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/about-us/wellbeing/>
- ♦ Attendance & Punctuality: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/about-us/attendance-and-punctuality/>

You will then find the following information in the **'After the 6th Form'** menu:

- ♦ Applying to University: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/after-the-6th-form/applying-to-university/>
- ♦ Careers: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/after-the-6th-form/careers/>

Admissions Tests: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/after-the-6th-form/admissions-tests/>

Mr Stack-Clark

PE News

Upcoming fixtures

Netball

- ♦ Monday 17th October- Year 11 vs LGS (home)
- ♦ Tuesday 18th October- Year 8 and 9 vs LGS (home)

Football

- ♦ Monday 17th October- Year 7 vs LGS (away)
- ♦ Tuesday 18th October- Year 8 vs Beechwood (away)
- ♦ Wednesday 19th October- Year 9 vs Beechwood (away)
- ♦ Thursday 20th October- Year 11 vs Windsor Boys (away)

History House Competition!

This is the last week of our Black History Month Competition! 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 20th October.

Winner will be announced in the first newsletter after half-term.

Also, a reminder to follow us on Instagram @stjosephshistory for some recommendations on films, books and documentaries as well as showcasing some samples of our students' work.

Miss E Weir

ARO Model United Nation in St Mary's School in Ascot

Our students **Hannah Anaya**, **Oskar Belniak** and **Cameron Fyfe** participated yesterday in their first MUN. The country they represented was Japan and their performance was truly remarkable.

The students said that they enjoyed "The General Assembly – I loved the unity, collaboration and freedom to move around and discuss."

This was a great chance for our students to collaborate with other pupils from schools around our community and our students did us proud!

Our students did not only increase their cultural capital debating with people from other school, all of them older than them, defending their points but also, they won! They were rewarded as the most committed Delegation which is one of the most valuable awards they could obtain. It was truly a fantastic experience and St Josephs's MUN Society has a brilliant future ahead.

Some photos from the event:



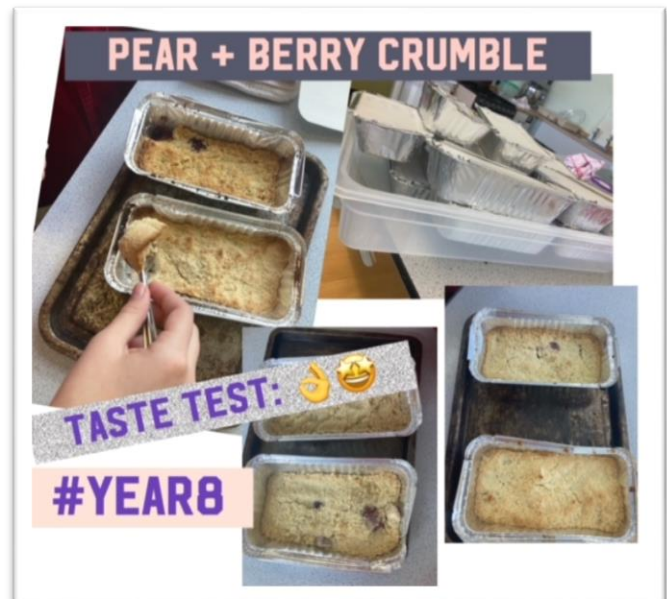


Design and Technology Department

Food.

'St Josephs bakery' has been very busy this week.

9s have made pizzas from scratch; building on their first recipe of breadsticks to create unique and utterly delicious pizzas. Year 7s have also constructing their own pizza breads and using the oven to bake them. Year 8 have made their first pudding dish a fruit crumble which has proved popular as a dessert at home (if it made it there)



Fantastic efforts by the pupils in their **electives** too-

DT Make It- boxes are mainly complete and we look forward to producing some poppies in the last session next week.



Sew Easy... Students have developed their skills in textiles. Mrs Hill has shared some fabulous makes that have been completed by pupils in the Sew Easy elective. Well done!



Keep up the great work DT!

D&T Stars of the week



Tracey Paterson and Julia Saladyk for highest positive points awarded in Design and Technology subjects this fortnight.

TVLP NEWS

Well done to every student that took part in the TVLP Art Competition. A special mention to Coco Janot for her work- 'Love is like starlight, it never dies.' That was commended with a certificate and placed in the TVLP newsletter- well done!



The poster features the TVLP logo (TVLP TRAINER - VALLEY - LEARNING - PARTNERSHIP) and the title 'Love ART COMPETITION'. It displays a grid of nine art entries: a girl holding a cup, a vase of red roses, hands clasped, two swans forming a heart, a rubber duck with ducklings, a river scene, a heart with a rainbow, a hand holding a heart, and a couple on a hill under a starry sky. Below the grid, it provides a link to view all entries and lists the competition and exhibition partners: NHS Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust and Frimley Health Charity.

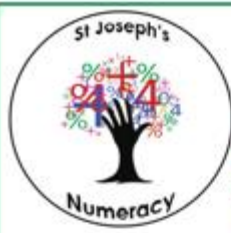
TVLP *Love* **ART COMPETITION**
TRAINER - VALLEY - LEARNING - PARTNERSHIP

View all the winners, runner-up and commended entries here:
tvlp.org.uk/love-art

Competition and exhibition partners:

NHS
Frimley Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Frimley Health Charity



#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- C The smallest possible range of four positive integers is 3. Let these integers be n , $n + 1$, $n + 2$, $n + 3$. For the mean of these four integers to equal 2017, we have $\frac{n+n+1+n+2+n+3}{4} = 2017$, that is $n = 2015\frac{1}{2}$. So the smallest possible range is not 3. However, note that the integers 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2019 have mean 2017 and range 4. So the smallest possible range of the integers is 4.

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- B When one third of the circle is shaded, the angle at the centre of the shaded sector is $360^\circ \div 3 = 120^\circ$. In diagram A, the sector angle is 90° . In diagram C, the sector angle is $90^\circ + 90^\circ \div 2 = 135^\circ$. So the correct diagram has a sector angle greater than that shown in A, but smaller than that shown in C. The only such sector angle is that in B.

Problem of the week

The sum of two numbers a and b is 7 and the difference between them is 2.

What is the value of $a \times b$?

A $8\frac{1}{4}$

B $9\frac{1}{4}$

C $10\frac{1}{4}$

D $11\frac{1}{4}$

E $12\frac{1}{4}$

Break time Teaser:

One third of the animals in Jacob's flock are goats, the rest are sheep. There are twelve more sheep than goats.

How many animals are there altogether in Jacob's flock?

A 12

B 24

C 36

D 48

E 60

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

PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7

Edzio Stacey (7P) for getting involved in St Joseph's ethos,

YEAR 8

Alexander Baptista (8 Peter) and **Vanessa Masna (8 Peter)** -
Both have received an impressive number of Positive Points this week and have shown an enthusiastic and positive attitude

YEAR 9

Alicia Kasongo and **Kara Cullen** for the highest number of positive points achieved this week

YEAR 10

Sara Marciniak, Radek Przerwa, David Nwachukwu and **Jermaine Chatyoka** for the most amount of positive points

YEAR 12

Max Ishchuk for the most positive points and **Megan Shea** for great oracy in reading time.

YEAR 13

Adrian Fernandes, Aloysius Fernandes, Oliwia Kuptel, Olivia Quinn, Ramlah Riza, Shiva Kishore, Willette Katta-Worae, Belatriz Lamelo de Souza and **Iyanu Sanni** who have completed their early application to UCAS this week