



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024



ClassCharts Positive Points

A Massive congratulations to our fantastic year 10s

Gabriel, Livia Emmanuel and Kye for achieving an amazing amount of positive points

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well.

My weekly video messages can be watched on our new YouTube channel @SloughStJosephs.

Link to the latest video is:

[Headteacher Message NEWSLETTER - 19th January 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)

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!"

Theme of the Week – Fishers of Men

The Gospel from this week has a little bit of an overlap from last week's. In last week's Gospel from St John, we learnt of the Lamb of God from the message of John the Baptist and then we heard Andrew and Simon Peter meeting Jesus for the first time with Andrew stating he had found the Messiah. This week's Gospel from Mark, we see Jesus firstly proclaiming the Good News and then both Simon Peter and Andrew being called to follow him:

'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.'

When you take the two readings together they convey a very powerful message for us as followers of Christ. Firstly, we, like Andrew and Simon Peter, need to believe in the message given to us. John the Baptist gave this to them, we are given this message from Jesus himself and through his ministry. However, it is not just about learning the message of Christ but it is about being a disciple of Jesus and following him in our actions.

Jesus makes a claim upon the disciples and gives a new direction to their lives. St Mark (the writer of the Gospel) gives the impression that Peter and Andrew answered Jesus' call by leaving behind their livelihood, whereas James and John later responded by severing family ties. Mark's primary purpose seems to be to show that discipleship entails giving yourself to Christ in everything you do.

In last week's theme of the week, it was mentioned that the term discipleship at the time was quite a normal thing. It was customary for Jewish students to approach a distinguished teacher and attach themselves to him, however here the teacher (Jesus) makes the first move. The disciples left behind a thriving and secure business to follow Jesus, emphasising the costliness of discipleship with its demands to leave behind family and financial security. We know that God has an important message to send and chooses us to do it, however we may never know how God uses us to relay that message.

The disciples must have been afraid to change their way of life, afraid of the unknown, of the risks they were taking, fear of the unknown can be a stumbling block to change in our lives. When we too examine our own lives and our daily routines, we too can be a little afraid of doing something different in front of our friends or peers, even though we know it is the right thing to do; we are afraid of the unknown or how others will look upon us. However, the message from this week's and last week's Gospel should encourage us in our own lives. We learn about Christ and his ministry in our Catholic community through Mass, during form time, R.E lessons, assemblies and many other ways. Let us now not be afraid to illustrate this message ourselves in what we do so we too can become true disciples of Jesus.

Fishers of men

Weekly Reflections
21th January 2024



A reading from the Gospel of St Mark (1:14-20)

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father, you sent your son to give us the Good News and invite us to be true disciples of Him. Continue to give us the courage and confidence to carry out his ministry so we too can allow others to follow Christ through ourselves.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen

Feast Day – St. Agnes 21 January



Agnes was very beautiful and from a wealthy family. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after however she made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great and she hated sin even more than death. When a man wished to marry Agnes, she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse."

When she refused the Governor's son in marriage, she was sentenced to death. Even pagans cried to see such a beautiful girl going to her death but she smiled and said 'He chose me first and He shall have me!'

Agnes was:

**Intentional and
Prophetic**

Day 1

Can you recall from last week's Gospel what the 'Lamb of God' means?

When learning this message, why do you think Andrew and Simon Peter were encouraged to become disciples of Jesus?

Day 2

Can you give examples of the Good News of Jesus? i.e. what has Jesus taught you? How has Jesus taught us to act to one another?

How can you illustrate these teachings in your daily lives?

Day 3

Has there been times where you have wanted to do good but were afraid of the reaction of others?

What can you do differently and not be afraid of so you too can be a disciple of Jesus?



2024 is the Year of Prayer



The year 2025 is a Jubilee year in the Church for Pilgrims of Hope. As such, His Holiness, Pope Francis, has asked us to prepare for this by designating 2024 as the year of Prayer.

“Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters. It is in prayer that our hearts find the strength not to be cold and insensitive in the face of injustice. In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity.”

Pope Francis

During the season of Lent, students will be reflecting on different types of prayer and ways to pray in order to prepare them for the sacrifice made on Good Friday and the celebration of the Resurrection at Easter. We encourage all, students, parents, staff and parishes to send in their prayers to chaplain@st-josephs-slough.sch.uk so over the course of Lent and throughout the whole year we can come together as a school community to pray for our intentions and allow us all to deepen our relationship with God.

LUX Dive- A Residential Youth Retreat for Young People Years 7- 13

Students from School Years 7-13 are invited to the next residential youth weekend, LUX: Dive which is being run by NYMO.

For those who work with this age group this weekend is a great opportunity to encourage young people to come along and get involved. All the details are below.

To watch a **promotional video** and for more information please see:

<https://nymo.org/lux-dive/>

Homework Superstars of the Week

Liam	Paes	12 Cecilia
Luca	Mays	10 Teresa
Luka	Wilson	13 Mark
Leon	Louis	9 Mark



Year 7 News

Please can we all ensure that we have full learning kit and bring all of the necessary equipment for each day including Books and PE kit. A lot of X's have been picked up this week due to missing equipment.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7



Photo – Some of our Year 7 students enjoying their drama lesson today!

Year 9 News

Another positive week for Year 9s; accumulating 828 positive points! Gentle reminder Parents Evening is on Thursday 1st February; please can you begin to make appointments with your class teachers as soon as possible. CIAG evening will be on the following week on Thursday 8th February and a letter will be sent out in due course.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Joseph – Head of Year 9

Year 9 Netball

On Tuesday the Year 9 netball team had a match against Herschel Grammar School. The girls played fantastically and demonstrated some amazing team work winning the game 16-8. Well done to Sam, Licia, Mikah, Ava, Emilia, Natalia and Abi. POM: Ava

Year 10 News

Fantastic week this week with more than 930 positive points. A special mention to Gabriel who has been student of the week three times this academic year, alongside Livia they have both achieved an amazing amount of positive points. On the other side the number of homework xs has increased. Homework will be our target for the next two weeks. We can win the competition I have trust in you!

Have a great weekend!

Mr Romero

Year 11 News

Interventions this week have been for option subjects. Can I remind you that if your son or daughter is down for an intervention they must attend? The staff have chosen their groups carefully in order to ensure that the best grades possible are achieved at the end of the year. Next week interventions are core subjects and will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. A reminder that if your child is in a detention on Friday they need to attend rather than going to intervention. Well done to everyone who achieved positive points this week

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Dunleavy

Year 11 and 13 PPE Timetable (with some Year 12)

Please see the separate attachment alongside the newsletter for the PPE timetable for Year 11 and 13 (this includes some Year 12 exam groups). A paper copy will be given to students next week.

Proposed dates Year 11 Sports BTEC PPEs 28th February 2024 – time to be confirmed.

Mr Stack-Clark – Assistant Headteacher

TVLP Opportunity

Please see below details of this interesting opportunity open to all TVLP students from Year 11-13.

Please email J.kemp@tvlp.org.uk if you wish to attend. If you have any questions, please email Mrs L.Burby (Boland).

Please arrive at Porters Lodge Eton at 6.00pm to be escorted the Upper school.

Best Regards
Jeanette – TVLP Leader.



Dr Michael Ward will be speaking on C.S. Lewis on Reason and Imagination in Science and Religion

Dr Michael Ward, of the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Oxford, is a leading scholar of the works of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. He is the author of the award-winning and best-selling *Planet Narnia: The Seven Heavens in the Imagination of C.S. Lewis* (Oxford University Press) and co-editor of *The Cambridge Companion to C.S. Lewis*. He presented the BBC television documentary *The Narnia Code* and has lectured in a dozen countries round the world at venues including the Library of Congress in Washington DC and the Royal Observatory, Greenwich. On the fiftieth anniversary of Lewis's death, Dr Ward unveiled a permanent national memorial to him in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey. Perhaps his chief claim to fame is that he handed a pair of x-ray specs to Agent 007 in the James Bond film, *The World is Not Enough*.

TVLP - Baby Drive

Our TVLP student leaders, Leah and Finlay, are leading a charity collection event for those in need of items for babies and young children. We are trying to spread our mission and values of Christ into further TVLP schools and help those who are less fortunate. We would be really grateful if you could bring in items into form to donate from the poster attached. Any questions, please email Mrs Burby (Boland).



Items to donate:


- Sudocrem
- Baby/children clothing
- Nappies
- Baby wipes
- Bibs
- Muslim towels
- Steriliser
- Baby formula
- Toy
- Book
- Dummies
- Baby bottles
- Baby shampoo
- Flannel
- Baby food
- Stationary for young children

Date:
Tuesday 6th
February
2024

TVLP
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Reindeer Run

Congratulations to everyone that took part in the reindeer run, a special congratulations to Liv Basquil for raising the most money.



REINDEER RUN 2023

This certificate has been awarded to


St Joseph's Catholic School

for raising

£614.10

Thank you for taking part in the Reindeer Run!

www.thameshospice.org.uk



10th January 2024

Dear the Students, Staff and Parents of St Joseph's Catholic School,

We are very grateful for all of your support with the 2023 Reindeer Run, and we are thrilled to share that St Joseph's Catholic School raised an incredible £614.10!

All of us at Thames Hospice are grateful for all the support you gave. £314.10 would pay for 12 hours of Inpatient Services for a patient at Thames Hospice, making a real difference to the care we can offer our patients and their families.

We hope you enjoyed learning about the work of Thames Hospice, and why your support is so important – enabling us to continue to offer our services free of charge to people in your local community.

The £614.10 raised from the Reindeer Run was an incredible £614.10 – which would fund one of our Nurses for a year – thank you for being part of raising this fantastic £614.10!

We hope to see you again next year!

Lucy Pipe
Senior Community Fundraiser

Thames Hospice, 100 Great West Road, Maidenhead, SL6 2DA
0441 771 8811

www.thameshospice.org.uk

Thames Hospice is a charity registered with the Charity Commission and the Fundraising Regulator.

PE After School Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 1	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball (GCSE students only)	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball (GCSE students only)	Badminton and Basketball
Lunch 2	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball
Afterschool	Fitness KBR Rugby HMC/THU Dance HST Girls Football - all year groups JSI	Netball - all year groups AAN MJQ KBR Year 7+8 boys Football FWA Year 7-9 Basketball JCO	Year 9-11 boys Football THU Volleyball HGO		Year 10,11,12,13 Basketball CWH

Music Department Extra Curricular Club

Music Department: Extra-Curricular Clubs

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.00am-8.20am		Singing Club (KUR) 8am-8:20am			
Break	Open		Open		
Lunch 1		Open (KUR) 1:15-1:35pm	Open (KUR) 1:15-1:35pm		Open (KUR) 1:15-1:35pm
Lunch 2		Open (ROR) 1:50-2:10pm	Open (ROR) 1:50-2:10pm		Open (ROR) 1:50-2:10pm
3.15pm-4.15pm		Open 3:15-4:15pm	Production Rehearsals		Band Jam (ROR) 3:15-4:15pm

	Practice rooms closed
	Practice rooms open

Singing Club: Tuesdays 8am - 8:20am

Singing club is for everyone and anyone wanting to sing and learn to harmonise. We also take requests for songs to sing during the club. Students who attend this club are then chosen to go on our singing trips.

Band Jam: Fridays 3:15-4:15pm

This club is for students to come along and practice instruments with the intention of starting a band or group. Students can use their voices, guitars, drum kit, ukuleles and other instruments to practice and collaborate.



Access to Shine is a not-for-profit organization working to promote the education of young people in the UK and within deprived communities in Nigeria for the public benefit

Charity DINNER

Saturday 24 February 2024
TIME: 5:30PM

Tickets for 3 Course Nigerian Buffet Dinner, Raffle, Dance, & Games

£ 35 PER PERSON

Venue:
The Kerith Centre K2, Church Rd
Bracknell RG12 1EH

To book your ticket, please fill the form in the link, for more info go to www.accesstoshine.co.uk
☎ 07463017729



You're cordially invited to a special Charity Dinner Event that promises an evening of joy, good company, and making a meaningful impact! RSVP to secure your spot!!

Click [HERE](#) to Book your tickets

MFL SUPERSTARS



10C FRENCH Félicitations!

Mariah Caballero; Julia Lutecka; Maryanne Rojas; 10 PETER

Oliwia Foksinksa; Wiktoria Juszcak;

Nadia Ankiewicz-Heetun in 10 MARK

Isabel Joyson; Mia Ramananthan; Wiktoria Rygielski in 10 CECILIA

These students are nominated for taking PRIDE in the presentation of their work, notetaking, study skills for tests and PROUD pronunciation and punctuation/French accents.

<div>WEEKLY MENU</div> <div>St Josephs Catholic High School - Week 1</div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Keema Curry served with a Poppadum & Rice	Chinese Style Drumstick with Honey & Soy served with Rice	Beef Enchilada	Ham & Cheese Pasta served with Garlic Bread	Oven Baked Fish served with Chips
Quorn & Vegetable Cottage Pie	Thai Green Vegetable Curry served with Rice	Quorn Bolognese served with Pasta	Spicy Bean Chili served with Tortilla Chips	Cheese & Chive Quiche served with Chips
Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad
Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Rice Crispy Cake	Shortbread Biscuit	Iced Lemon Sponge	Carrot Cake
Pesto Pasta	Pasta with a Tomato Sauce	Pasta with Garlic & Parmesan Cheese	Sweet Chilli & Coriander Noodles	Pasta with Tuna & Cheese

Available daily: Sandwiches, Wraps & Baguettes, Pizzas & Jacket Potatoes, Cold Desserts, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots.

HARRISON
food with thought

History News

For homework, 7C were asked to create a jigsaw puzzle on the long-term impact of migration. Thus was based on the content we studied since September. Below is just a small sample of brilliant homework that 7C created. Amazing work everyone, well done!



The History Department would also like to give a big shout out to Brianne Barrozo for her outstanding homework. Brianne consistently goes above and beyond, transforming content based homework questions into creative masterpieces. We're all blown away by this amazing effort. Thank you for all of your hard work, Brianne! Below is just a small sample of this.





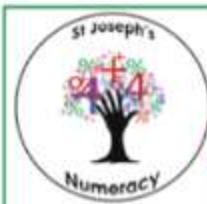
EAL NEWS

(English as an Additional Language)

We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits. In our ongoing commitment to support English as an Additional Language (EAL) students in their language journey, we have curated a list of useful websites that offer engaging and effective ways to practice English skills. These resources cover a range of language proficiency levels, providing valuable opportunities for improvement.

1. **Duolingo** (<https://www.duolingo.com/>):
 - Duolingo is a popular language-learning platform that offers courses in various languages, including English.
 - It uses a gamified approach to make learning fun and interactive, making it ideal for students who enjoy a more playful learning experience.
2. **BBC Learning English** (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/>):
 - BBC Learning English provides a wealth of resources, including videos, articles, and interactive quizzes.
 - The content is designed to improve listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills, with a focus on real-world English.
3. **Memrise** (<https://www.memrise.com/>):
 - Memrise uses a combination of video and audio to help learner's associate words with their correct pronunciation.
 - It's particularly beneficial for building vocabulary and enhancing memory retention through its innovative approach to learning.
4. **Breaking News English** (<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/>):
 - This website offers news articles designed for English language learners, with adjustable difficulty levels.
 - It provides an excellent platform for improving reading comprehension and expanding vocabulary while staying informed about current events.

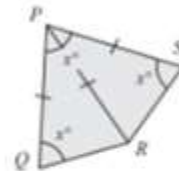




#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- D As $PQ = PR$, $\angle PRQ = \angle PQR = x^\circ$. Also, as $PR = PS$, $\angle PRS = \angle PSR = x^\circ$. Therefore, $\angle QRS = (2x)^\circ$. The sum of the interior angles of quadrilateral $PQRS$ is 360° . Therefore $x + x + 2x + x = 360$, so $5x = 360$. Hence $x = 72$.



Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- D Let the distance, in miles, from P to Q be x .
Then the time taken to travel from P to Q is $\frac{x}{40}$ hours = $\frac{3x}{2}$ minutes.
Also, the time taken to travel from Q to P is $\frac{x}{45}$ hours = $\frac{4x}{3}$ minutes.
Therefore $\frac{3x}{2} - \frac{4x}{3} = 2$. So $\frac{x}{6} = 2$. Hence $x = 12$.

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:

How many hours is 6 minutes?

- A 0.06 B 0.1 C 0.6 D 10 E 360

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

Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year7

Maximus Maican and Felicity Kuziela for receiving the most positive points this week.

Year9

Oskar Gawlik and Patrycja Szczepanska for getting the most positive points this week.

Year 10

Gabriel and Livia for achieving the highest points
Dominik Maslach, Vince Lacsamana & Marcus Chodoruk for excellent focus, helpfulness and
"wordpower" in our Reading.

Year 11

Jermaine Chatyoka and Aine Conlon for receiving the most positive points this week

Year 12

Pupils of the week are Mateusz Skowera and Patrycja Artemska for the most positive points on
Classcharts.
Special mentions also to Ethan Louis and Matteo Mennone who helped to lead the service for Nathan
so beautifully on Tuesday.