



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024



Berkshire Cross Country Event

Congratulation to Ana Passos who came 4th at the Berkshire County cross country event on Saturday with a time of 14:38. With such a fabulous time she has qualified for the English Schools national Championships in March. This is an amazing achievement and we are incredibly proud of her.

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well.

Link to the latest video is:

[Weekly Newsletter- 26th 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!"

Mobile Phone Policy

If a student mobile phone is confiscated, parent will have to come to the school office to collect.

Theme of the Week – The Holy One of God

The Gospel from Sunday is quite a powerful one that can link to our everyday lives. Maybe not because of the actual event that happened but more so the meaning behind the event and what we prioritise as important and why we do this! Before we look more closely at the Gospel, we must just relate to the importance of the 1st reading as it adds weight to the message from Jesus. The 1st reading on Sunday is from the Book of Deuteronomy which outlines the laws of Jewish life including that of the role and purpose of Prophets (those who proclaim the will of God). In the 1st reading we hear from the Prophet Moses (considered a very important Prophet in Judaism) who said this: *'and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him'*. Jesus would be a fulfilment of the law and the prophet. In today's readings, there is a strong link between the description of a true prophet as the mouthpiece of God and a scene where Jesus is described as one who teaches the people "with authority". — God is the source of this authority.

In the Gospel, we see the authority given to Jesus over sin and evil. The Gospel is really an extraordinary story as an illustration of the authority and power of Jesus in a simple setting. By relating the extraordinary right alongside the ordinary, Mark (the writer of the Gospel) reveals to us the enormous impression that Jesus made on the everyday lives of the people. We have Jesus teaching in the temple, not extraordinary, there were often teachers speaking in the temple on the Sabbath, there would have been many people around listening and fulfilling their Sabbath duties according to the law. Jesus though taught with astonishing conviction catching every one's attention, but that wasn't too extraordinary; then against this background of the ordinary routine someone possessed by "an evil spirit" began shouting at Jesus accusing him and calling him "God's Holy One" and we know the rest of the story and how Jesus' fame began to spread around the surrounding countryside. What a shock to the lives of the complacent, the ordinary: here was someone said to be from God who spoke with amazing authority and had power over evil spirits, - this news travelled like wild fire throughout the countryside, this was the big news of the time! It is significant that Jesus speaks with authority and that he cleans the unclean. Only one with wisdom, experience and knowledge can speak with authority. Only one with understanding can be trusted. Only one with a vision of the clean can cure the unclean.

Why then is this story powerful and relates to our lives? Think about the world we live in and what as a society we class as newsworthy! When you switch on the news today, you see death, theft, floods, disasters, war – sin and evil mainly! We live in an age where self-interest is at the heart of many but we are called to base our lives on a far greater authority than simply oneself. Jesus in his authority tells us to examine the Good News and realise it in our everyday life. In a world where negativity is so prevalent, we need to allow one another to see the Good news so we too can make it the big news of the times!

The Holy One of God

Weekly Reflections
28th January 2024



A reading from the Gospel of St Mark (1:21-28)

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Prayer for the Week

God our Father, in your son
Jesus you gave him your
authority to teach us with
knowledge and wisdom. Instil
within us this knowledge and
wisdom so we too can teach
others to become learned and
wise.

Amen

Feast Day – John Bosco 31st January



John "Don" Bosco was the youngest of three brothers raised in poverty. He lost his father at a young age but his mother played a strong role in his upbringing and supported his ideals. He was ordained in 1841 and devoted himself to the young and poor. Bosco set up artisanal workshops to educate impoverished boys. The Salesian Teaching Order was formally approved in 1874 and soon spread around the world. John Bosco was:

Learned and Wise

Day 1

What is a prophet?

Why do you think God sent
Moses as a prophet?

How does Jesus in the Gospel
fulfil the message given to us by
Moses?

Day 2

Is there any teacher in school or
adult you know who has the gift
of speaking with authority?
Someone you can just listen too?
How do you think people felt
when they not only heard Jesus
but also saw what he did?

Day 3

Think about the news you read or watch? How often do you see the
Good news presented to you?
How can we show the Good news to one another in our class, school
and school community to make it the authority we live by?

Year 7 News

Year 7s have had another lovely week, after receiving lots of X's last week for Equipment they have made great improvements in reducing that number significantly. Very proud of how they have turned it around. Let's keep it up!

Have a lovely weekend all!

Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

Year 9 news

Well done on another positive week; this week we have accumulated 734 positive points! There is only 2 more weeks left until half term and the tutor group currently in the lead with the least amount of homework x's and in with a chance to win a box of Krispy Kremes is 9 Veronica.

Please can I remind you that we have Parents Evening on Thursday 1st February; if you haven't already confirmed your attendance on ParentPay please can you do it ASAP.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Joseph – Head of Year 9

Year 10 news

Congratulations to Gabriel, Livia, Vince and Sydell for achieving the highest positive points this week and last.

Mr Romero - Head of Year 10

**Year 11 News**

Can I remind you that interventions continue with option subjects next week, as I said in the previous newsletter your son or daughter must attend these sessions. This is to maximise their potential at the end of the year. Can I remind students who did not pay for mufti before Christmas that this is due in by next Wednesday. The money is going to a very good cause, if you know that you haven't paid can you do so please. Mrs Burby and our TVLP leaders came in to assembly this week to ask for donations for the baby bank. If you can donate to this that would be amazing. PPE timetables were given out this week can i ask you to highlight when your exams are.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Dunleavy – Head of Year 11

Y8 Football News



The Y8 football team took the long trip to Forrest Academy Wokingham start their County Cup run.

Unfortunately we faced a very good team at Forrest Academy and the final score was 7-0.



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/>

<div>WEEKLY MENU</div> <div>St Josephs Catholic High School - Week 2</div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Volcano Chicken Pasta	Sausage Casserole served with Rice	Chicken Tagine served with Cous Cous	Cottage Pie	Oven Baked Fish served with Chips
Cheese & Spring Onion Filled Jacket Potato with Sour Cream	Spinach & Feta Cheese Pie	Quorn Chilli served with Rice	Chick Pea & Spinach Korma served with Rice	Vegetable Spring Roll with Sweet Chilli Sauce & 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
Chocolate Brownie	Apple Crumble served with Custard	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Syrup Sponge served with Custard	Flapjack
Pasta with a Cheese Sauce	Pasta with a Tomato & Basil Sauce	Red Pesto Pasta	Pasta with a Tomato & Herb Sauce	Pasta with Tuna & Cheese

Sandwiches, Baguettes & Wraps, Jacket Potatoes & Fillings, Pizzas & Buns, Fruit, Yogurt & Dessert Pots.

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food with thought

Selwyn College Cambridge Trip

Today a select group of Year 12s went to the university to have a tour of the campus and city, as well as meet current students who attend there.



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).



The poster is for a 'TVLP Baby Drive Charity Drive'. It features a central circular logo with a teddy bear sitting in an open cardboard box. The box has 'Baby Boxes' written on it. The words 'Baby Drive' are written in a large, purple, serif font, arching over the top of the box. 'TVLP' is written in a blue, sans-serif font, arching over the left side of the box. 'Charity Drive' is written in a blue, sans-serif font, arching over the right side of the box. Below the logo, there is a yellow circular badge with a laurel wreath at the bottom. Inside the badge, the word 'Date:' is underlined in black, followed by 'Tuesday 6th February 2024' in a black, serif font. To the left of the badge, there is a green rectangular box with the text 'Items to donate:' underlined in black. Below this, there is a list of items to donate in a black, serif font. At the bottom of the poster, there is a blue and white baby onesie with a teddy bear on it, set against a pink background. The TVLP logo is also present at the bottom, with the tagline 'TRAINER - TALKER - LEARNER - PARTNER' in a small, blue, sans-serif font.

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
- TRAINER - TALKER - LEARNER - PARTNER -

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.

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



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





SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 15:00 KO

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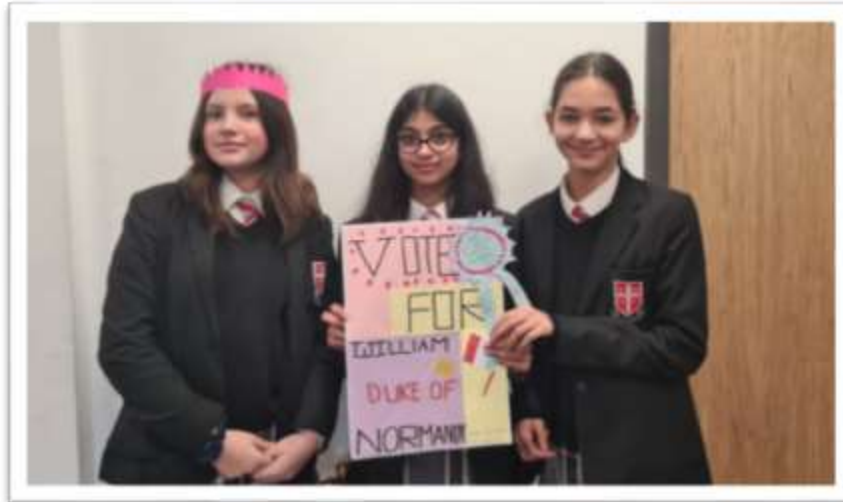
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Science Club having fun with the circuits, energy sticks and the plasma ball!



History News

This week, our Year 7 students created elections campaigns on who they believe should be the next King of England in 1066, and why. Their options were William, Duke of Normandy, Harold Godwinson and Harald Hardrada. Well done to each of our students that put a great deal of effort into creating props, writing speeches and performing in front of their peers. Below is just a small sample of our students' creations:





Homework superstars of the Week

Leah	Walls	12 Peter
Sheryl	Fernandes	13 Peter
Paulina	Duda	7 Jerome
Loikita Graca	Mendonca De Jesus	8 Veronica
Lucas	Passos	9 Cecilia



#IcandoMaths

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 $\frac{6}{60} = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1$.

Puzzler 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.



P



Q



R

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

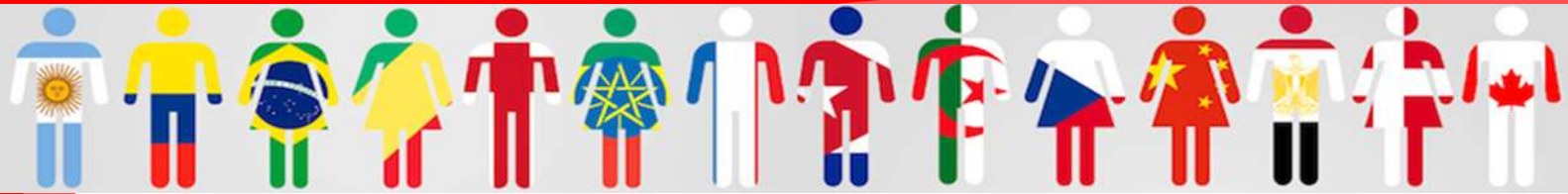
- A P, Q, R B Q, P, R C R, Q, P D R, P, Q E P, R, Q

Break time Teaser:

Kai has begun to list, in ascending order, the positive integers which are *not* factors of 240.
What is the sixth number on Kai's list?

- A 11 B 13 C 14 D 15 E 17

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



EAL NEWS

English as an Additional Language

Multicultural Day Extravaganza!

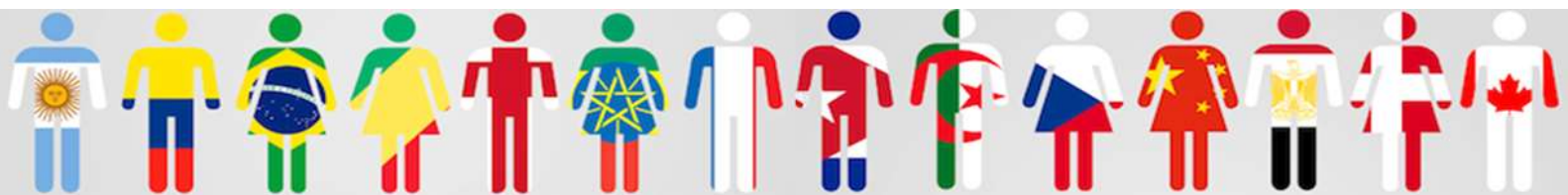
Get ready to embark on a global journey like never before! We are thrilled to announce the **upcoming Multicultural Day**, a spectacular celebration of diversity, unity, and the rich tapestry that makes St. Joseph's truly extraordinary!

🌍 Prepare to immerse yourself in a day filled with vibrant colours, electrifying performances, and mouth-watering cuisines from around the world. Our school has always been a melting pot of cultures, and Multicultural Day is the perfect occasion to showcase the beauty and uniqueness of each community that makes up our diverse school community.

📅 Mark your calendars, spread the word, and get ready to be a part of an unforgettable Multicultural Day **after half term**! Together, let's celebrate our differences and discover the beauty in diversity.

Would you like to do a cultural performance? [CLICK HERE](#) to Complete this Microsoft Form.

Stay tuned for further details!



Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year7

Patricia Marciniec and Adam Khan for having the most positive points this week

Year9

Natalia Zaworska and Michal Kundys for getting the most positive points

Year 10

Vince and Sydelle for the most positive points on Classcharts

Year 12

Alex Lewandowski and Chiara Tilocca for the most positive points on Classcharts.
Special mentions also to Anand Kaur Khalsa for great work in Vocational Business and all the students who have been selected as school counsellors.