



**Congratulations and Well Done**



**Luca, Seb & Harrison**

**on representing Berkshire county**

**U16 football team against Gloucestershire.**

The game finished 6-2 to Berkshire with all 3 boys playing pivotal roles in the team's victory. Luca added to his county goal record with another 2 impressive goals. Mr Hunt

## 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/Parents-Newsletter-29Th-April-22-1.m4v>

St Joseph, pray for us

Ciran

## THEME OF THE WEEK – St Joseph

Our theme for this week is St Joseph as we celebrate the feast day of our patron saint. St Joseph has two feast days, one in March and the other in May. We celebrate the feast of St Joseph the Worker. Joseph was an ordinary man, living and working as a carpenter. There is thought that Joseph was a widower, having been married before and his wife died, now lived alone until he was betrothed to Mary. We never hear the voice of Joseph, but we can take from the Gospel passages that he was a faithful and honest man, and loved Mary and Jesus. He took Jesus to be his own son, caring for Him and teaching Him how to be a carpenter. We can take inspiration from St Joseph in our everyday lives. We all work in some capacity, whether that is our studies at school or our work as teachers and staff within the school. Joseph is someone who cared, we can be caring and loving like him; he was faithful and honest, we too can be faithful and honest in our conversations and in proclaiming the faith.

**What inspires you about St Joseph? How can you be caring, loving, faithful and honest?**

The Gospel for the feast day is about Jesus' identity. The people He is teaching do not understand that Jesus is both divine and human. They know Him to be the carpenter's son, but they also know that he has worked miracles. Yes, He was God living on earth, He too lived an earthly life. We can take comfort knowing that Jesus experienced many things that we experience as human beings.

The Gospel reading is quite a short passage, but nonetheless, it has a strong message for us. Jesus was in His hometown, a place surely where people would want to listen and to learn about Him. And yet, they failed to understand, and they were almost unteachable. Jesus says at the end; "A prophet is not without honour except in his own town and in his own home." When we live a Christian life, there will be times when people do not understand, and do not want to know about Jesus. And yet we are called to continue to witness despite any difficulties we may face. If we think about the martyrs, those who died for their faith, they were prepared to not give up in any circumstance. And too, St Joseph, a man who through the encouragement of God in a dream, took on the role of being Jesus' earthly father.

**What would you choose to do; to continue to witness to Jesus or to walk away in times of difficulty?**

Let us celebrate this week as we continue to journey through the Easter season, and be inspired by St Joseph our patron saint. St Joseph – Prayer for us!

## St Joseph

Weekly Reflections  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022



### A reading from St Matthew's Gospel - St Joseph the Worker Matthew 13:54-58

Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour except in his own town and in his own home." And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

#### Day 1

Our Gospel reading this week is for the feast day of St Joseph, our patron saint. The Gospel reading is quite a short passage, but nonetheless, it has a strong message for us. Jesus was in His hometown, a place surely where people would want to listen and to learn about Him. And yet, they failed to understand, and they were almost unteachable.

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#### Day 2

"Isn't this the carpenter's son?" - The people were a bit confused about the identity of Jesus, they knew that He was the son of Joseph, and yet they had seen and heard of His miraculous powers.

But what is important to remember is that Jesus was both divine and human. Yes, He was God living on earth. He too lived an earthly life. We can take comfort knowing that Jesus experienced many things that we experience as human beings. Close your eyes and spend some time in conversation with Jesus, silently in your heart and your mind. Spend some time too, just listening. What is Jesus saying to you today?

#### Day 3

##### Feast Day of the English Martyrs (4<sup>th</sup> May)

*O God almighty and everlasting, you fashioned the blessed Martyrs of England and Wales after the likeness of your Son, who is glorified in his death for the world's salvation: listen now to their prayers, and grant us the strength that their love and faith imparts, so that we may come to the fullness of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### Prayer for the Week

**St. Joseph's School Prayer**  
Saint Joseph, be with us as we begin another day. Help us to concentrate on our studies, listen to the needs of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and help us to remember we can achieve great things with the gifts given to us.  
Amen.

#### Day 4

##### Eloquent & Truthful

These are our pupil profile words for this half term. How can we be eloquent and truthful in our faith and as Christians living a life of discipleship? Ask the Lord to give you and eloquence in the way you speak and witness to your faith, and ask Him to help you in being truthful, making the right decisions in your everyday life. How are your actions and witness to the Christian faith having an impact on others today?

#### Day 5

Lord, walk with me today. Bring me peace, bring me hope, bring me joy and bring me faith in you. May I have the courage to witness to your love to those I encounter today. In your most holy name.  
Amen.



## Literacy Update

### Literacy - Word and Idiom of the Week

The word this coming week is **'Wise'**. This is an adjective that describes someone as having or showing experience, knowledge, and good judgement. For learning to be put into best effect, we must know when and how to apply it. It is to be able to discern what is important and what is not. Wisdom is knowing oneself - your weaknesses, prejudices and blind spots as well as your strengths, talents, and enthusiasms. By being aware of our strengths and limitations, we can continue to develop and move forward.

The idiom this coming week is **'Fools rush in where angels fear to tread'**. This is an expression that conveys the opinion that, those who are rash or inexperienced will attempt things that of which wiser people are more cautious.

### ASK Apprenticeship Parent and Carer Packs

ASK are an organisation that provide information and guidance about apprenticeships for students, parents & carers, and schools. You will find an archive of the Parent and Carer packs in the link below and I have attached the April pack to the newsletter.

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resources-for-parents#>

## YEAR 8 NEWS

I hope you all had a good Easter break and have had some rest time. This week new topics have started in some subjects. It is great to go round the school and see year 8 in lessons, they are engaged and want to learn. We have been able to get out on the field which is always a bonus at lunchtimes. Can I remind parents that shoes must be school shoes and not trainers or canvas.

Next Friday is St Joseph's day. Please make sure you join in in the activities throughout the day. There will be a whole school liturgy and a staff verses students football match after school with Mr Gibbons, Mr Nicol and Mr Mall cooking up a storm on the BBQ for everyone.

In the meantime I hope you enjoy the long weekend

Mrs Dunleavy

## YEAR 11 NEWS

### **School Prom 2022!**

We are delighted that the Year 11 Prom will take place on **Tuesday 5th July 2022** at **Ditton Manor, Ditton Park Road, Datchet, SL3 7JB**. Timings and full details for the event will be relayed nearer to the date.

Please see attached letter for further information.

## Y11 – Letters of Encouragement

Dear Parent/Carer,

As I am sure you are aware our Year 11 students are working extremely hard to get themselves prepared for their public examinations. As a school we could not be prouder of them and we wanted to do something for them that would show how much they are loved and supported.

With your help we would like to offer all the students some final words of encouragement and give them a boost for this final leg of the journey. To that end I would like to invite you to write a letter to your child. It does not need to be long but just a few words to let them know you are thinking about them and are with them every step of the way. If you could put your letter in an envelope with your child's name clearly on the front and drop it in to the school office by Friday 29th April it would be greatly appreciated.

We intend to distribute letters before the first exam in May.

Many thanks,

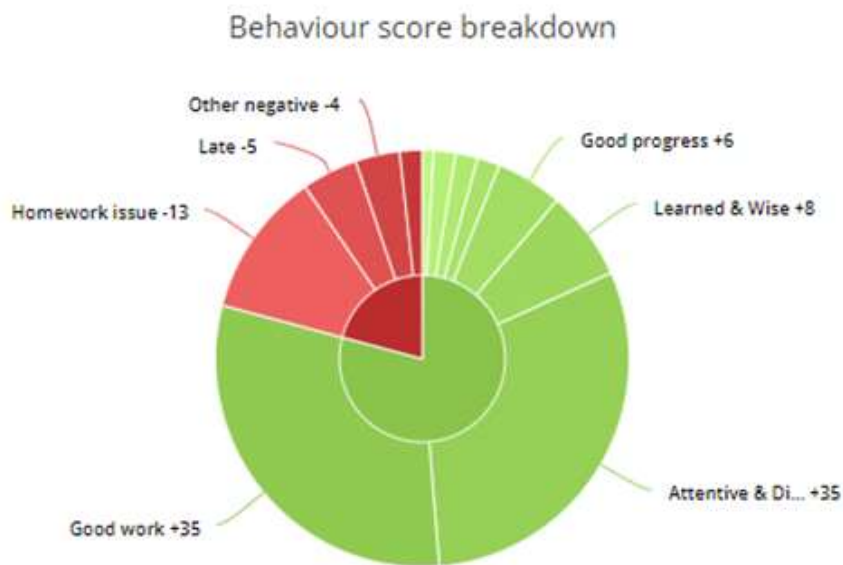
Mrs Finn, Deputy Head of Year 11

## YEAR 12 NEWS

Dear Y12

We have started summer term and soon weather will be wonderful and days longer: lots of positive energy!. I hope you used Easter to revise and to work hard to catch up with all your duties. I am sure you already know but just a reminder: exam period starts on 16<sup>th</sup> May so those who have AS subjects should be in final revision at this point. Remember to take care of yourself, eat properly, sleep enough and do some physical activity, basically, try to have a well balance life.

- Work Experience Week is 10<sup>th</sup> and 11th May. Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May will be in school and Wednesday 11th will be outside. More information will be released soon in a letter to you and your parents/guardians
- Next week assembly is on Monday 02/05/2022. You must be in school before 8:25 am to line up.
- PSHE Next week is 06/05/22 P5
- Next week Friday is St Joseph's Day. Whole school liturgy is P3 and fun activities after school. Detentions Friday after school will go on so if you have Xs you will miss the great activities we have prepared for StJoseph's Day



13 Xs because of Homework?! Really!? I am not happy

God bless you all and take care =)

Mr Romero  
Head of Year 12

## YEAR 13 NEWS

Year 13 are showing excellent resilience at the moment. With the pressure of coursework deadlines and exams mounting they are continuing to work as hard as possible. Every hour of lesson time and intervention will really count now to ensure students achieve the best they possibly can.

If any year 13 students would still like to order a hoodie please let me know by end of the Monday at the very latest.

**PSHE next week is on Friday period 5.**

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend

Mrs Bray

## Drama News

Rehearsals are coming on nicely for Sweeney Todd, keep your eye out as we will be selling tickets soon. A massive congratulations to Rosheoil Michael in Year 13 for gaining a place at East 15 one of the top drama schools in the country.

Mrs Dunleavy

## PE NEWS

PE – All pupils will be expected to wear their shorts or skorts in PE for this summer term, whether they are inside or outside for their lessons. Thank you very much for your understanding and consideration with this.

### PE after school clubs timetable

3:15-4:15	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Athletics</b> JCO  <b>Cricket</b>  THU + LRO	<b>Rounders + Softball</b> AAN, KRI +THU	<b>Rounders + Cricket</b> KBR, KRI +THU  <b>Athletics</b>  JCO, MJO + AAN	<b>Open sports</b>  LRO
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Athletics</b> JCO  <b>Cricket</b>  THU + LRO	<b>Rounders + Softball</b> AAN, KRI +THU	<b>Rounders + Cricket</b> KBR, KRI +THU  <b>Athletics</b>  JCO, MJO + AAN	<b>Open sports</b>  LRO
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Athletics</b> JCO  <b>Cricket</b>  THU + LRO	<b>Rounders + Softball</b> AAN, KRI +THU	<b>Rounders + Cricket</b> KBR, KRI +THU  <b>Athletics</b>  JCO, MJO + AAN	<b>Open sports</b>  LRO
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Athletics</b> JCO  <b>Cricket</b>  THU + LRO	<b>Rounders + Softball</b> AAN, KRI +THU	<b>Rounders + Cricket</b> KBR, KRI +THU  <b>Athletics</b>  JCO, MJO + AAN	<b>Open sports</b>  LRO

## MFL NEWS

**Big thanks and congratulations** to all participants in the “Torrijas” competition (Noah Deveroux, Isla Slessor, Joban Hundal, Marcell Enwere, Emma Powell, Maja Slomczewska and Wiki Banasik) and “La competition des oeufs” (Niko Klak, Afonso Reis Gomes, Taia Butler, Zuzanna Makar, Santi Wilk Caballero, Phoebe Tomar and Branson Pereira) for their amazing contributions. The *torrijas* were absolutely delicious and the eggs were so creative!!

Take a look!



### Congratulations to the winners:

★ Torrijas competition: Marcell E. (7J)

La competition des oeufs: Taia B (7T) ★

## EAL NEWS

(English as an Additional Language)

**Reminder: 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. We are going to finish the Display.

### Keeping Your Polish Families informed

Here are some ways polish Speaking Parents Can Get Community and understand how English education system works.

1. Polish Saturday School (Polska Szkoła Przedmiotów Ojczystych im. H. Sienkiewicza)  
Slough and Eton Business College Ragstone Road, Slough Berkshire, SL1 2PU  
[office@polskaszkolaslough.org](mailto:office@polskaszkolaslough.org)
2. Saint Sister Faustyna Polish Language School (Szkoła Języka Polskiego im Św. Siostry Faustyny)  
48 Pitts Road  
Slough  
SL1 3XH, Berkshire  
[szkolajezykapolskiegoslough@gmail.com](mailto:szkolajezykapolskiegoslough@gmail.com)

### Polish Educational Society

1. Polish Catholic Centre, 81 London Road.  
Reading RG1 5BY. Tel. 0118 9873576
2. <http://www.polskamacierz.org/> Offers Saturday schools (one based in

### Free Online resources

- Materials to support EAL students in maths, including materials translated into Polish.  
<http://www.totocity.co.uk/eal-students.html>
- Maths word book for EAL students for KS2-4: Polish/English  
<https://wsh.wokingham.gov.uk/learning-and-teaching/mea/eal/polish-resources/subject-key-words/>



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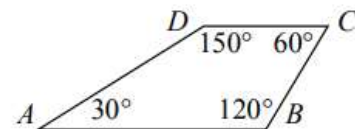
# #IcandoMaths

## Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- B** Let the radius of the dashed circle be  $r$  cm. Then one of the equal areas is bounded by circles of radii of 14 cm and  $r$  cm, whilst the other is bounded by circles of radii of  $r$  cm and 2 cm. So  $\pi \times 14^2 - \pi r^2 = \pi r^2 - \pi \times 2^2$ . Dividing throughout by  $\pi$  gives  $196 - r^2 = r^2 - 4$ . So  $2r^2 = 200$ , that is  $r^2 = 100$ . Therefore  $r = 10$  (since  $r > 0$ ).

## Solution to the Break time Teaser:

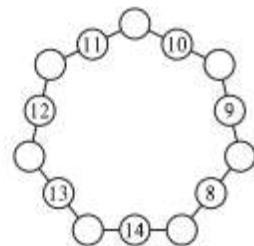
- E** The sum of the interior angles of a quadrilateral is  $360^\circ$ , so  $x + 5x + 2x + 4x = 360$ , that is  $12x = 360$ . Therefore  $x = 30$  and the angles of the quadrilateral, taken in order, are  $30^\circ$ ,  $150^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$  and  $120^\circ$ . The diagram shows the shape of the quadrilateral.



Since  $30 + 150 = 180$ , we see that  $AB$  and  $DC$  are parallel. Since it has no equal angles, it is not a rhombus or a parallelogram so it is a trapezium.

## Problem of the week

The diagram shows a heptagon with a line of three circles on each side. Each circle is to contain exactly one number. The numbers 8 to 14 are distributed as shown and the numbers 1 to 7 are to be distributed to the remaining circles. The total of the numbers in each of the lines of three circles is to be the same.



What is this total?

- A 18      B 19      C 20      D 21      E 22

## 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

**Marcel Maminski** for his intentional attitude in Maths, and **Lena Margilewska** for her curious nature across her studies.

## YEAR 8

**Anthony Omale** for participation  
**Vince Lacsamana** for reading the gospel this week

## YEAR 10

**Lewis Strong** for his curiosity and enthusiasm in food tech and **Nikola Niezgoda** for her determination and detailed revision notes for Business Studies.

## YEAR 12

**Shiva Kishore** and **Julia Laskawiec** for highest number of positive points this week

## YEAR 13

***Marvin Fotso** for being learned and wise and **Savannah Khan** for good oracy skills.*