



Well done Year 9 Netball Team



The Year 9 Netball Team have got off to a great start this year.

Their first game was against Baylis and the girls got straight back into their winning ways by beating them 11-1.

Well done to all those who took part.

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/20220930-Newsletter-1-v2.m4v>

St Joseph, pray for us

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THEME OF THE WEEK – Increase our Faith

We continue to read from the Gospel of Luke, and today we see the apostles making a strange request to Jesus: Increase our faith. Jesus does not say yes or no, but points out that even a little faith can do wonders. First of all, let us ask ourselves what faith is or isn't? Faith **IS NOT** just an acknowledgment that God exists, or a knowledge of Scripture or of the doctrines of the Church. Faith is not even simply going to church on Sunday.

Faith is a **RELATIONSHIP**, and as such must be cultivated and nurtured. We may compare it to the love between husband and wife, or between good friends. When a husband says that he believes in his wife, he is not merely acknowledging her existence, he is saying that he loves and trusts her, and that he is putting his whole life at the service of this relationship. In the same way, when we say “**I believe in God**” on Sundays, we are not just saying that he exists, we are declaring that we open our hearts to a relationship with Him, and commit to listening to His words, receiving his forgiveness and walking in His ways.

How do we live our faith? Is it a living relationship with God or just a cultural factor?

Jesus says that if only we had a little courage (little as a mustard seed) to enter into this relationship with God, we would see wonders happening around us: He uses the paradox of a mulberry tree because these trees have very deep roots and uprooting them is nearly impossible.

If only we allow the Gospel, God's life proposal, into our hearts, we will be to do things we thought were impossible: **forgive** those who wronged us, **rejoice** in other people's happiness, **share** more equally the goods of the earth, **build** a better and fairer society, **end wars** that plague our world and **bring peace** and reconciliation. All this is achievable by taking a little step...entering into a living relationship with God.

What are the Mulberry trees in our own life?

The second part of the Gospel seems to be completely unrelated to the first. On top of this it looks like Jesus is saying that servants, even after a long day of work, deserve nothing and must continue to slave for the master and acknowledge that they are just servants. But did not Jesus in another passage of Luke (12:37) say: *“Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them”*?

Jesus is not contradicting himself, he is actually describing the greatest of wonders that faith produces. If we have even a little faith and accept the proposal of his Gospel, we will understand that the greatest joy is to be a servant. Those who love become servants of the loved ones.

God loved us so much that he became our servant in Jesus Christ. To have faith is to accept this proposal and serve with joy God and one another.

Can you think of ways you can serve God? And one another?

Increase our Faith

Weekly Reflections

3rd October 2022

A reading from St Luke's Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea', and it would obey you.

"Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸ Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father, in your son Jesus Christ you came to be our servant, especially of the poor and rejected. Make us understand that faith in you is not knowing things about you, but accepting your proposal and becoming servants of one another. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Day 1

Our theme this week is 'Increase our Faith'. Jesus' closest friends asked him to increase their faith and he replies with the similitude of the mustard seed.

- What do you think faith is? Try to define it in a few words.
- Why did Jesus choose the mustard seed as an example?

Day 2

St Francis of Assisi

One of the most beloved and venerated saints, St Francis is a model of **humility, service** and **love** for every creature.



St Francis and Pope Francis embracing lepers

Day 4

In the second part of our Gospel, Jesus tells a story about servants in the form of a question. The basic message is that servants must remain servants and not consider themselves masters once they have done their duty.

- What do you think that means?
- In what way can we become servants of one another?

Day 3

Jesus says that if we have but a little faith we could uproot a Mulberry tree and order it to plant itself in the sea. Mulberry trees had very deep roots and were considered impossible to uproot. They signify the things we consider impossible to do.

- What do you think are the Mulberry trees in our World?
- And in your personal life?

God our Father, who gave to the world the example of your servant St Francis of Assisi. Teach us to be humble, to serve with joy you and one another, and to cherish and guard the beautiful world you created for us. Amen

Day 5

Our Lady of the Rosary

God, we give you thanks for the gift of the Holy Rosary. Through it, may we contemplate and imitate, with Holy Mary, the mysteries of the life of your son, Jesus. Amen.



Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

School Photographers

Professional photographers are coming to St Josephs on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th October to take all students photographs. Please make sure uniforms are extra smart for the occasion.

Please look out for their proof form which will come home with them the same day. The images will be available to purchase online at [Marston Events](#), and orders placed within 5 working days will have a 30% discount!



Timetable for the two days is:

Date		Time	Year group
MONDAY 3 OCT	Set up time	7.30am	
	Lesson 1	8.45am	Year 10
	Lesson 2	9.45am	Year 11
	Break time	10.45 - 11.05am	
	Lesson 3	11.05am	Year 8
	Lesson 4	12.05pm	Year 7
	Lunch	1.05-2.15pm	
	Lesson 5	2.15pm	Year 9
TUESDAY 4 OCT	Set up time	7.30am	
	Lesson 1	8.45am	Year 12
	Lesson 2	9.45am	Year 13
	Break time	10.45 - 11.05am	
	Lesson 3	11.05am	Catch up session

Miss S Cheston

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

Parent Survey

Every term we will be asking you to please complete a survey which will allow us to measure the impact of all the work we are undertaking to drive the school forward. Please would you take the time to complete the survey (link below) between **30th September - 10th October**, your opinions will be greatly valued. **In addition, we will be doing a draw for all those who have completed the survey - the winner will receive a £10 Amazon Gift Card for the family.**

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forms.office.com

Rewards Screen

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

REWARDS SHOP - COLLECTION



LRC

In the Break & Lunch

- Orders before 5pm will be available from the following day
- Orders more than **two weeks** old will be cancelled (points will be refunded)

Mr R Dann

YEAR 7 NEWS

Well done to everyone who took part in the Bake off today, what delicious cakes and bakes. 7 Jerome had their retreat this week and the **rest of year 7 have their retreats** on the following dates:

- ♦ **6th October** – Mark
- ♦ **13th October** – Peter
- ♦ **14th October** – Cecilia
- ♦ **18th October** – Veronica
- ♦ **21st October** – Teresa

It is great to walk round the school and see all the learning taking place. Can I urge you to get involved in any extra curricular clubs.

In the meantime have a great weekend

Mrs Dunleavy

YEAR 9 NEWS

Thanks to all of you that attended the Welcome evening last night – it was wonderful to see so many of you. If you were not unable to attend, please could you contact your son or daughter's form tutor as soon as possible to arrange a catch up meeting with them. The Home School Agreements in pupil journals need to be signed as soon as possible please.

Many thanks for this

Miss S Stevens

YEAR 11 NEWS

Y11 Football Game



The year 11 football team started their season on Thursday afternoon after a very successful campaign last season and winning the league.

To start off their title defence they faced Ditton Park Academy who posed a strong side. After a cagey first half ending at 0-0 with chances created by both teams, it was down to the battle of the midfield.

Ditton Park Academy came out fighting in the second half scoring first, this was closely followed by a drive down the right hand wing by Ryleigh and a cross into Xavier to level the scores. With great determination showed by Eryk and Wisdom putting in strong tackles in the midfield and defence. Ditton managed to score again and taking the lead, 2-1.

Xavier got in behind the defensive line, attacked the ball getting to it just before the goalkeeper and edging it past him to draw St Joseph's level for a second time, 2-2.

With around 1 minute to go, a long through ball was hit in the direction of Xavier, who was on his hat-trick, he controls the ball behind the defensive line and tucks the ball away for what seemed to be a certain winner for St Joseph's, unfortunately during the frantic celebrations the linesman was adamantly waving his flag for offside and the goal was disallowed.

The game finished 2-2, a solid start to the season desperately close to an opening victory, the Y11s return to the pitch next Thursday away @ Langley Academy

MOM – Xavier

Mr T Hunt

Electives this half term

Every Wednesday Period 5 your child has been taking part in the Electives programme. This is an enrichment session on a broad range of skills and knowledge that each pupil has been elected to take part in. It's been very exciting seeing pupils learn, braille, kick boxing, how to make a remote car, first aid, Psychology, mummification in world history and so much more! It is our first year running the Electives and we hope it grows to be even better.



Electives Display in the Main Hall

Electives – Autumn 2

Each half term your child will be doing a different elective rotating to a new block. The options open to them will be available next week with the release of the Autumn 2 Electives Brochure. We encourage your child to read it carefully. Your child will be sent an online Electives Preferences Form – Autumn 2 in the coming week as well where they are to rank the electives within their block. We will then elect each child for an elective taking into account their preferences as much as possible. First choices are not guaranteed but whichever elective your child is doing will have a wealth of skills and knowledge to learn.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Araf - Assistant Headteacher

PE News

Upcoming fixtures

Football

- ♦ Tuesday 4th October- Year 7 vs Westgate (away)
- ♦ Thursday 6th October- Year 11 vs Langley Academy (away)

Netball

- ♦ Wednesday 5th October- Year 8 vs Baylis and Wexham (away at Baylis)

Miss M Joseph

History House Competition!

October marks Black History Month here in the UK - a month in which we celebrate the achievements of black individuals and groups throughout History.

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.

Miss E Weir

TVLP Leadership Conference

On Wednesday 28th September our school was proud to host the TVLP Student Leadership Conference. Students from partners schools, including Eton College, Windsor Boys and Girls, Hershel and Slough & Eton joined some of our Year 13 students to take part in a Dragon's Den style competition whilst learning about skills for leadership.

We were privileged to host Baroness Helena Morrissey who was Lead Non-Executive Director at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office from July 2020. She transferred to Lead Non-Executive Director of the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office in September 2020 and remained in the role until June 2022.

Helena has over 3 decades' experience in the financial services sector. This includes 15 years as CEO of Newton Investment Management, during which time the firm's assets under management grew from £20 billion to £50 billion. She was also Chair of the Investment Association from 2014 to 2017, the UK investment industry's trade body. She gave the students an insight into life in leadership and the qualities needed to be successful.



The day was a great success and students gained a lot of the experience and connections have been grown between schools in our community.

During the Dragon's Den pitches, students had to present an initiative on how £100 funding could be used to support a local charity. There were some great ideas ranging from homeless solutions to food and energy and poverty that we hope someday will be actioned by these future active citizens.



Students showed bravery when they had to present their pitches to the Dragons, which involved a range of local leaders:

Derrick Chong	Senior Lecturer in Marketing, Director of Undergraduate Studies, and Senior Tutor in the School of Management at Royal Holloway University.
Gerry Barber	Chief of Staff - James Sunderland MP, Bracknell Constituency.
Cindy Smulders	Trustee at the local charity Swan Lifeline. Trustees (swanlifeline.uk)
Dina Kashap	Fashion designer and owner of a local bridal boutique in Datchet.
David Barnes	Chief Instructor, Storm Family Martial Arts.
Iro Konstantinou	Head of Research and Impact, The Tony Little Centre, Eton College.

A **massive well done** to our student leaders also that represented the school well:

Head Girl = Maria Adib
 Head Boy = Piotr Augustyn
 Deputy Head Girl = Hannah Crow
 Deputy Head Boy = Aloysius Fernandes
 Student Lead for Learning and Teaching = Adrian Fernandes
 Student Lead for Pastoral Care = Lindsay Wedji
 Student Lead for Learning Support = Ramlah Riza
 Student Mentoring Lead = Bianca Long

TVLP News

Please see the attached poster giving details on the Art Competition.

The theme of this competition is LOVE. Your art could reflect loving yourself, your family, your friends, your environment, the NHS...whatever you feel is relevant to you

Miss L Boland

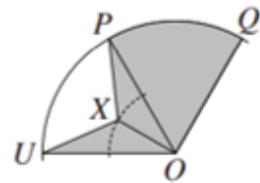


#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- A The diagram shows exactly one third of the shaded area in the original diagram. It is made up of the quadrilateral $UOPX$, together with a sector of the outer circle, POQ , where O is the centre of the original circle.

Since P and Q are two of the six points equally spaced around the circle, $\angle POQ = \frac{1}{6} \times 360^\circ = 60^\circ$. The outer circle has radius 2 cm, so the area, in cm^2 , of sector POQ is $\frac{1}{6} \times \pi \times 2^2 = \frac{2\pi}{3}$.



Since U and P are also equally spaced, $\angle UOP = 60^\circ$. So $\angle UOX = 30^\circ$.

Hence the area of triangle UOX , in cm^2 , is $\frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times 2 \times \sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$.

So the area of quadrilateral $UOPX$ is 1 cm^2 .

Therefore the total shaded area, in cm^2 , in the original diagram is $3 \times (\frac{2\pi}{3} + 1) = 2\pi + 3$.

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- E The correct answer is a multiple of both 3 and 8, as $24 = 3 \times 8$. Although 100 is a multiple of 4, it is not a multiple of 8. Therefore even multiples of 100 are multiples of 8, but odd multiples are not. This leaves 200, 400 and 600, but of these only 600 is also a multiple of 3. Hence the only option which is a multiple of 24 is 600.

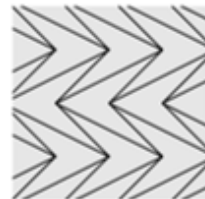
Problem of the week

The diagram shows part of a tessellation of the plane by a quadrilateral.

Khelen wants to colour each quadrilateral in the pattern so that no two quadrilaterals that meet (even at a point) have the same colour.

What is the smallest number of colours he needs?

- A 3 B 4 C 5 D 6 E 7



Break time Teaser:

What is the value of 2019 tenths?

- A 2019 B 201.9 C 20.19 D 2.019 E 0.2019

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

PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7

Nicholas J and **Maya B** - Active participation in Spanish.
Dominika Marczuk and **Marcel Fuks** for gaining the highest number of positives this week

YEAR 8

Alessia Celorico-Jones and **Jakub Ogonek** having collected a fantastic number of Positive Points this week.

Emmanuel M for good vocabulary recall in French.

YEAR 9

Mia Ramanthan and **Rosa Jarrett** for their consistently positive attitude to their studies and for scoring the highest amount of points in the year group on ClassCharts this week.

Jovan K and **Keeley C** - Amazing speaking practice in Spanish

YEAR 10

Inma W - Outstanding accuracy in Spanish writing.

MJ - Great knowledge of synonyms and definitions during reading time.

Emilia Pytel , **Shenali Palihawadana** and **Joel Manalody** for the highest number of positive points this week.

YEAR 11

Patrycja Masko and **Bara Allababidi** for the most positive points this week

Martyna K - Impressive writing skills in Spanish

YEAR 12

Tymon Jablonski for being active and curious in his Physics lessons and **Jakub Brukalo** for good work in Maths

YEAR 13

Francesca Mendoza and **Sean Teodoro** for most positive points
Bela L for outstanding hardwork and oracy skills in languages.