



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2024



Awards Evening 2024

A fantastic evening for all involved. The students really did us proud.

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well. Link to the latest video is:

[Headteacher Message NEWSLETTER - 5th July 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 – Lack of Faith

In many of the Gospels we hear on Sunday, we usually find something beautiful is said. Something that is powerful, deep and meaningful. A message that gets us to think and may bring us joy, a smile or happiness in how remarkable Jesus and his ministry was and still is. Sunday's Gospel brings a little sadness when we hear what happens to Jesus when he goes home; He is rejected by his own. Something we know will happen later in his life. However, if we truly reflect on what we hear and we look deep into ourselves and how we treat others, the message from the Gospel is still as powerful.

Mark's Gospel portrays Jesus as suffering a similar fate to that of other Jewish prophets of old — rejection of Him and His message. There is a deliberate slur on his name too as the people of his home town wonder about him aloud "the son of Mary" —in the world of ancient Israel people, their last names were formed from their father's last name, unless they were illegitimate, no one was ever referred to as the son of their mother. Jesus is profoundly affected by the way people react to him, mistrust here somehow disables him. His ministry amongst his own people is limited by their lack of trust and so he moves on and never returns to Nazareth again.

If we really truly examine the Gospel, I think we can see ourselves both in how those in the synagogue treated Jesus and in how Jesus felt. Sometimes in our lives we have negative feeling towards others, jealousy, resentment, anger. Most times it very difficult to stop, it seems like something we can't help. But what we can help is what we do with this feeling. What we go on to do or say to others, how we make them feel is our choice! And when we do the negative, say the negative, are negative, we do lack in faith! Faith is a belief in a religion, a complete trust in someone. Our faith is a complete trust and belief in God and God is love. When we treat people badly, we don't show our faith, we lack it. Worst still, we make others feel worse, alone, upset, not loved. Something that goes completely against our faith!

We work with all people, regardless of gender, disability, age, race, ethnicity, nationality, culture, sexual orientation, political or religious belief. We celebrate diversity as we come together and seek justice for all. Each of us is made in God's image. Every person has an innate human dignity no one can take away. Pope Francis says **"Every person is worthy of our giving...they are God's handiwork, his creation. God created that person in his image, and he or she reflects something of God's glory. Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives."** Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 274.

Let us not lack faith in how we treat others. Let us actually show our true faith and love and care for others to ensure Human Dignity is for all!

Lack of faith

Weekly Reflections
7th July 2024



A reading from the Gospel of St Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father,

We all have lacked faith at some point in our life. Allow us to grow through your wisdom and direction so we too can amaze others in our God made image and bring faith to others.

Through Christ our Lord

Amen



Catholic Social Teaching of Human Dignity

Each of us is made in God's image. Every person has an innate human dignity no one can take away.

Our common humanity requires that we respect and uphold the dignity of each and every individual. Everything else flows from this dignity. Saint Pope John Paul II in Centesimus Annus 1 said "*Human persons are willed by God; they are imprinted with God's image. Their dignity does not come from the work they do, but from the persons they are*".

How can you be:

Loving and Caring

Day 1

What is sad about Sunday's Gospel?

Why do you think the people of Jesus's hometown rejected Him?

Day 2

Why do you think Jesus is so affected by being rejected by his own people?

Day 3

Have you ever been negative to someone? After you have, how does that make them feel but also how do you feel? What does the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Human Dignity mean and how can we illustrate it to others?

Drama News

It is our KS3 Production of Buggy Malone next week. We are not selling tickets but asking for a £4.00 minimum donation. Please can you let us know you are attending on ParentPay.
Not to be missed!



Stranger Things

Last week Friday we enjoyed the spectacular theatre production of Stranger Things in London's Theatre Land, to celebrate the success of yr13 following the completion of their exams.

Congratulations and well done for your hard work!

We wish you nothing but success in your new chapters!



Awards Evening 2024

Another fantastic evening to celebrate our amazing pupils within ST Josephs and celebrate all the achievement this year.



GCSE fieldwork in London

This week all Year 10 Geography students have undertaken their GCSE fieldwork in London. We started in Stratford at the Olympic Site, where students took part in questionnaires and environmental quality surveys to discover if regeneration had been positive in the area. This was a great chance for students to also see how the area had been redeveloped after deindustrialisation and to discuss ideas studied in the classroom. We then travelled to Hyde Park where we investigated physical geography and measured plant species within the area to discover the impacts of soil quality and canopy cover on biodiversity. The students really enjoyed themselves and represented the school well.

Thank you from the Geography Team.



2024 SLOUGH SCHOOLS CHESS TOURNAMENT

The St-Joseph's Chess Club hosted this years' chess competition on Wednesday, July 3rd 2024. The students who represented us were:

Adreil Dias,

Angelo Dasilva

Brianne Barrozo

Cameron Fyfe

Rodnie Coroza

Joseph Cartwright.

We came 2nd in this event!

If you wish to represent our school in future tournaments, please join our club and meet us on Fridays after school in M6.



Figure 1: Students from Furtz Platt, St Bernards, St Josephs, Holyport and Westgate High Schools enjoying a game of chess while their Teachers kept scores.

Photo by Mr Stewart (03.07.24)

Year 7 News

A massive congratulations to our award winners from Wednesday night and a massive well done to Jemima Da Silva for winning the overall progress award and to Dawid Tershalla for winning the Head of Year award. Each and every one of our award winners truly deserved it. Massive well done!

Please be aware it is Sports Day on Friday 12th July, please make sure that your child has lots of water and sun cream for the day. It is destined to be a great day.

Have a lovely weekend all!

Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

Year 8 News

Another week closer to the summer holidays and a fantastic week of success for Year 8 with awards evening taking place on Wednesday, celebrating the achievements both subject based and pastoral across the year it really was a fantastic evening.

Next week we lead into my favourite day of the year which is sports day on Friday 12th July where all the students house points really come together and gives all students a chance to represent and show off their pride in their house t-shirts.

Hope you have a brilliant weekend!

Miss McCormack – Head of Year 8

Year 9 News

It has been another brilliant and eventful week for the Year 9 students. On Wednesday we had Awards Evening, it was lovely to celebrate all of the successes of the year and even have some performances from some Year 9 students. Well done to all of the students who were presented with an award; keep up the hard work.

A special mention to Oliver Stacey for winning the Pupil Profile Cup and winning a Mac book Pro!

The next few weeks are going to be busy! We have the Buggy Malone Production on Wednesday-Friday and my favourite time of the year...Sports Day on Friday.

If you haven't made an appointment with your form tutor for Academic Review Day please can this be done ASAP as ARD is on Monday 15th July.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Joseph – Head of Year 9

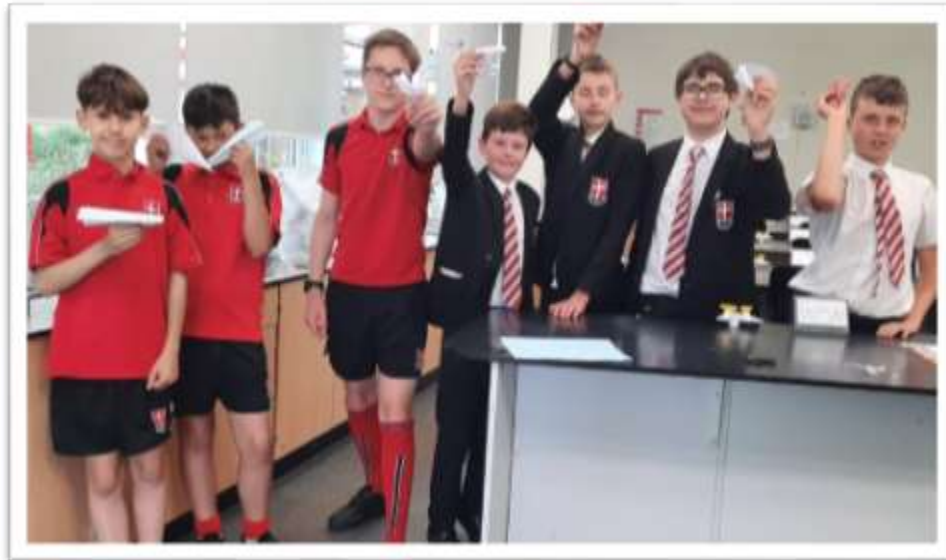
Science Museum Trip

Our students have had a great time visiting the science museum in Kensington today. This has been a great opportunity for pupils to open their minds and experience the wonderful world of science through amazing interactive displays, galleries and live shows.



Science Club

Our scientists designed and produced the most aerodynamic aero planes, applying their extensive knowledge of physics. They also created a giant toothpaste experiment, showcasing their creativity and scientific skills.





#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- E The square has sides of length 2π , so its area is $(2\pi)^2 = 4\pi^2$. Each of the four semicircles has radius π , hence the sum of the areas of the semicircles is $4 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \pi \times \pi^2 = 2\pi^3$. Therefore the required area is $2\pi^3 + 4\pi^2 = 2\pi^2(\pi + 2)$.

Solution to the Break-time Teaser:

- A The amount of topping required is $2\frac{1}{2} \times (100 + 50 + 50) \text{ g} = 2\frac{1}{2} \times 200 \text{ g} = 500 \text{ g} = 0.5 \text{ kg}$.

Puzzler of the week

Patrick drives from P to Q at an average speed of 40 mph. His drive back from Q to P is at an average speed of 45 mph and takes two minutes less. How far, in miles, is it from P to Q?

- A 1.5 B 6 C 9 D 12 E 15

Break-time Teaser

In 2014, in Boston, Massachusetts, Eli Bishop set a world record for the greatest number of claps per minute. He achieved 1020 claps in one minute. How many claps is that per second?

- A 17 B 16.5 C 16 D 15.5 E 15

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



EAL NEWS

(English as an Additional Language)

Do You Know?

Research shows at the age of 11 a parent is as important as a teacher in a child's education. When parents are involved in their education, children do better on a wide range of measures. These positive effects include:

Better behaviour

More confidence and greater self-esteem

More enthusiasm about learning

Better results etc.

"It's what parents do rather than who they are that counts."

Professor Charles Desforges University of Exeter

Talk to your children about what they are doing in subjects in their first language. If they do not understand, encourage them to use:

• Dictionary

• Google Translate <http://translate.google.com>

In fact, John Hattie's seminal 2008 study, *Visible Learning: A Synthesis of Over 800 Meta-Analyses Relating to Achievement* found that "the effect of parental engagement over a student's school career is equivalent to adding two or three years to that student's education".

Free Online resources

Useful Internet website for English exercises for all levels

<https://agendaweb.org/>



Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Luca Tilocca and Samaira Pereria for exceptional weeks

Year 8

Tesia Teji and Jessica Lysiak for the most positive points
Brienne Barrozo and Layla Larfa for achieving the HOY Award and Award for overall progress

Year 9

Phoebe Tomar and Jayden Jonga for receiving the most positive points this week

Year 10

Loris Gumbs and Rosa Jarett for achieving the most positive points this week

Year 12

Harman Kaur and Mikhaella Mendoza in honour of their awards this week – the Head of Year Award and Outstanding Progress award.

I would also like to congratulate all the year 12s on their excellent performance on Interview Day – the Learning to Work Team and volunteers were very impressed by all of them.



ETON EXCELSIOR

the rowing club for the Eton, Slough & Windsor area

Eton Excelsior Rowing Club (EERC) has a long history of producing successful Olympians and Team GB Athletes from its EERC Junior Programme.

Unleash Your Inner Rower!

<p>Who</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys and girls in school Year 9 onwards (13-18 years) (Separate activities for Year 8 – contact us for more info) <p>What</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn all aspects of the sport in singles, doubles and quads • Have fun at local regattas and club events • Professionally coached, ability-based training programmes • Mix of on-water and gym-based sessions across weekdays and weekends <p>Where</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EERC Bouthouse, 14 Maidenhead Road, Windsor, SL4 5TY • On the banks of the river Thames, next door to Windsor Marina 	<h3 style="margin: 0;">EERC Juniors</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">Team work</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Discipline</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Focus</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Strength & Fitness</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Fun!</p>
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To find out more about 'Learn To Row' sessions in August and September, please scan the QR code or visit <https://forms.gle/8dZ7reJfSQwTstFCB9>.

junior-membership@etonexcelsiorrowingclub.org





FASHION UPCYCLE COMPETITION



**Deadline:
Sunday
25 August!**

**Do you work, live or study
within the borough of Slough?
Are you creative? Are you skilful?
This competition is for you!**

Create a new wearable garment from preloved clothes or used materials and present it on the Fashion Upcycle Catwalk. The theme is 'Reimagine, Repurpose, Rewear'

There are two categories (with amazing prizes!):

- Between 13 - 19 year old
- 20 years and over

For all information:
<http://sloughantilitter.org.uk/upcycle>
Email:
hello@sloughantilitter.org.uk
info@sloughbid.co.uk
or scan QR code



**Catwalk
show
Saturday
7 Sept!**

