



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Newsletter

Friday 7th June 2024



Business Trip

Our Business students visited Chessington World of Adventures this morning. They have been treated to an hour-long workshop in the morning and then went on to explore the park's attractions, more fantastic photos inside the newsletter.

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

[Headteacher Message - 7th June 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 – Jesus’ brothers and sisters

In our Gospel reading on Sunday, Jesus says something amazing. As he sits teaching, surrounded by a large group of people from all different places, families and backgrounds, all eager to hear him teach about God, he tells them that he counts each one of them as a member of his family – God’s family! And that makes all of us in the Church part of the same family. Our distinguishing family likeness is how well we obey God by living the way Jesus has taught us. Think back to the Catholic Social Teaching principle introduced last week, can you remember what it is called and means?

Being in solidarity is recognising others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for good. By coming together in hope as individuals, families, communities, organisations and nations, we can achieve transformative change for the common good. When we unite and make a stand for what we believe in, we can achieve remarkable things. *Pope Francis said, “We are a single family dwelling in a common home.” Fratelli Tutti, 17*

In the Gospel reading on Sunday, Jesus looks at those around him with the same kind of love and affection that he holds for his own family. He recognises that God’s love is beyond the ties of blood and genes. Spiritually we are all bound together as members of God’s great family, as close to Jesus as his own family. What distinguishes us as members of God’s family is the family likeness of doing God’s will – living the loving way.

We all have the experience of living as members of a family. Some of us may have many brothers and sisters where others of us may have few or none. Some may have a wide and extended family that we see often, where others of us may only have a small family that we only see on occasions. Reflect on your own family, who are you close to? Is your experience of family life reflected in how you feel being a member of God’s inclusive, welcoming, healing Church that longs to heal the rifts and overcome the divisions and separations we encounter in the world?

Pope Francis said *“I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security...while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: ‘Give them something to eat’ (Mark 6:37).” Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 4.*

In Solidarity with all of our brothers and sisters, how in your life have you tried to help those most in need? How have you seen others try to help those most in need? What can you go on to do to help others in the future?

Jesus' brothers and sisters

Weekly Reflections
9th June 2024



A reading from the Gospel of St Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

Prayer for the Week

Loving God,

We thank you for calling us together in this place as part of your great family. Let us look after our brothers and sisters in Christ in fellowship with you and one another.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

Catholic Social Teaching



Catholic Social Teaching of Solidarity

Please watch the video on the next slide showing an example of what the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity means?

Then reflect on the questions you answered for Day 3.

With this in mind, how can we as a school community be more in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the world? Think not only about charitable causes but also economically, socially, technologically and politically.

How can we be more:

Grateful and generous

Day 1

Why do you think Jesus counts us all as his brothers and sisters and we are all one family?

What Catholic Social Teaching principle were we introduced to last week and how does this relate to the Gospel?

Day 2

What is truly meant when we say being in solidarity with our brothers and sisters?

How do you demonstrate the love God's shows us to all those around us but especially those most in need and in poverty?

Day 3

With the CST principle of solidarity in mind - what have you done in St Joseph's or your primary school to help others?

Business Trip Chessington World of Adventures





Year 9 Rounder's

Congratulations to the year 9 rounders team who beat Herschel Grammar School 13.5rounders to 12.5 rounders. Well done

Celine, Natalia, Nikola, Licia, Arina, Alicja, Sonia. Csenge, Carmen, Viki, Julia, Patrycja.

Quad kids Athletics

This week we took a group of year 7 students to take part in quad kid's athletics. They compete in teams of four and as individuals across 4 different athletics event. The pupils were absolutely fabulous and took part with a great attitude and put 100%effort in all events. Well done to David Oliver, Tomasz, Fifi, Leila, Amelia, Jessica, Florence, Aleks Chibs, Wiktor, Coco, Orla, Rachel, Jai and William.

A huge congratulations to the girls A team who came 2nd in the girls team competition and to the Boys A team who came 1st in the team competition. A special well done to Chibs who came 1st in



the boy's individual competition



Year 7 News

I hope everyone had a restful half term, the Year 7s came back ready to go for the last half term in Year 7. They have had an exceptional week with a 97% Positive to Negative Ratio, I cannot wait for this great momentum to continue.

Congratulations to 8 of the Year 7s for competing in the Quad Kids event this week, lots to be proud of after that with the 4 Girls finishing second overall and the Boys winning the overall event! Really well done!

Have a lovely weekend all!
Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

Year 8 News

A sunny start to our final Summer Term for Year 8, starting off with a great week for those that have received Rewards Trip letters for their hard work this year and also the opportunity to attend a retreat to Worth School at the end of June. Next week sees Year 8 taking part in progress tests for English, Maths and Science and also during reading time.

Hope you have a great weekend!
Miss McCormack – Head of Year 8

Year 9 News

The Year 9's have started their final term off excellently. Monday as a year group they received over 250 positive house points in one day.

A huge well done to both Boys and Girls footballers who attended the TVPL Power-League tournament Tuesday. The boys finished 3rd and the girls just missed out on 1st, finished 2nd.

This half terms reward is focusing on Homework X's - well done to all students who have completed all homework this week and not received a HX.

Amazing work from Anna W-K & Oliver S on getting over 20 positive house points this week.

Have a great weekend!
Mr Hunt

Year 10 News

The time to show off has come. Soon, you will start with your PPE1. I cannot reiterate enough how important this set of exams is for your future. Take them seriously and revise as hard as you can. Take a look at the revision timetable I prepared for you at the beginning of the year. If you follow it, you will do great; there is no doubt about it. Please use the "learning to learn" techniques and strategies you have learned recently.

Furthermore, next week we will start with a reading test. You have received the timetable and the code during form time. Please write the code in your journal.

Last key information: those who have received the letter for the reward trip, please remember that you have until June 9th to vote for it. Otherwise, we will understand you do not want to go.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mr Romero - Head of Year 10

Year 10 Exam Time Tables

Time of the day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16:30-16:55	Math	English	Science	Math	English
16:55-17:00	Movement break- Tea time	Movement break- Music time	Movement break- Cookie time	Movement break- Stretch your legs	Movement break- Washing face time
17:00-17:25	English	Science	English	Science	Science
17:25-17:30	Movement break- WhatsApp time	Movement break- Stretch your legs and back	Movement break- Social media time	Movement break- Tea time	Movement break- Stretch your legs
17:30-17:55	Science	Math	Math	English	Math
17:55-18:00	Movement break- Eat something sweet	Movement break- WhatsApp time	Movement break- Tea time	Movement break- Music time	Movement break- Cookie time
18:00-18:25	Homework	Homework	Homework	Homework	Homework
18:25-18:30	Movement break- Coffee/ Coke/ Ice Tea time	Movement break- Eat something sweet	Movement break- Stretch your legs back	Movement break- Eat something sweet	Movement break- WhatsApp time
18:30-18:55	Subject Option 1	Subject Option 2	Subject Option 3	Subject Option 1	Subject Option 3
18:55-19:00	Meditation time	Meditation time	Meditation time	Meditation time	Meditation time
Total study time	125 min	125 min	125 min	125 min	125 min

Exam Notice

Please see separate attachment with the PPE timetable for Year 10 and 12 students. This has been placed in the Year Group Teams pages and students have a paper copy.

Our best wishes to all of those students sitting the exam.

Year 9 five-a-side

TVLP hosted a Year 9 five-a-side tournament at Power league. Both boys and girls team represented St Joseph's school.

The girl's team showed great ambition, team work and leadership within themselves. They didn't lose a game in the whole tournament. Unfortunately they drew two games and the winning team only drew the one. They finished 2nd overall.

The boy's team again showed great resilience losing their first two games of the tournament but managed to turn it around and win all of the following games. This secured them 3rd place over all.

Excellent work form all student involved.



Year 7 and Year 8 Girls 5 a side Football



On Thursday 6th June 5 Year 8 girls and Orla in Year 7 participated in the Power league 5 a side Tournament, firstly beating Lynch Hill convincingly 6-0. The second game saw a rather harder game losing out to Burnham Grammar 1-0 before beating Beechwood 2-0 and making it through to the Bronze final. The girls went to Golden Goal against LTA finally coming out victorious and Bronze Medal Champions.

Reading and Progress Tests

We will be beginning Reading (KS3, Yr 10 and 12) and Progress Tests (Core KS3) on Tuesday 11th of June. This is an opportunity for students to receive a detailed, diagnostic report of their progress in reading as well as English, Maths and Science. Parents will receive a report in, along with their school report, as to what areas students have achieved success and what their areas are for personal growth, along with how they can be supported in class and at home.

Students have a the timetable with log in codes and students will receive this details on Teams from their Form Tutor too. Here is the timetable overview:

Wk A	Tuesday 11th of June	Wednesday 12th of June	Thursday 13th of June	Friday 14th of June	Monday 17th of June		
91		Year 9 English & NGST	Year 8 Maths & PASS	Year 9 Science	Catch Up		
92		Year 9 English & NGST	Year 8 Maths & PASS	Year 9 Science	Catch Up		
94	Year 8 English & NGST	Catch Up	Year 9 Maths & PASS	Year 7 Maths & PASS	Year 7 English & NGST		
95	Year 8 English & NGST	Catch Up	Year 9 Maths & PASS	Year 7 Maths & PASS	Year 7 English & NGST		
	Tuesday 11th of June	Wednesday 12th of June	Thursday 13th of June	Friday 14th of June	Monday 17th of June	Tuesday 18th of June	Wednesday 19th of June
Reading 1 - CP1	10C	10M	10T	7C	7M	7T	Catch Up 7/10
Reading 1 - CP2	10J	10P	10V	7J	7P	7V	
Reading 2 - CP1	8C	8M	8T	9C	9M	9T	Catch Up 8/9
Reading 2 - CP2	8J	8P	8V	9J	9P	9V	
Reading 1 - Form Room	Year 12 (on iPads)						

If you or your child has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school: g.stack-clark@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk.



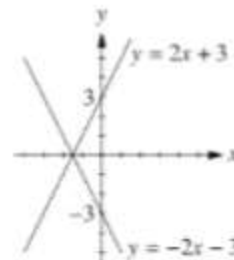
#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- E The diagram shows that the reflection of the line $y = 2x + 3$ in the x -axis has gradient -2 and an intercept on the y -axis of $(0, -3)$.

Therefore, the equation of the reflected line is $y = -2x - 3$.

(Note that reflection in the x -axis changes y to $-y$. Hence the equation of the reflected line is $-y = 2x + 3$, so $y = -2x - 3$.)



Solution to the Break-time Teaser:

- E At 22:22, there are $60 - 22 = 38$ minutes to 23:00. There are then a further 60 minutes to midnight. So the number of minutes which remain until midnight is $38 + 60 = 98$.

Puzzler of the week

The shaded region in the diagram, bounded by two concentric circles, is called an *annulus*. The circles have radii 2 cm and 14 cm.

The dashed circle divides the area of this annulus into two equal areas.

What is its radius?

- A 9 cm B 10 cm C 11 cm D 12 cm E 13 cm



Break-time Teaser

The angles of a quadrilateral taken in order are x° , $5x^\circ$, $2x^\circ$ and $4x^\circ$. Which of the following is the quadrilateral?

- A kite B parallelogram C rhombus D arrowhead E trapezium

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?

There are several language apps available that can be useful for English as an Additional Language (EAL) students. These apps typically offer a variety of features to improve language skills, including vocabulary building, grammar practice, listening comprehension, and speaking exercises. Here are a few popular language apps that EAL students might find helpful:

1. **Duolingo:** Duolingo is a widely-used language-learning app that offers courses in various languages, including English. It covers vocabulary, grammar, listening, and speaking exercises through interactive lessons and quizzes.
2. **Rosetta Stone:** Rosetta Stone is a well-known language-learning program that provides immersive language courses. It focuses on developing all language skills, including speaking, listening, reading, and writing.
3. **Babbel:** Babbel offers interactive language courses designed for practical, real-life conversations. It includes vocabulary exercises, dialogues, and pronunciation practice.
4. **FluentU:** FluentU is a language-learning platform that uses authentic videos, such as movie trailers, music videos, and news clips, to help improve language skills. It provides interactive subtitles, flashcards, and quizzes to enhance learning.
5. **HelloTalk:** HelloTalk is a language-exchange app that connects language learners with native speakers. EAL students can practice their English skills by chatting with native English speakers and receive corrections and feedback on their language usage.



Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Stuart Stevenson and Oliwia Radecka for excellent weeks!

Year 8

Brianne Barrozo and Loikita Graca Mendonca De Jesus for most positives this week and congratulations to Brianne for making the final round of the Pupil Profile Cup.

Year 9

Licia Triumph and Lucas Passos for having an excellent attitude to learning

Year 10

Gabriel Sobale and Kara Cullen for the most positive points



Year 12

Mia Marshall and Symon Codico for the most positive points on Classcharts.