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PAINTING OF A LEMUR BY
IYANU IN YEAR 11



ART WORK BY MONIKA IN
YEAR 11 FOR HER
HABITATS PROJECT



SMOOTH DIGITAL
DRAWING BY
STEPHANIE IN
YEAR 10

ST JOSEPH'S *NEWSLETTER*



PREPARATION HAS BEGUN FOR OUR ONLINE ADVENT SERVICE

From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We'd like to welcome Mrs Natasha Oliver to the School Office team. Mrs Oliver has taken on the role of Attendance and Welfare Officer and is the person you should ring or email to report your child's absence.

Just a quick note this week to say thanks to all the parents for getting all the children masked up – it's obviously far from ideal and not what we'd want plus it all looks a little strange at the moment in the corridors but these times will pass - it's also important to remember that it's all about ensuring

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the safety of the children and staff as far as we can. There's been an increasing rate of infection in the locality and we're working hard to continue the incredibly low number of cases we have had over the last few months in comparison to other local schools. This is largely due to the care and consideration of others. A special word of thanks to all those parents for bringing masks in when the students have forgotten them.

Sixth Form Parents' Evening will take place on Microsoft Teams on Thursday 26th November. Please do see the notices further on in the newsletter this week about times and how to log in.

Meanwhile Advent is not far from us now, we're preparing for the service to be on line this year and we're looking forward to finally getting a reason to be cheerful midwinter. Here's to spreading some joy!

Have a great weekend.

St Joseph, pray for us.

Ciran Stapleton

Theme of the Week – Christ the Universal King

In this week's Gospel, we see the Son of Man compared to a shepherd; separating the sheep from the goats. He will return in glory to gather his people from all the nations of the world.

The sheep represent the virtuous people who gave food to the hungry, clothed the naked, visited people in jail and the sick in hospital. The goats represent those who do not do these good deeds.

When I teach our pupils about this parable, I am regularly met with the same question: "but Sir, does this mean that if I don't visit people in jail then I'm going to go to hell?". The answer to this question is obviously, "no". There is a common theme that runs through this parable of selfishness and selflessness. Jesus is giving us examples of how to be selfless in order to be judged worthy of a place in God's kingdom. We can be selfless in a variety of ways. However, if we live a life that is predominantly selfish, we are, as Jesus said, neglecting his command.

Sheep and goats were mixed together in Middle Eastern flocks. This is interesting, since people in our time are thrown together in a mixture of good and bad. Matthew sets out the principles of judgement and clearly indicates the fate of each group. Being a shepherd in ancient times was seen as a lowly occupation. They were mostly hired men who felt no responsibility for the sheep. **Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and cares for them with authority and care.**

During the past few weeks, we have been encouraged to be prepared, to be alert and use our gifts well. Today we get the bottom line: we are to be judged worthy of a place in God's kingdom. **What counts is how we have served those in need, and how we have recognised Christ in each other.**

How do you respond to those in need?

Can you recall an experience of having someone respond to a need of our own?

Did it change your attitude to helping others?

The Church has always worked in areas of social justice and help for the poor, the needy and the sick. Are there ways that you and your family might become more involved?

Do you express your faith in a variety of ways?

How do we feed the hungry in our society today? During this next month, think about how you can **prepare a brilliant Christmas hamper** for those in need.

Sixth Form News

Sixth Form Parents' Evening – this will happen in the evening, next week (Thursday 26th November). Classroom teachers are in the process of booking meetings in with your sons/daughters. This will either be via paper form or via the Outlook calendar on the student's iPad. The meetings will be conducted over Microsoft Teams.

Your son or daughter may also be asked to meet with Mr Matthews (Head of Year 13) or Mr Clark (Head of Sixth Form).

Sixth Form Taster Day – we are very much looking forward to your son or daughter joining St Joseph's Sixth Form, and the Taster Day (Tuesday 24th November) is an important step in this process. They will experience a taste of A-Level and BTEC study but also have access to careers information and guidance that will help them with their post-16 choices. Timetables were given out today to students, please ask to see this (example below).

Information for the day:

- Meet in the Sixth Form study centre at 8:15am.
- At 8:30, students go to their Taster Day form room with their Taster Day form tutor (this is on their timetable).
- They will then have four taster lessons as per the choices they made.
- Break will be at 10:55am and lunch will be at 1:20pm (students must not sign-out).
- Access to lunch will be as per a normal school day for Year 11.
- Students then line up at 1:55pm in the quad for an assembly with careers information and guidance.

The uniform guidance sent out to students this week is also attached.

Best wishes,

Mr Clark



Sixth Form Taster Day 2020

Name:

Form: 11 Cecilia

Taster Day Tutor and Group: 12 Cecilia MJO Music Room

Period 1		Period 2		Period 3		Period 4	
Subject	Teacher & Room	Subject	Teacher & Room	Subject	Teacher & Room	Subject	Teacher & Room
Psychology	DKU T10	Maths	KBO T12	Computer Science	EBU CP1	Biology	MWA LAB3

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- Access to lunch will be as per a normal school day for Year 11.
- Please then line up at 1:55pm in the quad with: **12 Cecilia SCH Quad**

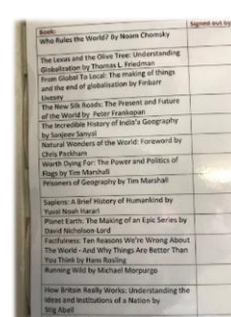
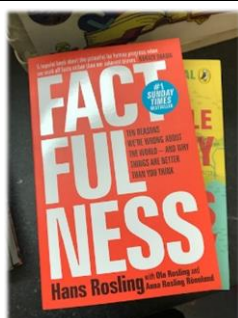
Please note that we have tried to accommodate most of your subject choices but this was not possible in all cases.

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Geography News

The Geography department has invested in a wide range of subject related reading books- both fiction and non-fiction- for you to enjoy whilst in lockdown at home. We have a range of books that suit a variety of reading ages and abilities to allow you to access wider geography knowledge and enjoyment outside of the classroom. If you would like to borrow one, please see the list below and email Miss Boland (L.Boland@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk) the name of the book that you would like. I will then arrange for this book to be given to you and sign it out. We are asking that students keep the book for no longer than two weeks, to allow the book to be quarantined for three days before other students can also get the opportunity to read it. It is important for those who are thinking of further geography careers and study to be able to articulate themselves well- this can be aided through the power of reading! #StayExcellent – Miss Boland

Book:
Who Rules the World? By Noam Chomsky
The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization by Thomas L. Friedman
From Global To Local: The making of things and the end of globalisation by Finbarr Livesey
The New Silk Roads: The Present and Future of the World by Peter Frankopan
The Incredible History of India's Geography by Sanjeev Sanyal
Natural Wonders of the World: Foreword by Chris Packham
Worth Dying For: The Power and Politics of Flags by Tim Marshall
Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall
Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari
Planet Earth: The Making of an Epic Series by David Nicholson-Lord
Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About The World - And Why Things Are Better Than You Think by Hans Rosling
Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo
How Britain Really Works: Understanding the Ideas and Institutions of a Nation by Stig Abell
After the Quake by Haruki Murakami
When the Mountains Roared by Jess Butterworth
Futebol Nation: A Footballing History of Brazil by David Goldblatt



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Year 10 News

Top ATL students

This week the top students in terms of their Attitude to Learning were treated to a pizza rewards lunch. These students have gone above and beyond to achieve the highest scores across all their subject areas so you should be very proud of them. There is a strong correlation between academic progress and attitude to learning scores (ATL). An ATL score of 3 or above has a huge impact on the grades achieved at the end of each half term.



Top epraise students

Top students

1. Matteo Ramsay-Scuderi (10 Jerome) (209)
2. Alfie Mewett (10 Mark) (174)
3. Daisy Loft (10 Teresa) (166)
4. Olivier Lydzinski (10 Peter) (162)
5. Natalia Kochanowska (10 Mark) (151)
6. Dominic Witkowski (10 Jerome) (147)
7. Jakub Olszanski (10 Cecilia) (144)
8. Megan Cobb (10 Cecilia) (139)
9. Michelle Arzoo (10 Peter) (138)
10. Daniel Keys (10 Mark) (137)

This week

1. Nikole Metre (10 Cecilia) (30)
2. Daniel Keys (10 Mark) (29)
3. Nicole Kaplonska (10 Mark) (25)
4. Aaron Cebasa (10 Cecilia) (15)
4. Michelle Arzoo (10 Peter) (15)
4. Jayden Meghome (10 Veronica) (15)
4. Ava Sharp (10 Jerome) (15)
4. Clinton Njoku (10 Mark) (15)
9. Henry Gallagher (10 Jerome) (13)
10. Jakub Brukalo (10 Peter) (10)

Tutor groups

1. 10 Jerome (2484)
2. 10 Cecilia (1758)
3. 10 Peter (1608)
4. 10 Mark (1557)
5. 10 Teresa (1497)
6. 10 Veronica (1426)
7. Unknown (5)

Year 10 PE

Some great work going on in PE this week.

The girls groups are working in pairs on synchronisation in their routines, the boys groups are learning the art of the short serve in badminton and the mixed groups are taking on the challenge of the new sport of Handball.



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CV19 and Supporting those at Home

Dear Parents and Students,

When you are studying away from school and are looking for work on teams please check the files of your class team as work is put there rather than the conversation area of the team.

If there are any issues getting onto teams or you have any questions while you are using Teams please let me know and I will be happy to help.

Miss A Euden

a.euden@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

Music News - Preparing for Christmas Celebrations

With December swiftly approaching, we are beginning to start rehearsals for our virtual carol service this year. If any students are interested in participating by reading, singing or playing as part of our upcoming service within St Joseph's and Slough Music Service, please contact Miss Ure.

More info to come in year group notices!

Slough Music Service - Instrumental Lessons

We work alongside Slough Music Service for students who are interested in learning to play an instrument. If you are interested in taking up instrumental lessons, please follow the link to the Slough Music service to apply online. <https://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk/>

Any questions, please contact Miss Ure.

History News

24 Miles: 12 Codes: 12 Days

Operation Bletchley are calling on all Secret Agents for Christmas in Berlin! Do you have what it takes?!

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to cover 24 miles on foot through Soviet territory, decrypt vital intelligence about the blockade, cracking codes as you go, and help bring our stranded contacts back to Headquarters.

With three levels of codes to choose from: junior, codebreaker and cypher expert, this is an activity which the whole family can get involved in this Christmas.

Sign up for just £10 and link the activity to your phone or tracker, or record your miles manually. This event begins from 26 December 2020.

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Please follow the link below for more information, and to sign up. Please do send on photos of your participation in this event if you are comfortable with them being shared in the Newsletter, and on our History Instagram Page, @stjosephshistory.

<https://events.soldierscharity.org/event/operation-bletchley/home>

Miss Weir

Year 11 News

Dear Year 11,

Thank you again for your engagement with interventions this week. There has been lots of progress made which will no doubt be evident in our next set of PPE's in January. A massive congratulation to Maria, Flora, Rebecca J, Bela, Fran, Nicola, Liam, Joe, Hannah, Dawid F, Shiva, Georgiana and Cynthia who all achieved an average ATL of over 3.78 in their reports. This is a fantastic achievement which I am very proud of and you should be also!

As we edge a week close to Christmas, please ensure you are preparing for your next set of exams. Revision timetables should have been made and you should be sticking to them. Remember, we are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is therefore not an act, but a habit!

Next week, we have our 6th Form Taster Day on Tuesday (24th). It is a real opportunity to see what lessons will be like in the 6th Form. Go into the sessions with an open mind and try to challenge yourself. Also, make sure you are asking lots of questions, particularly if you're unsure.

Have a lovely weekend, Stay Excellent.

Mr Oakley

Year 9 News

Thank you for your hard work and engagement this week Year 9. It's getting cold out so please make sure you are bringing warm, school appropriate clothing in.

There have been a couple of instances of students in our Year arriving to school or near school on e-scooters.

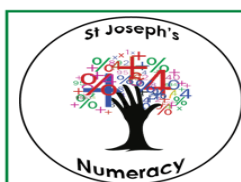
Can I please remind all parents and guardians that these are illegal on roads and pavements if privately owned. If rented the rider must have a valid UK driving licence. As such, no student in Year 9 should be riding an e-scooter to school in any capacity.

Please refer to this link for any more information: <https://www.thames-valleyalert.co.uk/da/339596/e-scooters.html>

Have a great weekend.

Mr Robinson

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#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

Answer: $P + Q + R + S = 16$

Subtracting

$$\begin{array}{r}
 8 \ Q \ 0 \ S \\
 - P \ 0 \ R \ 2 \\
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 2 \ 0 \ 0 \ 8
 \end{array}
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 \begin{array}{r}
 8 \ \overset{Q-1}{Q} \ \overset{9}{0} \ \overset{1}{0} \\
 - P \ 0 \ R \ 2 \\
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 2 \ 0 \ 0 \ 8
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 - P \ 0 \ 9 \ 2 \\
 \hline
 2 \ 0 \ 0 \ 8
 \end{array}$$

$S = 0$ $Q = 1$ $R = 9$ $P = 6$

$$0 + 1 + 9 + 6 = 16$$

Adding

$$\begin{array}{r}
 P \ 0 \ R \ 2 \\
 + 2 \ 0 \ 0 \ 8 \\
 \hline
 \ 1 \ 0
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{r}
 P \ 0 \ R \ 2 \\
 + 2 \ 0 \ 0 \ 8 \\
 \hline
 P+2 \ 0 \ R+1 \ 0
 \end{array}$$

$$P+2 \ 0 \ R+1 \ 0 = 8 \ Q \ 0 \ S$$

so $R+1 = 10$ ie. $R = 9$, $Q = 1$ and $P = 6$, $S = 0$

$$9 + 1 + 6 + 0 = 16$$

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

B The positive sums of cubes less than the largest option, 36, are $0^3 + 1^3 = 1$; $1^3 + 2^3 = 1 + 8 = 9$ and $2^3 + 3^3 = 8 + 27 = 35$. Hence the correct answer is 9.

Congratulations to: Piotr Basinski (8T), Izan Iglesias Trepiana (8M), Annabell Lysiak (8C) and Joel Manalody (8V) for correct answers.

Problem of the week

Walking up a steep hill, I pass 10 equally spaced street lamps.

I take 5 seconds to walk from the first lamp to the second lamp, 6 seconds from the second lamp to the third, and so on, with each time increasing by 1 second as I slow down.

How long do I take to walk from the first lamp to the last?

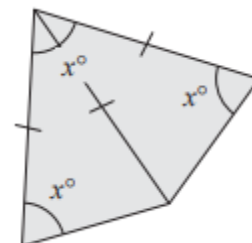
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Break time Teaser:

A kite is made by joining two congruent isosceles triangles, as shown.

What is the value of x ?

A 36 B 54 C 60 D 72 E 80



Send your answers to Mr Allinson. The first full complete answer will get epraise points and a prize.

Computer Science News

The Computer Science department is running a CyberFirst - EmPower Cyber Week for the Year 7s. This will be held from the 30th November - 3rd December 2020 from 15:00 -16:00 (after school).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on:

s.viegas@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk or g.jaswal@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

Miss Viegas and Mrs Jaswal

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Year 7 News

Another great week. Year 7 have been looking at their local area in Geography, learning about particles in Science, keyboard skills in Music amongst other exciting things. They had a reflective assembly with Mrs Darrie on God Given gifts. I am looking forward to our assembly this Monday as we will all get to hear our pupils who have applied for Year 7 student leaders, good luck to you all.

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Dunleavy

Could you potentially be a Home Start Superstar, freely giving your time and expertise?

We need volunteers to support Slough and Burnham families who are finding things tough, they could be feeling very isolated or need help with practical issues. (training is provided)

At the moment, our volunteers can only support families over the phone or zoom, but shortly we hope to go back to face to face help.

If you think you can make a difference, no matter how small and enjoy helping others, please get in touch today for more information on how to become a Home Start Slough Volunteer.

Email office@hsslough.co.uk or call the office on 01753 572958.

Thank you.



Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Jacob Welsh for his compassion towards others and Anna-Emiliya Larionova for good work in Geography.

Year 9

Rodnie Coroza for an excellent English speaking assessment and Aleksander Jozwiak for hard work in Languages.

Year 11

Wiktor Novak for having an excellent attitude towards her Science lessons.

Nya Brown for having an excellent ATL in all her lessons and interventions, showing some amazing progress.

Year 13

Feranmi Sanni for an excellent UCAS application, which has been submitted 3 months early and already has two offers from universities.

Megan Gillow for an excellent ATL in her latest report.

Year 8

Nathaniel Basa for being loving and active in tutor time and Luke Codeniera for being resilient and handling his current situation extremely well.

Year 10

Alex Chappell for his support with our visually impaired students in PE and Isabel O'Sullivan for her hard work and resilience.

Year 12

Anjali Bains – for outstanding PPE1 results, Attitude to Learning, showing great resilience and being an all-round good-egg.

Harvey Clark – for showing a great deal of maturity this week and doing things the right way.