



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Newsletter

Friday 17th May 2024



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More 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 video Message NEWSLETTER 17 05 24 \(youtube.com\)](#)

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 – Pentecost

Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and this is a special feast for the Church. It is called 'Pentecost' because it comes from the Greek 'pentekoste', which means fiftieth and it is celebrated fifty days after Easter and the Passover in the Jewish faith. For Jews, in the Old Testament the fifty days after Passover is the day they celebrate the passing on of the law (the Torah) that they are to follow. For followers of Christ, Pentecost is the birthday of the Church as it is when the apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit to then go out and share the Gospels and the teachings of Jesus. And if you think of a birthday, you will normally see gifts, birthday cake and overall happiness. Therefore, Pentecost has something similar, the gift of the Holy Spirit being passed onto the apostles through fire above their heads so they too could go out and bring the happiness of Jesus into the lives of others.

Pentecost was a Jewish feast day celebrated fifty days after Passover. This is why so many were in Jerusalem at the time the Holy Spirit manifested in the lives of the apostles. It might be expected that the absence of Jesus would have caused the newly formed gathering of believers to collapse and disappear, and we know from Scripture that at least some of them had left Jerusalem to return to their homes. But despite their anxiety and sense of having been left behind, a group of about one hundred and twenty believers had gathered to pray in the upper room together. Jesus appears amongst them offering his greeting of peace and the opportunity to confirm his presence by examining his wounds. The conferring of the Holy Spirit was intimate between Jesus and the fearful apostles as He breathed life back into them. The effect of this gentle action is nevertheless powerful. Filled with courage and fervour the apostles are to go out and continue Jesus' work of forgiveness, good news, and witness in the world. The Spirit will teach them new things, lead them deeper into the mystery of Jesus and help them to understand the things to come as they take up the challenges that lie ahead.

Coming to faith is a journey for most of us as we discover God's existence within the realities of our life experiences. This happens mainly through prayer and reflection. Just as the apostles gathered to pray when they were anxious, it is important for us to gather within our faith community to share the highs and the lows of our journey. This Friday we do this in abundance as we not only come together as we normally do but we also get to celebrate our Multicultural Day at St Joseph's and recognise and rejoice in all the different nationalities and cultures that make up our school community. Would someone like to share a prayer in another language? We get to learn about ourselves, who we are, where our ancestors came from but also share this with others so they get to know more about us as we get to know more about them. This allows us to learn new experiences, customs and traditions and enriches us as a person by bestowing knowledge upon us of our friends and making us more compassionate and understanding. When Jesus appeared and breathed the Holy Spirit into his friends, this experience was totally life changing. How do you use the Spiritual gifts you have been given in your identity in service of others? What fruits of the Spirit are manifested most in those closest to you?

Pentecost

Weekly Reflections
19th May 2024



A reading from the Gospel of St John (20:19-23)

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,

Come to us through the Holy Spirit breathing new fire into our hearts, new energy into our lives, and new life into our souls.

Transform our fear, anxiety and doubt filling us with confidence and faith.

Move in us, we pray

Amen

Saint of the week - St Martin de Porres



Martin was born in Lima, Peru. He was a child of mixed race heritage, his mother a black women from Panama and his father a Spanish hidalgo. Due to Peruvian law, those of African or Indian descent were barred from taking holy orders, so Martin applied for the position of 'donado' a volunteer who performs menial tasks at the Convent of the Rosary. Eventually he was allowed to take his vows and became a Dominican lay brother at 34. He ministered to all equally and once gave a beggar his own bed saying compassion is preferable to cleanliness. Martin was:

**Loving and
Compassionate**

Day 1

What feelings, sights or sounds do you normally associate with a birthday?

Why do we celebrate birthdays?

Why do you think Pentecost is the birth of the Church?

Day 2

Why do you think some of the followers of Jesus left in fear when he was no longer on earth?

Why is the Holy Spirit so important in alleviating those fears?

Day 3

Speak to others in your class and ask them about their culture and identity. Is it similar or different to yours?

What gifts to they share with you?

Express you love and faith in God by saying the Lord's Prayer in your home language

Year 7 News

Lots of positive points for Year 7 this week, we currently have the most in the whole school which shows how much of a great job they have all done this week! Let's keep it going right till the end of term. A reminder that this half term will finish next Friday at 3.15 and we will be off for a week. Hopefully the weather stays nice for then.

Have a lovely weekend all!

Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

Year 8 News

Another positive Week for Year 8 and 1 more week closer to Half Term. Wins for both the Year 8 Boys Football Team and the Girls Flag Football mean they progress on to the next stages of their respective competitions. In terms of positive points as a year group we have achieved 1637 points. Well Done to Peter House who have won the XH competition for this term and so will be receiving ice cream next Thursday.

Have a great weekend.

Miss McCormack – Head of Year 8

Year 9 News

Well done on another positive week! A special mention to the Year 9 girls who took part in the NFL match on Tuesday and convincingly winning against rivals Wexham School!

Next Friday is Multicultural day; reminder students are allowed to come into school dressed in clothes that represents their culture.

As some of you aware I will be away having an operation on my knee. Whilst I am away, Year 9s have been left in the very capable hands of Mr Hunt. Please contact Mr Hunt if you have any queries. Thank you all for your prayers and well wishes. See you soon!

Miss Joseph – Head of Year 9

Year 10 Rounder's tournament

On Wednesday the Year 10s had a rounder's tournament at St Bernard's. The girls won, lost and drew a match each and ended the tournament in 2nd place. Congratulations to all that played!

Year 10 News - Information Evening

On Tuesday 21st May, we will be holding a **Year 10 Information Evening at 6pm** for all Year 10 students and parents. This evening will be a crucial time for us to disseminate key information regarding their PPEs as well as tangible ideas for both yourself and your child to maximise the revision in the run up to exams.

We will need 100% attendance, therefore please do confirm your attendance on Parent Pay.

Mr Romero – Head of Year 10

Year 9 Rounder's

Well done to the year 9 rounder's team who beat Wexham School on Thursday scoring 17 rounders. Excellent teamwork in the field was shown. A special mention to Sam for her brilliant catch whilst being backstop and to Natalia for her excellent catching on second base. Great job girls!



Year 12 Parents Evening – Thursday 6th June 2024

I am writing to invite you to our Parents Evening on Thursday 6th June 2024.

The evening will begin at 4:15pm. As you will know from previous years, the evening is a vital part of your child's preparation for their end of year exams. Staff will be on hand to give valuable feedback to drive forward your child's learning as well as to discuss any matters that you would like to raise. Our Sixth Form team is deeply committed to ensuring that your child obtains the best possible outcomes this summer.

Please log in to your ParentPay account to confirm you will be attending. Any issues with this online system please contact the school office.

Your child should make an appointment with each of their teachers prior to the evening.

Furthermore, Ms Stevens (Head of Year 12) will be on hand (as will the Senior Leadership Team) to answer any questions that you may have.

Y9 Football v St Bernard's

The Year 9 football team faces a strong physical St Bernard's team at Arbour Park Stadium. After going 1-0 and controlling the game during the first half, a St Bernard's team with a mission came out in the second half. They equalised early on in the 2nd half and went ahead towards the end of the game. They finally scored their final goal towards the last play of the game, giving an unfair 3-1 loss and knocking St Josephs out of the district cup.

Y8 Football v Ditton Park Academy

The Year 8 football team went to Ditton Park Academy to play their quarter final of the slough district cup. A strong side controlled all areas of the game. After scoring early they didn't look back and continued to score for the whole game.

The final score finished 7-0 to St Josephs.

Next game

St Edwards (date TBC)



Girls Flag Football

On Tuesday the Girls NFL Team attended their final pool game with a big local derby against Wexham, the girls started off well scoring a Touchdown within the first 2 minutes. Wexham however came back through their strong running back and scored another 2 touchdowns. This sparked our girls into life where we scored a further 10 touchdowns, 5 off interceptions beating Wexham with a final score of 77-30.



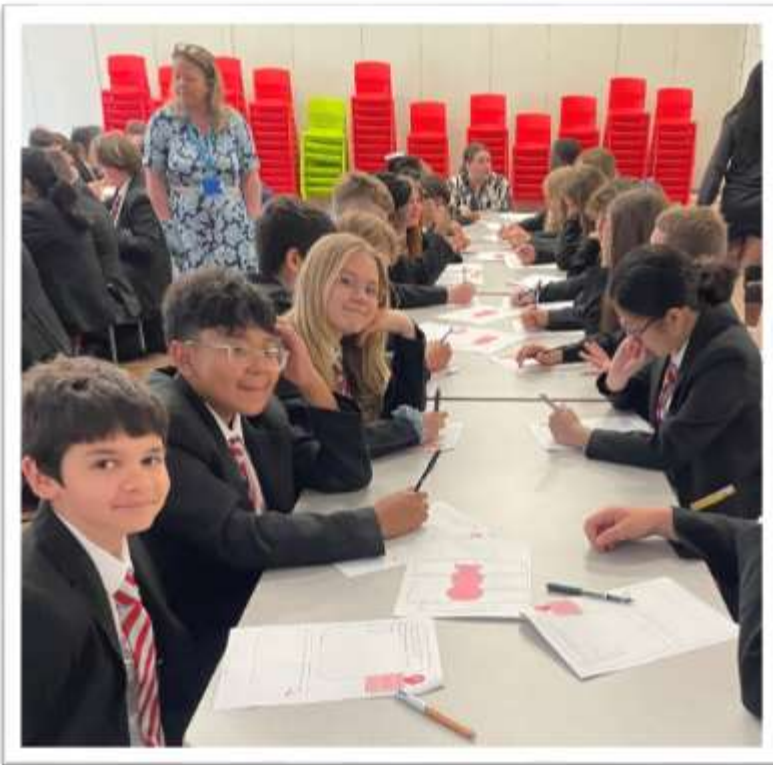
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Year 7 SEGRO Building Future Workshop

This week, our Year 7 students participated in the SEGRO Building Future Workshop in collaboration with Learning to Work. They learned about the history of the Slough Trading Estate and SEGRO as an organisation. Information was provided about various companies within the organisation, highlighting local career and employment opportunities for the future. We were honoured to host two guest speakers, Sarah Irving, Head of Marketing and Communication at Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Ali Ahmed, Deputy Account Manager for G4S Security.

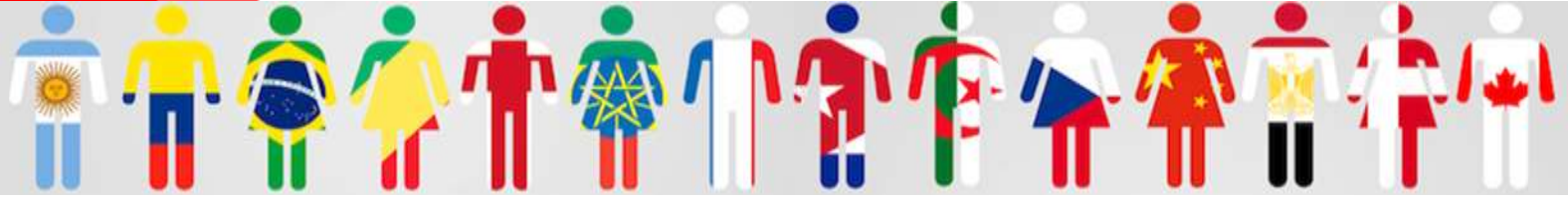


Both speakers provided valuable insights into their respective roles within their companies and shared their personal journeys of how they reached their current positions. It was an engaging session in which our students were actively involved and thoroughly enjoyed. The workshop concluded, leaving our students feeling inspired and excited about their future career prospects.

Science Club

Our scientists extracted DNA from strawberries and used sweets to model DNA





Upcoming Multi-Cultural Day

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to announce that on the **24th of May**, our school will be celebrating **Multi-Cultural Day**, a special occasion dedicated to honouring and celebrating the rich diversity within our school community. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our students to share and explore the different cultures that make our community unique and vibrant.

Multi-Cultural Day is not just an event; it is a celebration of our collective heritage and a chance for our children to learn about and appreciate the various cultures represented among their peers. **We believe that understanding and embracing our differences makes us stronger and more united as a community.**

We encourage you to support your children in **participating in this event. Whether it's through wearing traditional attire, sharing stories, participating in cultural performances, or bringing cultural food**, every contribution helps enrich the experience for all our students. Your involvement and encouragement can greatly enhance their understanding and appreciation of their own heritage and that of others.

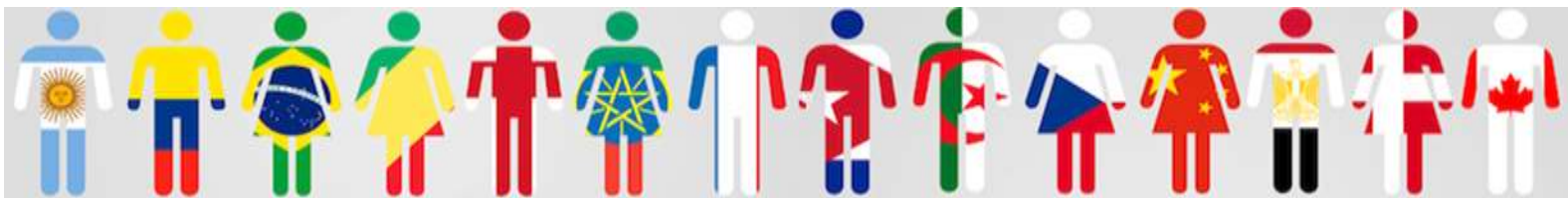
We look forward to seeing the enthusiasm and pride with which our students represent their cultures.

We are asking for a £1 contribution on ParentPay towards mufti day.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a place where diversity is celebrated and valued.

Warm regards,

Ms Ura



Celebrate Cultural Diversity

Friday 24th May 2024

Featuring

Africa
or

Asia

or

North

America

Or

South

America

Europe

Or

Oceania

Chicken with Jollof Rice

Vegetable Spring Roll

Buffalo Chicken Wings with
Colesaw

Black Bean Burrito

With Either
Polish Cheesecake

Australian Lamington

HARRISON
food with thought

St Josephs Canteen – Weekly Menu 20th – 24th May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken in Black Bean Sauce served with Rice	BBQ Pulled Chicken in a Bun with Coleslaw	Ham & Cheese Pasta with Garlic Bread	Smokey Beef Tacos with Cheese	Oven Baked Fish served with Chips
Cauliflower & Broccoli Mornay with Garlic Bread	Quorn Pasta Bolognese	Spicy Bean Enchilada	Vegetable Tikka Masala served with Rice	Vegetable Frittata
Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad
Pesto Pasta	Pasta with a Tomato & Herb Sauce	Noodles with Beansprouts	Pasta with a Cheese Sauce	-
Marble Cake	Syrup Sponge served with Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Flapjack	Jam & Coconut Sponge

Available daily
Sandwiches, Wraps & Baguettes
Panini, Jacket Potatoes, Cold Desserts & Fruit

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ST. JOSEPH'S KS3 COMPUTING CLUB

CAN YOU PROGRAM?

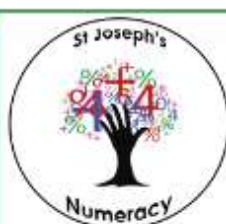
Wednesday Week A

3:15- 4:15

CP2



**SEE MRS. VIEGAS FOR MORE
DETAILS.**



#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- C The perimeter of each rectangle is $2 \times (3 + 1) \text{ cm} = 8 \text{ cm}$.
The total perimeter, in cm, of the separate rectangles is therefore $100 \times 8 = 800$. When two rectangles are placed together at a "join" in the pattern, there is an overlap of length 1 cm and the total perimeter is reduced by 2 cm. In the complete pattern there are 99 joins and hence its perimeter, in cm, is $800 - 99 \times 2 = 800 - 198 = 602$.

Solution to the Break-time Teaser:

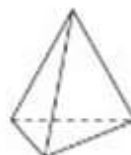
- D Let June have x sweets. Then May has $\frac{3x}{4}$ sweets. Also, April has $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3x}{4}$, that is $\frac{x}{2}$, sweets.
Therefore $x + \frac{3x}{4} + \frac{x}{2} = 90$. So $\frac{9x}{4} = 90$. Hence $x = \frac{4}{9} \times 90 = 40$.

Puzzler of the week

A tetrahedron is a solid figure which has four faces, all of which are triangles.

What is the product of the number of edges and the number of vertices of the tetrahedron?

- A 8 B 10 C 12 D 18 E 24



Break-time Teaser

There are 120 different ways of arranging the letters, U, K, M, I and C. All of these arrangements are listed in dictionary order, starting with CIKMU. Which position in the list does UKIMC occupy?

- A 110 th B 112 th C 114 th D 116 th E 118 th

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

Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Michalina Pieczak and Liam Osei-Agyarko for an exceptional week

Year 8

Bruno Valek and Amber Nunes for the most positive points
Marion Mwangi, Maya Skrzydlewska, Vanessa Buda, Amelia Gibas, Loikita Mendonca Graca De Jesus,
Beryl Tiero for coming joint 1st in their pool at NFL International
Year 8 Boys Football Team

Year 9

Year 10

Brajan Zurkowski (10P) for his great progress in English language and English literature, and Nicole Podoba (10J) for achieving the highest amount of positive points.

Year 11

Year 12

Nina Czarnecka-Staszok and Daniel Da Fonseca Soares for the most positive points on ClassCharts.

Also special mentions for Alex Pienzewski, Eman Batool, Leah Walls and Kacper Kozak for their support in preparations for Multi-Cultural Day and Mateusz Skowera for being a good role model to the Polish community.



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Shaggy Calf Lane, Slough, SL2 5HW

Required ASAP

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

32.5 hours per week, term time + 5 days insets/holidays

8.15am to 3.15pm Monday to Friday

STCAT L2 point 4 £18,228 actual salary

The suitable candidates:

- Must have GCSE equivalent in English and Maths at grade C or above.
- Be prepared to work with groups and individual pupils.
- May have an interest in progressing to teacher training.

An application pack can be downloaded from the school website

www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

Only applications submitted on the school's application form will be considered.

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