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St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Key Information

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the summer term! The children have all settled in well and are clearly excited for the term ahead!

Firstly, I would like to say many thanks to all of the families and staff who supported our Easter Egg raffle. The MiniVinnies raised an amazing £302 to support Mary's Meals. Well done MiniVinnies for leading this fundraising event across school.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Genner to our office team. I know that Mrs Lloyd will be delighted with the extra support in our very busy office! Congratulations to Mrs Dutton who gave birth to a baby girl on Wednesday. We are delighted for Mrs Dutton and her family. Both mother and baby are doing well!

This week in our assembly, the children learned about Catholic Social Teaching. Our hall displays are in the process of being updated to reflect the importance of Catholic Social Teaching, Gospel Values and our Mission statement. For more information on this, please visit Cafod Catholic Social Teaching for children.

On Wednesday, Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a visit from Helen Stewart, a local storyteller. She shared her knowledge of Romans and Stone Age through the art of storytelling. Below are some quotes from the children:

"The storyteller was very enthusiastic and I liked the way she expressed her face!" "The story was really good, detailed and fun." "We were told Stone Age, Iron Age and Egyptian stories. The stories were really interesting and Helen added lots of things that made it more exciting. Helen was really energetic and dramatic which brought the stories to life." "I liked the part about the Stone Age people hunting for fish." "I liked the part where the Stone Age people were leaving footprints on the beach." "We learned that the Stone Age people were carrying baskets which made their footprints deeper and deeper." "I liked the part set in Egypt where the enemies were hunting down a boy to find a princess." "I learned that they chopped the snake into seven pieces because seven is a lucky number in Egypt." "I liked the way Helen told the stories because she was quite energetic."

Year 6 have been busy completing practice SAT papers this week in preparation for SATs week. We have been very impressed by their positive attitude and excellent behaviour. Keep up the great work year 6!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Mullins

w/c 22/04/2024 -

School Lunches

Week 1

25/4/24

5pm (not 4pm!)

Yr6 Holiday Meeting

30/4/24

Yr2 & Yr4 Mass

Details to follow

May 24

Dogs Trust Workshops

1/5 Yr6, 2/5 Yr5,

8/5 Yr4, 9/5 Yr3

**People of Outstanding
Character Assembly**

9am start

3/5 5V, 10/5 5J

24/5 4T, 7/6 4A

2/5/24

Yr4 Grosvenor Museum Trip

10/05/2024

Open Afternoon

from 2.30pm -

Celebrate Topic 4

13/5/24

Topic 5 begins

SATS for Yr6

24/5/24

School closes

4/6/24

Sacramental Preparation for

Yr3 Parents

8/6/24

Holy Communion

For Yr 3

Class Weekly

Attendance:

3PA: 88.3%
3PE: 97.8%
4A: 94.5%
4T: 93.5%
5J: 94.5%
5V: 96.5%
6O: 95.2%
6T: 92.5%

Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance
25/03/2024—28/03/2024

94.1%

Congratulations to

3PE, for a 2nd week

Please remember school starts at 8.50am and classroom doors open at 8.45am

Class Certificate Winners

3PA: Paisley M-M, Sebastian S

3PE: Matilda L, Hanna R

4A: Adrian B, Alannah E

4T: Joel B, Connie W

5J: Peter C, Annie Mc

5V: Bradley B, Charlotte F

6O: Erin B, Edwin E

6T: Ruby D, Riley O

Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:

Average Speed:
5.64s

Active Pupils:
33%

Average Minutes:
0.25s

School Accuracy:
91%



Average coins earned by each class

3Pa:	503	3Pe:	450
4A:	865	4T:	1,773
5J:	402	5V:	695
6O:	3,080	6T:	825

Congratulations to:

St Thomas' class in Lower Key Stage 2 & St Oscar's class in Upper Key Stage 2 on earning the most coins this week.

This Sunday's Gospel

Trust - John 10:11-18

This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Jesus is the 'Good Shepherd' who can be trusted to guide our lives in the right direction. Jesus encourages his disciples to put their trust in him; it is through trusting in Jesus that they will find security and hope.

Please follow this link for more information on this week's Gospel
<https://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who guides us through life.

Please help us always to place our trust in you. Amen.

A Word from Pope Francis

"It is important to have friends we can trust. But it is essential to trust the Lord, who never lets us down.

This is the key to success in life."

Mass Times at St John's

Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9.30am. Children's liturgy is always available at Sunday 9.30am

#WakeUp Wednesday - This week's health guide

Close to a third of children in the UK consume energy drinks at least once every week. While these high-caffeine beverages might be touted as a shortcut to a boost in focus and productivity, even a moderate intake can lead to significant impacts on the heart, sleeping patterns and mental wellbeing.

With celebrity spokespeople, colourful branding and the potential added element of peer pressure, it's unsurprising that young people are sometimes drawn to these products, often unaware of the potential negative impact they might be having on mind and body. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide dives into the health

This Week's Reading Top Tip

Encourage your child to come up with questions about the text you are reading!

Ask them to test you and your reading skills!

Sports News

Wednesday 17th April

Well done to our year 4 swimmers who attended a swimming festival which involved lots of fun and some competitive swimming games and races.

William A, Lilly C, Gabriella M, Mason O, Lavinia V, Connie W

Ella J, Aoife M, Matthew S, Mia N, Orlaith-Faith D-T, Neave M, Isabelle C and Teddy C in Years 3 and 4 represented our school in a Tag Rugby competition at The Oval.

They played so well and scored so many tries.

Also congratulations to Esmé O in 3PE for competing in a North West Tumbling Competition on Sunday 14th April, coming 3rd in her age group and helping her Club, Wirral Gymnastics.

We are very proud of her!

PTFA

Easter Bingo & Raffle: Apologies, the full list of companies which generously gave prizes was cut off in the last issue:

Activity for All - Arabelle Hairdressers - Bonsai Cupcakes - Inflation Wirral - Jumping Joseph's

Muzzy's Breakfast House - Secrets at Number Seven Coffee Shop - The Cow Shed - Yankees

The Hive Youth Zone

Happy Birthday to Wirral charity The Hive Youth Zone on their 7th birthday!

Join them for their community birthday/family day to enjoy the climbing wall, football, trampolining and more on Saturday 27th April 11am - 3pm, Free Entry



COMMUNITY FUN DAY!

the hive
An OnSide Youth Zone

Saturday 27th April 11:00-15:00

Climbing wall
Football
Trampoline
Salon
DJ play
Cooking
Therapy dogs
Games and activities
Uniformed services...and much more!

Free entry!

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Adults must be supervised by under-18s at all times!