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Issue 16: Spring Term **Friday 3rd February 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

STEM Week has been a lot of fun at St Joseph's! The children have completed Science experiments, engaged in Maths tasks and been to interesting visits at the National Army Museum. The children came back talking about gravity, the weather and robotics to name a few topics. There were some brilliant posters sent in for the competition themed: 'How to save energy at St Joseph's'. We certainly have lots of children with great ideas about how we can be better stewards of our beautiful planet, which God has left in our care. Well done children and thank you to the staff.

Next Friday 10th February, we will have a STEM themed mufti day. I look forward to seeing the children dressed as Scientists, Technology experts, Engineers and Mathematicians!

We had an Open Meeting for prospective Nursery parents this week. Talia and Marley (Head Girl and Head Boy) spoke about St Joseph's School, we then took the families on a tour of the EYFS. Many families had heard about St Joseph's due to a personal recommendation from one of our current families - a huge thank you for being great ambassadors for our school!

I must also say a huge congratulations to the children from Year 5 and Year 6 who made their West End debuts this week in the ENO performance of Carmen at the London Coliseum. The show has been given great reviews and the children's chorus has been described as 'outstanding', 'irrepressible' and 'exuberant'! Well done Children - we are so proud of you!

God Bless and have a restful weekend.

James Stacey, Head of School

Carmen

From the Programme Co-ordinator at ENO engage:

We are so proud of the group and very grateful for the parental support that has allowed this to happen.

Also huge thanks to Mrs Wiles for her commitment, energy and support towards this incredible project.

Quotes about the first week of Carmen performances below. Four star reviews across the board, with a couple of lovely shout outs for the kids:

Guardian - *"There's vivid support across the cast, especially from Keel Watson's arrogant Zuniga, and an exuberant children's chorus drawn from two of the local primary schools ENO works with."*

Culture Whisper - *"It is the full-throttle chorus, as that nation's repressed people, alongside the irrepressible youngsters of London schools, and the players of the ENO orchestra, that underpin this power-packed production."*

STEM

Well done to those children who created amazing posters for our STEM Week competition.

Children were awarded certificates for being great Scientists during STEM Week!

Year 6

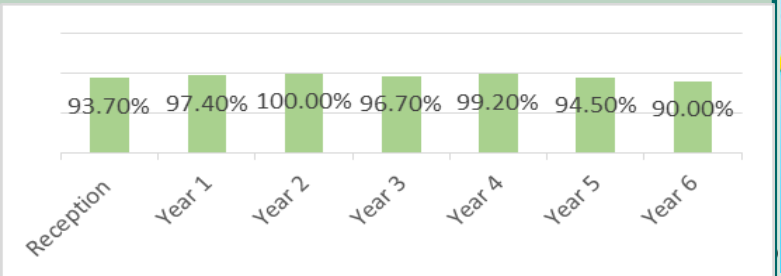
During STEM week, Year 6 went to the National Army Museum to take part in a Gravity workshop. They thought about which material would make the best parachute and then dropped them, timing how long they took to reach the ground.

It is a win-win!

Congratulations to the Year 5 football team who won two matches on Tuesday - 2-0 and 8-0!

Attendance

Well done to Year 2! You had the highest attendance this week with 100%



CATHOLIC LIFE

We have a lovely new prayer book which is always to be found in the Heart of the School.

Children are welcome to write prayers for the intercession of St Joseph at any time.

There have already been some beautiful prayers written by children asking for St Joseph's love, care and protection for family members in need.

St Joseph - Pray for Us.

Racial Justice Sunday

This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday. The children have been given templates linked to this which will be used for a display in the school.

The theme for this is: ***Let us walk together, pray together and work together.***

This theme is relevant for the whole year and beyond.

It is important for us to engage with this discussion because it can help to create a positive change where people of all races and cultures can be treated fairly and we can build a better and more peaceful world.

The PTFA will be holding a bake sale on **Tuesday, 7th February** after school.

Donations of cakes and/or healthy treats welcome.

Donations should be dropped off on Tuesday morning only please.

Happy Birthday!

Nursery—Carolina
Year 1—Liana
Year 4—Chloe
Year 5—Christopher

WEDNESDAY!

Our Wednesday Word for this week is:
HAPPINESS

Happy are the poor in spirit; those who can't do it all on their own— they'll rely on God for everything.

Happy are the gentle; those who are humble and content with themselves and what they have—In heaven they'll have everything that they need and more.

Happy are those who mourn; those who've lost what is most precious to them—because they'll turn to God for comfort.

Happy are those who hunger and thirst for what is right; those who live just as God wants them to—God will fill them with His love.

Happy are the merciful; those who care and show forgiveness for others—they will be cared for and forgiven.

Happy are the pure in heart; those whose hearts and minds are filled with God's love—they shall see God.

Happy are the peacemakers; those who show others how to co-operate and be friends—they have a special place in God's family.

Happy are those who are treated badly because they love God—rejoice, be glad, all the saints in heaven will be clapping for you!"