

Dates for your Diary

POETRY WEEK

Wednesday 8th November

- Y3 Assembly at 10.10am
- English Workshop at 3.45pm

Thursday 9th November

- Chess Competition against Westminster Cathedral School

Friday 10th November

- Remembrance Day Service
- Y6 at Brompton Cemetery

Welcome Back!

It is lovely to see you all back refreshed from a hard earned week's break. The second half of the autumn term is an extremely busy one as the children continue with their learning, which is well underway, and prepare for Christmas.

A great deal has happened in our first week back: we had the pleasure of Roland Hayes from the Apostleship of the Sea join us on Monday to deliver an enlightening assembly and Father Graham joined us on Wednesday for All Saints' Day Mass. November is the month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory – a time to think and pray for those whom we have loved who are no longer with us. We invite children, parents and staff to write names and prayers of lost ones in our Book of Remembrance in the Heart of the School.

Sadly, this was Mr S's last week at St Joseph's. We wish Mr S, who has been teaching PE for more than a year at St Joseph's, all the very best for the future.

Next week is Poetry Week – an opportunity for children to develop their creativity and public speaking skills. I very much look forward to hearing what poems the children come up with!

Mrs Wyatt - Head Teacher



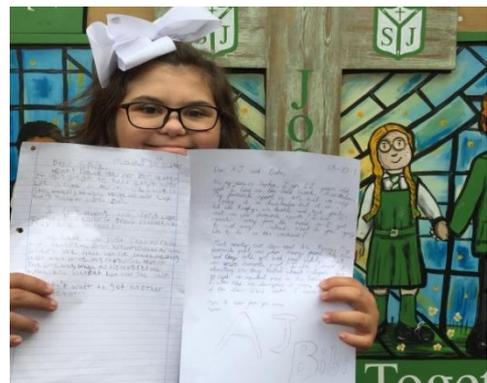
Apostleship of the Sea Assembly

On Monday, Roland Hayes from the Apostleship of the Sea came to speak to the children about seafarers in a very special assembly. Seafarers are men and women who spend months of the year at sea away from their families in order for us to have certain food and items in our shops. As a sign of appreciation for all the seafarers' hard work and commitment, children wrote Christmas cards to them in class after the assembly. Thank you, Roland Hayes, for joining and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Pen-Pals Down Under

Year 6 have forged new friendships by becoming pen-pals with children from Emmanuel College in Queensland Australia.

They were extremely excited to receive their first letter this week and quickly replied - sharing information from sunny London! The children are all reading the same book in English - *Ali Pasha* by Michael Foreman - so it is fascinating to compare and discuss their opinions about the book.



WEDNESDAY!



Our Wednesday Word for this week which links in with the Sunday Gospel is:

HUMBLE

Reception



The children have had lots of fun playing with our new tyres!

We can roll them, lift them, jump into them, hide in them and even pretend to be beetles with them! Thank you very much, Mr and Mrs Rafferty who kindly donated them to us.



Catholic Life

This week, Father Graham led Mass on Wednesday to celebrate All Saints' Day. Traditionally on 1st November every year, All Saints' Day is a Christian festival in honour of all the saints, known and unknown. The children shared which saints were special to them in their everyday lives - St Joseph and the House Saints, St. Paul, St. Bernadette, St Francis, St. Helen.



Pupil Voice

Thank you to everyone who entered our Design a Shield competition. The standard was high which made it difficult to judge. Congratulations to our winners:

- St Paul – Nikita Year 3
- St Bernadette – Isabel Year 6
- St Francis – Eva Year 6
- St Helen – Fabian Year 4

The winning shields will be displayed in the Heart of the School.

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The Junior Travel Ambassadors had a great time at training session and took part in some fantastic workshops. We are really looking forward to this year and supporting the children and school community with road safety.

Attendance

Well done, Year 3! You had 99.3% attendance this week!

