

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th January

- After school clubs start
- Y6 trip to Jewish Museum
- Friendship Ambassadors and Peer Mediators Meeting at 3.30-4.30pm in Y6 classroom

Tuesday 15th January

- Primary schools admission deadline at 4.30pm

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Happy New Year! I hope you all had restful breaks with your families and friends and the children are ready to work hard to achieve their Personal Bests over the next 3 months.

This term, we are very pleased to welcome new families that are joining us for what will be a short but busy Spring Term as well as new staff members. Ms Fagan has joined us as our Special Educational Needs Coordinator and Ms Farah as a teaching assistant. Welcome to the St Joseph's community!

To the parents and carers of children in Nursery, a polite reminder that the deadline to hand in your Reception September 2019 admission application is **Tuesday 15th January 2019 before 4.30pm**. Please ensure your supplementary information forms have been handed in to the School Office by then. **There is no automatic progression** to the Reception class and a full application must be made for your child. See the school website <http://www.stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk/reception-admissions/> for more information or contact Mr Lloyd through the School Office if you have any questions. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher

Year 6 at The Wallace Collection

On Thursday, Year 6 went to The Wallace Collection for an art workshop. The workshop was about Peter Paul Ruben and his painting 'The Rainbow Landscape'. Year 6 learnt all about how to create oil paint with pigment and oil and then painted their own versions of the landscape with acrylic paint.



Year 3 Working with Hollywood Film Director and Visual Artist

Today, children and staff in Year 3 became a part of a piece of art by one of Hollywood's top directors, Steve McQueen! Though best known for his film work, having directed *12 Years a Slave* and most recently, *Widows*, Steve McQueen is also a Turner-Prize winning visual artist. His latest work is a collection of class portraits of every Year 3 school pupil in London over this academic year. When interviewed for The Independent, McQueen said the project is the result of an 'urgency to reflect on who we are and where we come from and what is the future'.

The installation of the photographs will take over the Duveen Galleries at Tate Britain from November 2019 to May 2020, which will be free to visit.



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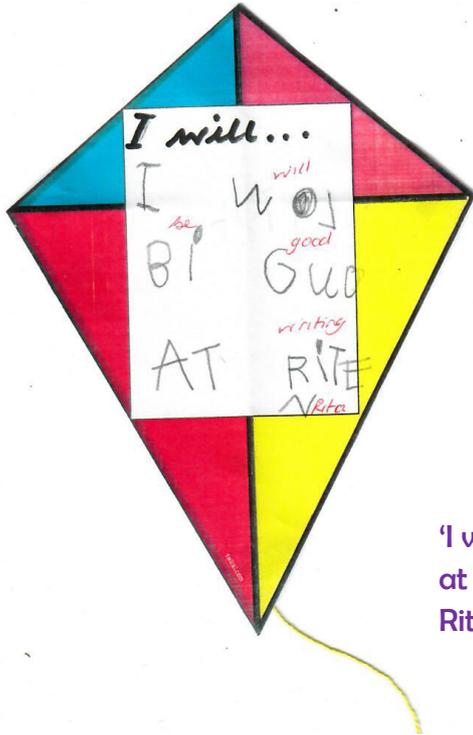
Our Wednesday Word for this week which links in with the Sunday Gospel is:

BAPTISM

Children's Work

Reception

Children in Reception have done very well to resume their regular routines in school after the Christmas break. This week they discussed what their New Year's Resolutions are and what they would like to achieve this term. They wrote their ambitions on kites that soar into the sky as part of a new display in the Reception classroom.



'I will be good at writing.' - Rita

Catholic Life

At the end of last term, the groceries that were generously donated by families towards our Advent appeal were given to the New Horizons in the Guinness Trust Estate next door. New Horizons is a lively and convivial centre that promotes active lifestyles and independence for those aged 50 or older in the RBKC area. Thank you to those that donated.



Environment Team's Top Tip

Did you know 12.7 million tonnes of plastic enters the world's oceans every year? A lot of this is from single use plastic such as coffee cups and lids. To reduce your plastic footprint, buy a reusable coffee cup – they can be bought online or in shops and many cafes offer a discount for using one!



Pupil Voice

Three children have redesigned the book corner at the bottom of the stairs as the brand new 'Island of Dreams'. The children hope the space will be used by younger children to help them to learn to read and write and inspire all to read more at home. The children created the 'Island of Dreams' using tissue paper, scrap paper and coloured paper.



Attendance

Well done, Year 6! You had the highest attendance this week with 96.8%.

