

Dates for your Diary

4th-8th March – Book Week

Monday 4th March

- Year 4 in Anglo-Saxons Workshop

Wednesday 6th March

- Ash Wednesday

Thursday 7th March

- World Book Day
- Y5 & 6 Choir in Convo at the Royal Albert Hall

Friday 8th March

- Harry Potter Mufti Day
- Owls Workshop

We March On!

Welcome back to a very exciting second half of the Spring Term. I hope you all had relaxing breaks with your families. We have got off to an excellent start here at St Joseph's; the children have returned with excellent attitudes to their learning.

On Thursday, parents and carers were invited to a consultation of our draft Relationships and Sex Education Policy. Parents and carers had the opportunity to learn more about the policy, hear about the teaching material used in class and ask Mrs Evans, our RE/PSHE Lead any questions that they had. Thank you to all of those that were able to attend.

Lent starts next week and the children will receive ashes during Mass in school. The next 40 days is a period of discipline, devotion and preparation. With this in mind, whatever challenges we face this term as individuals or as a school family, let us tackle them with strength, grace, conviction and determination. Have a great weekend!

Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher

Book Week



Next week is Book Week at St. Joseph's and we will be venturing to the Wizarding World as the week's theme is Harry Potter! Children will partake in lessons such as Potions, Herbology and Quidditch practice! On Friday 8th March, children are invited to dress up as their favourite Harry Potter character. For those who are unfamiliar with the books, the characters are witches, wizards, mythical creatures and elves. It is going to be a Ravenclawesome week!

Convo at the Royal Albert Hall

Children in the Year 5 & 6 Choir will perform in the World Premiere of Convo – a tri-borough project commissioned by the Music Hub, the Royal Albert Hall and the Royal College of Music. The children will be joined by over 1000 young instrumentalists and singers and perform at the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday 7th March. This will be an extraordinary event for the children and audience alike. If you would like to book tickets for the event, please go to <https://www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/events/2019/convo-2019/>.



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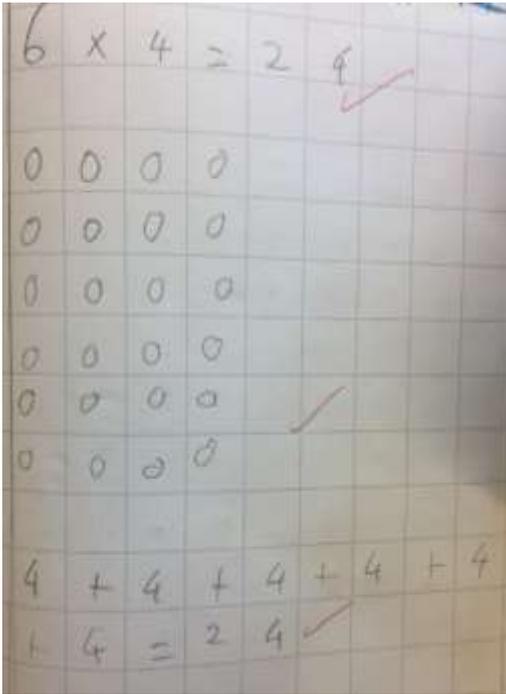
Our Wednesday Word for this week which links in with the Sunday Gospel is: **Love Thy Enemy**

Children's Work

Year 2

In Year 2 the children have been using arrays to help them solve multiplication problems. They first recorded the calculation and then used counters to arrange amounts into rows. Next they recorded the arrays into their books by drawing circles or crosses. By doing this, they were able to see the relationship between multiplication and addition so they

recorded the corresponding repeated addition number sentence underneath the array.



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Catholic Life

Catholic Children's Society – 'Shine Your Light'

During Lent, we will be participating in the Catholic Children's Society Lenten appeal 'Shine Your Light.' The children will be thinking about how they can use their talents to make the world a brighter place. Lenten boxes will be given to the children at the start of Lent - Ash Wednesday (6th March) and all monies raised will help to support children in our Diocese who are in need.

Please return all boxes to the School Office by Tuesday 2nd April.

Environment Team's Top Tip

Did you know that cigarette butts are the number one most littered item in the world? Cigarette filters are made of a dangerous type of plastic that doesn't biodegrade, leaches toxins and can kill animals that mistake them for food! If you do smoke, make sure you use an ash tray and dispose of your cigarette butts properly.

Pupil Voice

Wingardium leviosa!

The House Captains of Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and Slytherin introduced the two magical competitions that the school will be running next week - 'Design and Make Your Own Wand' and 'The Harry Potter Quiz'!

Also, throughout the week children can record what they have done to be helpful or kind to others on the 'Help Dobby the House Elf' Wall.



Attendance

Well done, Year 1! You had the highest attendance this week with 99.5%.

