

Dates for your Diary

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WEEK
& JUDAISM WEEK**

Monday 8th October

- Y6 trip to National Army Museum
- **JTA training at 3.30-4.10pm**

Tuesday 9th October

- Y5 trip to Jewish Museum

Wednesday 10th October

- Y6 trip to Royal Hospital Chelsea
- Y1 Homework Sharing at 2.30pm

Thursday 11th October

- Harvest Festival menu for lunch
- Y6 trip to Peter Jones
- Reception Open Afternoon at 2pm
- Y2 Homework Sharing at 2.30pm

Friday 12th October

- Deadline for Christmas card orders
- Y3 trip to National History Museum

Sunday 14th October

- St Joseph's led Liturgy at St Mary's at 10am (children in full school uniform)
- International Food Festival 11am-1.30pm

Autumn Leaves

As the days become shorter, the weather gets sharper and leaves turn to wonderful colours, we move into October and continue on our learning journeys.

September has been an excellent start to the year. Last week the PTFA rose a magnificent £493.30 for Macmillan Cancer Support; a fantastic first fundraising achievement for them. We are very lucky to have such a supportive community of families here at St Joseph's. On Sunday 14th October, after Mass at 10am where St Joseph's will lead the Liturgy, the PTFA will host the annual International Food Festival at school. Families are invited to showcase the food and clothes from their home nations. If you would like to contribute dishes to the event, please make a note on the parent board by the school office. If you are interested in volunteering on the day or have any suggestions to make this a memorable event for all, please contact your classroom rep or email ptfa.stjosephs@gmail.com.

Next week the Scholastic Book Fair is here and will be open from 8.45-9.00am and 3.15-3.45pm in the main hall. It will run from Monday after school until Friday after school. There is a huge range of books for children, young and old, and every purchase made goes towards earning free books for the school.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher

Royal College of Music Big Band Concert

Years 3 & 4 had a fantastic time on Wednesday at the Royal College of Music. After eating a packed lunch picnic in Hyde Park, they went to hear the Royal College of Music's Big Band play a lunch time concert. They heard music such as *Take The A-Train*, *Tuxedo Junction*, *Sing Sing Sing*, and *King Porter Stomp*. They even joined in with a new song, 'Prove You Groove', which they had learned in a workshop previously. It was great to see the students who had visited the school on stage and the children greeted them like they were rock stars! The trip to hear the Big Band was perfect timing for Year 4 who are currently learning about jazz music and have been improvising scat singing in their Music lessons.

Children in Reception to Year 6 will bring home a leaflet this week for a fun family workshop and concert called 'Thrills, Chills and Trills' which the Royal College of Music are running on Saturday 27th October. This is suitable for children ages 4+.

For more information see the leaflet (spare copies are at the office) or go to www.rcm.ac.uk/thrills.



WEDNESDAY!



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

OPENNESS

Year 3



In Literacy, Year 3 are focusing on the 'The Pebble in my Pocket: A History of Our Earth' by Meredith Hooper. The book introduces the geological history of the Earth by following the story of a pebble, from its origins in a volcano 480 million years ago, to its place in the present day. Year 3 have found their own pebbles and this week wrote about the adventures they had before they arrived at St Joseph's.

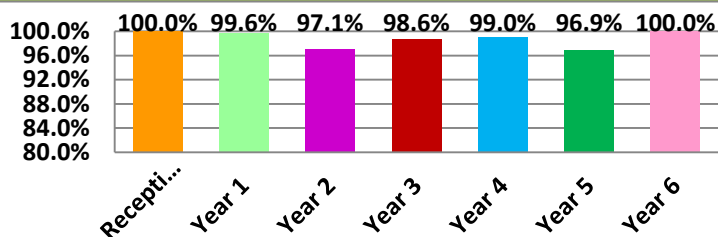
My pebble has been to a snowy mountain with jagged tops on it. I can see frozen ice caps on the mountain and extremely russy dull rocks. The snow looks like a flat piece of squashed cotton wall. I was anxious and I was getting terrified and I got buried in to the soft snow and I was crashed on to a steep mountain.

The russy rocks were thick and some were multi-colored like a frozen immense rocks. I saw cold freezing shooting, into the light blue sky with glowing on the dangerous hummingless mountains.

Sebastian

Attendance

Well done, Reception & Year 6! You both had the highest attendance this week with 100%.



Catholic Life

On Tuesday, Mrs Mullens from HCPT came to school to talk to children about her charity's pilgrimages to Lourdes. She showed the children photographs of some of her trips and discussed the many events that take place on the pilgrimage including the Mass on the mountain.

Today is CAFOD Fast Day. Last week Mr Stacey spoke to the children about positive action that we can all take to show our love and support for others and raise money for those in distress. We have been inundated with donations over the last two days and we are in awe of some of the caring and thoughtful messages and pictures describing the ways that children have raised the money for the charity.

Pupil Voice

This week, members of Pupil Voice conducted a survey on school lunches across the student body. Children were asked questions such as, 'Do you like school meals?', 'Are you happy with the choices?' and, 'Do the kitchen staff listen to what you are asking for?'. Once Pupil Voice collected all of the answers, they met with the catering company (who provide lunches to St Joseph's and St Thomas More Language College) to discuss their results. The members of Pupil Voice found this experience very interesting because it was a good opportunity to deliver a presentation. The catering company asked many questions on the subject matter and said they will work with the school and Pupil Voice to improve school meals for all.

