

Dates for your Diary

20-24th January – STEM Week

Monday 20th January

- Y1 & Y2 trip to NAM
- Y3 trip to NAM
- Friendship Ambassador/Peer Mediation Training at 3.30-4pm
- Y5 Sayers Croft Parents' Meeting at 3.45pm
- 1:1 Parents' Meeting (Y6 ONLY) from 3.45pm

Tuesday 21st January

- Y5 trip to NAM
- Y4 trip to NAM
- Y6 trip to NAM

Wednesday 22nd January

- Y6 Class Assembly at 10.10am

Thursday 23rd January

- 11+ Transfer Meetings (Y4 & Y5 ONLY) at 9am & 6pm
- 1:1 Parents' Meeting (Y6 ONLY) from 3.45pm

Friday 24th January

- Scientists Muffi Day
- Coffee Morning with Governors at 8.45am

New Year Resolutions

Whatever the goals you set yourself at the beginning of January were, I hope you're sticking to them and developing new and improved habits. Good luck! The children are well and truly back into the swing of things. After school clubs started this week and children have already been on some very interesting and intriguing school trips to enjoy learning outside of the classroom.

Today we are both sad to say goodbye but very excited for our Year 3 Teaching Assistant, Ms Khatun, who is starting her maternity leave. All the very best for the months ahead, Ms Khatun, as you start a brand new chapter in your life! We look forward to welcoming Miss Eccles back who will return to Year 3 on Tuesday. Ms Mackle will stay with us as Year 3's Teaching Assistant.

Next week is Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Week. Children will participate in some fascinating experiments and Years 1-6 will all go to the National Army Museum for a special scientific workshop in their respective year groups. The week will end with our Scientists Mufti Day on Friday 24th January, when children are invited to dress up as scientists. Eureka!

Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher

The iPads Have Landed!

Children have started using iPads in lessons as part of their Computing sessions. Thanks to the hard work of the PTFA and the generous donations made by the families and friends of St Joseph's last year, the children now have access to a wide range of new learning using the state of the art technology. We look forward to seeing what the children are able to do and create on the new hardware.



Y4 & 5 at the Wicked Young Writer Awards

Years 4 and 5 attended the Wicked Young Writers Awards today at The Apollo Victoria Theatre.

The children met some of the cast who perform in the world famous 'Wicked' musical and had the chance to ask the actors some questions. They also met the best-selling children's author, Cressida Cowell, writer of the 'How to Train your Dragon' series. Cowell talked to the children about her books and her writing process. Children had the opportunity to have their books signed by her also.



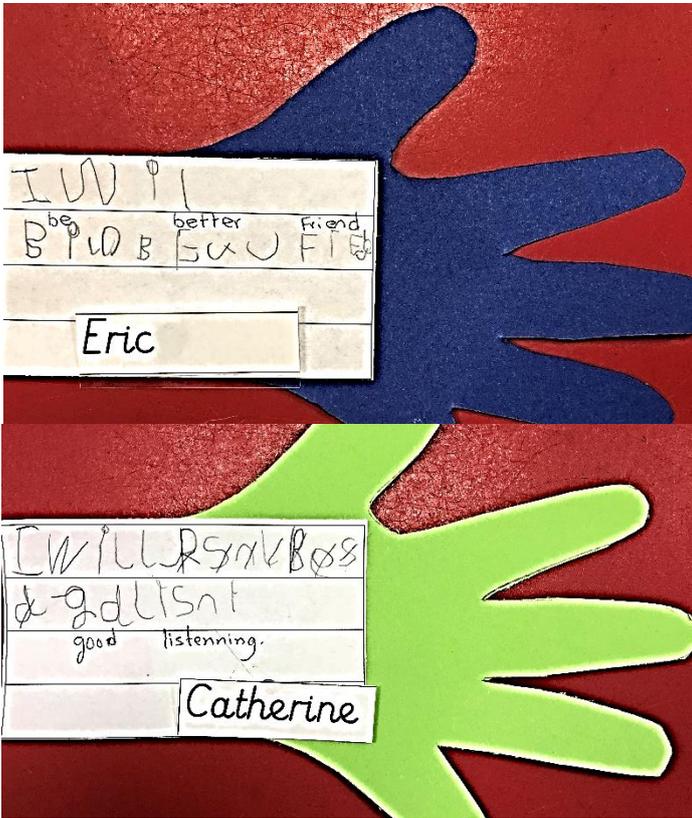
WEDNESDAY!



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

Reception

This week, children in Reception discussed ways that they could endeavour to achieve their Personal Best. They used their sound voice to write down responses which are now displayed in their classroom to remind them.



Catholic Life

Fr Shaun led a special Mass today, celebrating the beginning of 2020. Families were invited to join the children who behaved beautifully. It was a lovely occasion to reflect on what we would like to achieve this year individually and as a community.



The Environment Team News

Year groups across St Joseph's are focusing their learning on the environment this half term and how, through little changes, we can make a big difference. Year 1 will be reflecting on what the phrase 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' means:

Reduce – how can we reduce the amount of materials that we use on a daily basis, whether that be fuel, plastic or electricity?

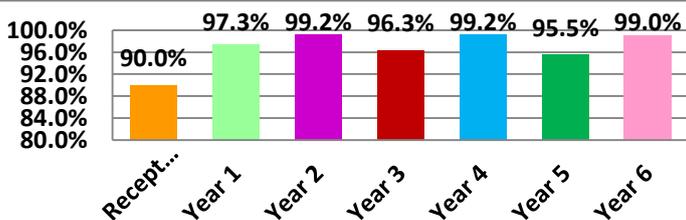
Reuse – how can we reuse items that we no longer want or need but are still in usable condition?

Recycle – if we need to throw something away, does it have to go to landfill or can it be recycled and turned into something new?



Attendance

Well done, Year 2 and 4! You had the highest attendance this week with 99.2%.



Pupil Voice

Congratulations to Elisa in Year 4 who is our newest Pupil Voice Rep voted for by her class. Elisa will now represent her class at meetings and feed back to them about school initiatives and events organised by the Pupil Voice.

Friendship Ambassador/Peer Mediation training will take place on Monday 20th January at 3.30 - 4.00pm in Year 6.

Please pick your child up promptly at 4pm.