



# - Newsletter -

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## *An Excellent Start*

Our first week of home learning has been very positive and we are all working together to help improve the systems we have in place. Parents and carers have been in contact to let us know how resourceful, versatile and creative the children have already been. It is also wonderful to hear how children are continuing to uphold our values. Children who took LAMDA exams in February received their results this week. Children either received a Pass with Distinction or a Pass with Merit. These are excellent results, well done children!

Finally, a reminder that if you have any good news that you would like to share, whether that be an accomplishment, a celebration or a kind message, please email [newsletter@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:newsletter@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk). Have a wonderful weekend! If you send a photo, please confirm that you have consent from all those in the image for it to be used in the newsletter. Please take care of yourselves and your families – we miss you lots!

*Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher*

### A Message from Mary Benton, Chair of Governors

We, the school's governors, want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Wyatt, Mr Stacey and all the staff for all the work they have put in to help you continue your learning at home and, for a few of you, to carry on safely in school. So many people are volunteering and helping out in our community but you can also do your bit too at home with your families. It may not be the essential work that our teachers are doing for us but there are little things we can all do which will make a big difference to our families. I have been thinking about Saint Thérèse of Lisieux who talked about how we could show our love for God and for each other in the little things we did for each other each day "here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest thing right and doing it all for love". So, whilst you are spending time at home try to think about the little ways you can make a big difference to those around you. Stay safe and take good care of each other.

### Easter Bonnets

Children in Reception were tasked with creating Easter bonnets this half term. They were invited to be as creative as possible and some of the results are outstanding like this one. Well done Reception!



### Dear St Joseph...

Children are keeping to the St Joseph's routine by starting each day with the school prayer. Some Year Groups have started a St Joseph's prayer chain; every day a different child leads the prayer in video format and their parents send it to all the other parents via WhatsApp. This is a beautiful way to start the day – it upholds part of the traditions of our school whilst helping children and families stay connected to the St Joseph's community.



### Domino Artistry

Children have been very creative this week at home. One child displayed superb balance by setting up a colourful domino chain along the top of his bunk bed.



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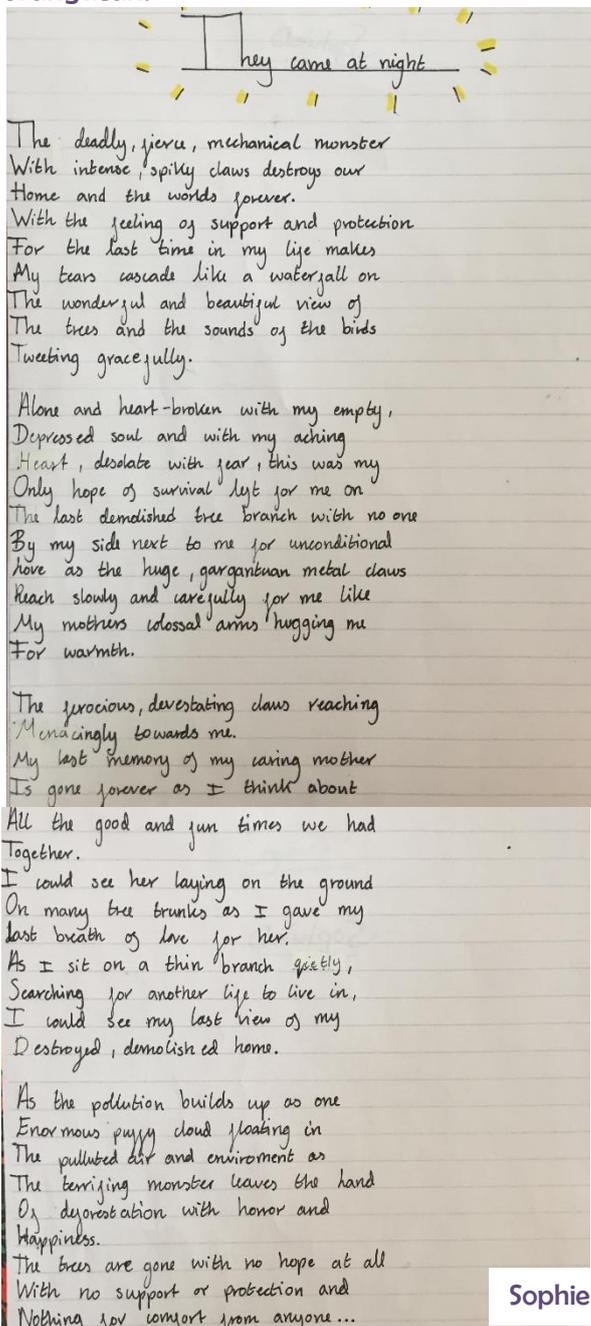


Our Wednesday Word for this week which links in with the Sunday Gospel is: **COMPASSION**

## Year 6



In February, inspired by the video, [Rang-tan: the story of dirty palm oil](#), Year 6 wrote narrative poems describing the plight of the orangutan.



## Catholic Life

Aileen from the almshouses sent the following message to Mr Stacey after receiving the goods donated by families last week:

“Wish there was time to write individual letters to all the children. I feel very loved by my neighbours and the contents of the bags were perfect. Thank you all and I pray for staff and pupils for the next phase [that started this week].”



### NHS Volunteer Responders

NHS Volunteer Responders has been set up to support the NHS during the COVID-19 outbreak. To do this the NHS needs an 'army' of volunteers who can support the 1.5m people in England who are at most risk from the virus to stay well. Our doctors, nurses and other professionals will be able to refer people in to NHS Volunteer Responders and be confident that they have been matched with a reliable, named volunteer.

This programme enables volunteers to provide care or to help a vulnerable person, which is permitted under the new rules announced by the Government on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

You can help by signing up for one or more of the tasks listed on <https://www.goodsamapp.org/nhs>.

## Pupil Voice

Here are some links to resources to inspire and engage you next week:

- Watch some opera and ballet via the Royal Opera House YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/royaloperahouse>
- Start your day feeling active with the Bodycoach on Youtube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XToiEJoOTYIRfn6rYQ>
- Practise meditation using  
<https://www.calm.com>
- Hone your cooking skills with recipes from  
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/kids-cooking>