



# - Newsletter -

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## Happy VE Day Tomorrow!

This year marks 75 years since the end of World War II in Europe. The May Day Bank Holiday has been changed from Monday to Friday this year to celebrate the occasion. Tomorrow will be an important day to remember the heroes of our past. Over the last few weeks, we have seen Col Tom, a British Army veteran who served during WWII, raise tens of millions of pounds for our NHS. Thank you Col Tom and thank you to all the key workers, the heroes of our present, for working so hard and sacrificing so much so that we can be safe.

After all of your efforts to raise money for the project, we are very pleased to inform you that the work on the playground is almost completed! We are in the process of painting over the cracks before we can have our markings put down and then there will be a grand opening! We hope to have finished this by September.

You'll notice we have a new section to our newsletter – "Who's Who at St Joseph's". This is to help you get to know our team even better! Stay well and stay safe over the weekend.

*Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher*

### Tri-Borough Music Hub Instrumental Tuition

The Tri-Borough Music Hub runs a range of choirs, instrumental ensembles, and instrumental tuition opportunities for children from Year 1 to Year 6. These take place after school and at weekends. Applications are now open for September 2020.

The Saturday school offers instrumental tuition and may be of interest to parents and carers with children on the waiting list at St Joseph's. However, the Hub only offers lessons from Year 3 to Year 6.

Please go to this link to see the wide range of opportunities the Music Hub offers:

<https://www.triboroughmusicub.org/tuition/>

If you wish to check your place on our instrumental lesson waiting list before applying to the Music Hub, please email Mrs Wiles at [music@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:music@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk). Our piano waiting list in particular is very long and it is unlikely there will be many spaces so the Hub may be a good alternative.

Happy birthday to Erik in Year 5 who celebrated this week!



### Thank You for Your Sacrifice

To mark VE Day tomorrow, Year 6 produced some incredible posters, medals, poetry and words of thanks for all the veterans of WWII.

*"I would like to thank everyone who has done something during the war... thank you farmers and food growers... thank you brave soldiers for doing what was right."*  
Victor

The work, including this medal by Victor, will be sent to the Chelsea Pensioners at the Royal Hospital.



### Tri-Borough Music Hub's Infant Voices Concert

On 12<sup>th</sup> March, members of Year 3 went to Kensington Town Hall to take part in the Tri-Borough Music Hub's Infant Voices concert.

All of Year 3 worked really hard to learn four songs with the theme 'Seasons' and we are very proud of them all.

The photographs and video of the event are now available:

Photographs:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/triboroughmusicub/albums/72157713736215721>

Film: <https://vimeo.com/403722994>

'Vox Pops' film: <https://vimeo.com/402962079>

# WEDNESDAY!



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

## Year 2

In Science, Year 2 have been learning about Habitats. The children chose one world habitat to research and create a poster. Alexandra created this fantastic poster on the computer showing her amazing research into the Arctic. She looked at what plants and animals live there and the weather conditions.



### MY ARCTIC HABITAT

**The Arctic is located at the very top of the Earth. It is very cold in the Arctic all year. Average winter temperatures can go as low as -40C.**

**The plants that can grow in the Arctic are: dwarf shrubs, herbs, grass and mosses, which all grow close to the ground.**

**There are many land mammals including: snowy owls, Arctic foxes, hares, wolves and polar bears, seals, whales, penguins and reindeer.**



Alexandra

During lockdown, Lila and Talia have been helping their mum in the kitchen to bake some pastries and Rocky Road treats! They miss their friends and look forward to seeing them soon.



# Catholic Life

May is the month of Mary. At school, children are taught how to pray the Rosary. Over the month, try and find some time to come together to pray. You may even be able to set up a prayer table like the ones we have at school.



1. Sign of the Cross
2. The Our Father Prayer
3. The Hail Mary Prayer (x3)
4. The Glory Be to the Father
5. The Our Father Prayer
6. The Hail Mary Prayer (x10)
7. The Glory Be to the Father

### Who's Who at St Joseph's: Miss Eccles

Miss Eccles is our Year 3 teacher. She is from Melbourne, Australia and studied at Victoria University. Since starting in September, she is known throughout the school for her positivity and kindness! During lockdown, she has liked spending quality time with her sister and her family, taking time to focus on mental well-being and practising new skills like baking and completing a rubix cube! Lockdown has taught her to enjoy the small things in life and appreciate everything she has.



# Pupil Voice

Children at school took great care to produce large, beautiful and colourful flowers. They will be sent to care homes for the elderly to brighten up their rooms and provide a small comfort for all the residents.

The children felt very pleased to be a part of caring for others and do something special for the community. We are all very proud of them.

