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Rest in Peace, Patricia Roney, Dedicated Governor

It is with great sadness that Mary Benton, Chair of Governors, and I must inform you that one of our governors, Patricia Roney passed away this week. Mrs Roney (aka Lady Patricia) had been battling terminal cancer for some years. She became a governor as I joined St Joseph's and I fully appreciated her support throughout my time here. She was an intelligent, creative and inspirational member of the governing body who was dedicated to improving the lives of the families and staff of the school. She continued to work passionately for the betterment of our community until her final weeks. She will be sorely missed and our thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Today, we raised money for Macmillan Cancer Support with a mufti day. Children were invited to wear their own clothes if they donated to the charity, which is one of the largest in Britain and provides specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer. So far we have raised £491.60! Thank you to all who have donated and well done to the PTFA for organising the day.

All the Best, Mrs Gubbins

Today was Mrs Gubbins's final day before she begins her maternity leave. Although we are sad to see her go for a while, we are very excited for her, her husband and her family for the next exciting chapter of their lives.



UK Parliament Workshop

Year 6 took part in an online workshop live from Parliament this week. The workshop was an introduction to what happens at the Houses of Parliament and how fairness and democracy are part of everything the MPs do. Thank you to Mrs Bartley for organising.



Happy birthday to the following children who celebrated this week:

- Erik – Year 1
- Julieta – Year 2



- Abigail – Year 4
- Pietro – Year 5

WEDNESDAY!



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

Year 3



In Year 3, the children have been reading the story, 'Fly, Eagle, Fly!' by Christopher Gregorowski. This week they have been writing diary entries from the perspective of the chick, who was blown away from its nest during a terrible storm. We have been focusing on using adjectives and adverbs for description.

Dear diary,

I woke up from my lovely nap and I took a step forward still yawning but I found myself on the edge of a steep cliff with no mum in sight! I felt so shell shocked because yesterday my caring mother and brother were cuddling me but now I am the edge of a rocky also sharp cliff!!! I looked down and saw a bunch of spiky trees and I gulped when all of a sudden crumbling miniature rocks fell down from the exact rock I was standing on. Then an enormous figure came up to me. It was a huge dark shadow monster!!!! The monster gently but tilly cupped his hands and picked me up. I was so terrified that I almost fainted!!!

Isabella

Catholic Life

Congratulations and God bless to Martha who is making her first Holy Communion over the coming weeks, along with the children mentioned last week.

First Holy Communion is a religious ceremony performed in church by Catholics when a child reaches the age of around 7 or 8 years and celebrates the first time that they accept the bread and wine (also known as the Eucharist). The bread and wine symbolise the body and blood of Christ. After this special occasion, the child is able to accept the bread and wine at Mass and is more deeply initiated into the Catholic Church. It is necessary for the child to have been baptised prior to their First Holy Communion.



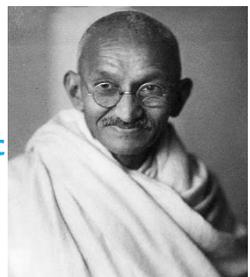
It is Judaism Week at St Joseph's next week. The children will develop their understanding of Jewish culture, stories and traditions in insightful RE sessions.

We look forward to seeing the children's work on this fellow Abrahamic religion.



On This Day...

In 1869 Mahatma Gandhi was born. He is considered to be one of the greatest political and social leaders of the 20th century. Gandhi was a leader of India's independence movement. When India was a colony of Great Britain, Gandhi used non-violent methods to protest against British rule. His use of non-violent protest eventually led to his country's independence. Within his country, he supported the rights of both Hindus and Muslims. He also sought better treatment for groups everyone else looked down upon.



Gandhi was admired by many influential people of his day and beyond. Martin Luther King, Jr., for example, learned about Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence and used it to win victories for the civil rights movement in the United States.

Pupil Voice

The Head Boy and Girl, House Captains and Pupil Voice Reps all met this week to learn about their new roles and started to discuss how they can support and represent the children of St Joseph's. It was an inspiring meeting and they look forward to sharing with you their plans for the academic year.

