

Have a Wonderful Half Term!

It has been a very busy week to end Autumn Term 1 at St Joseph's. October is Black History Month in the UK, and while we have integrated many aspects of black history throughout our teaching of History from the start of this year, we have placed a focus this week on exploring the impact and contribution of people from the Caribbean who have come to live and work in England.

Thank you once again for your fantastic contributions to our Cardinal Hume Centre donation. The work this charity does for the homeless in our area is truly remarkable and, now more than ever, their support is vital to those less fortunate than ourselves. As Catholics, it is our duty and privilege to help those in need, and we will continue to work with the Cardinal Hume Centre and other charities to make the world a better place for all.

This half term has been like no other. Two months ago, most of our children were returning to school for the first time in almost half a year. Every single member of our community has shown just how resilient, brave and supportive for one another they are. May we continue to show the same qualities as we move towards Christmas and the end of the year.

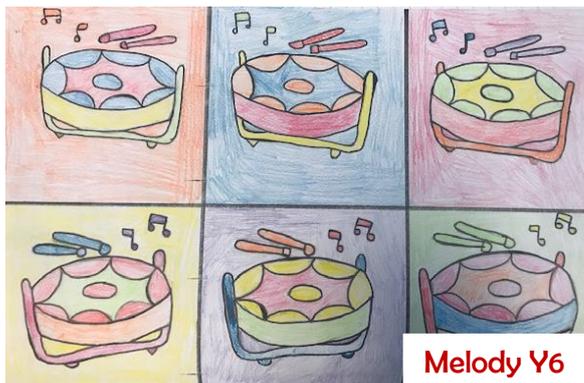
"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." – Isaiah 41:10

Have a wonderful half term and stay safe.

Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher

Black History Week

This week, classes focused on specific Caribbean islands respectively, learning about their people and cultures and discovering the many historical and social developments that took place in Britain when Caribbean came here to start a new life. Over the course of the week, the children produced some incredible work. Today we had a multi-day where children were invited to wear colourful clothes to reflect and represent people of all cultures and backgrounds.



Melody Y6

BLACK HISTORY WEEK



What did you enjoy most about Black History Week?

I enjoyed learning about all the good in Trinidad and Tobago.

Write 3 facts that you enjoyed learning about.

1. I enjoyed learning about Christopher Columbus and how he "found" America.
2. I liked learning about all the carnivals.
3. I liked learning about Fella Benjamin and her Journey to England.

Is there anything else that you would have liked to learn about?

I would have liked to learn about Nigeria and what people do there.

Malachi Y6

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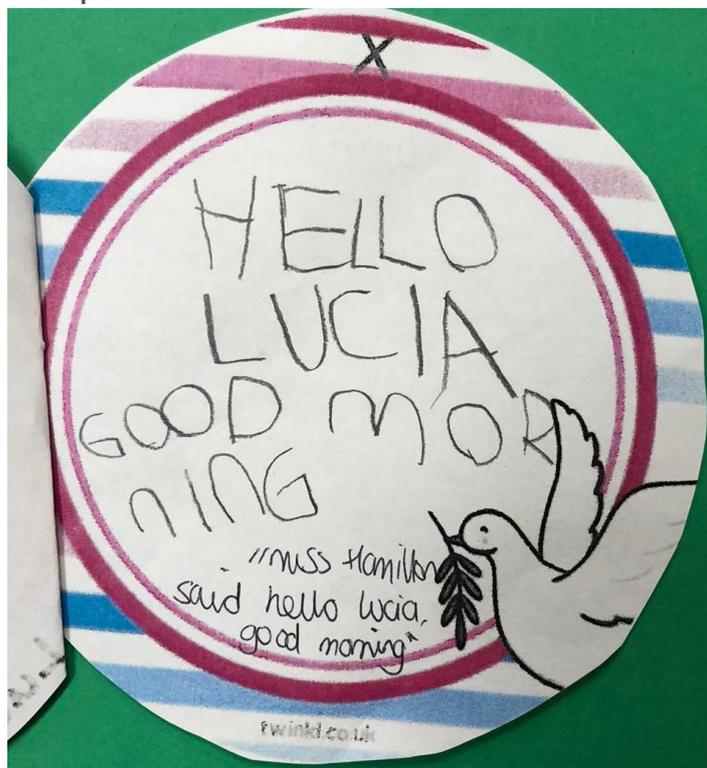
Our Wednesday Word for this week which links in with the Sunday Gospel is:

SAINTS

Reception



In RE, the children in Reception have been learning about Baptism this week. They discussed how a person is welcomed into God's family. The children wrote down ways of how they were welcomed into Reception.



Lucia

Happy birthday to the following children and adults who celebrated this week:

- Kali – Year 1
- Macarena – Year 3



If you would like to share any birthdays with the school community, please write to newsletter@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk.

Catholic Life

This week, to celebrate Black History Week, Mrs Wiles has added two of the Spirituals that we sing in school – 'Get On Board Lil' Children' and 'Gospel Medley' – in Music Classrooms on Google Classroom.

One of our children's jokes featured in this week's edition of The Week Junior!



We have been informed that unfortunately the Christmas card company may have made some typos on the samples sent to parents and carers. If you see any typos, please email music@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk and Mrs Wiles will change.

On This Day...

Brazilian football player, Pelé was born in 1940. His real name is Edson Arantes do Nascimento and he is widely regarded as the greatest football player of all time. He is the current holder of many records including the Guinness World Records for most career goals in football (1283 goals in 1363 games) and world record for the number of hat-tricks.



Pupil Voice

The Environment Team was announced this week. Congratulations to the following children who will be responsible for promoting environmentally friendly actions in the school:

Year 6 – Keyaan, Erik

Year 5 – Art, Pietro, Victor

Year 4 – Martha, Szymon, Marley and Oliver.

Year 3 – Elisa, Macarena, Inayah, Isabella, Harry, Benjamin, Greta

Whole school attendance was 97.2% this week. What an amazing result! Enjoy the half term, everyone!