



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fr Carlos led our very first Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for our KS2 pupils last week as part of our work on learning and reflecting on the importance of the Eucharist. We all learnt lots as Fr Carlos talked us through what we did and why. As we made time and space for our Lord, all of the pupils were very respectful and reflective in their silence.



Asked afterwards about how they were feeling or their thoughts, the following pupils responded: "I felt very calm." (Piotr) "It made me feel very special that Jesus was with us." (Alice W) "It was really nice to have some time to talk to Jesus in my heart without any noise." (Jean) "It made me feel closer to Jesus and the Holy Spirit." (Wiktor)

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Once again lots of pupils have been praying a decade of the rosary during lunchtimes each week in October. We have been learning about and reflecting on the joyful mysteries, including the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Nativity.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Unfortunately we are not in school for this holy day of obligation, Thursday 1st November. There will be two Masses, one at 9.30am and the other at 7.30pm at St Joseph and the English Martyrs.

ENTERPRISE WEEK

There was such a buzz around the school during enterprise week. The children really loved the designing, making, preparing and selling aspects and all of the wonderful real life learning that it brought. The Friday sale day went extremely well and our thanks to all of the parents who came in to help on the Friday to run their class stall with the children. In particular I would like to thank Mr Boyle, Mrs Adams and Mrs May for spending time in our KS1 and KS2 classes and explaining about their jobs and roles with the pupils. All the money has been counted up, expenses paid and we will reveal the class totals to the children at a special



assembly on Monday 5th November when we will be presenting a cheque to Across charity. Thank you for supporting the sale with us.

PHONICS WORKSHOP

The hall was alive with the sounds of trigraphs, digraphs and phonemes last Friday as we went through how we teach phonics with many of our EYFS and KS1 parents. The powerpoint will soon be available on the school website for those that could not attend. Also on our website is the correct pronunciation of phonemes (sounds) that we encourage all to use: <https://tinyurl.com/y8msa29c>

My great thanks to Mrs McConn and Mrs Fletcher from our school association who organised the refreshments for this workshop.

E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Attached is the autumn term e-safety newsletter from Herts for learning.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION QUIZ NIGHT and CAKE SALE

Saturday 13th October saw many of us trying to remember 1980s and 90s album titles at our popular school quiz. Thank you to our resident quizmaster, Mr Faulkner, for organising such a diverse and creative quiz and for being generous with the half points and the ability to 'magpie' answers from other teams!

As you probably read this, all of the cakes for the cake sale will have undoubtedly been sold out at 15.35. Thank you to Mrs Castle and all of the school association for plating up the cakes this morning and selling them after school. In addition, thank you to all of the parents who brought in the donations for this very popular fundraiser.

REPORT CARD FEEDBACK

The surveymonkey questionnaire that we recently sent out is now closed. Thank you to all who did complete this for us - we are very encouraged with the responses provided. The summer term report card will include a general comment section on your child as well as information on the non-core subjects. 98% of you felt the proposed changes at KS1 and KS2 were a good thing so we will introduce this system this year and review it again in September.

Mission Statement Awards

The following children were awarded with the Head Teacher Mission Statement Award for living out our Mission Statement:

Cedar	<u>Noah Gralton</u> – for using our school mission statement to guide him every day. <u>Anastasia Guitton</u> – for her reflective learning in our RE lessons and always being a caring Christian.
Elm	<u>Ludovica Altamura</u> – for a very mature attitude towards her learning and always living out our school mission statement every day. <u>Jude Jacobs</u> – for a fantastic start to Key Stage One and listening carefully to instructions in class.
Fir	<u>Helena Mughini</u> – for being a kind and supportive friend and for living by the mission statement. <u>Gabriel Eden</u> – for his gentle nature and for trying his best at all that he does.
Hazel	<u>Jack Hoare</u> – for his enthusiastic contributions during our explanations unit – keep up your great effort. <u>Arianna Lazzara</u> - for trying her best in all that she does and for the caring, loving attitude she shows to all in our school community.
Maple	<u>Maya Wojcik</u> – for the perseverance she shows during challenging lesson activities and for putting others before herself. <u>Dylan Carroll</u> – for the effort he puts into his learning across the curriculum and for always going out of his way to help those in need.
Oak	<u>Filip Jeziorski</u> – for his great capacity for friendship and compassion towards others. <u>Lily Tuliska</u> – for her lovely ability to befriend others and for her outstanding attitude towards her learning.

Pine	<u>Matthew Chaplin</u> – for his new, positive attitude to all aspects of school life, his commitment to his learning and showing support for others. <u>Janey Belltall-Tran</u> – for her caring, friendly nature and exemplary attitude towards all aspects of school life. A true inspiration to us all!
Sycamore	<u>Katie Anderson</u> – for living out our mission statement in welcoming and supporting a new pupil to her school, helping her feel at home in a new environment. <u>Finley Jarrett-Morris</u> – for his cheery smile and endless positivity in all he does. A great asset to our class.
Willow	<u>Imogen Soames</u> – for her wonderful approach and attitude towards all aspects of her learning. A great role model to all. <u>Isla Carey</u> – for her kind and thoughtful nature towards other children and for willingly offering help to anyone – always with a smile on her face.

100 Club

The winners of the latest draw for the School Association 100 Club are:

First prize - £25 - Frankie Sathan
 Second prize - £15 - Fidelma Anderson
 Third prize - £10 - Dusan Beko

Communication you may have missed sent via schoolcomms:

Understanding Teens – Years 5/6
 Report Card Survey
 Vacancy for Parent Governor

ADMISSIONS – 2019/2020 STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL

If your child reaches the age of four between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, you will be aware that the application process for the 2019/2020 Reception cohort opens on Monday 5th November until Tuesday 15th January 2019. Please remember that you have to complete two forms- our St Joseph's SIF and your local authority's online application form. For more details please see our website:

<https://www.stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=7>

INSET DAY FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER

Please remember that tomorrow is an INSET day and the school is closed to pupils. Have a peaceful and restful half term.

Look upon Us

Dearest Mother, look awhile,
 on your trusting people smile,
 who honour you, their Mother dear,
 and seek your help and comfort here.
 Bless us in your heart so pure,
 comfort us in all fear,
 stay by us in all our need,
 show us Jesus, when we're freed.
(Saint Hildegard of Bingen)