



# St Joseph's Journal

8TH MAY 2020

## May, the month of Mary

Pope Francis has written a letter to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. Praying the Rosary is a prayer that brings us closer to Jesus through Mary. When we pray the Rosary, we pray sets of Hail Marys and Our Fathers while we meditate on mysteries from the lives of Jesus and Mary. Rosary comes from the Latin rosarius, which means a garland or bouquet of roses, and roses are symbols of Mary. Praying the Rosary is like planting a garden of prayers with and for Mary.

As a school, we have joined again with the charity Aid to the Church in Need to pray for peace. They are encouraging children and families to pray one decade of the Rosary each day for one week in May (the week beginning 11th May 2020).

This video gives a quick introduction to the Rosary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuT7HI7ZvfA>



## VE Day Celebrations

Today's celebrations are not as any of us imagined but as I'm sure as many of you are too, we still felt it was important to mark the day. 75 Years ago on this day Victory in Europe was announced, when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end. Prime Minister Winston Churchill made an announcement on the radio at 3pm that the war in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before. This was an emotional day that millions of people had been waiting for. There were big celebrations and street parties and huge crowds dressed in red, white and blue that gathered outside Buckingham Palace.

Today we marked the day by observing the 11am two minute silence, we had an afternoon tea party, played games like sevensies, snakes and ladders, 5 jacks and red light / green light. And of course everyone thoroughly enjoyed getting dressed up. This week in school the children have also been making a timeline, learned all about the types of vehicle transport used, made luggage labels and medals and even made some homemade wartime lemonade.

## Four evacuees sitting on a bench



## Want to grow your own rainbow?

Try this simple science experiment! You only need paper towel, water and washable markers. Kids will love to see their rainbow "grow" in this easy activity!

<https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/grow-a-rainbow-experiment/>



# HOME LEARNING

What has everyone been up to this week?

Check your class page on the website... [www.st-josephs-tod.org.uk](http://www.st-josephs-tod.org.uk)



**Please email any activities you have been completing to the class email address.**



The adults in Oak Class were impressed to hear about Evie-Leigh's home learning. She has been continuing her science work from class by using an app to examine the night sky to spot stars and constellations. She is reading some classic fiction -

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. For PE, she is doing karate lessons and also learning the terminology in Japanese. She has completed the equivalent to passing her first grading to achieve red and white belt.

Evie-Leigh has also enjoyed drawing portraits.



James and Melissa have proudly displayed the bunting that they have been busy making this week. Well done to you both, this looks amazing



Here is Zofia, working hard on her home schooling and with her sister Olivia, out on their daily exercise. It looks like the two of them are having lots of fun



## Class Email Contacts for Home Learning Help

If you have any queries about your child's home learning during our school closure please use the email address for your child's class

ACORNS@stjosephs.romerocat.com

BEECH@stjosephs.romerocat.com

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OAK@stjosephs.romerocat.com

**Teachers will respond between 10am and 2pm  
Monday to Friday.**

## LEARNING MORE EVERY DAY

Have you been accessing the weekly class learning sheets?

They are available on our school website under the class tabs: <https://www.st-josephs-tod.org.uk>

This is where you will find the work set by your child's class teacher - it is specific to our school and your child's year group so is the best place to start each week's learning.

Here are many more recommended sites if you want to do even more!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/schedule>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>