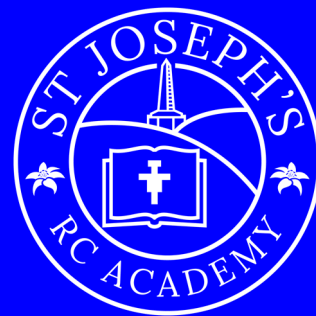


St Joseph's Journal

25TH SEPTEMBER 2020



MILES FOR MACMILLAN

How appropriate that today is national fitness day and as a school we have chosen to put our fitness to good use to raise money for Macmillan in a safe way during these difficult times. As you know we support this charity annually but our usual way is through our coffee mornings. Despite the changed approach, the level of support from you all has not faltered one bit. Including Just Giving donations online, we already know that your efforts, along with our staff, have raised in excess of £600 with more to follow (please check school's FB page for a final Total.) This is truly remarkable. **Thank you.** The children did us proud today, running and walking a combined distance of 172 miles!

A huge thank you needs to go to Morrisons, who supported us in this event, providing water and fruit for every child. We also need to give a very special mention to our marshals on the park, Mr and Mrs Badrick, Mr Green and Rebecca & Thomas Senior who ensured the children could be seen throughout their complete circuits. We feel very blessed to be surrounded by such generosity.



BALLOONING MARVELLOUS

We would also like to say a BIG thank you to BALLOONING MARVELLOUS for providing each bubble with balloons to let off on the finishing line. Please ring Gemma on 07917 784932 should you require any for your family celebrations.

Freddy Fit

Freddy Fit also came to see us this week! The children each had an outside workshop to music which motivated them incredibly well. Freddy spoke about the benefits of keeping healthy and showed the children many activities they could easily do whilst having so much fun!



The Buckfast Abbey Take 5 online Festival

Lockdown has restricted us in many ways, but also presented new opportunities and this is just one of them. For the first time we are able to 'take' our Upper School Pupils in Y4-Y6 to the Buckfast Abbey Take 5 Festival next week. Based at the Benedictine monastery in Devon, the festival will provide opportunities for pupils to engage in practical and fun workshops with focus on developing spiritual, emotional and mental health. We will have access to unique online content including video workshops, guided reflections in the Abbey church and grounds as well as live Q&As sessions. We are really looking forward to this shared unique experience.

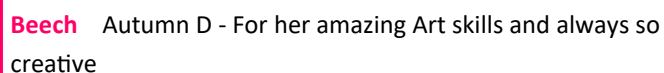


ARE YOU READY FOR WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK W/C 5 OCTOBER!

Get your happy feet on, it's time to celebrate.

National Walk to School celebration, where pupils and grown-ups around the UK unite for one week of walking to school.

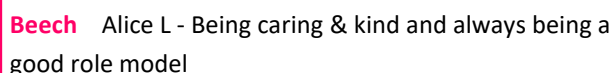
The **five-day walking challenge** aimed at primary schools is a fun and engaging week-long activity, raising awareness and celebrating walking for all. Pupils will be well on their way to reaching their recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, it will also help create healthy habits for life.



Cedar Connor W - Improved behaviour, well done Connor

Elm Juwariayah M- Although feeling unwell throughout the week she has persevered as she didn't want to miss school

Larch Liliana R - Settling in so well



Cedar Dexter H - For his independent writing

Elm Katelyn K - Good start to SPAG

Larch Ethan L - Superb writing for his character descriptions

Oak Caitlin F - RE work

New branding

Have you noticed our new look? As part of our academy conversion we were given a grant to have new signs fitted which have now been installed. We hope you agree, we are working hard to show visitors and new arrivals to our school, the importance we place on high standards which start from the moment you step into our school.

COVID-19 Update:

Here is a summary of the most recent announcements. Staff are thinking about their actions not only at school but in their personal lives too in order to keep your children as safe as possible. Please join us in this mission by adhering to all the measures now in place. **As of Tuesday 22nd September local restrictions in Calderdale (this means that they will be in place across the whole of the Calderdale Borough) are as follows:**

What are the restrictions within Calderdale? **By law, you must not:**

- Meet with people you do not live with in a private house or garden. (Unless they are part of your support bubble.)
- Visit someone's house or garden, even if they live outside affected areas.

Socialise in indoor or outdoor public settings in a group of more than six people from different households. For a list of exceptions where groups can be larger than six people, visit: [Meeting with others safely \(GOV.UK\)](#).

We must follow the above guidance by law. However, you are also strongly advised not to socialise with people you do not live with in any public venue. This includes pubs, restaurants, cafes, places of worship, shops, community centres, leisure/entertainment venues, visitor attractions and parks.

We can all help by: Staying 2 metres apart. Wearing a face covering when we are indoors where we might come into contact with others, such as public transport, taxis, shops, museums and places of worship. Washing our hands regularly. Staying away from crowds and avoiding close contact with others, such as handshakes and hugs. Isolating for 10 days and getting a test, if we have symptoms. Following the advice of the Test and Trace service, if you have come into contact with someone with the virus.

Math Story Telling Day

On September 25th, Math Storytelling Day encourages everyone to tell stories through math. This is a day to appreciate all the ways math enhances our daily lives. The day is a great opportunity to get children excited about math through stories and games. Math stories can include logic, patterns, puzzles and numbers. Tell math jokes and sing songs about math. It's an excellent way to explore math and promote learning.



This week's attendance: 92.3% Target: 96.1%

Attendance YTD: 92.3% This week's top class: Elm 94.8%