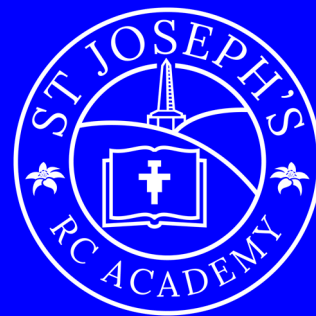


# St Joseph's Journal

2ND OCTOBER 2020



## MILES FOR MACMILLAN

**Our grand total raised: £ 1,160.57**

### Join us in our Daily Reflections

During the month of October, the pupil chaplains are being filmed as they pray a decade of the Rosary, each day, with reflections. Mr Carr has set this up due to the current COVID restrictions so that it can be shared in each class. He has also set up a link which can be shared with families and parishioners who want to join in the Rosary.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC91w58cn1vnCFWUwjsNUAbA/videos>

There is an introductory video that went live on October 1st and then subsequent daily recordings. Mr Carr apologises in advance for any technical glitches but hopes it will run smoothly.



### National Poetry Day

This Thursday we celebrated national poetry day in each of our bubbles and shared the work virtually in our celebration assembly this afternoon. Pupils have chosen favourite poems, recited work and even created their own. Some children have really engaged in this special focus and are now going to experience a new poem each day with their class because of their enjoyment in this day.



### Parental Consultations

As you will be aware by now, in our efforts to keep everyone as safe as possible, our parental consultations are taking place by phone this year. If you have not already made an appointment then a timeslot has been allocated for you. Teachers will phone you, so please make sure we have the most up to date phone numbers to reach you on. Within the discussions, teachers will be asking what you want us to know about your child at the start of this year - this is not meant to catch anyone out - we simply want to work with you to provide the best possible start for your child. We want to know how you feel they have coped during lockdown and how you feel they are managing with their return to school this September. If there are any events in your family life that may have affected your child whilst the school was closed, please make this an opportunity to bring us up to date so that we can support your child in as many ways as possible. Thank you.

Please check your child's bookbag for appointment times.

### Buckfast Abbey Take 5 Online Festival

This week children in Larch and Oak Class have very much enjoyed taking part in the Take 5 Festival hosted by Buckfast Abbey. We have completed various activities around the five themes for looking after our wellbeing: connect, be active, learn and create, take notice, and give. The staff and the children at the school would like to say a special thank you to Bronach Ball as her generous donation and fundraising for St Joseph's has allowed the school to take part in this wonderful festival.

Several staff also participated in a mindfulness yoga session during the week as part of the week's activities.





**Beech** Cassius - Improved attitude to learning & being very helpful in class

**Cedar** Umar - For being a super Year 2 role model

**Elm** Whole class - For their engagement in Poetry for National Poetry Day

**Larch** Alfie - For his Macmillan mile

**Larch** Fizza - For always trying hard & setting a good example

**Oak** Phoenix - Contributions to class



**Beech** Sonny - Amazing effort in his Jedi writing

**Cedar** Joshua - Trying hard to learn his letter sounds

**Elm** Aleeza - Maths work. Super presentation and understanding

**Larch** Christopher - Amazing writing & always working hard

**Larch** Fatimah - Moving up in times tables and spellings groups & trying hard in RE

**Oak** Gabriel - English & Poetry work

To read the latest Online Safety Newsletter, please go to our school website - Parents / Newsletter

Dan's PE Award

This weeks winner is:

Nancy



#### PTA Update:

Our PTA are continuing to meet but online at this time. If you can spare the time and would like to contribute to our children's wider enjoyment of school life, please join us in our planning meetings that take place on the first Thursday of each half term at 4pm using the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91663489331>

#### Creepy Crafts Day

Just before half term our PTA would usually put on a fantastic Spooky Shin Dig but sadly, due to the restrictions this year, our disco cannot take place. We would still like to celebrate our first half term together and instead we will have a creepy crafts day in our bubbles within the school day.

Children will be invited to bring a costume for their afternoon and change at lunch. The cost will be £2 per child to participate in a range of dressed up craft and fun. Letter will follow for each bubble.



#### School Photographs

Next Wednesday we will have a photographer in school who will photograph each child individually. Sadly, because of the restrictions in place this time, we will not be able to offer any family group pictures.



## THE VOICE KIDS 2021 APPLY NOW!

The Voice Kids is returning to ITV in 2021 and we're looking for super talented **SOLO SINGERS & DUOS** who have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage

If you know any 7-14 year olds who want their voices to be heard, we want to hear from you!

For more information about how to enter go to **[itv.com/thevoicekidsuk/apply](http://itv.com/thevoicekidsuk/apply)** or **[stv.tv/voicekids](http://stv.tv/voicekids)**

Applications close on **Friday 23rd October 2020**

We reserve the right to extend the closing date at our discretion

Other eligibility criteria and terms and conditions also apply (see entry form for full details).  
Personal data provided by you will be collected and processed in accordance with the privacy notices set out in the entry form.




**ATTENDANCE**

**This week's attendance: 93.0% Target: 96.1%**

**Attendance YTD: 92.6% This week's top class: Oak 95.7%**