

# ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL

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## WEEK ENDING 22ND MARCH 2024

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are very grateful to Father Allan for taking the time to show and explain the Stations of the Cross to our older pupils of Elm and Oak Class. Father Allan explained that there are many ways we can be led through a reflection of the Passion of Our Lord, the final days of Jesus' life on earth and took the children through the stages through the eyes of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

We are hoping our Y6 pupils will be able to lead their own stations of the cross for the rest of the school at the end of Holy Week on our final day of term. This is planned for Maundy Thursday in school at 9am and you are all very welcome to join us.



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Congratulations to Eadie, Harry, Patryk, Tobiasz, Leandro, Emily and Sonny who all received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. Thank you to their parents for the support and guidance you are providing and we continue to pray for these children as they walk more closely with Our Lord in the coming months and prepare for their First Holy Communion in June.



### HEALTHY SELFIE CORNER

We love to hear what you all get up to outside of school and celebrate the many ways you choose to stay fit and healthy. This week we want to congratulate the children who were awarded their next Taekwondo belt and who continue to dedicate time and effort to building their expertise in this discipline. Well done to Laila and Jacob for achieving their yellow tag and to Scarlett for achieving her green tag.



### BEECH CLASS TRIP TO EUREKA

You're not imagining things, this week we are reporting on Beech's experience of their day in Eureka Science museum, following British Science Week.

The focus for our younger children was People who Help us. We explored the different careers that people choose that will help others to look after themselves and how we can look after ourselves too!



### ATTENDANCE

#### 'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

Attendance at school is as much about pupil well-being as academic success. Being in school supports pupil's friendships, confidence and wider development. When pupils miss school, the impact of 'feeling behind' can be a barrier to their future success. Government data shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage. If pupils are not in school, we can not support them to learn.

Nursery - **95.1%**  
Reception - **97.5%**  
Year 1 - **93.3%**  
Year 2 - **98.0%**  
Year 3 - **94.6%**  
Year 4 - **92.0%**  
Year 5 - **96.5%**  
Year 6 - **96.5%**

**Whole school attendance week: 95.8%**

**We need these figures to be above 96% Help us reach our goal - every day counts!!**

**Whole school attendance this year: 95.2%**



## WATER TREATMENT WORKSHOP

This week Elm class took part in a live lesson delivered by Yorkshire water. This lesson was live from the Water Treatment Works in Bradford.

The children learned all about how water is treated to allow us to drink clean water. As always the children represented us well, showing our good manners and positive learning behaviours. The children showed that they remembered lots of things from their science and geography lessons and really enjoyed the live session.



## FEAST DAY TREATS

Following the Feast Day of St Joseph on Tuesday and the upcoming Feast Day of St Oscar Romero this Sunday, our PTA have very kindly covered the cost of a special treat for all our children at the end of this week. Thank you so much to each and every parent and carer who continually supports events both in the planning stages and the participation of fundraising opportunities. We truly appreciate the reality of the cost of living crisis at the moment which makes your generosity even more of a blessing. I think the children's faces say it all! Thank you.



## MUSIC FOR THE MANY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the concert, here at St Joseph's, alongside children from our neighbouring schools. Music for the Many were keen to integrate the orchestras from our local primaries and bring together the incredible sound they could make as one. As I'm sure you can imagine, the children did not disappoint. Due to photo permissions, we are unable to share photos of the performance at this time but our children will tell you all about it if you ask them!



## CEDAR CLASS ASSEMBLY

Cedar class performed their class assembly all about hot and cold locations. They were all amazing and we hope everyone enjoyed it just as much as we did!



## SPRING FAIR - NEXT WEDNESDAY

# Spring Fair

Wednesday  
27th March  
2:30pm to 4pm

Adult entry £1  
including entry  
to prize draw.  
(Can be  
purchased on  
the door)

ST JOSEPH'S RC ACADEMY  
WELLINGTON ROAD  
OL14 5HP

Join us for a fun afternoon  
with activities for all the  
family, including an Easter  
bonnet parade, chocolate and  
bottle tombola, Easter raffle,  
Easter prize draw, Easter  
crafts, and much, much more!  
Refreshments will be served.

For more information please  
contact the PTA or the  
school office.





## BEECH CLASS DRESS AS A HERO!

This half term our Nursery and Reception children have been working hard to find out about people who help us in our community. To round off our learning, we invited children to come dressed up as a hero. We then spent the day thinking about what we would like to do when we grow up and how we can help others.



## EARNING A BLUE PETER BADGE

A number of the school reading ambassadors have now applied for a Blue Peter Book badge. To apply for this badge you will need to be able to write about a book that you have read, complete a drawing on the same book, and share information about any other books and authors you have enjoyed reading. Please speak to a reading ambassador if you would like any help completing the application form.



## CELEBRATIONS WITHIN OUR TEAM

Congratulations Mrs Whitehead on achieving your Higher Level Teaching Assistant Status (HLTA) this week. You have worked incredibly hard to evidence all the standards that you need to demonstrate and we are amazed that you have found the time to do this in addition to being our staff Governor, volunteering for after school clubs and leading so many of the PTA events. We hope you can take a well earned rest this weekend, proud of your achievement. Well done from us all.

## WELLNESS IN THE WORKPLACE

I'm sure you will agree, our staff dedicate a lot of their effort and energy into ensuring that our children are safe and well looked after throughout their days in school. It was wonderful to be able to offer an opportunity this week therefore, where they could also take a little time out for themselves over the lunchtimes. This was thanks to Jaime from 'Tropic By Jaime' who came in to offer complimentary mini facials and hand massages for any of our staff who would like one. Huge thanks to Jaime for her time and generosity and an equally huge thanks to our team of staff for all that you do.



## THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



**Beech:** Whole class, For their excellent behaviour when on the school trip to Eureka

**Cedar:** Whole class, For their amazing class assembly about hot and cold locations.

**Elm:** Sonny M, For his scientific subject knowledge during the live Yorkshire water lesson

**Oak:** Olivia O, For her positive attitude to learning

# WOW!

**Beech:** Zeshaan I, Persevering to start a fire in Forest School

**Cedar:** Mason S, For his exceptional knowledge when recapping our science topic from September.

**Elm:** Joshua G, For his amazing information text

**Oak:** Poppy F, Great work in RE

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Trips, Visits, Theme Days and More

**Monday 25th March** Start of Holy Week

**Monday 25th March** Film Club til 4:15pm

**Monday 25th March** Parents' Evenings across the week

**Tuesday 26th March** Whole School Mass for Holy Week 10am in church, all welcome

**Wednesday 27th March** Spring Fair from 2:30pm see flyer for more details

**Thursday 28th March** 9am Stations of the Cross in school, all welcome

**Thursday 28th March** Beech Class Parents invited to join Forest Schools from 8:40am. Don't forget your wellies!

**Thursday 28th March** Close for Easter

Good Friday Service 3pm

Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Mass

**Monday 8th April** Start of the Summer Term

**Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th April** Oak Class Anne Frank (voices for equality programme) Workshop

**Tuesday 16th April** Freddie Fit in school working with all classes

**Tuesday 16th April** Cricket Coaching for Y2, 3 and 4.

**Friday 2nd May** KS2 Inter School Cricket Competition

Please note we break up on Friday 24th May and are not back in school until Monday 10th June. Governors have made this decision to support parents in being able to take less expensive holidays. Please make use of this should you wish to and avoid term time holidays.

Thank you

# Wellbeing Matters

'Walk and Talk'

Together from 2:40pm

Meet outside the school gates

Friday 22nd March

Friday 26th April

Friday 24th May

Friday 28th June

Friday 12th July

Whether you want to share a concern or simply get out in the fresh air before collecting your child(ren) for the weekend, come and join us on our local 30mins walk, suitable for all.





## Can you Help Todmorden in Bloom Celebrate their 25th Anniversary

By entering the Save the Insects and Bugs Competition by designing a picture of a Bug Hotel

The competition is open to all Todmorden primary school children.

There are two age ranges

4-6 & 7-11 year old

The overall winner will have their design made into a Bug Hotel for Patmos Garden.

Each schools winner will receive a garden voucher.

All entries to be handed into their school, by the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Judging will be done by the Todmorden Town Mayor, Tyler Hanley.

Please ensure we have your name, age and school on the back of your design. GOOD LUCK.

