



# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

## Welcome!


We have had a busy start to our new session with many exciting and engaging activities already taking place. I would like to thank the St Joseph's community for making me feel so welcome over the last few weeks. I am looking forward to getting to know you all but most importantly, getting to know your children. St Joseph's is an excellent school with an excellent reputation and I am privileged to be the Head Teacher. We look forward to a happy, successful year in St Joseph's and we thank you for your continued support.


Mrs Suzanne Martin  
Head Teacher

## Parents' Evening

Our first parents' evenings this session will be taking place on Wednesday 8th November from 5 - 8pm and Thursday 9th November from 3.30 - 6.30pm. The appointment letters will be issued to the children next week. If you are unable to attend your allocated slot please contact the school office as soon as possible.

As part of your child's learning journey, they will write their own report card, this will be given to you by your child's class teacher after your meeting. It is important that you read, discuss and complete this report card in order that your child receives feedback from you and their teacher on their progress. Report cards should be sent back with your child once completed.

 You will be asked to write 2 stars. These are 2 things that you think your child has worked hard on or made progress with.

 You will be asked to write 1 wish. This should be something you think your child needs to work on with support and encouragement or a new skill that you feel would benefit your child.

## Maths Week Scotland

We had a fantastic time participating in the very first Maths Week Scotland. Primary 7 led the learning throughout the school and provided very interesting and exciting activities for each class. Primary 7 were given the opportunity to apply their maths skills by cooking curry with the help and guidance of Chef Matt, it was delicious!



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# Standards and Quality Report/ School Improvement Plan

To ensure the continuous improvement of St Joseph's and the excellent learning and teaching that takes place, we write an annual report outlining the progress and improvement within our school. St Joseph's is an excellent school and we are very proud of the progress we have made since last August, we are also aware that there are areas for improvement and we will be addressing these as outlined in our 2017/18 School Improvement Plan. Both parent leaflets are available for you to view on line by following the link below.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/StJosephs/about-us/school-improvement-plan/>

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/StJosephs/about-us/standards-and-quality-report/>

## Pope Francis Faith Award

As our Primary 7 children enter the second year of this award we would like to celebrate the enrolment of our current Primary 6. There will be a Mass of enrolment on Sunday 8th October at 12pm in St Joseph's Parish. We would be delighted if you would join us, even if your child is not in Primary 6.



### Clerical staff update!

As you are aware we have had several wonderful ladies working in our office over the last few weeks to provide clerical support. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new office manager and a new clerical assistant. Hopefully our new staff will be in place by November.

Please follow us on Twitter @StJosephsERC. Get the inside track on your child's school day by following our up to date tweets. Please note the slight change in Twitter handle, hopefully this will avoid any mix ups.



## St Joseph's Parish

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Canon Duggan for all the support, guidance and care that he has provided for St Joseph's Primary School over the last 10 years. We wish him luck in his new Parish.

## The Big Soup Share!

Primary 4 pupils from St Joseph's Primary School are hosting a Big Soup Share Event on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am-12.00pm. They have invited their parents and some neighbours from the local community to come along and enjoy a bowl of soup, made from vegetables and herbs sown, grown and harvested in our school garden.

This is a nationwide event celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) School gardening campaign.

Thanks to a grant from Food for Thought and some very supportive parents, St Joseph's have created a fantastic school garden. To show our appreciation and share the success and achievements, they have invited parents, neighbours and other members of the local community to come along and sample soups made by the children using home grown produce.

St Joseph's Primary School is striving to improve the children's understanding of healthy eating. Through the School Garden children are learning the benefits of sowing it, growing it and eating it.

St Joseph's aim is to build on last year's achievements where they were one of the top 3 finalists in the National, Better Eating Better Learning Award.

St Joseph's believe that sharing a meal brings people together!

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd Oct	8.30am	Rosary prayer group	
Friday 6th Oct	6pm	Family portraits	
Saturday 7th Oct	9am	Family portraits	
Sunday 8th Oct	12pm	Pope Frances Faith award Enrolment Mass	P6
Tuesday 10th Oct	8.30am	Rosary prayer group	

**Friday 13th Oct** In- Service Day  
**Monday 16th Oct - Friday 20th Oct** October Holiday

Tuesday 24th Oct	2pm	P6 Class Mass	P6
Tuesday 24th Oct	8.30am	Rosary prayer group	
Thursday 26th Oct	6.15 - 7.30pm	Halloween Disco	P2 and 3
	7.45 - 9pm	Halloween Disco	P4 and 5
Wednesday 1st Nov	9.30am	All saints Mass in St Joseph's Church	P1—P7

## Parent Council

Our Parent Council AGM was held on Tuesday 26th of September.

- ◇ Chair - Mr Andrew Mackie.
- ◇ Vice Chair - Mrs Louise McKean.
- ◇ Secretary - Mrs Maureen Harcombe
- ◇ Treasurer - Mr Ian Anderson
- ◇ Social Committee— Mrs Anne Boyle.

We would like to thank Dr Brian Kelly and Mrs Bastable for all they have contributed during their time as Chair and secretary. Thank you also to Ms Katrina Adams for all her hard work as our social committee chair.

The next meeting will be on 14th November at 7pm in St Ninian's High School. All parents are members of the Parent forum and as such, can put themselves forward to serve on the Parent Council. We would be delighted to welcome new parents at the next meeting.

## Halloween Disco



On Thursday 26th October our Parent Council Social committee will be hosting a Halloween Disco in the gym hall. Tickets are £2 to be paid on the night.

P2 and P3 - 6.15pm til 7.30pm  
 P4 and P5 - 7.45pm til 9pm

## Parental Workshops

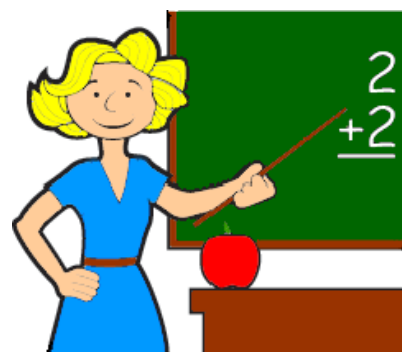
Our Parent workshops have been a huge success again this year. Thank you for coming along and supporting the fantastic work that takes place in St Josephs.

We asked you to leave feedback on the night of the event and were delighted with the positive comments that we received. We are always keen to hear your thoughts and ideas for our school so please feel free to email or tweet!

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If you were unable to attend any of the workshops then you can find the PowerPoints and handouts used by teachers on our website.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/St.Josephs/parents/curriculum-workshops/>



# Getting It Right For Every Child


## My World Triangle

**How I grow and develop**

- I am healthy
- I am learning and achieving
- I can talk to people and let them know how I feel
- I am confident
- I am learning to be responsible
- I can look after myself
- I like being with my family and friends

**What I need from people who look after me**

- There are people who help me make the right choices
- I know what is happening in my life and when it will happen
- I understand where my family come from and what they think is right



- I get help and care when I need it
- I am kept safe by the people around me
- I know there are always people around when I need them
- I am given the opportunity to play and have fun

**My wider world**

- I am supported by my family, friends and other people
- My house is safe and comfortable
- I don't worry about money
- I am happy in school
- My mum and/or dad work
- There are clubs and activities I can take part in
- I know I belong to my family, school, and community.

At the start of each term your child will complete the My World Triangle and traffic light each statement. We want to ensure we meet the needs of all our children and to do this effectively we must have a clear understanding of all factors that may impact on them.