



St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Sacraments

Congratulations to our Primary 4 children who received the sacrament of Reconciliation in March. Thank you also to the parents for their support in making the occasion special for the children.

Congratulations also to our P7 children who received the sacrament of Confirmation this month. As always, our children were a credit to the school and their parents.

Mrs Martin
Head Teacher



April/May 2018



Staff

We would like to extend a warm St Joseph's welcome to Miss Fusaro (P7b) and Mrs McKendrick (P1b) who have been appointed to permanent posts in our school. This year both teachers have been very successful and provided excellent learning opportunities for our children, we look forward to seeing what they bring to St Joseph's next session!



Miss Fusaro



Mrs McKendrick

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Ladies Night

On Friday 20th April our Social Committee hosted a ladies night in St Joseph's church hall. This was the first St Joseph's ladies night but judging by its success, it will not be the last. Our hard working social committee raised a whopping £1456 and had a good time in the process!

Thank you for all your hard work ladies, it is hugely appreciated by us all.



NSPCC - Speak out stay safe.

The NSPCC will be visiting St Joseph's on 23rd, 24th and 30th of May to deliver their 'Speak out stay safe' workshops and assemblies for Primary 1 to Primary 7.



Speak out stay safe teaches children about safeguarding in a lively, interactive and memorable way with the help of 'Buddy' the mascot. The focus of the assemblies and workshops is :

- Helping children understand abuse in all its forms and recognising the signs.
- How to protect themselves.

The workshops are delivered by trained NSPCC staff and teachers are present throughout. For more information please use the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/working-with-schools/speak-out-stay-safe-service/>

First Holy Communion

During the month of May our Primary 4 children will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion. The dates for our Parishes are -

St Joseph's Saturday 12 May at 10am (P4b) and 12.30pm (P4a)
St Bridget's Saturday 12 May at 12pm

On Sunday 13 May there will be a Mass of thanksgiving at 12pm in St Joseph's Church for our First Communicants. St Joseph's Parent Council will also be hosting a First Communion Breakfast after the thanksgiving Mass for the children in St Joseph's Church hall.

School Uniform

A gentle reminder!
Children should attend school in full school uniform . Trainers are not part of the uniform and we would request that smart school shoes be worn.

Wild Week !

This year we will be trying something different, instead of a day trip at the end of the year we are organising a full week of activities!

One of our School Improvement priorities for 2017/18 was Outdoor Learning, the wild week will offer an opportunity to focus on this area. We are currently waiting for confirmation on a few activities but so far we have:

- Zorbing football
- Safe Archery
- Rock Climbing
- Owl Magic
- Play Bus
- Drakes of Hazard
- Visit to Rouken Glen - Park Rangers
- Visit to Whitelees windfarm - Park Rangers
- Visit to Pollok Park - Forest Schools

Please note that some of these activities are not suitable for our infant children. We have tried to ensure a range of activities for all stages. More information and a full timetable will be sent out nearer the time.

Parentzone Scotland

Parentzone Scotland is a unique website for parents and carers in Scotland. The website provides up-to-date information about learning in Scotland and practical advice and ideas to support children's learning at home. Information is also available on Parentzone Scotland about additional support needs, how parents can become further involved in their child's school and education and details about schools. The website can be accessed at www.parentzonescotland.com



Summer Fete

Our Summer Fete will be on Saturday 9th June. Our Social committee has been working hard to organise a special event which will hopefully provide an opportunity for the St Joseph's community to come together for some fun! Over the next few weeks the Social Committee will be sending leaflets home in school bags -please keep a look out for these!

Parent Council

St Joseph's Parent Council is very active and committed to improving outcomes for our children. The next Parent council meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th June at 7pm in St Ninian's. We would be delighted to welcome any Parent/ Carer who is interested in joining the Parent Council or if you would like more information then please come along.

Euroquiz

Kieran and Alice from P6b along with Peter and Moeed from 6a represented St Joseph's at the recent Euro Quiz .

There were 14 other schools competing across the East Renfrewshire authority and we came a very respectable **5th place!** All their studying and hard work leading up to this has clearly paid off! Well done, we are very proud of you!



Primary 5 Festival of Sports

Primary 5 visited Giffnock Tennis Club to participate in a Festival of Sport. They had the opportunity, while mixing with children from other cluster schools, to try out the range of sports clubs available through the Giffnock Sports Hub. These included football, netball, judo, karate, tennis, squash, athletics and rugby. The children were engaged and enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed the day!

'In Judo we learned to work as a team.' - Orla

'I would like to join a netball club because I had never played it before and I really enjoyed it!' - Halle

'It was great getting to try out so many new sports.' - Joseph

'I used to play tennis in Spain, so it was nice to play it again.' - Celia

'I liked getting slammed to the ground in Judo!' - Patrick

Grow £5 Challenge

"In our last year at St. Joseph's Primary School we have been working with Virgin Bank on a project called Grow £5. Virgin Bank gave each pupil £5 and we had to plan and develop a business. With the £5 we had to buy materials to make products and we sold these at our Fayre to make a profit. Our Fayre was on the 27th of March but we had to do a lot of planning before then. Grow £5 is encouraging young entrepreneurs to express their ideas and bring them to life. Throughout the project we learned a variety of skills such as teamwork, problem solving, risk taking, negotiation, creativity, communication, adaptability and leadership. We now see the importance of these skills in our daily life and think they will help when we are older and begin working. We made an outstanding profit of £962.33, we donated £100 to Missio as part of our Confirmation preparation and £100 to the Sisters at Schoenstatt. This leaves us with £762.33 for our P7 Fun Day. We are proud of our impressive ideas that led to such a great profit. We would like to thank Virgin Bank for giving us the money that helped us to develop our skills. P7 thoroughly enjoyed this experience and it was a great opportunity to learn how to manage money. "

Signed by P7



Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event	Stage
Tuesday 1 May	3.15 - 4pm	Commonwealth club	P5/6
Thursday 3 May	8.20am	Rosary group P4b classroom	Children and parents
Thursday 3 May	7pm	P7 Transition meeting in St Ninian's High	P7 parents
Thursday 3 May	7pm	Social committee meeting at the Overlee	All parents welcome
Monday 7 May	Bank Holiday		
Tuesday 8 May	1.30pm	First Communion rehearsal at St Bridget's and St Joseph's Church	P4
Tuesday 8 May	3.15 - 4pm	Commonwealth club	P5/6
Thursday 10 May	9.30am	Ascension Thursday Mass - St Joseph's Church	P1-P7 All Parents
Saturday 12 May	10am 12.30pm	First Holy Communion - St Joseph's church	P4
Saturday 12 May	12.00pm	First Holy Communion - St Brigid's church	P4
Sunday 13 May	12pm	Thanksgiving Mass followed by Communion Breakfast in St Joseph's Church	P4
Tuesday 15 May	2pm	Come and see my learning	P6 Parents
Tuesday 15 May	3.15 - 4pm	Commonwealth club	P5/6
Thursday 17 May	9am	P7 induction day at St Ninian's High	P7
Thursday 17 May	1.45pm	Primary 1 induction afternoon	Preschool children and parents
Tuesday 22 May	2pm	Come and see my learning	P5 Parents
Tuesday 22 May	3.15 - 4pm	Commonwealth club	P5/6
Thursday 24 May	2pm	Primary 1 Class Mass	P1 and Parents
Friday 25 May - Monday 28 May	Bank Holiday Weekend		
Tuesday 29 May	In- Service		
Wednesday 30 May	9am	Go Yellow day at Bella-houston Park	P7