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# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

## Hello 2019!

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019 and I would like to wish you all a (belated!) Happy New Year on behalf of the staff of St Joseph's. 2018 was a very positive successful year in St Joseph's and 2019 is shaping up to be the same.

As always in St Joseph's we have the attainment and wellbeing of your children at the centre of everything we do. If you would like to contact us regarding any concerns or questions then please feel free to call the office 0141 570 7380 or email [headteacher@st-josephs.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-josephs.e-renfrew.sch.uk). I will also be holding a Head Teachers drop in on the first Monday of every month at 3.15pm.

We look forward to a happy, successful 2019 in St Joseph's and we thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Suzanne Martin  
Head Teacher

## Other World Religions Fortnight

During the month of January the children have had a focus on Other World Religions. Discover Islam delivered workshops to Primary 1 - 7. These sessions were very informative and interesting and gave the children a clear insight into the Islamic religion.

Each stage has had the chance to explore different religions through a variety of resources and visits. Primary 1 and 2 learned about Religious Festivals and set up investigation stations with a variety of resources which allowed the children to lead their own learning.

Primary 3 focused on Religious traditions and the impact they have on our everyday lives.

Primary 4 and 5 visited the Mosque and the Synagogue allowing them to learn and respect another religion.

Primary 6 and 7 explored the similarities and differences between various monotheistic religions. They looked at Festivals and traditions in greater detail developing their understanding of other faiths.



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## Masterclasses

Masterclasses are running for 3 consecutive weeks starting on Thursday 14th March. The children will be focusing on the ability to problem solve in all areas of learning, life and work. We still need parents who would be willing to share their expertise with the children. We have sewing, cooking and some science masterclasses booked in so far. In previous years the children have really enjoyed the diverse range of skills that parents can share with them. If you can help us in any way, please contact Mrs Leddy via the school office.

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## Building works

Over the last few months we have been undertaking some renovations in the cloak-room areas in order to provide more storage space within the school. Our Primary 1 and 2 cloakrooms are now situated on the ramp at the Primary 1 and 2 entrance. The roof works have now been completed in the Primary 3 and 4 corridor and the new windows have been fitted and sealed.



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## Thank you!

We are always grateful for the help and support that our parents give us and we would like to say a big thank you to .....

Thank you Mr Cleary for providing the cable drums for outdoor learning. Primary 1 and 2 are putting these to good use.

Thank you Mrs Constable for donating Hessian material and library books for the infant department.

Thank you Mr Boyle for filling our sandpit. Primary 1 have had hours of fun in the sandpit already! Sorry to our infant parents who keep finding sand in trouser pockets!!

Thank you to Mrs Doherty for donating the Irn Bru Carnival tickets for our enterprise raffle.



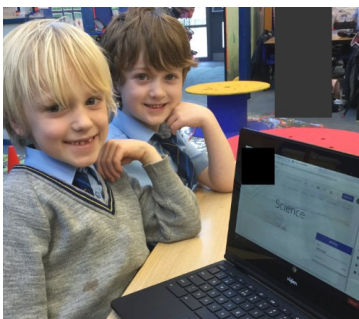
## Digital Learning

One of our priorities in our School Improvement Plan this year was Digital Learning. Many classes throughout the school are currently using Google Classrooms for their homework and GSuite to support learning.

You may also have noticed that our class blogs are no longer in use. As part of our pupil profiling our children are currently creating their own websites through GLOW. These websites have a unique URL that only your child knows and their website can only be accessed through their GLOW account which is password protected. These websites provide the children with an opportunity to record their Learning Journey and their achievements digitally. The children are also learning to embed pictures from our school Twitter account to help bring their learning to life.

These applications are accessible through your child's GLOW account. Over the next few months P1 and P2 will be offering a drop in session on a Friday afternoon for parents and grandparents to show them how to help their child access and develop their website and Google Classrooms. A help clinic run by our P7 Digital Leaders will also be available during these drop in sessions so if you have a digital issue please bring your device along and our Digital whizz kids will help find a solution!

Please follow the link below for more information.





Please follow us on Twitter @StJosephsERC Get the inside track on your child's school day by following our up to date tweets.

## Picking up your child

Can you please ensure you pick your child up at the end of the school day. Failure to pick your child up on time can cause unnecessary stress and anxiety for your child. We also can not guarantee that there will be an adult present in the building after 3.05pm to look after your child.

## Parent Council

Our next parent council meeting will take place in St Joseph's Primary School ICT suite on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. We are always happy to see new faces so please pop in.

Our Parent Council Social Committee has been busy organising lots of events for our school community.

There will be a Family night in St Joseph's church hall on Friday 8th March 7-10, more information regarding tickets will follow.

On Sunday 17th March there will be a coffee morning after 10am and 12pm Mass hosted by children from P6/7 who are currently undertaking their Pope Francis Faith Award. As part of their work towards parish commendation all money raised will be given to the parish.

The following discos will be held in the school gym hall:

P3-4 disco 24th April 6.45pm-8pm

P1-2 disco 25th April 6.30-7.30pm

P5-6 disco 25th April 7.45-9pm

Our newest fundraising event is our Summer fayre which will take place on Saturday 9th June 1.30-4.30pm. This was a huge success last year and a fantastic opportunity for our St Joseph's family to share time together and have fun!

## Road Safety

Please help us keep your children safe when coming to and from school. If children are walking please ensure they cross at a safe place, do not have head phones in and do not cross behind parked cars.

If you drive your child to and from school I would ask that you avoid parking close to pedestrian crossings as this can block the line of vision for children crossing.

Walking to school or parking and striding are always the preferable options and support your child's health and wellbeing!



## Mock Court

This term Primary 6 will be taking part in the Mock Court programme. This is a cross-curricular project which uses a court case to encompass a range of classroom subjects - from art to journalism, debating and writing skills, to name just a few. During this project the children will work with solicitors to prepare a case for court. They will take on the roles as Pursuers and Defenders, learning how to prepare and serve a claim, look at counter arguments and adjust their side of the story! The conclusion of the project is having their case heard in an actual courtroom in front of a Sheriff. Good luck Primary 6! Please follow the link below to find out more.



<https://www.mockcourt.org.uk>

# Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event	Stage
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.10 - 4.10pm	P4/P5 Football Club	P4/P5
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.10 - 4.10pm	P4/P5 Gymnastics Club	P4/P5
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All Day	P1 & P7 Dental Inspections	P1 & P7
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4-5pm	Supporting Literacy difficulties, input for Parents.	P1-4
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.10 - 4.10pm	P4-P7 Dance Club	P4-P7
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb Staff In-service Day School Closed			
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb School Holiday School Closed			
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.10-4.10pm	P4-P7 Dance Club	P4-P7
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.10 - 4.10pm	P4/P5 Football Club	P4/P5
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.10 - 4.10pm	P4/P5 Gymnastics Club	P4/P5
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.15pm	P3 Stage Mass in School	P3
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	All Day	World Thinking Day for Scouting	All Children
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All day	P7 Retreat with Father Stephen at St Joseph's Church	P7
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1.30 - 3pm	Outdoor Learning @ Busby Glen	P2
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.10-4.10pm	P4-P7 Dance Club	P4-P7
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.10 - 4.10pm	P4-P7 Football	P4-P7
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Any Mass	P4 Mass of Enrolment Sacrament of Reconciliation	P4
4 <sup>th</sup> March	3.10-4.10pm	Coding Club	P6/P7
6 <sup>th</sup> March	11am-12noon	Ash Wednesday Mass	All Children
7 <sup>th</sup> March	3.10-4.10pm	P4-P7 Dance Club	P4-P7
7 <sup>th</sup> March	3.10 - 4.10pm	P4-P7 Football	P4-P7
7 <sup>th</sup> March	6-7.15pm	Literacy Workshop for Parents	All years/parents welcome
7 <sup>th</sup> March	6.50-8pm	P4 Sacrament of Reconciliation @ St Joseph's Church	P4 Children & Families
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Afternoon	Feast of St John Ogilvie	P1-7
11 <sup>th</sup> March	3.10-4.10pm	Coding Club	P6/P7
13 <sup>th</sup> March	8.15-8.45am	Lenten Mass in School	All welcome
14 <sup>th</sup> March	1.30 - 3pm	Masterclass Week 1	All Children
14 <sup>th</sup> March	3.10-4.10pm	P4-P7 Dance Club	P4-P7
14 <sup>th</sup> March	3.10 - 4.10pm	P4-P7 Football	P4-P7
18 <sup>th</sup> March	3.10 - 4.10pm	Coding Club	P6/P7
19 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Feast of St Joseph's Mass @ St Joseph's Church	All Children
20 <sup>th</sup> March	8.15-8.45am	Lenten Mass in School	All welcome
20 <sup>th</sup> March	2.15 - 2.45pm	P2 Stage Mass	P2
21 <sup>st</sup> March	3.10-4.10pm	P4-P7 Dance Club	P4-P7
21 <sup>st</sup> March	3.10 - 4.10pm	P4-P7 Football	P4-P7
25 <sup>th</sup> March	11-11.30am	P4-P7 Lenten Confession with Father	P4-P7
27 <sup>th</sup> March	8.15-8.45	Lenten Mass in School	All welcome
28 <sup>th</sup> March	3.10-4.10pm	Dance Club	P4/7
28 <sup>th</sup> March	1.30-1.35pm	Masterclass	All children