



St Joseph's Primary weekly update



"We grow together in God's Love as we pray, learn and play"

"Dyn ni'n tyfu gyda'n gilydd mewn cariad Duw wrth i ni weddio, dysgu a chwarae"

Week Beginning: 19/02/24

Please also see Class Dojo messages and 'My week' on our School Website

Another Busy week. Our Rock Steady music group continued on Tuesday with the children really enjoying the session. We also celebrated 'Gold Day' on Tuesday. A further celebration of gaining the RRS Gold accreditation. Although we celebrated at the end of last year with whole school trip to a trampoline park, we also had another celebration of children's Rights along with our local Councillor, Councillor Merry, a number of School Governors, our Improvement officer and a representative of our Parent Council. Well done to all the children from our Action Groups who spoke so eloquently about children's rights and the groups they are part of. They impressed everyone with their passion, knowledge and presentational skills. Please follow us on twitter or look at your child's class page on our web site for photos.

There has been a lovely piece written about our school and its achievements in the online publication 'Snippets of Success, February 2024 Edition:

["St Joseph's RC Primary School](#)

Llongyfarchiadau i Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Joseff Sant on achieving the Cymraeg Campus bronze award. The highly enthusiastic Criw Cymraeg has a clear vision of the continued development of the Welsh culture and heritage in all aspects of school life. They have been instrumental in implementing, developing and monitoring Cymraeg Campus. This has ensured an element of pupil voice throughout the process. A superb merit assembly was observed on verification day, nearly all of which was carried out through the medium of Welsh. Extensive evidence was collected for all ten targets digitally and very strong and attractive evidence was clearly displayed and celebrated around the school. Also on verification day, a magnificent PowerPoint was presented by the Criw Cymraeg, celebrating all the achievements for the award in St Joseph's. This was an outstanding example of the strength of Cymraeg in the school. Da iawn bawb! Ymlaen i'r arian / On to the

silver! The school has also had a very busy few months following on from accreditation for the Healthy Schools Award and Gold Rights Respecting Schools Award gained last year. They have been reaccredited the NACE Award and have gained the Dyslexia Bronze Award, P4C Bronze Award and are on the way to achieving the Oscar Romero Award, Eco flag and School of Sanctuary status. These initiatives enhance teaching and enable both pupils and staff to deepen their understanding of the values of social justice in context as they explore ideas of Fairtrade for all and the tenants of looking after our planet and treating all people, animals and the world with respect and dignity. The school is still awaiting the bronze P4C logo (Philosophy for children), used in all lessons to develop higher order thinking skills, to develop attitudes and dispositions necessary for higher order thinking and to improve communication skills and the ability to work with others. This is with regards to cognitive skills, evaluating reasons and arguments, clarifying ideas, encouraging open mindedness, valuing reasonableness and developing intellectual courage". Unfortunately, Wednesday's scheduled Mass with St Tydfil has had to be cancelled due to Clergy illness. We will reschedule at a later date. Please ensure you keep a lookout on Class Dojo for further information.

The Year 6 leavers hoodies have now arrived. They are fabulous. Many thanks to the parents who organised this and to the PA for their contribution.

Class Prayer of the week

This week's class prayer is from Dosbarth St Cadoc :



Dear God,

In this time of Lent we know we must try extra hard to be the best Christians we can be.

We must try to follow our Lentern promises of Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting in this special time.

We take time to think about those less fortunate than us; those that live in lands of war, those that can't afford to eat, those that suffer from diseases and illnesses.

May those who do not have the most fortunate lives have blessings upon them and may their lives be forever changed through your love.

Amen

Attendance

Attendance at St Joseph's this week has much improved, with 8 classes having over 90% attendance. Well Done to St Illtyd, who came out on top!

CLASS	W/C 19/02/24
St Non -Nurs AM	96.00%
St Non - Nurs PM	87.69%
St David - Rec/Y1	91.03%
St Illtyd - Y1/Y2	95.36%
St Teilo - Y2/Y 3	97.24%
St Gwynno - Y3	96.33%
St Cadoc - Y4	97.24%
St Tydfil - Y5	96.90%
St Dwynwen - Y6	92.59%

Cymraeg Campus

Cymraeg Campus is our new welsh language charter that is taking place in schools across Wales. We have recently Gained the Bronze Award. 😊

The aim of Cymraeg Campus is to:-

- improve levels of welsh within the school
- increase pupils enjoyment of welsh
- Celebrate our nationality and all things welsh.



As part of this we have a welsh Phrase of the week each week.

This Weeks Phrase of the Week is :

Dewch yma os gwelwch yn dda.

Come here please.

Please practice with your child and use it whenever you can 😊

Gold Rights Respecting School

As a Catholic school, along with our faith and values, the concept behind the RRS journey is at the core of what we teach and how our children develop. RRS is all about protecting the rights of our children and their families and has supported us to highlight equality, diversity and inclusion throughout the curriculum. In our rights respecting school, children learn about their rights and the responsibilities that are implied. Our children learn that if they have rights, they need to respect the rights of others. Please talk about these rights with your children.



This Month's Right is: Article 15

"You have the right to meet with your friends and join groups and clubs."

Our Values and Virtues

As a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Cardiff, we have embraced the Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile, which teaches the children a set of eight pairs of virtues to be internalised and cultivated -enabling them to grow in wholeness as fully rounded individuals in the image of God. Each half Term we explore ways in which we can develop in our virtues and values. Please discuss these virtues with your child and how they can incorporate them in to their lives. The virtues we are looking at this half term are:

"Faith- Filled and Hopeful ."



Pupils are growing to be faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.

Have a good weekend,
Cofion cynnes,
Alex Riordan 😊

ARTICLE 28 (UN Convention of the Rights of the Child)

“You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can”

