



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: 29/04/24

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

On Tuesday Morning 'Rock Steady' came in for their usual slot. The children had a fabulous time making music and being creative. They are planning a performance for the end of term. More details to follow nearer the time. On Tuesday afternoon we had a lovely Assembly with the children from Tydfil Sant . The children read and sang absolutely beautifully and were very reverent throughout the Assembly. Thank you to the parents for attending and supporting our children in their faith journey. Our Parent Council met this Wednesday. Our Parent Council enables parents to meet, share ideas and feed back to the school, gives parents a voice and enables them to contribute to school decision making and helps develop a partnership between parents and St Joseph's. If you have any questions or ideas that you would like to put forward, please contact them The Parent Council members or Judy Williams.



Our Parent and Carer prayer group continues on a Wednesday also. We meet each Wednesday in the annex at 9.00 – 9.15. It is a really lovely way to start the day. Thank you again to all who attended this week. It is lovely to see governors, parents and staff coming together to pray this week. Each Wednesday morning just after 9.00. All are welcome. We now have tea and coffee afterwards too. If you are unable to come to the parent's and carers prayer group, there is a box outside the HT office if any members of our school community would like our group to pray for any special intention. Please put your intention in the prayer box and we will pray for you. The intentions will then be folded up and put on our prayer wall in reception. Our pupil Prayer Group also meets each Wednesday at playtime.

Melanie, from the Families Learning team, is still with us and our families for fun maths sessions. It is a lovely course for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and is all about helping parents to support their children with number skills and working with their children to complete fun maths activities. Parents and children are both enjoying the sessions. They meet on a Thursday but it is not too late if any parents want to take part. Please contact the office if you want to be part of this great initiative that really does impact positively on both children and parents.

If your child has mobile phone please ensure you monitor their on line activity and the apps that they are using closely and ensure they understand the risks associated with social media, such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and privacy issues.

Parents should be aware that **children under the age of 13 are technically not allowed to have social media accounts on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok or Snapchat due to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).**

The age requirement for Whatsapp is 16 years +

The following website has good advice and information:

[Social media guides - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Class Prayer of the week

This week's class prayer is from a child in Dosbarth Tydfil Sant:

Dear God,

Thank you for this day, and for guiding us along the way. Bless our families, friends, and teachers too, Help us learn and grow, in all we do.

Give us strength when we feel afraid, And fill our hearts with love, never to fade. May we be kind and true each day, And help others along life's way.

Watch over us as we sleep tonight, Until the morning brings your light. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen

Attendance

Attendance at St Joseph's this week has again been low, with only one class achieving over 95%. **Well Done to Illtyd Sant on their fabulous 97.69%!**

CLASS	W/C 29/04/24
Non Sant -Nurs AM	98.67%
Non Sant- Nurs PM	92.50%
David Sant- Rec/Y1	84.33%
Illtyd Sant- Y1/Y2	97.69%
Teilo Sant - Y2/Y 3	87.00%
Gwynno Sant - Y3	90.00%
Cadoc Sant- Y4	86.67%
Tydfil Sant- Y5	87.59%
Dwynwen Sant - Y6	94.81%

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 pupil's 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 week's phrase is:

Beth wyt ti'n wisgo?

What are you wearing?

Dw i'n gwisgo ...

I am wearing ...

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

We are a 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 28

"You have the right to education"

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:

“Eloquent and Truthful.”

Pupils are growing to be eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people and the world

As always, check our ClassDojo for school messages and upcoming dates for activities by clicking next event > view all > on the horizon for all events. Check X (formerly Twitter) and Our Week on the school website for class photos of activities and events.

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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”

