



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: 03/06/24

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

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful week last week. We were back with a 'Bang' this week.

On Monday the Spectrum workshop visited us and completed workshops in David Sant, Teilo Sant, Gwynno Sant and Dwynwen Sant over three days. The purpose of the Spectrum is to educate pupils and parents in Wales about healthy relationships. The children enjoyed completing wellbeing activities about similarities and difference and how to be safe. Eg in Dosbarth Gwynno Sant, using an alien 'Bob', Mrs Howe from SPECTRUM learnt what it means to be born into the world without a family just like Bob the alien. Children described how Bob would feel without having a family. Children came up with a wealth of sensible and mature ideas. Children discussed who was part of the family. Then they were asked to participate on a sorting game on what should happen and what shouldn't happen in a caring safe family. The children shared their ideas as a group and provided reasons for their choices. They then went on to make a soup of ingredients for what makes a good family sharing their ideas with the presenter by Mrs Howe from Spectrwm Cymraeg.

- Tsp. of care.
- Pinch of arguing
- We want a jug of love
- A cup of kindness
- Tsp. of tears
- Handful of peace



The children then created their own soup sharing their ideas about safe families and what makes them safe.

On Tuesday 'Rock Steady' visited us again for their regular slot and the children had fun while improving their music skills.

On Wednesday children from Dwynwen Sant and Tydfil Sant who belong to our

Coding and Engineering Club participated in a LEGO League challenge and were thrilled and proud to win the Core Values Trophy for their teamwork and ethics. They delivered an outstanding presentation in front of the judges' panel and excelled in the STEM challenge. A big thank you, FIRST LEGO League, for an incredible experience for our children!

"When we were there, we won the Core Value Trophy for the STEM challenge. In the STEM challenge we needed a lot of team work to get more points. We had an exceptional teamwork by accepting each other's ideas. Another thing that contributed to winning the trophy was our presentation in front of the panel of judges. We answered questions about our coding process and building the models for each mission. It was a very special day, especially we got to meet with other schools and compete with them." Patrick

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 each Thursday. 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 still want to take part. Please contact the office if you want to be part of this fabulous initiative that really does impact positively on both children and parents.

On Thursday pupils from Dosbarth Teilo Sant went to Nazareth House to visit our lovely friends in the carehome. They completed some fun spring art activities and they met a very friendly care dog who also visits there. They have loved our relationship with the residents this year and as always were well behaved, polite and a credit to their parents. Many thanks to Miss Chinnick and Mrs Fuller for accompanying the children.

Dosbarth St Tydfil also had their class Mass on Thursday. The children read and sang beautifully.

Children from Dosbarth St Tydfil also celebrated as they

Class Prayer of the week

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

Jesus love us, Jesus save us, Jesus help us.

Thank you God for families.

Thank you God for life.

Thank you for the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Attendance

Attendance at St Joseph's this week has improved since before half term so thank you all for your co-operation. Well Done to Tydfil Sant!

CLASS	W/C 03/06/24
Non Sant -Nurs AM	86.67%
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David Sant- Rec/Y1	91.38%
Illtyd Sant- Y1/Y2	96.67%
Teilo Sant - Y2/Y 3	95.57%
Gwynno Sant - Y3	81.33%

Cadoc Sant- Y4	96.00%
Tydfil Sant- Y5	98.67%
Dwynwen Sant - Y6	96.30%

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 week's phrase is:

Beth sy'n bod gyda ti?

What is the matter with you?

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 for June is: Article 31

"You have the right to relax and play"

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:

"Learned and wise."

Pupils are growing to be learned, finding God in all things: and wise in the way they use their learning for the common good



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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Enjoy the weekend,

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"

