



# 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: 20/05/24**

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

Some lovely news. We have been shortlisted for the Breakfast Club Awards! Our Breakfast Club staff's dedication to providing a positive environment for our children has shone through in our application. As the next step, all shortlisted schools will be reviewed by a judging panel where the winners will be selected. The finalists judges include Lindsay McDonald – CEO of Magic Breakfast, George Wright – CEO of Fareshare, Robin Walker Conservative MP, Baroness Debbie Wilcox Labour MP and Schools spokesperson in the lords and former teacher, Matthew Burton from Educating Yorkshire. There were nearly 700 applications this year, the most applications ever! So to get to this stage is massive achievement and one to feel very proud of. Thank you to all our Breakfast club staff.

The Book fair was held in the hall on Monday and Tuesday this week. Book fairs are a great way to encourage pupils to take ownership of their reading choices – literally. Studies have shown that children and teens are far more likely to read a book and finish a book that they have chosen and purchased themselves. Thank you to all parents for supporting us again.

On Tuesday 'Rock Steady' sessions continued with our pupils enjoying making music together. We definitely have some budding musicians.

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.

Our May service and procession was held on Thursday. Thank you for the support we received from our community and from parents. The flowers were absolutely beautiful. Thank you too to Father Scanlon for Leading the Service and the Rosary at the grotto.

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.

After our successful Y6 cycling course. If any parents have children who would like to improve their cycling skills, the Road Safety Team at Cardiff have sent details of their on road cycling course during half term.

Please see below:

National Standard Level 1 & 2

**Information: This is an on road cycling course.**

Age: 9+

Location: Maindy Leisure Centre

Date: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Time: 12.30pm until 2.30pm

Cost: £20

For more information and to book a place on the course, please visit [Course Details | ontrack: Learner Hub \(adulthoodlearningcardiff.co.uk\)](https://adulthoodlearningcardiff.co.uk)

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 Illtyd Sant:

Amen

### **Attendance**

Attendance at St Joseph's this week is low with only St Dwynwen achieving over 95%. Hopefully, after the half term break, attendance will improve – lets all do this together !

Well Done to Dwynwen Sant!

CLASS	W/C 20/05/24
Non Sant -Nurs AM	81.33%
Non Sant- Nurs PM	92.50%
David Sant- Rec/Y1	94.17%
Illtyd Sant- Y1/Y2	91.92%
Teilo Sant - Y2/Y 3	93.67%
Gwynno Sant - Y3	92.33%
Cadoc Sant- Y4	90.67%
Tydfil Sant- Y5	91.38%
Dwynwen Sant - Y6	97.78%

## 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 May 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.

Cofion cynnes,  
Enjoy the week off,  
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”**

