



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: 30/10/24

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

Dear Parents & Carers,

A busy week again! Father Jose came into school to celebrate our welcome Mass on Tuesday. It was a beautiful Mass with some fabulous singing. All of our new children were given gifts of Rosary Beads and our New staff were presented with St Joseph candles. It was a lovely occasion. Many thanks to all parents for attending and celebrating with us. Also, on a Tuesday our Rock Steady group meet in school and are already busy preparing music for their end of term performance

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 was lovely to see governors, parents and staff coming together to pray this week. All are welcome and we even 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.

Melanie, from the Families Learning Team, is still with us and our families of Reception, Year 1 and 2 children again this year for fun maths sessions every Thursday at 9.00 on the annex. We are becoming Maths 'Superheroes' Don't worry if you haven't booked, let the office know and please come and join us. Parents will gain a certificate and could become a CAVAC student.

If you have a child in Y6, just a quick note to let you know that Secondary Applications are now open for September 25, applications will close on 18th November, you will have 8 weeks to apply.

Please apply on time, and give up to 5 preferences and if applying for a faith school (eg Corpus Christi) you will need to fill in a supplementary form with the faith school directly, that will help them with outcomes.

Here's a link to the Secondary Admissions page on the website, the page also includes a link to the Handbook which covers all questions you may have.

[Secondary school admissions \(cardiff.gov.uk\)](https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions)



We write to inform you of the death of Mgr John Maguire, who died at his home in Cardiff last night or this morning.

Mgr John was a priest of the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia, ordained in 1967 for the Archdiocese of Cardiff. He ministered in several parishes in the Archdiocese, and held various Diocesan Offices, before retiring in 2019.

Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

Our condolences go to his family, friends and the communities he served. Please keep them in your prayers.

May he rest in peace and Rise in Glory.

Class Prayer of the week

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

Dear God,

Thank you for our school, a place to learn and play.

Thank you for our teachers, who teach us every day.

Thank you for our friends, who make us smile and laugh.

Thank you for our family, who love us so much.

We thank you for the food we eat and the clothes we wear.

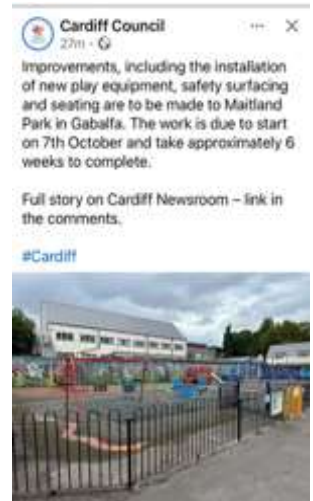
And for the sunshine that makes the world so fair.

We thank you for the world so big and wide.

And for sending us Jesus our everlasting guide

Amen.

Quick heads up for parents that Cardiff Council are making improvements to Maitland Park . The work is going to start on 7th October.



SOS IF you haven't signed up already!!!!

Do you shop in ASDA and have the ASDA rewards app?

Could all parent please look at the latest Dojo message about the Asda Reward app, and join up so that we can improve our school further with donations from Asda. We need to be quick as this offer finishes on 30th November. Do you shop in ASDA and have the ASDA rewards app?

Please look for cashpot for schools on the apps homepage and sign up to help St Joseph's Primary. Every time you shop, ASDA will donate a percentage towards our school. It's free and easy to do.

1. Make sure you have the app <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>
2. Open the cashpot for school link (has a photo of Joe Wicks)
3. Input our school postcode CF14 3BL
4. Click St Joseph's Primary, 204 North Road, Cardiff
5. Press submit.

Every time you use the app when shopping a donation will then be sent to school. Thank you so much for all your support!

Attendance

Attendance at St Joseph's this week has much improved with all children returning from the summer holidays. Well Done to Gwynno Sant!

CLASS	W/C 30/09/24
Non Sant -Nurs AM	70%
Non Sant- Nurs PM	92.73%
David Sant- Rec/Y1	91.54%
Illtyd Sant- Y1/Y2	89.81%
Teilo Sant - Y2/Y 3	94.48%
Gwynno Sant - Y3	97.33%
Cadoc Sant- Y4	93%
Tydfil Sant- Y5	96.67%
Dwynwen Sant - Y6	95.33%

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Safeguarding

We are **all** responsible for ensuring that children and adults at risk are kept safe. This means everyone in our St Joseph's community.

How do we Safeguard at St Joseph's ?

Staff safeguard by doing the things below:

- Understand what is meant by safeguarding
- Recognise the different types of abuse and their signs, symptoms, indicators and behaviours that may indicate a child or adult is being abused or is at risk of harm
- Understand what to do if we are concerned about a child or adult at risk
- Understand our own role and responsibility with regard to suspicion or disclosure of abuse
- Understand our **duty to report** a concern or incident when we become aware of it

If a child discloses that they have been harmed we **MUST** report this to the Designated Safeguarding Person or Headteacher immediately as we

have a duty of care. This is then referred to the Multi Agency Referral Hwb.

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 phrases build on last week's:

Pryd mae dy benblydd di?

When is your birthday?

Mae fy mhenblydd yn Mis Mai.

My birthday is in May.

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 September is: Article 29

"You have the right to be the best you can be"

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:

“Curious and Active ”

Pupils are growing to be curious about everything : and active in their engagement in the world, changing what they can for the better

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 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”

