



# 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: 21/10/24**

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

Dear Parents & Carers,

A busy week again! On Tuesday Dosbarth Dwynwen Sant had a fabulous sustainable fashion workshop in the hall. They upcycled an old t-shirt into a reusable tote bag with the Welsh designer sisters Julia and Sarah. A great morning was had by all. With the children's fantastic behaviour and politeness being commented on.

On Tuesday 'Rock Steady' were in with us again. The children had a fabulous time learning and playing music.

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 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.

On Wednesday we had an amazing Harvest Festival in the morning. The celebrations carried on into the afternoon when we had our Harvest Festival coffee afternoon. Thank you to all parents who attended and to the mums and grandmothers helping with tea and coffee. A special thanks too, to Dosbarth Gwynno Sant, Mrs Houston and the Mini Vinnies who organised the charity drive. The children sang beautifully and we now have a wonderful amount of food to share with others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

On Thursday Progression Step 3 had a very informative assembly on the importance of being a smoke free school. We were given a plaque for our school as we are a smoke and vape free area. Our Mini Vinnies were active again visiting Nazareth House ( They have had a busy week!) to play games and speak with the residents. It was absolutely heart warming to see the happiness they gave the ladies and gentlemen there. Our children were impeccably behaved and a real credit to their parents. We were so pleased to see kindness in action as they chatted, played chess, sang and raised the spirits of the elderly people there. When we left there were smiles and joy and some tears of happiness. A truly amazing and wonderful morning. The staff were amazed at our children's politeness, kindness and empathy. Thursday's Autumn Disco, organised by our PA, was a great success. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A huge thanks to our hardworking PA for giving up their valuable family time to help us and raise funds to support our school. Thank you too to staff who attended.

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.

On Friday we had a really successful 'Show Racism the Red Card' day' where everyone wore red to support Anti-Racism. Children worked hard preparing posters and completing activities to highlight the important message for all about how we can all play our part and work together against racism.

Things to look out for on the horizon after half Term next week.

Further details to follow on Dojo:

INSET Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>

Parents Evening Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 6.30

Gwynno Sant class Assembly Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> 2.50- 3.15

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Illtyd Sant Prayer service Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> 2.30 – 3.00

Friendship Friday Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>

Parents afternoon Friday November 15<sup>th</sup> 1.30 -3.30

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 (e.g. 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)

### **Class Prayer of the week**

A reminder that October is the month of the Rosary with the feast day on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The Holy Rosary is a prayer in which we meditate on the life of Jesus. Because of the mission that Mary received from God, her life was closely tied to Jesus. Mary's Immaculate Heart was always focused on the life of her son Jesus. When we pray the Rosary, we are asking Mary to pray for us that we might be more focused on the life of Jesus. Please try to say the Rosary with your child during this special month. Our Thursday Assembly this week was about the Rosary.

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

Dear Mother Mary,

We come to you in this special month of October,  
When we remember how you always say "Yes" to God.  
Thank you for loving us like your own children,  
And for being with us when we need you.

Please help us to follow your example,  
To be kind, to share, and to always listen to God.  
Guide us when we are unsure or scared,  
And help us trust that Jesus is always with us.

We ask you, dear Mary, to pray for our families,  
Our friends, and everyone who needs your care.  
Watch over us as we grow, and keep us close to Jesus.  
Amen

Amen.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 been very mixed. Well Done to Dwynwen Sant!

CLASS	W/C <b>21/10/24</b>
Non Sant - Nurs AM	52.63%
Non Sant- Nurs PM	79.55%

David Sant- Rec/Y1	78.50%
Illtyd Sant- Y1/Y2	81.94%
Teilo Sant - Y2/Y 3	93.97%
Gwynno Sant - Y3	77.50%
Cadoc Sant- Y4	87.92%
Tydfil Sant- Y5	90.00%
Dwynwen Sant - Y6	96.37%

### 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. Please also look at the information on our web site on the parents dropdown under 'Safeguarding'

### Keeping safe online

**Social Media** - All 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, or Snapchat due to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). However, many children do have accounts with parental consent, so it's crucial for parents to monitor their children's online activity closely and ensure they understand the risks associated with social media, such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and privacy issues. Additionally, parents should learn about privacy settings and parental controls available on various platforms to help protect their children online. Please see the following website for more information:

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

Please also see the information on our web site on the parents drop down under 'Online safety'.

### 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:

Ti yn barod?

**Are you ready?**

Ydw / Nag ydw.

Yes / No.

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 a 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 October is: Article 12

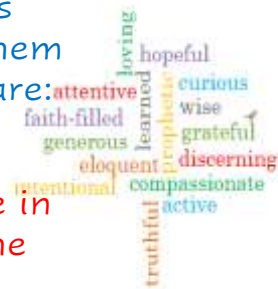
"You have the right for your voice to be heard"

### 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 Half Term,  
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”**

