



## 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: 9/12/24**

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

Another busy week for our school, the highlight of which has to be our Christmas Nativity performances! Every single child gave 100%. The hall was full of singing, acting and smiling. All the children in Dosbarth David Sant, Dosbarth Illtyd Sant and Dosbarth Teilo Sant practiced hard and then performed brilliantly to convey the Christmas story in original ways. I'm sure that everybody who came to watch will agree that all the children were superstars!

As we know, these events cannot go on without the support of you, the parents. We thank you for providing costumes, supporting the children with learning their lines and songs and bringing them back to school for the evening performance. We also thank our dedicated staff for all their hard work – Miss Kates, Mrs O'Brien, Miss Beynon, Miss Fuller, Mrs Murray-George, Mrs Tuff and Mrs Bowen.

We have a final amount for the monies raised for City Hospice – a grand total of: **£1897.10** Representatives from City Hospice came into school today to collect the money and asked us to relay their thanks and gratitude. This money will have a positive impact on those people needing their support in difficult times.

Our Parent and Carer prayer group continues on a Wednesday morning. We meet each Wednesday in the annex at 9.00 – 9.15 and it is a 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. We have tea, coffee and a chat afterwards and it would be lovely to see some more parents join us! 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.

We are looking forward to our "Rock Steady" concert next Tuesday, Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, celebrating our Christmas Mass on Thursday and watching a pantomime performance on Friday.

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

Loving God,  
as we wait for Christmas day by celebrating Advent, help us to become patient in waiting. Please teach us to realise that Jesus is the most precious gift You have ever given to the world.

May we be like Him as a child, and may we grow in wisdom and grace.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ASDA Rewards App

A **HUGE** thank you to all the parents who signed up to the ASDA rewards app. You have raised £166.85 for school funds.

## Attendance

Well Done to Afternoon Nursery with a fantastic attendance record of 98.33%! They just beat St Dwynwen who had an attendance of 97.10%. Da iawn!

	W/C 02/12/24
CLASS	
Non Sant - Nurs AM	87.27%
Non Sant- Nurs PM	98.33%
David Sant- Rec/Y1	84.35%
Illtyd Sant- Y1/Y2	85.56%
Teilo Sant - Y2/Y 3	91.33%
Gwynno Sant - Y3/4	92.33%
Cadoc Sant- Y4	89.67%
Tydfil Sant- Y5	95.33%
Dwynwen Sant - Y6	97.10%

## 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:

Oes gen ti \_\_\_? (Oi-s gen tee \_\_\_?) - Have you got \_\_\_?

Oes, mae gen i \_\_\_ (Oi-s my gen ee \_\_\_) - Yes, I have got \_\_\_

Nac oes, does gen i ddim \_\_\_ (Nac oi-s, d-oi-s gen ee th-im) - No, I haven't got \_\_\_

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 December is: Article 14

“You have the right to your own Religion”

### 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:



“Intentional and Prophetic”

Pupils are growing to be intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the Earth: and prophetic in the example they set to others.

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”**

