



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: 16/12/24

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

A busy week again! On Monday we had a surprise visit from Santa. The children were thrilled and excited and gave him a great welcome. All children had a present and it really was a lovely start to our last week before Christmas to see the children's smiling faces full of anticipation and joy. Many thanks to our fabulous PA for organising this. The celebrations continued on Tuesday when 'Rock Steady' were in with us again and we had an amazing performance in the hall. Well done to all the children who showcased their musical skills and thank you to the parents who came in to support us. What an amazing performance! We have some talented musicians at St Joseph's .

On Wednesday it was Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day. The children all looked very festive as they had their tasty roast Christmas lunch while listening to carols. 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. Wednesday was a busy day and in the afternoon we had our fabulous fashion show with the children of Dosbarth, Cadoc, Dosbarth Tydfil and Dosbarth Dwynwen modelling their ethical and sustainable fashion. The children have been working hard since September with their upcycle project. We think we may well have some budding 'Laura Ashleys' in our midst. Thanks to all the parents for attending and supporting their children's learning.

On Thursday the children of St Gwynno visited the residents of Nazereth House to sing carols. They had a wonderful time, as did the residents. There were lots of 'happy tears' and the children sang and behaved like angels. It was so lovely to see the difference the visit made to the demeanour of the residents, and really showed how caring and wonderful our children are. They talked and held hands with the residents and really were a credit to their parents with their kind and caring natures. Thursday also saw our Christmas Mass celebrated with Fr Scanlon and Brother Brian and led by the children in Dosbarth Dwynwen. It was lovely to see a number of parents there too, following their child's faith journey with us. We all were reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. The children read and sang beautifully.

Friday was pantomime and party day. The children absolutely loved Jack and the Beanstalk and the party food and disco dancing in the afternoon. Its been a busy but exciting week as we countdown to Christmas.

Notice of role changes at St Joseph's in the new year

There some role changes in the school due to staff leaving and others extending their hours.

As we say goodbye and good luck to one of our teachers, Lucy Haslam, we will welcome Menna Beynon back to full time hours after Christmas. Our other staff will remain with us, though there will be some internal role changes.

After Christmas Miss Tegan Evans will become Dosbath Cadoc Sant's class teacher and Miss Zoe Davies will take on the full time role of Planning , Preparation and Assessment Teacher.

Class Prayer of the week

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

Dear God,

Thank you for the wonder and magic of Christmas.
Thank you for the twinkling lights, the cozy nights, and the love
that fills our hearts.

We are grateful for our families, friends, and all the people who
care for us.

Help us to remember that Christmas is more than presents and
treats.

It's about kindness, sharing, and the gift of Jesus, who brought
hope to the world.

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Teach us to spread love wherever we go —
In our words, our actions, and our smiles.

As we celebrate together,
Help us to notice those who might feel lonely or sad.
Show us how we can bring them happiness and warmth.

Thank you for all the fun, laughter, and special moments we share.
May this Christmas be filled with love, light, and peace for
everyone.

Amen.

Attendance

Attendance at St Joseph's this week has been % Well Done to Sant!

CLASS	W/C 16/12/24
Non Sant - Nurs AM	84.00%
Non Sant- Nurs PM	93.33%
David Sant- Rec/Y1	90.87%
Illtyd Sant- Y1/Y2	85.19%
Teilo Sant - Y2/Y 3	91.00%
Gwynno Sant - Y3	99.33%
Cadoc Sant- Y4	89.33%
Tydfil Sant- Y5	97.33%
Dwynwen Sant - Y6	92.58%

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:

Mae hi'n amser chwarae nawr.

It is play time now.

Mae hi'n amser cinio nawr.

It is dinner time now.

You can add other words and just use the sentence base words eg Mae hi'n amser bed/story/tea/etc nawr or even 'Mae'n amser cinio Nadolig nawr 😊

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 November 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,
Have a happy and Holy Christmas. We shall see you in the New Year when school resumes on January 6th.
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”

