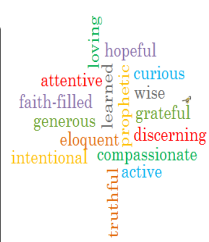




St Joseph's Primary Weekly Update

*"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
wedddio, dysgu a chwarae"*



Week Beginning: 13th January 2025

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

The weeks really are rushing by! On Monday some of our Dosbarth Cadoc Sant pupils went to Whitchurch Primary to take part in a writing day workshop with the author Colin Parsons. They had a fabulous time and they produced some lovely writing.

On Tuesday 'Rock Steady' were back in with us again. We have some talented musicians. I popped in the hall and had a great rendition of 'Another one bites the dust' 😊

On Wednesday Future Stars were back in with our Wednesday outside provider after school club

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 the foyer.

This week we are also preparing our children for the start of the Jubilee Year – pilgrims of hope and learning about how we can reconcile with God and our global neighbours. This special year emphasises themes of forgiveness, mercy and spiritual rejuvenation, encouraging us to deepen their faith and reconnect with the Church.

A special thank you to Mr Chamberlain for coming in to plant some bulbs in the school grounds, so that we will have lovely flowers when the spring eventually does come.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR JANUARY 2025

Things to look out for on the horizon.
Further details to follow on Dojo:

- **Monday 20th January 2025**
Coffee Afternoon presented by the Governors of the school and the Parents Association. All come to come along and find out the role of the Governors and what amazing work the PA do to raise funds for our school.
- **Tuesday 21st January 2025**
Come along at 2.30pm to meet with the Headteacher, Mrs Riordan who will talk about the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures we have at our school
- **Thursday 23rd January 2025**
St Teilo Class Mass in Church at 9.15am – All welcome
- **Thursday 23rd January 2025**
St Dwynwen Class Mass in School at 2.30pm – All welcome
- **Thursday 30th January 2025**
St Illtyd and St David Prayer Service in school at 2.30pm – All welcome

CLASS PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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

Prayer for Hope

Dear God,
Thank You for always being with us.
When we feel worried or unsure,
Fill our hearts with hope and peace.
Help us to trust in Your love
And believe in the good things You have planned for us.
Guide us to share hope with others
Through kind words and actions.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well Done to Dosbarth Sst Non PM Sant who has achieved 100% for the second week in a row !!!!

St Non AM – 90.91%

St Gwynno – 98%

St Non PM – 100%

St Cadoc – 93.33%

St David – 90.83%

St Tydfil – 88.33%

St Illtyd – 86.40%

St Dwynwen – 93.55%

St Teilo – 95.67%

POLITE REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS - Any child who is late after 8.55am MUST use Heathfield Road Entrance to come into school, for security reasons. North Road Gate will be locked at 8.55am every morning and therefore if you are on the premises after this time, you must leave via Heathfield Road.

IMPORTANT - there are a number of children regularly coming in late to school without an adult. Any child who arrives after 8.55am MUST be accompanied by an adult who will need to sign their child in at the school office.

Please be reminded that if your child is late 10 times or more, a fixed penalty fine may be issued.

School begins at 8.55am (gates open to welcome pupils from 8.45am).

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 parent's 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:

Ga i fynd i'r ty bach os gwelwch yn dda?

Can I go to the toilet please?

Ga i ... os gwelwch yn dd

Can I have ... please?

You can add other words and just use the sentence base words eg Mae hi'n amser bed/story/tea/etc 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 January 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:



“Grateful and Generous”

Pupils are growing to be grateful for their own gifts, and the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for 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.

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”

