



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: 17th February 2025

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

Another busy week! This week started with a bang with our NED Resilience and Ride assembly. The children were 'Wowed' with the yoyo skills of the presenter and really took on board the important message that we should never give up and always try hard to achieve our goals.

On Tuesday the Rock Steady group continued to shine and impress everyone with their musical skills.

Our Parent and Carer prayer group continues on a Wednesday morning. 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. Our pupil prayer group also continues to meet each Wednesday at playtime to pray for our pupils, our parents and families and all those who help us in our school community. We are also busy finishing a new St Joseph's school prayer for 2025.

On Wednesday afternoon we welcomed back our happy healthy 'Cook Stars' for their second of three sessions. They have been working with our families to make samosas this week! Everyone had a wonderful time learning about healthy eating and working together as families to make inexpensive, healthy, nutritious meals. They even got to take home the recipe to carry on the fun! I wonder what is on the menu for next week?

On Wednesday too we had our Siarter Iaith assessors in to school to verify that we are a Silver Award school. They were very pleased with our progress from the Bronze Award. Our Criw Cymraeg spoke eloquently about how we have invested in Welsh language and highlight Welsh across our school as a 'living language'.

On Thursday our Chaplaincy Team welcomed Deacon Mark from St Joseph's Parish. They took part in singing, prayer and looking deeper into scripture. It was an amazing, reflective and spiritual morning that was imaginative and fun. They are planning to welcome him back again next half term and are also planning on holding this spiritual retreat again, inviting other schools from our cluster. On Thursday evening, which is the Feast of the cell foundation day of The Rosminians, there was Mass at St Joseph's Church followed by a shared table.

DIARY DATES - MARCH 2025

Things to look out for on the horizon.

Further details to follow on Dojo:

HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED

INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Monday 2nd March 2025

- **Wednesday 5th March 2025**
St Gwynno Trip to Welsh Water
- **Thursday 6th March 2025**
World Book Day
- **Thursday 6th March 2025**
Mabinogion Workshops in School
- **Thursday 10th March 2025**
St David Day
- **Wednesday 12th March 2025**
St Teilo Trip to Cardiff Castle
- **Monday 17th/Friday 28th March 2025**
Parent Workshop - "Managing a Meltdown" - online course for parents whose children are on the neurodevelopment waiting list
- **Mon 17th to Wed 19th March 2025**
Year 6 - Llangrannog Residential
- **Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 2.30pm**
Feast of St Joseph's Whole School Mass
- **Thursday 20th March 2025**
Year 1 - Dental Team in School
- **Thursday 27th March 2025 at 9.15am**
St Tvdfil - Mass in Church

CLASS PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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

Dear God,

Thank You for our school, our teachers, and our friends.
Help us to be kind, to work hard, and to always try our best.
Guide us to be patient when things are difficult and to help others when they need a friend.

Bless our families and everyone in our school,
So that we can grow together in God's love as we pray, learn and play.
Amen.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well Done to Dosbarth St Sant

St Non AM - 89.09%	St Gwynno - 90.67%
St Non PM - 96.67%	St Cadoc - 91.67%
St David - 94.17%	St Tydfil - 93.67%
St Illtyd - 93.20%	St Dwynwen - 90%
St Teilo - 97.67%	

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:

Sut mae'r tywydd heddiw?
How's the weather today?
Mae hi'n heulog - It is sunny
Mae hi'n bwrw glaw - It is raining
Mae hi'n wyntog - It is windy
Mae hi'n rhewi - It is freezing
Mae hi'n boeth - It is hot
Mae hi'n oer - It is cold
Mae hi'n braf - It is fine
Mae hi'n gymylog - It is cloudy

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 March is:

Article 7

"You have the right to a name and nationality"

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"

