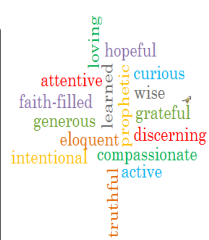




St Joseph's Primary Weekly Update

"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 March 2025

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

A busy week again this week with lots going on. On Monday we waved off Dosbarth Dwynwen Sant for their annual trip to Llangrannog. They had a fantastic few days completing activities. Their behaviour was exemplary and they deserve praise for their teamwork and the way they encouraged each other through every task to be the best they could be. They completed horse riding, climbing, quad bikes, go karts, skiing activities to name but a few. Many thanks to our committed members of staff who took time away from their own families to accompany our children. On Tuesday Rock Steady had their usual slot with the children practicing their fabulous musical skills with keyboards, electric guitars and drums. Their talent and commitment is awesome. On Wednesday we celebrated St Joseph's feast day with a lovely Mass, led by Dosbarth Tydfil Sant, in the hall. The children sang beautifully and read well. Again, all classes behaviour was fantastic. Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended this Mass on our special day and to Father Jose for celebrating with us.

Our Parent and Carer prayer group continues to meet 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 each week. We meet 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 now busily organising our new outdoor Jubilee Prayer Area. We are nearly ready ... watch this space!

Some parents may find the link below about Mass useful. These are a series of short videos prepared by the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Ministry of explanations of parts of the Mass e.g. blessing with holy water on entering the church, genuflecting, Entrance Procession, veneration of the altar, vestments, readings, etc.

"Wonders of the Mass" - INDEX: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLieCJC88WbxFGdCuTO_iCw3i1ttc3tHGZ.

On Wednesday too, Dosbarth Tydfil Sant went to the cinema to see Kensuke's Kingdom, which linked in with their current topic of conflict and think about how we resolve conflict with equity and equality. A great time was had by all, with copious amounts of popcorn and other treats consumed. On Thursday the Dental Team visited us to make sure out y1 pupils all had lovely, shiny, clean teeth.

Friday saw Dosbarth Illtyd Sant went to St Fagan's to appreciate new life on the farm on the farm. They all had a great experience and were so excited to see the new-born lambs. Many thanks again to our fabulous parents who accompanied the children on the trip. Also on Friday we were luck to have Kevin Williams, an Artist from Taffs Well, who specialises in charcoal drawings to lead a workshop with Dosbarth Teilo Sant. The children have produced some amazing artwork today. Watch out for it on Twitter/X

CLASS PRAYER OF THE WEEK

This week's class prayer is from the children of Non Sant

**Dear God,
Thank You for loving us.
Help us to be kind,
to share, and to pray.
We want to follow You
every day.
Amen.**

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well Done to St Illtyd who had the highest attendance this week. WELL DONE!

St Non AM - 96.36%	St Gwynno - 97.13%
St Non PM - 96.67%	St Cadoc - 97.24%
St David - 97.20%	St Tydfil - 96.55%
St Illtyd - 99.17%	St Dwynwen - 95.81%
St Teilo - 98.00%	

DIARY DATES

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

MARCH 2025

Monday 24th March 2025
Monday 24th March 2024

Big Lent Walk – Whole School
Parents Information Afternoon – please come along to the hall at 2.30pm for coffee and a chat with our school nurse and vaccination team who will be on hand to provide you with information and answer any questions

Tuesday 25th March 2025

French Challenge Cup – information will be given out to Y6 learners and their parents/carers ahead of this Challenge Cup at 4pm

Wednesday 26th March 2024

St Illtyd – Teddy Bear Workshops

Wednesday 26th March 2024

St Teilo – Teddy Bear Workshops

Thursday 27th March 2024

St Tydfil Mass in Church at 9.15am – all family and friends welcome

Thursday 27th March 2024

St Dwynwen – Streewise Session 2 in school

Monday 31st March 2024

Whole School Photograph – don't forget to wear the correct school uniform and your biggest smile !!!!! (if your child has PE on this day, please ensure they come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kit with them)

Monday 31st – Friday 4th April

St Dwynwen Cycle Week – to participate, pupils will need a bike in good working order, a helmet and bike lock – more information will follow

APRIL 2025

Monday 7th April 2025

Nursery to Year 2 Pupils – Flouride Varnish – please ensure you have sent your consent form back

Friday 11th April 2025

INSET DAY – School Closed to Pupils

EASTER HOLIDAYS – MONDAY 14TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 25TH APRIL
SCHOOL OPENS ON MONDAY 28TH APRIL 2025

MAY 2025

Thursday 1st May 2025

St Illtyd Prayer Service at 2.30pm in school – all family and friends welcome to join us for this celebration

Monday 5th May 2025

May Day – School Closed

Thursday 8th May 2025

St Teilo Class Mass at 2.30pm in school – all family and friends welcome to join us for this celebration

Wednesday 14th May 2025

St Tydfil Class Assembly at 2.50pm in school – all family and friends welcome to join us for this celebration

Thursday 15th May 2025

St David Class Assembly at 2.50pm – all family and friends welcome to join us for this celebration

Wednesday 21st May 2025

St Cadoc Class Assembly at 2.50pm – all family and friends welcome to join us for this celebration

Thursday 22nd May 2025

May Procession at 2pm – all family and friends welcome to join us for this celebration

Friday 23rd May 2025

School Group Photographs

HALF TERM – MONDAY 26TH TO FRIDAY 30TH MAY 2025

JUNE 2025

Wednesday 11th June 2025

St Gwynno Class Assembly at 2.50pm – all family and friends welcome to join us for this celebration

Thursday 12th June 2025

St Tydfil Class Assembly at 2.50pm – all family and friends welcome to join us for this celebration

Monday 16th June 2025 for 2 weeks

Year 4 Swimming begins – every day for 2 weeks

Wednesday 18th June 2025

St Teilo Class Assembly at 2.50pm – all family and friends welcome to join us for this celebration

Thursday 19th June 2025

St Cadoc Class Mass at 2.30pm – all family and friends welcome to join us for this celebration

Monday 23rd June 2025

Year 6 Transition Music Day and Evening at Corpus Christi High School

Wednesday 25th June 2025

St Illtyd Class Assembly at 2.50pm – all family and friends welcome to join us for this celebration

Monday 30th June 2025

Year 6 Transition Day at Corpus Christi High School

JULY 2025

Wednesday 16th July 2025

Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2.30pm – all family and friends welcome to this celebration of our young adults moving to High School

Thursday 17th July 2025

Year 6 Leavers Mass at 2.15pm in school – all family and friends welcome to join us for this celebration

What will I do this Lent to grow in my faith?
Go to a weekday Mass / Stations of the Cross Every Friday of Lent
following 9.15 am Mass Please feel free to join the Rosminian
community at St Joseph's Church

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

This week's phrase is:

Sawl ... sy'n yma

How many ... are there here?

Please practice discussing and counting with your child and use it whenever you can. Eg Sawl books sy'n yma?

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School



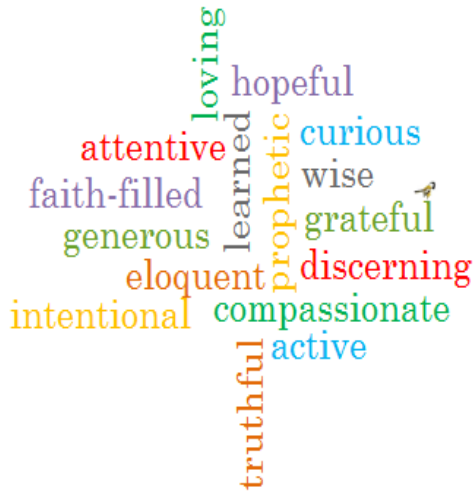
As a Catholic school, along with our faith and values, the concept behind the RRS journey is at the core of what we teach and how our children develop. RRS is all about protecting the rights of our children and their families and has supported us to highlight equality, diversity and inclusion throughout 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:

"Attentive and Discerning"

Pupils are growing to be attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices .

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"

