

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School: Newsletter 26.01.24

Mission

Together we love, learn, follow Jesus

Vision

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, through an open and generous heart, we learn together as a family in faith, following the gospel values of love.

Values

Hope Thankfulness Collaboration Compassion Friendship Resilience Empathy Creativity Justice Respect



A Message from Miss Dewhurst: It has been lovely to have some of our members of the PTFA in school this morning. We invited them in to say thank you for providing the money for our new fitness trail outside on the playground. The children are really enjoying having it and use it regularly! It is also lovely to see the older ones supporting the younger children around the course. We pride ourselves as a school in helping and supporting each other in our learning and in our actions and this was another wonderful way to celebrate that.



Award Winners



CI R/1:



Dojo Champion: **Darcy**



School Values/Mission: **Thomas** - Thankfulness



"Spotted": **Valentina** for being a kind and caring friend to everybody



CI 2/3:



Dojo Champion: **Sam**



School Values/Mission: **Tiffany** —creativity



"Spotted": **Phoebe** for working consistently hard in all subjects



CI 4/5:



Dojo Champion: **Dexter**



School Values/Mission: — **James, Darcie, Penelope & Darcy** for collaborating



"Spotted": **Henry C** for putting 100% effort into his maths and showing resilience when it was difficult & **Charlotte** for being patient and kind when working with others



CI 6:



Dojo Champion: **Olivia**



School Values/Mission: **Savannah**—resilience



"Spotted": **Olivia** for contributing in history when discussing Dunkirk



This week spotted: Marnie

For being a kind friend who follows school values

Footpath Round School: From Monday, 5th February, contractors will be on site working on the paths around school. As a result, there will be disruption for a couple of weeks with regard to drop offs and pick ups. We will continue to inform you of the developments with this. However, as of Monday, 5th February, please could you use the Nursery entrance for drop off and then exit by the same path as those through Forest School will be closed.

Class R/1: Don't forget, parents and carers are invited to join us for a "Stay and Read" on Friday, 9th February from 2pm.



For pupils in Year 1 who have returned the hearing test consent form, the audiometrician will be in school on the afternoon of Monday, 19th February.

Happy Birthday

Bella & Leon

Classroom Catch Up: In computing this week, Year 1 had lots of fun using frames in their animations. They were so excited to show their moving pictures with their peers after working very hard in their pairs. The children demonstrated great resilience! In PE, Class R/1 had fun showing off their fabulous dance moves! Our topic of dance makes PE a popular lesson of the week. Class 2/3 have completed their independent writes on the Great Fire of London and the use of adverb starters and a range of conjunctions was evident in every child's work. In RE, we have continued to look at our expectations for a new year, linking them to



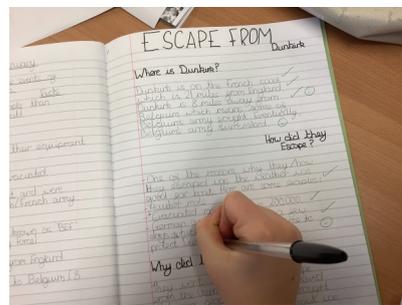
the second coming of Christ. Investigating what plants need to grow and be healthy has been the theme of our work in science.

We have had a very productive week in Class 4/5! In science, we have been carrying on with our forces unit and have been exploring air resistance. This week, the children planned and conducted their own experiment based on creating the safest parachute (the one that takes the longest to land). The children

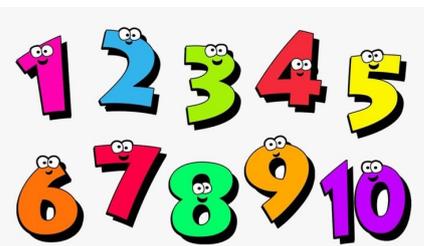


enjoyed working as a team to plan their experiment and also create their parachutes – we all had a lovely afternoon and learnt lots! In RE, we have been thinking about the role of the Bishop in our community and explored Archbishop Malcolm McMahon's motto and coat of arms. In PE, the children are enjoying a dance unit this half term where they are learning the 'Time Warp' and of course staff had to get involved as the song is infectious.

In maths, Class 6 have finished the unit on ration and proportion, linking them to recipes—if you need 100g of sugar for 8 cakes, how much do you need for 2? Our grammar focuses for English are the different varieties of past tense, alongside finding the subject and object in a sentence. Year 6 are looking forward to applying those to their independent writing which they will start next week. In history, the class has been discussing the events at Dunkirk in 1940 and finding out why the evacuation was so successful.



Number Day ... will take place on Monday, 5th February. For a donation, children are asked to come to school dressed in something number related. This can be as simple as a football shirt, with a number on the back, to a division sign. During the day, activities will be provided by the class teacher linking to number and calculation, before each class gets a TT Rockstars slot for our whole school battle! Money raised will be used to buy new maths equipment and for a donation to the NSPCC.

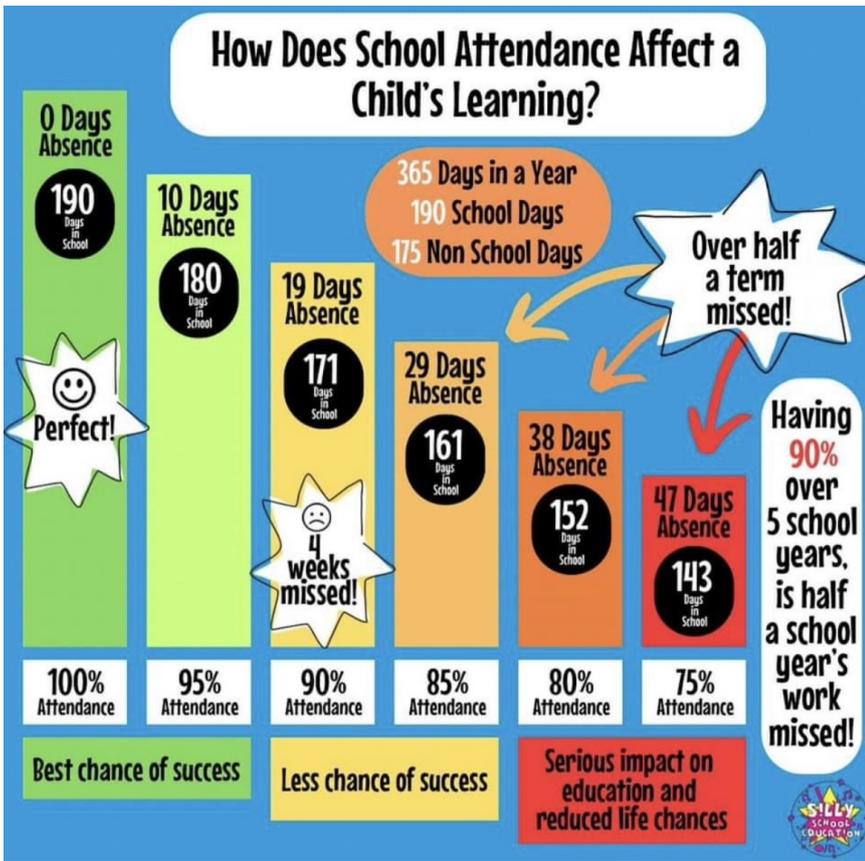


Car Parking and School Traffic: We have been working closed with Chorley Borough Council regarding the congestion around Bournes Row. If possible, please try and park away from Bournes Row and walk the rest of the way to school.

Whilst we have been unsuccessful in getting the council to grit our road, they have agreed to provide a grit bin near to school for use by local residents.

Can we also remind you that whilst we appreciate it can be busy in a morning, please do not park in the staff car park. This avoids problems with staff and delivery drivers being unable to access the school premises successfully. There have been occasions when staff have been delayed due to cars then trying to exit the car park onto Bournes Row at a busy time.

Thank you for your support in this matter



Attendance and absence: As we are coming under more pressure from our Local Authority Attendance Officer to meet the minimum requirement of 96% whole school attendance, we ask for parents' support in this matter. Please can you try not to book holidays in term time. If a child has a holiday in term time and is then off with a further genuine illness, they can fall into the persistent absentee category (less than 90%) and therefore require attendance monitoring.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, you can no longer inform us using School Spider. Parents must ring school and either leave a message or speak to the office.

If your child is feeling "under the weather" and you are not sure whether or not they should be in school, please either ring us to discuss this or rest assured that, should you send them in and they are not well, school will ring you to come and collect them.

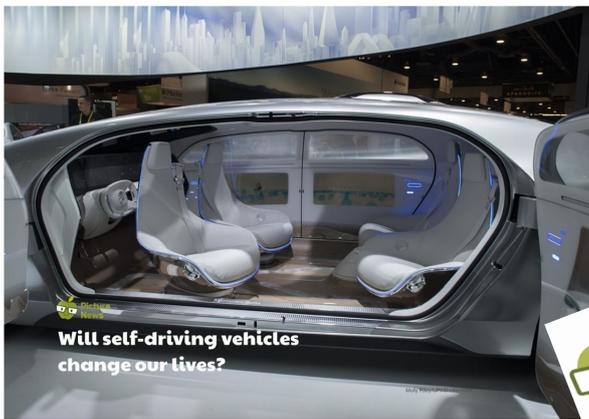
Sunday Gospel: Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. Jesus' teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. While he was teaching, Jesus was interrupted by a very sick man who started to shout wildly and whose body was trembling and shaking. So Jesus paused and healed the sick man in full view of the people. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all mean. "Here is a teaching that is new," they aid, "and with authority behind it" And His reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Mark 1: 21-28 (Wednesday Word)

Pope Francis:

Accumulating material goods is not enough to live well, because life does not depend on what we possess. Life depends on good relationships with God, with others and also those who have less.

Stanley Grange: Based in the workshop, this week's group continued to work out what they think should be planted in our allotment. To help them choose, they had to identify from the items Ben had brought with him whether the vegetables were root or bulb, fruit or seed, leaf or stem. Before they left, they also checked on the garlic which had grown even more.



Rule of Law

There are rules and laws that people must follow when driving vehicles. These help keep everyone safe.

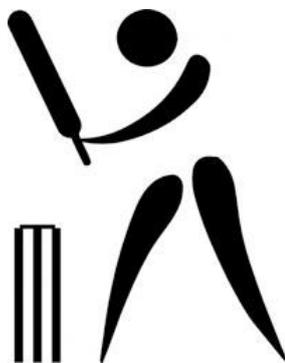
As we move into the future, the rules and laws will change. Who is responsible for vehicles in the future may change too!



Forest School: Due to the high winds and weather conditions this week, Year 4 spent their Forest School session on the school playground and on the field instead of in the wooded areas! They had fun working in teams to complete a scavenger hunt and they also enjoyed checking on the progress of the trees they planted on the school field.



Hoghton Cricket Club: Indoor training sessions for pupils from Year 3 start tonight (26.01.24). The will take place at the Blackburn Leisure Centre, Feilden Street, BB2 1LQ from 7pm to 9pm. The cost is £3.50 per session. For more details, please ring Adam on 07477 081429.



Recent Correspondence

Please find below a list of information that has recently been sent out:
 Activity Trail 26.01.24
 Wednesday Word
 Cross Country Event
 School Meals: week commencing 29.01.24

Spare clothes: If, for any reason, your child comes home with spare clothes from school—joggers, sweat-shirts, socks or underwear—could we please ask you to wash it and return it to us as soon as you can. We have a limited stock of spares and would be grateful if you could check at home to see if you have any items that have been borrowed from school.

Attendance Data: Due to a technical glitch, we are unable to produce this week's school attendance figures. We will update you next Friday with the statistics from this week and next.

PTFA Disco: The next fund-raising event will be on Thursday, 8th February. For more details refer to the poster on the next page. Tickets will be on sale from Monday at the school office!

Children's Liturgy: Sunday is 4th Sunday of Ordinary time. In the Gospel Jesus starts to teach in the temple, where the Jewish people went to pray. The people are surprised and impressed with the way he teaches. Jesus teaches the people through the stories he tells. But he also teaches them - and us - through the things he does. He lives out what he is teaching. Teachers are very important, they help us to learn about all sorts of things. Some children live in places where it isn't safe for them to travel to school or the school is too far away. Some children have to do jobs instead of going to school or they have to look after their little brothers and sisters while their mum and dad go to work. Some families cannot afford to pay the school fees or buy the uniforms or books their children need to go to school.

Let's try this week to do our best to learn. To listen to our teachers, our parents, and all those who try to teach us the way.

And let us try to listen to Jesus and to what he is teaching us too, so that together we may love one another as he asks us to.

We do hope you can join us at 9:30am Mass - it would be lovely to see you.



FRIENDSHIP

DISCO

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

SCHOOL HALL 6-7:30

£6 per child -

inc drinks, sweets & snack

TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY 29TH JAN

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION
13-19

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FLimsy AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

Meet Our Expert

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