



NEWSLETTER

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There is no Headteacher message this week as our Interim Co-Headteachers are off site today but there is still plenty to catch up on!

On Monday we celebrated Earth Day by working in house groups to learn about different aspects of our planet and how to look after it. Green House looked at deforestation and got their hands dirty making seed bombs. Red House learned about climate change and the impact of rising temperatures on the polar regions. Yellow House discussed pollution and rising emissions from cars, and Blue House were tasked with inventing a contraption to scoop plastic out of the ocean. Classes were also involved in making collages out of rubbish.



The Opportunities Club children did an amazing job baking and selling cakes for charity last Friday. Thank you to everyone who showed support and bought one of their delicious bakes. They raised a fabulous £81.88.



Thank you too to all of the children who brought in collections in their Little Red Mission Together boxes. The change collected totalled £42.65 so, combined with the Opportunities Cake Sale, we have raised £124.53 for the Missio charity.



Finally, thank you for your clothes donations for Rags2Riches which raised a total of £22 for the school.

Attendance + learning = success

Attending school regularly helps children achieve.



80% attendance equates to one whole day off every week for a whole year.

For help and advice about attending school or any issues with going to school please contact your school or email our education welfare officers at: ews@wiltshire.gov.uk

#EverySchoolDayCounts Wiltshire Council

Attendance Review

As a school we have a responsibility to ensure that all children have good attendance, and we are required by the Local Authority to review attendance with the Education Welfare Officer on a regular basis.

Following the latest review we will be sending letters early next week to the parents of children whose attendance is 90% or below - the level at which absence is classed as persistent - as well as any children who have a pattern of persistent lateness. We welcome the opportunity to work with parents and offer support to help improve attendance.

WOW moments across the school!

"Pupils enjoy coming to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. They find lessons interesting. Pupils are eager to talk about their learning. They feel safe to make mistakes and to learn from them" OFSTED March 2023

Here is just a snap shot of the exciting, wonderful work and activities going on across the school this week.

St Teresa - Miss Just: LEGOLAND was the most incredible trip! The children were fantastic and loved the rides and sculptures. The workshop was interesting and everyone had a great time.



St Francis - Miss Thomson: We have had a wonderful week. They have greatly enjoyed learning about David Attenborough (our new writing topic) and seeing the amazing wildlife captured in his documentary 'Jungle – Our Planet'. Many are now feeling very passionate about the natural world and preserving it for the future! We have also enjoyed a fantastic forest school session filled with imaginative play and woodland crafts.



"May nothing keep you from growing in friendship with God." Pope Francis



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St Lawrence - Mr Wilkinson:

This week our WOW moment came during our Earth Day. The children were asked to create a mixed media art piece that linked to plastics being in the ocean. The class learnt about mixing different colours of paint together to create different shades of blue for our ocean and then were given the opportunity to stick different things on to their work to link it to plastics in the ocean.

Marcos - "I liked it because we got to be creative and paint the ocean."

Thomas - "I liked sticking the different bits onto my painting."



St Scholastica - Mr Heavey:

Will: "I enjoyed science this week where we were testing out parachutes and throwing Barbie's off the top of a ladder."

Eva: "I enjoyed Earth Day because we did an experiment in St David's about how CO2 affects the temperature."

Christina: "I enjoyed karaoke this week – I liked singing apples and bananas."



We are now taking bookings for May Breakfast, After School and Half Term Holiday Clubs. **We are sending May booking forms home with all regular users of the club today—please complete and return these on Monday as May starts on Wednesday!** Also, our Easter holiday club was extremely popular and we expect May Half Term to be equally as busy so please book early to avoid disappointment.

After School Sports/Activity Clubs

Please note that the KS2 Clubs are all now full. We have opened up the KS1 Gym Club on Thursdays to years 3 and 4 - please contact the office if your child would like to attend.

If your child attends **Chess Club** a Parentpay item has been added at £5 per week for 8 weeks to cover Term 6. Places are still available if your child is interested in joining.