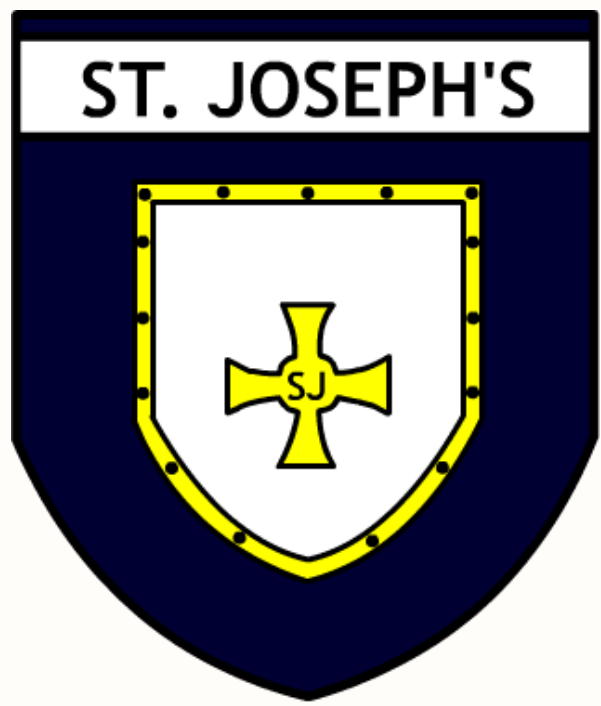
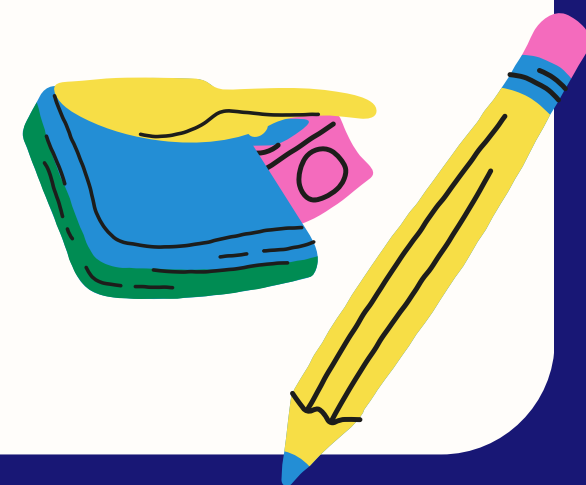




St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter 2

20.10.23

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to all the children for a brilliant start to the Autumn term. Everyone has settled in really well to their new classes. I am very proud of the children. It was wonderful to see parents and grandparents at our KS1 Harvest Liturgy. We also celebrated our Anniversary Mass with our new Priest, Father Paul.

We have some exciting things happening at school including the conversion of our former ICT suite into a Phiz Lab - a dedicated science lab providing our pupils with access to a practical and engaging science curriculum. Our Science Lead, Mrs Walls, is leading the project and we will be holding an official opening once it is complete! We will notify you when we have a date confirmed.

We are delighted to report that during the summer Mrs Walls visited the The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) - the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator at CERN, in Switzerland. Mrs Walls visited the NASA space station project control room, the anti matter factory, the flash proton therapy project where they are developing flash therapy for cancer treatment in hospitals and lots of other amazing things. She will be bringing all of her new knowledge back to St Joseph's to inspire the children during their science lessons.

The month of October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary. We pray for peace in the world, for our families and those who are grieving at this time. Wishing you and your children a blessed half-term.

We are all God's children and will try to live, love, work and serve as Jesus taught us.

Introduction to Autism parent sessions

Please find attached to this newsletter the dates for the Introduction to Autism & Neurodiversity sessions for parents (flyer attached) for the Spring and Summer terms.

To book please email Jackie Horne at: jackiehorne@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk.

No diagnosis is necessary and there is no charge to attend. One or two spaces per family available. Please note these sessions are available to BCP families.

This programme was developed to reach families who are either waiting a long time for a paediatric referral, had referrals declined, did not receive a diagnosis for their child, were on the very long Early Bird waiting lists or just for families to come and listen to how some children experience things differently. This programme is not restricted to those families who are involved with the school's SEN Team.

St Joseph's sporting success

Well done to the Year 5 & 6 pupils that took part in the Football Development Tournament at The Grange last week. There were six teams competing and St Joseph's won 4 games and only lost one, giving them 12 points overall, achieving 2nd place. Well done St Joseph's!



We also took eight Year 2 children to the Dare to Believe Festival at The Grange this week and we were so impressed with their wonderful behaviour and enthusiasm for taking part. Well done everyone.

We'll be wearing odd socks with the Anti-Bullying Alliance and their patrons, Andy and the Odd Socks, on Monday 13th November for Odd Socks Day. Will you?

Odd Socks Day

#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay

We will be marking anti-bullying week, the week beginning Monday 13th November. The children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th.

Remember!

If your child has hot lunches, please remember to order with Forerunner by Monday 23rd October to book lunches for the first week back after half term. Please book on the Forerunner portal: [Parent Portal \(myschoolmealorders.com\)](https://myschoolmealorders.com).

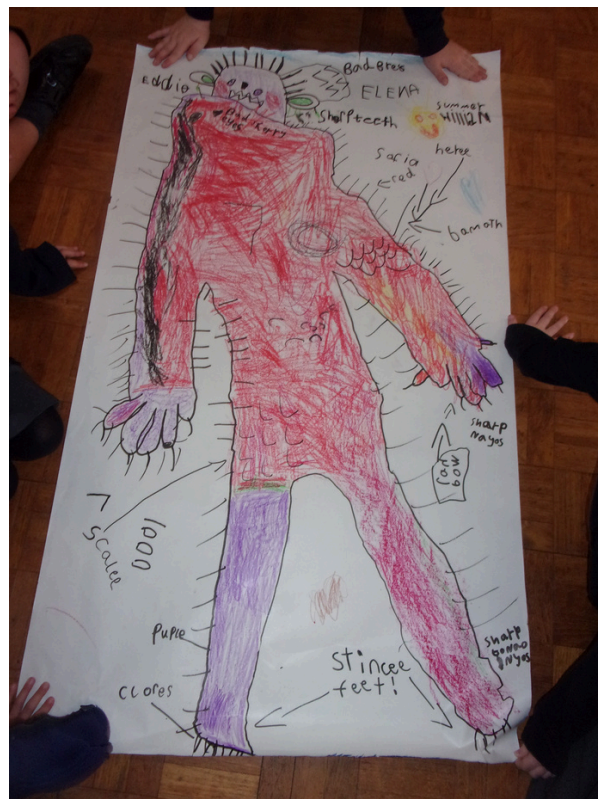
LEARNING

Year 2

Year 2 have been carrying out some excellent art work using various materials and artistic skills and techniques. They have imprinted on polystyrene tiles and then painted over these to make their own prints of maps. Their artwork is focused on being abstract pieces based on maps. They had a fantastic time carrying out this and the results were amazing as you can see!!



Year 2 are also enjoying designing and describing monsters as part of their learning about the main characters as they read their latest text, 'Not Now Bernard'. There were some very creative ideas as they worked in groups!! They are engrossed in the text and have learnt more about the main character Bernard and the Monster. They will continue this text after half term.



In Maths Year 2 have continuing their learning from Year 1 regarding Place Value. The children have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, using number lines and partitioning numbers. Working in pairs, the children showed various representations of two digits numbers using different resources.



Year 4

Year 4 are taking part in a BCP Clean Air Project, just one of several projects running in BCP which will help to improve air quality. Air pollution is an issue that is of increasing concern, especially around schools. One of the main contributors to poor air quality is motorised vehicles. At drop off and pick up times air pollution outside and around schools significantly worsens as a large number of vehicles gather at the same time. Often cars are needlessly left idling, significantly impacting the quality of the air.

The Clean Air Schools pilot is working with six local schools to teach children and their families about how the way we travel can influence how clean our air is. Activities include classroom workshops, idling counts and science investigations.

Here are St Joseph's we have placed four diffusion tubes around school. These will be taken and analysed at a science lab.

Some of the Year 4 children have been out before school carrying out an idling count to see how many engines are left on. Our results will be given after half term.



Year 6

Year 6 had a lovely school trip to Hengistbury Head at the beginning of October. As part of their geography, they have been learning about coastal features and how they are formed, as well as erosion, all of which they were able to spot whilst there. They were extremely sensible all day, enjoying the short ferry journey and creating some natural art on the beach before the end of the day.



Our Amazon Book Wish List

At St. Joseph's, we think reading is so important and want the children to have access to as many high quality texts as possible. Please take a look at our Amazon Wish list.

If you would like to buy a book for our children at our school, please choose one of the books on our list. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you. <https://t.ly/ElO9c>



BCP want to hear your views

BCP want to hear about your experiences at SEND Support level or support through an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Your views are really important in helping to improve and develop services across education, health and care. Your responses will be completely anonymous. If you have more than one child who receives SEND or EHCP support, please complete a form for each child. If you have any questions, require a paper survey, or require this information in another language or format, please email us at SENDSurvey@bcpcouncil.gov.uk. This survey closes at midday on Wednesday 13 December 2023.

This is an opportunity for Parent, Carers, Children and Young people to have their say and express feedback on their own experiences. This year the survey is open between the 16th October to 13th December.

[SEND Survey 2023 | Have Your Say Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

Important Dates



EVENT	DATE
Back to school after half term - winter uniform	Monday 30th October
'Spooky Cake Sale' - fundraising for Y6 leavers	Tuesday 31st October
School photographs - individual and siblings	Thursday 9th November
Rocksteady Concert for Rocksteady pupils	Thursday 7th December, 10am
Anti-Bullying Week - children wear odd socks to school on Monday	Monday 13th November
Ducklings Vision Screening	Thursday 23rd November
INSET DAY	Monday 27th November
Christmas Disco - KS1 4-5pm, KS2 5.15pm-6.15pm	Thursday 30th November
Year 5 & 6 Advent Service	Thursday 7th December, 6.30pm
Ducklings Nativity	Tuesday 12th December, 2pm
Nativity for Years 1-4	Wednesday 13th December, 2pm and 6pm
PTA Party Day	Thursday 14th December
Final Day of Term	Friday 15th December

INSET Days 2023-24

Monday 27th November 2023, Friday 22nd March 2024, Friday 21st June 2024

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