

ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL

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OFSTED INSPECTION

Thank you for all the support and understanding shown this week whilst we prioritised the time to Our Ofsted Inspection. As you may know, these inspections are carried out at just one day's notice and it is vitally important that we manage to evidence as much as possible in the two days that the inspection team are with us. The children made every effort to showcase our school so positively and we are proud of all they said and did during the time the inspectors were with us. The inspection team asked the school to pass on their thanks to both the children and the staff for all of their conversations and work in the time they were with us. Thank you also to the parents who were able to complete the parent survey as this also provided vital evidence as part of the process. We now await the report following our inspection to be published and as soon as it is with us we will let you know! (It is usual for this to take several weeks).



ALWAYS CHILDREN

We love to celebrate the many children in our school who always do what is asked of them, are always ready to learn, always respectful to others and are always safe. This week we are saying well done to Aleesha & Juwariayah



BUG HOTEL COMPETITION WINNERS!

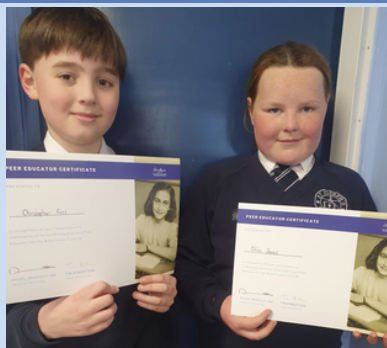
We are so proud to be able to announce that we have two winners from St Joseph's in the Town's Bug Hotel Competition. Todmorden in Bloom launched a competition to design a bug hotel and the winners will not only be making a visit to the Mayor's Parlour to be presented with their certificate, they will also have their designs made into actual bug hotels which will then be placed in Patmos gardens!

Congratulations to Aleena and to Taybah for their incredible designs.

Pictures of their amazing designs coming soon, once they have been presented with their certificates on 7th May.

ANNE FRANK AMBASSADORS

We would like to celebrate and say a huge congratulations to both Olivia and Christopher, who after making successful applications, have been accepted to become Anne Frank Ambassadors. This is a fantastic opportunity, well done!



UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child wears their full uniform to school each and every day. By wearing our uniform, we look smart and this instills a sense of pride of our school. As a reminder, black shoes are to be worn, no trainers or boots. R-Y6 a tie must be worn. R-Y6 a white shirt, for nursery a white polo shirt is absolutely ok. Navy blue cardigan or jumper, to include the school logo. Grey trousers or grey skirt. Please also ensure that children have their PE kit in school, this consists of navy blue shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, pumps or trainers. A navy blue hoodie is optional.

Thank You...

ATTENDANCE

'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

Attendance at school is as much about pupil well-being as academic success. Being in school supports pupil's friendships, confidence and wider development. When pupils miss school, the impact of 'feeling behind' can be a barrier to their future success. Government data shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage. If pupils are not in school, we can not support them to learn.

Nursery - **92.6%**

Reception - **99.2%**

Year 1 - **95.6%**

Year 2 - **84.0%**

Year 3 - **92.3%**

Year 4 - **90.7%**

Year 5 - **98.9%**

Year 6 - **100%**

Whole school attendance week: 94.2%

We need these figures to be above 96% Help us reach our goal - every day counts!!

Whole school attendance this year: 94.5%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

FOREST SCHOOL FUN!

Forest school has started back for the Summer Term and brought just as much joy as ever! Beech Class have been naming plants, learning more about the life cycles of frogs and using numbers in the environment. Cedar Class thought about weeds and vegetables. They tried to distinguish between weeds and vegetables by looking at the leaves, the shape of the plant and smell. They counted 35 garlic plants growing nice and strong and 14 potato plants. They talked about what they wanted to make with them once they have grown and what they need to grow strong. The children have been learning this in class so it was a great opportunity to recap and link the science lesson. The children used trowels and forks to loosen the weeds and fluff up the soil to make sure air could get in to make the plant healthy and strong. Elm Class used secateurs and loppers to cut the willow to size and used a knife/ potato peelers to whittle the ends of the sticks into a point. This was all to make a pen to write with for the lesson!



KEEPING ALL OUR CHILDREN SAFE

While we appreciate that nuts are a healthy food choice, we do have children in school with nut allergies. For this reason, please can we ask that this delicious food be enjoyed at home and not be brought to school in lunch boxes or as snacks. Thank you for your continued support.

READING CHALLENGE

We now have 3 pupils who have achieved their Reading Challenge Bronze Award. We would like to congratulate them and encourage them to keep enjoying their reading and reviewing as they work towards their silver award. Well done to Aaminah, Juwariayah & Niamh

Reading improves our vocabulary.

Reading helps with our writing.

Reading enhances our imagination.

Reading improves our concentration.

Reading improves builds knowledge.



THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



Beech: Raisa N, For having a fantastic first week and learning new words

Cedar: Whole class, For showing how amazing they are to this weeks visitors

Elm: Oliver F, For his continued efforts in science

Oak: Rehaan I, For his fantastic persuasive writing in history

WOW!

Beech: Taybah I, For being an outstanding artist and winning Todmorden in Bloom's design a Bug Hotel

Cedar: Jacob S, for singing and playing the glockenspiel at the same time. Super impressive

Elm: Colby-Jay B, For his great work in science

Oak: Ayat B, Amazing presentation of her history work

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Trips, Visits, Theme Days and More

Thursday 2nd May KS2 Inter School Cricket Competition

Friday 3rd May Whole School Mass 10am all welcome

Monday 6th May Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 7th May Todmorden in Bloom: design a Bug Hotel competition. Winners Aleena and Taybah are invited to the Mayor's Parlour at 5pm to be presented with their certificates.

Wednesday 8th May Performance at BTRCC for Year 4 pupils 'I want a Mobile Phone'

Sunday 12th May Children on the sacramental programme are asked to attend mass together with their parents

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May KS2 SATs week

Monday 20th May Y6 Transition Visit to BTRCC

Wednesday 22nd May Sacramental Programme 4pm in school in preparation for First Holy Communion

Please note we break up on Friday 24th May and are not back in school until Monday 10th June. Governors have made this decision to support parents in being able to take less expensive holidays. Please make use of this should you wish to and avoid term time holidays.
Thank you

Did you make it to today's 'Walk and Talk'? There's always next time – check out the dates on the poster below:

Wellbeing Matters

'Walk and Talk'

Together from 2:40pm

Meet outside the school gates

Friday 22nd March

Friday 26th April

Friday 24th May

Friday 28th June

Friday 12th July

Whether you want to share a concern or simply get out in the fresh air before collecting your child(ren) for the weekend, come and join us on our local 30mins walk, suitable for all.



NEY Regional Mental Health Team – Introduction to Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID) and Q&A: Schools focus

This FREE clinically led session will cover;

- An overview of ARFID and what it is.
- How children and young people may present at school.
- What schools can do to support children with ARFID.
- Support available for professionals and families.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions during the session.

**When is it?: Thursday 27 June 2024,
1.00pm–2.00pm**

Where is it?: on Microsoft Teams

How to book: Please complete the short form [here](#) or use the QR code below.



Whilst this session is focused on ARFID in schools, other professionals working with Children and Young People within North East and Yorkshire are welcome to attend.