

World Book Day

World Book Day is all about celebrating the magic of books and how special they are. On World Book Day the whole school dressed up as a character from a book of their choice and spent the whole day dressed up as their character. There was a variety of different characters and every costume was very unique. In the afternoon the whole school came together for an assembly especially made for World Book Day; all the teachers dressed up as crayons and told a story about crayons! We ended the assembly with everyone showing their costumes on stage. Everyone had a great World Book Day!

Our beautiful new mosaic of The Holy Spirit is now complete

During Lent, we were visited by a teacher called Mrs Cala from Cardinal Newman School. She worked with all the liturgy leaders from Yr6, Yr5 and Yr4 to create a mosaic of a dove. The mosaic was filled with hundreds of pieces of smooth glass made from smashed bottles so while doing this we were also recycling. When we made the dove it was filled with many different shades of colours and so made it very beautiful. The dove is one of the symbols of The Holy Spirit so is very important to us. It reminds us that The Holy Spirit is present in our school. You can find this dove mosaic hanging on a canvas near our school entrance. Our mosaic is pictured below...we are very proud of it.



The Wednesday Word... we hope every one of our families are enjoying reading their copy and sharing the gospel together every Wednesday. Thank you to Father Richard and the Parent's Association for funding this initiative.

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'Section 48 RE Inspection

On Friday 8th March, our school underwent a Section 48 RE inspection conducted by two inspectors from the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. This was an extremely important day for our school and is summarized below by Ollie Holgate:

'On the 8th March, Holy Family had some important visitors from two other schools. These schools were St Wilfred's in Burgess Hill and St Joseph's in Haywards Heath. The visitors had heard how good our school was and had come all the way from Brighton to come to our school. To start the day we had an assembly in which we spoke about the Stations of the Cross (with pupils from year four acting and year six narrating). In the assembly we also had a liturgical dance (performed by the year sixes) which was backed by the amazing voices of year four and five singing Hail Mary. Another factor of the assembly was the Holy Family Flames which will be spoken about more lately in this edition. Towards the end of the day these visitors spoke to all the different groups of people connected to our school (teachers, the pupils, parents, governors). Having talked to these people they were given an even better idea of how amazing this school really is.'

We are truly delighted to announce that we were graded as outstanding in every single area of the inspection. This is an incredible achievement and every single person in our school community should feel exceptionally proud of the contribution you make to Holy Family. Although we are not particularly large in number, we are very big in heart, unity and friendship. You can read our inspection report on the school website or by picking up a copy at the back of the church

In a message for World Water Day on March 22nd, Pope Francis stressed the need to remember the billions of people worldwide who suffer as they do not have access to clean water. He urged people to support charities such as CAFOD or The United Nations who help people in the poorest communities across the world. Sadly nearly two-thirds of the world's population struggle to find clean water during at least part of the year and 2.1 billion people have no clean water at home. Pope Francis wants this to change



Value of the month: Sacrifice

Luke 9:24

'For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.'

Supporting Missio during Lent

During Lent, along with every other school in our diocese, we will once again be supporting the charity 'Missio'. Since 1922, Missio has been the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission. Their mission is to bring the hope of the Gospel to areas where there is turmoil, poverty & uncertainty in the world.. Missio work in 157 countries across the world and always focus their greatest efforts on the countries with the greatest need. We will be collecting all our spare change to help those in need. During The Good Shepherd Mass at Worth Abbey in June, a cheque from all schools will be presented to Missio by Bishop Richard.



Jesus the miracle maker—Jesus changes water into wine

In Chapter 2 of St John's Gospel, we read about the first miracle performed by Jesus at the Wedding Feast in Cana. The gospel teaches us that as the wine was running low, Mary asked Jesus to do something to help. Although Jesus did not initially think it was time, he performed the miracle which was a clear sign of His glory.



Holy Family Flames

Each class has a Holy Family Flame chosen by the teachers or pupils every month. Holy family flames are chosen because they have been recognised for sharing the light of Jesus.. There is also a special head teacher flame for those who have not just impressed the teachers but have also amazed the head teacher! Towards the end of the month the flames have a special lunch in the library with Mrs O'Neil and or Mr Tindall. The Holy Family flames for February were: Silvana Cowgill (Reception), Hudson Scott (Year 1), Maisy Lams (Year 2), Ollie Cassin (Year 3), Soren Voice (Year 4), Cameron Maddison-Butcher (Year 5), Ellen Jince (Year 6), Isabella Belli (Headteacher).

Flames for March were:



Saint of the month: St Joseph, patriarch of The Holy Family

St Joseph was married to Mary, mother of Jesus and is therefore the father-figure of The Holy Family. He was a carpenter from the town of Nazareth and belonged to the family of David. This is the reason he had to travel to Bethlehem for the census when Jesus was born. St Joseph taught Jesus many skills when he was young. The Gospel of Matthew calls him a "righteous man," meaning he was a good man who obeyed God's law. St Joseph played a very important role in the life of Jesus when he was very young. In the gospel of St Matthew we read how shortly after the birth of Jesus, he was visited by an angel in a dream. The angel told Joseph to flee to Egypt with Mary & Jesus because King Herod was looking for Jesus. This was one of 4 dreams where Joseph was given messages by angels of God. On each occasion, he obeyed the commands.

The Gospel of St Luke (Chapter 2) tells the story of when Jesus was lost in the temple. When Mary & Joseph eventually found him, Jesus said "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?" Joseph must have been very worried when he couldn't find Jesus for such a long time.

St Joseph's feast day is celebrated on March 19th. He is the patron saint of workers and of the sick. A picture of St Joseph and the infant Jesus is on the cover page of this edition.

Bishop Richard to open the Holy Family Community Garden!

We are very excited to announce that Bishop Richard will be coming to Holy Family on Friday 12th July to officially open our new community garden. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass with us before blessing and opening the new garden.



Thanks to the brilliant hard work of so many people, our garden is now almost complete. Thank you to: St George's College Grounds team (landscaping, raised beds, planting, water feature), Karl & Georgi (community café walls, serving hatch, rendering, decking), Mr Gorman (pergola), Nomow staff (artificial grass & resin paths) Mrs Kelly (community café mural) and Julia Jones our garden designer. During the summer term, students from Salesian and St George's College will complete colourful murals on the exterior walls to add further interest to our garden. Former Holy Family parent Julie Sebastiano will also be coming in to school to help us create a fantastic tile mural. Every child will complete a tile meaning they will be forever immortalized in the garden.

Everyone is welcome to spend time in our garden from next term onwards and make use of the community café. Please come and join us, relax, meet new friends and enjoy the beauty of nature.

