

The Pupil Voice

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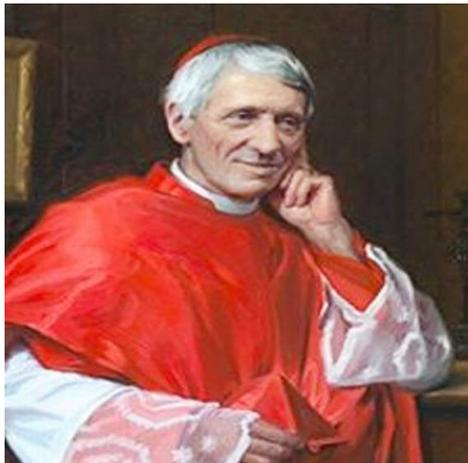
December 2019



Welcome to the first Pupil Newsletter. We have been very busy using our reporting and journalistic skills throughout this term; finding out and writing about the wonderful events and opportunities that have been made available for us to enjoy at St Joseph's Primary School.

John Henry Newman

John Henry Newman was known for his religious acts towards others and he received much recognition in the mid-1830s. On the 13th October 2019, he was canonised and now we shall remember him as Saint John Henry Newman. We marked this special event in our school by dedicating time to discover his past and to learn about the impact he had on our faith.



Important dates:

- 13th October – John Henry Newman made a saint.
- October – Black History Month
- 18th October – Wear It Pink
- 21st – 25th October – Half term
- 1st November – All Souls Day
- 11th November – Armistice Day
- 1st December – The First Sunday of Advent
- 18th December – Christmas Party Day
- 19th December – Mass and last day of term.

- 6th January – The Spring Term begins.

Anti-Bullying Week

Our school supported Anti-Bullying Week by wearing odd socks. Every year we find a way to mark this event and to encourage and end to bullying.

Missio

During Catholic Schools Week and we learnt about Missio. We discovered the Missio motto which is, "Mission Together". This motto reminds us that we should work together as a community. Missio is a charity that supports those who are less fortunate than ourselves and those who are living in poverty.



Armistice Day

On the 11th of November our school took part in Remembrance day service. On the 11th hour of the 11th day, at 11 'o' Clock our school went outside into the cold and performed a minute of silence while the last post was played. We thank Mr Cowling for managing to get someone to play the last post on short notice.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Shakespeare for Schools

On Monday the 11th of November some of our Year 6 actors took part in The Shakespeare Schools Festival. The Yr6 Shakespeare actors performed at the Grove theatre and the end result was perfect. The play they performed was Twelfth Night which is a comedy. The actors trained every Monday after school and even came in one day during the half-term. We are very proud of our Year 6 actors as they worked extremely hard to achieve this goal. Thank you to Mrs Flynn and Mrs Howes for putting together this event and for sacrificing their Monday afternoons to train them.



ADVENT

We are in the season of Advent and are busy preparing for the birth of Christ in many ways around our school.

On the first week of December Key Stage 2 had an Advent service with Fr. Brendan. We reflected on the ways we can wait for the coming of Christ. We extend our thanks to Fr Brendan for visiting us.



KSI are preparing by performing a Christmas Nativity and creating a variety of different pieces of artwork and wreaths.

Sporting News

The Year 6 football team kicked off the season with a brilliant start. They played against Dallow Road Primary, a skilled team, and won 4-2. On 10th October, the boys played against the Meads Primary Football team and won after a hard fought game. The St Joseph's team also won their games against Chantry and St Martins. Well done boys! The Year 6 footballers qualified for the County Final in January following great success at the EFL Kids Club Tournament!

Well done to the Netball Team, for winning their first match this season against The Meads. Later on in the term a talented Chantry team defeated them but the girls showed great dedication to the match. The netball team have also played St Martins. Well done girls.

The Cross Country events took place in Lewsey Park and at Inspire. Year 5 & 6 athletes competed and have secured a place in the finals in January!

All of our teams and athletes have worked hard since the start of the school year and we are very proud of them! We owe a big thanks to Miss Koryczan and Miss Cobery for their help and dedication towards sports in our school

The Pupil Newsletter team wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to seeing all of you on 6th January 2020.

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