



# SJRC News

Friday 22nd March 2024



## Stars and Superheroes of the Week

*A massive congratulations to the following children for being awarded Star/ Superhero of the Week today!*

*Well done to:*

**Kiduse** for using hand gestures such as waving and putting his hands together at prayer times in **Nursery Class**.

**Julia** for always setting a great example for her friends to follow. She listens, responds well and approaches all tasks with a great deal of effort and focus in **Peter Class**.

**Chinenye** for working very hard with her phonics and blending whilst reading in **John Paul Class**.

**Everyone** in **Elizabeth Class** for an amazing assembly!

**Gebril** for making lots of positive choices and unbelievably fantastic contributions to class discussions this week in **Baptist Class**. He has shown a real creativity when using the spoken word, and in recent poetry lessons.

**Frances** for always challenging herself with her learning, and **Persis** for trying hard in her lessons and settling in well in the school in **Jerome Class**.

**Leo** in **McAuley Class** for making a positive change which has helped him have a great week with his learning, and in the playground!

**Sara** for working really hard on her own version of 'Cinnamon' in **Felton Class**.

**Kofi** for a great improvement in his entries in his Reading Record, and working very hard in Maths this week in **Joseph Class**.

**Louie** for his hard and showing positivity throughout his story writing sessions in **Campion Class**.

**Ezekiel** for his imaginative piece of writing in English in **Dempsey Class**.

**Elijah** for making excellent progress in assessments ahead of his SATs in **Fisher Class**.

*We are very proud of you all!*

## **Mr Coffey's Reflection**

Another wonderful week here at St. Joseph's, with all manner of celebrations of Jesus' word and inspiration, kicked off with a sea of green as St. Joseph's celebrated the patron saint of Faith House, and of Ireland, St. Patrick! No sooner had the commemoration of one saint been completed, than another was being recognised – this time St. Oscar Romero, at St. George's Cathedral. St. Joseph's House Captains and Spiritual Life Committee members were proud to represent our school at an event with schools from as far away as Tunbridge Wells and Gravesend (also, admittedly, as close as our neighbours St. Michael's!) where all joined together to reflect on St. Oscar Romero's vision, impact and lasting legacy in the award which bears his name and which St. Joseph's proudly holds the first level of. Key Stage 1 joined Canon Alan in church for Mass Thursday, singing wonderfully and continuing to learn more about their part in Jesus' life in our world today. This morning, Elizabeth Class presented a little known element of the Gospel during Lent – congratulations to Mrs Moore and the entire class for their hard work! Finally, on Friday, Year 6 joined with our sister schools in SELCAT at the cathedral once more to reflect on the Passion Narrative, a sobering and thoughtful time to stand in solidarity as we remember the journey Jesus made to the cross as we look ahead to Holy Week. As always, my thanks to you for your part in helping make our St. Joseph's family such a warm, caring and supportive one – have a wonderful weekend, and I will see you next week in our final week of the Spring Term (!) as we focus on our Holy Week learning and events.

## **Elizabeth Class Assembly**

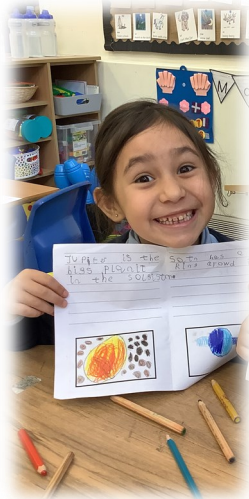
Elizabeth Class were excellent today, as they shared a lesser-known story from Mark's Gospel and told us of the parable of the woman who poured special oil on Jesus' head. They told us that although the bottle of oil was small, to the woman it was costly, and through sharing it with Jesus, she showed her heart was in the right place. Elizabeth Class told us we must not worry what others think of us, but focus on what God thinks of us, and we know that we always have Him to support us. Well done, Elizabeth Class!



## **Nursery and Reception News**

In Nursery, the children have had lots of fun planting vegetables this week. They have planted carrots, potatoes and onions so far.

The children in Reception have enjoyed being authors of their own non-fiction books about Space this week.



## **Year 1 + 2 News**

This week, the children in KS1 have been creating and performing acrostic and shape poems on the theme of 'fire.' They have performed the poems with actions and expression. Miss Warner would like to give a massive shoutout to Aliyah and Caleb in Jerome Class for performing their poem in front of the class with such confidence!

Miss Allen would like to give a special mention to Avidan in Jerome Class, who wrote some very thoughtful reflections on the Stations of the Cross, during RE. Miss Allen would also like to say, "Well done!" to Samuel in Jerome Class for excellent work when answering 'who' questions during Guided Reading.

Miss Crowther said, "The children really enjoyed going to mass yesterday and listening carefully to the readings."

### **Year 3 + 4 News**

This afternoon, Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed an afternoon of activities as a whole phase! They have taken part in; Art Hub, Italian, Just Dance and ended the session with D.E.A.R. Then we announced who received 'Proud Post' and announced our 'Stars of the Week.' It was a lovely end to a busy week!

Miss Allen would like to give a special mention to Amen and Sebastian D. for excellent story-writing in Joseph Class this week!

Miss Dixon would like to give a special mention to Precious in McAuley Class for trying really hard with her maths and listening really well to improve her learning.

### **Year 5 + 6 News**

Mr Coffey would like to say, "A big well done to all of the children who proudly represented St. Joseph's at two huge events at St. George's Cathedral this week. Particularly, to the actors who took part in St. Joseph's element of the Stations of the Cross, creating a frieze of the third station, when Jesus fell for the first time. Nathaniel, Toni, Lola, Joanna, Keduse, Maxwell and Max were unfazed by creating and performing this powerful moment in front of hundreds of their peers, while Taliyah's reflection was delivered with poise and professionalism."

Miss Allen would like to give a special mention to Isaac in Champion Class for singing beautifully during Key Stage Two Hymn Practice.

## **Dates for Your Diary—Spring Two**

- ⇒ **House Day (Big Lent Walk) – Monday 25th March 2024—Children to wear their House colours to school!**
- ⇒ **Holy Week in School—Monday 25th March–Thursday 28th March 2024**
- ⇒ **Finish for Easter Holidays—Thursday 28th March 2024 (School closes at 2:00pm—No After-School Club)**
- ⇒ ***Maundy Thursday—Thursday 28th March 2024***
- ⇒ ***Good Friday—Friday 29th March 2024***
- ⇒ ***Easter Sunday—Sunday 31st March 2024***
- ⇒ ***Easter Monday—Monday 1st April 2024***
- ⇒ **Return to School—Monday 15th April 2024**



**THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS**

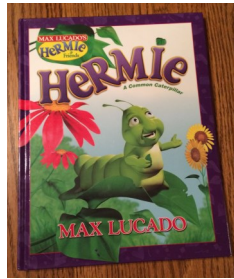


**“HOSANNA! BLESSINGS ON HIM WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST HEAVENS!**

*MARK 11: 1-10*

## **D. E. A. R**

Mrs Lawson would like to recommend, 'Hermie' by Max Lucado. She says, "Hermie the Caterpillar doesn't like being common. He doesn't think he's special compared to the ant or the snail or the ladybird. This extraordinary tale teaches children that God has made each of us unique, but most of all, He wants us to be just like Jesus. Peter Class loved listening to this story this week!"



## **Thought for the Week**

**WRONG**  
is **WRONG**,  
even if *everyone*  
is doing it.

**RIGHT**  
is **RIGHT**,  
even if *no one*  
is doing it.

## **Birthday Shoutouts**

*We would like to wish those who celebrated their birthday this week, are celebrating today or have a birthday this weekend, a very happy birthday!*

Brianna – Elizabeth Class

Joel – Jerome Class

Samuel – Jerome Class

Nneamaka – Champion Class

Rupert – Champion Class

Darasimi – Dempsey Class

Kacie – Dempsey Class

