



Message from the Head

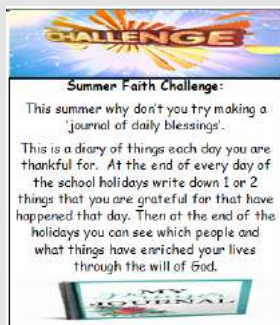
Welcome to the final special edition of the St. Joseph's Journal.

So here we are at the end of a very different school year, one which will populate the history books of the future no doubt. Well done to everyone that managed to take part in our activities week, there are some lovely examples sent in that you can see in this weeks stories below. Huge congratulations to Aidan house in winning our virtual sports day. Lots of participation and an incredibly close finish that was in doubt right up to the last minute. September will see everyone back in school at last, something we are planning hard to make a success of. We are all really looking forward to getting back to something closer to normality but with a twist - lots of information to read on the website about what school will be like in September. All that remains is for me to wish you all the best, have a great summer break, stay safe and see you soon.

Take care, *Mr Mitchell.*

Reflection

As we reach the summer holidays of what certainly has been a very strange academic year due to lockdown, we look forward to relaxing, spending time with ones we love, having fun with our friends and hopefully enjoying the beautiful summer weather.



For Jesus, rest was vitally important. In the Gospels he states 'follow me and I will give you rest'. In fact every time after he had performed big miracles or performed public healings in each town, he would retreat into the wilderness to spend some time alone, recharging spiritually and seeking peace with God. Jesus knew that with good rest when he did work he could perform great things because he was re-energised spiritually, physically and mentally.

So this week I pray to thank God for all your amazing efforts this academic year both in school and on the Google Classroom pages. Thank you for working so hard and conscientiously. But I also pray that you each get to enjoy a rest, some relaxation time and the opportunity to enjoy the wonders of God's creation. God bless you all and have a truly amazing summer.

#selfcare summer

Everyone will have their own unique experience of lockdown, but for many of us it's been really tough at times. We may have worried about ourselves and loved ones, we weren't able to see our friends, go to school or work. Our lives were disrupted.

Some of us may have liked some bits of the lockdown. It hasn't been a bad experience for everyone. Maybe you liked staying at home. Maybe you enjoyed spending more time with close family/carers. But it's fair to say that it hasn't been easy for everyone.

These were major and unexpected changes, and we all sometimes find change hard to cope with. This can add to our stress or make us feel unhappy.

So how should we manage stress or our feelings of worry about unexpected change? Over the last few month's we have looked at different ways to look after wellbeing. Just as we look after our physical health, it's important to look after our mental health, both are very closely connected.

Click on the link below to read this booklet for fun activities linked to self-care over the summer break. <https://www.annafreud.org/media/12101/final-selfcaresummer-secondary.pdf>

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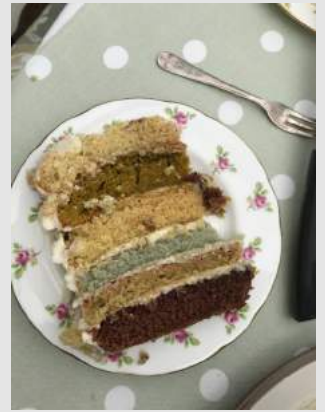
Enrichment week

Creative task

During Enrichment Week, students have been getting creative and letting their imaginations run wild in various creative projects including: art, music, dance and creative writing. One art project was to create a collage of a face in the style of Giuseppe Acrimboldo. There were many great creations. Here are some of the best.



Edible Rainbows



HILDA
YOUR VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY RESULTS.....

1ST HILDA STAFF!
2ND HILDA 4
3RD HILDA 3
4TH HILDA 1
5TH HILDA 2

Well done to everyone who took part!

Tea Bag Challenge



STEM DAY ENTRIES

PIC-COLLAGE

YOUR VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY RESULTS

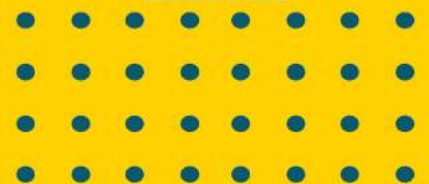


- 1st AIDAN 376 pts
- 2nd BEDE 367 pts
- 3rd DUNSTAN 364 pts
- 4th CUTHBERT 345 pts



Well done to everyone who took part!

Congratulations AIDAN HOUSE!!



#homestudyheroes

Well done to those of you who managed to complete all of your home learning. Lots of fantastic work has been handed in to your teachers - we are really proud of your commitment and effort over the last few months.

The next seven weeks are a time to relax and enjoy some time away from your studies, so you can come back refreshed and ready to learn in September.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you for the new term - school has not been the same without all of your happy smiling faces.

Take care everyone.

Mrs Ritchie 😊



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Staff goodbyes

A few staff members are leaving our school this year - we would like to thank them for all their hard work over their time in school.

Miss Stanley:

“As some of you may already know, I will not be returning to St Joseph’s after the Summer break. Those of you who I have taught may be aware of my love of different languages and cultures. I have always wanted to teach internationally, and when the opportunity arose to teach in Vietnam, it was one which I couldn’t pass up. I wanted to take some time to say goodbye to my wonderful students and colleagues. It has been a pleasure to teach at St Joseph’s for the last twelve years and I will take many fond memories with me. I have ‘grown up’ in a brilliant department and I wish them all the best for the upcoming academic year. Take Care.”

Miss Jackson:

‘Thank you so much for the past two years I spent at St Joseph’s. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you all and wish you all the best for the future. Particular thanks to the lovely Year 10s who have been in for the bubble days over the past few weeks and the fantastic effort that they have put in! I will be staying in touch with a number of teachers and I look forward to hearing about how you’re all getting on.’

Mr Higgins:

‘As some of you know, I am moving on to a new school next academic year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank pupils and staff at St Joseph’s for supporting (and challenging) me during my time in school. I wish you all the best for the future. Take care.’

We also say good bye to Mrs Elliott, Mr Preston and Mr Curling. We wish them all the best of luck in their new ventures.

Junior Maths Challenge

On the 1st July 2020, several Year 8 students chose to take part in the first ever Online Maths Challenge. This was an excellent opportunity for students to stretch their understanding of this subject and all students should be proud of themselves. Special mentions go to Ethan Holmes (Bronze Certificate), Katelyn Best (Silver Certificate) and Grace Arthur (Silver Certificate and Best in School). Certificates will be sent home as soon as they become available.

Year 12 Bubble

As part of their time in school, our Y12 bubble have been completing the UCAS forms in preparation for moving onto Further Education next year.

