

St. JOSEPH'S

Faith
Learning
Respect



JOURNAL

Friday 16th July
Last St. Joseph's
Journal of the Year

Message from the Head

Congratulations to our students, staff and parents for making it to the end of what has been a year like no other. I am truly proud and thankful for the efforts, determination and resilience of all involved. Next week, we take the next step towards the old way of life, but I urge all of us to do so with caution and be responsible in our decisions and behaviours. Enterprise activities begin on Wednesday including STEM sessions, sports activities, duck days and the final spiritual celebration—lots of fun to be had by all. We say happy retirement to Mr. Berry and Mr. McAllister. Some younger members of staff are leaving our school to continue to develop their careers elsewhere and we wish them luck in these next steps in their careers. Can I remind parents it is a 12.15 finish on Friday 22nd July. Pupils return in September as follows:

Monday 6 th September	Staff INSET
Tuesday 7 th September	Year 7 students only
Wednesday 8 th September	Year 7, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students only
Thursday 9 th September	Years 7, 8, 10,11, 12 and 13 (but not year 9)
Friday 10 th September	All students in school Years 7-13

Until then: take care, stay safe and have a lovely summer break. Mr Mitchell.

This edition is packed with:

- Farewells to some of our amazing staff in our St. Joseph's family,
- "Where are they now?" Alumni stories!,
- Reflections, Faith, Games and Quizzes,
- Fieldwork, trips, MP talks and much more, only inside your St. Joseph's Journal!



Quote for the Week:



"I have no doubt God exists. Everyday when you wake up, look around you and you will find him. You don't have to look further than that" - England footballer, Raheem Sterling

SAFEGUARDING:

Safeguarding Leads in school are: Mr Price Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Lewis -Dale Deputy Headteacher. Also your child's Head of House as first point of contact.

This Week in



20/07/1969 – The first manned lunar module touched down on the surface of the moon. Buzz Aldrin, Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins' famous achievement was a huge step forward for mankind and the impact of the space race is studied as part of GCSE History in the Cold War module.

03/08/1936 – Jesse Owens won the 100m at the Berlin Olympics – a poignant puncturing of the Nazi world view in the very centre of the Nazi project. Hitler was privately annoyed and Owens, who had become the first African American to receive sponsorship, could not travel to his own victory party in America with his teammates, but had to enter the hotel through the back entrance due to racist attitudes.

Welcome to our new regular feature: Deacon's Corner



NEW FEATURE:

Our school community is blessed to have the support of amazing parish clergy. People who dedicate their lives to providing us with spiritual guidance, pastoral care and help us all to journey further along our own spiritual paths. One of these amazing people is Deacon Kevin, based in the parishes of Jarrow who this week is launching our new regular feature 'Deacon's Corner' to update you with what is going on in the parishes, help us to reflect and give us exciting spiritual food for thought! Enjoy and thank you Kevin.

Recently There's been two things that we have not been able to ignore, COVID and FOOTBALL. I'm writing this at half time in the match and England have scored 1 - 0

The scenes of jubilation at this point are such a contrast to what we have experienced this last year, where we have been locked down, re opened, sent home and isolated.



As you finish school for the summer, no ones sure of how it's going to be, what the pandemic might throw at us?

Will it all be back to normal when you come back?

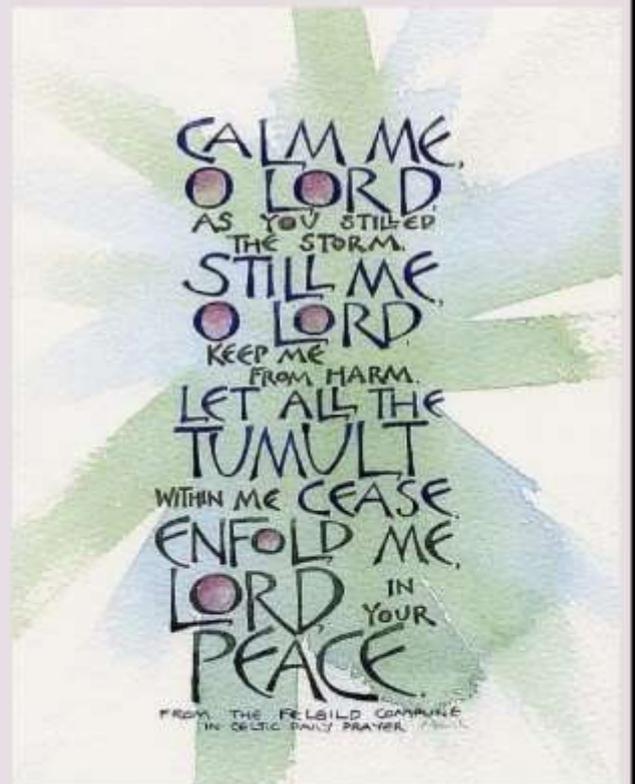
Like watching this match, its hold on to your nerves and hope the end is what we want it to be. That seems a very precarious way of living.

I have another way, a more sure way for you to get through all of this.

I've got something for you to hold onto, that will give your lives a sureness, a solid truth to keep you going, no matter what happens. It's very simple, know that YOUR LOVED TOTALLY and that love will get you through anything, whatever you face, however unsure the future is.

Just ask Jesus to always be with you and he and his love will wrap itself around your heart, to forgive you, hold you and keep you strong in him.

Have a safe and blessed Summer break ,
God bless, Kevin.





How time flies...



As we approach the end of this academic year it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to several member of our St. Joseph's family. Over the next few pages, some of our amazing staff reflect on what their time here at St. Joseph's means and explore what life holds for the next stage of their spiritual journeys.

First up, let us welcome the one and only Mr. Berry to this edition of the St. Joseph's Journal.

I can vividly remember my first days at St Joseph's. Once as an excited 11 year old joining a new school and once as a slightly nervous new teacher walking into a staff room full of teachers I had been taught by only a few years earlier. Now I am at the point where I am leaving after 35 years of teaching. It has been quite a journey. I have worked with some fantastic colleagues who have inspired me with their enthusiasm and dedication to the students in front of them. I have worked with some fantastic students who never fail to inspire me with their intelligence, innovation and willingness to work hard as well as making their time here as enjoyable as possible. I was even lucky enough to find my lovely wife at St Joseph's.

Looking back over the years I have been blessed to work in such a tremendous community of caring people. I think back to the teachers who encouraged me when I was a pupil: Mr Clementson and Mr McKeague who taught me A level English: Mr Fish (you can imagine the nicknames we had for him!) who was the inspiration for my lifelong love of rugby. Some of the students I have taught have gone on to great things; air traffic control at Heathrow, playing for Sunderland football team, deputy head of a secondary school in Newcastle. Those who leave will remember that St Joseph's is a community of caring, dedicated people who want the best for themselves and those they work with.



Staff at St Joseph's in 1988. That's me in the back row second from the right. Next To Mr Farrell

Of course it has not always been plain sailing. I have had my fair share of disappointments and challenges as every school does. I am convinced that we are heading in the right direction and that success as students and staff is rapidly approaching. This has been a very difficult time over the last 18 months or so but despite all of the restrictions and challenges we have worked together with the aim of achieving the best we possibly can be. I am, and always will be, proud to say, I belong to St Joseph's.

I will not be too far away. You might see me flash by on my beloved bike or wandering the coast at Seaburn. Please stop and say hello. I can't guarantee I will remember your name immediately (just ask Yr. 9 how hopeless I am with names) but I will always be pleased to hear from any member of St Joseph's.

The excited 11 year old who first walked in the gates of the long gone lower school is a distant memory but he has had a wonderful career. He is a lot bigger now, perhaps he will use some of his spare time to get rid of his spare tyres! His appearance has aged (gracefully!) but he still has that sense that this school is a fantastic place to learn and work in.

I won't be there in September but I will think of you all and wish you every success for the future.

Kevin E Berry (1974 - 1981 and 1986 - 2021)

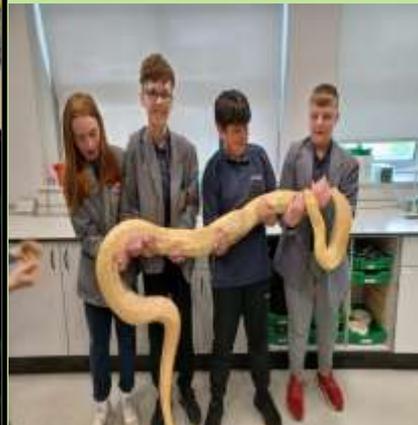


We also sadly lose our fabulous Biology teacher and resident Zoology Academy leader, Mr. Salkild.

I've only worked at St Joseph's for one year but it's been a real privilege to be part of such an amazing community.

The highlight has definitely been getting to know so many awesome students and staff.

I'd just like to say a massive well done to all the students at St Joseph's for their hard work and resilience through such a challenging year. One day maybe you will be telling your own children about your experiences during the covid pandemic and you should all be very proud of yourselves. I wish you all the best of luck for the future.





It is with great sadness that I will be calling time on my two years here at St Josephs at the end of this academic year. It has been a privilege to serve the school and whilst it is now time for a new chapter, I will always have fond memories of working here.

Looking back, the single defining factor since I joined St Josephs has of course been the pandemic. Yet despite its challenges, the way in which the whole school community has adapted as well as the resilience shown by our pupils and staff makes me proud to have been a teacher here. Such qualities leave me with a feeling of enduring positivity about the future of the school.

Thank you to everyone who has made my time here such a rewarding experience (and a special mention to the maths department!).

slán go fóill (bye for now). Mr.
Lockhart

I started teaching at St Joseph's in September 1999. I've always enjoyed my time here and have made many friends within the teaching staff over the last 22 years. 22 years of teaching equates to over 17,000 lessons that I've taught here. During those lessons I've danced on desks, fell in sinks, rode on bikes getting my trousers caught in chains, thrown tennis balls, had footies blasted at me, been soaked, fell out of go-karts when pulling skids, all sorts of daft stuff...I'm laughing now as I'm going over all the wonderful memories. Everything I've done has always been to inspire the young people in my charge to want to learn, while having as much enjoyment as we can together. If you don't enjoy teaching then you're not doing it right. It's been an absolute pleasure working at Josies and serving the community. Thanks for having me. I'm looking forward to continuing to serve the community in my new role as Head of Physics at Hebburn Comp. Anyone who's ever been taught by me will know how I'm going to sign off...Work hard and be nice.
Mr Obee





I have loved every moment of being at St Joseph's and working with such an amazing group of students and staff, both past and present! Although I won't be at St Joe's next year, I am not going far and will still be part of the trust so looking forward to hearing about everyone's successes! I have had so many fantastic moments at St Joseph's from attending Proms and seeing year 11s leave to welcoming year 7s on their first day and everything in between. However, the absolute highlight that stands out above all others has got to be the time that Miss Donnelly fell off her chair during morning registration with the current year 10 when they were in year 7!! - Mr. Clark

Mass: "its coming home"!

Whilst the Euros Cup might not have come home this week, Mass certainly did. At St. Joseph's we are blessed to have the amazing and steadfast support of our parish clergy who are always keen to offer our students the opportunity for collective worship. This week was the first post-COVID opportunity for a live Mass since the pandemic began. Masks donned, students reflected on the theme of "Courage in the Face of Challenges" and engaged brilliantly in their own Y7 class Masses to reflect upon their spiritual journey this past year. Thank you to Fr. Adrian as always for your time, prayers and spiritual support, it is massively appreciated. God bless.



School Council Food Tasting!

On Friday 9th July, the year 7 and year 8 school council met Mrs Curry to try some new menu options for next year. Put together by catering manager, Mr. Kevin Holmes, the pupils tried:

- Sweet and sour chicken
- Chinese chicken noodles
- Tandoori pulled chicken wrap
- Pulled beef in Yorkshire pudding (with an option of gravy or barbeque sauce)
 - Sweet chilli noodles

The pupils enjoyed having their say in what we can offer next year, with comments such as “the sauce has lots of flavor”, “it is delectable”, “divine and I would definitely pick it as a choice”. The pupils gave each item a score out of 10 and the Tandoori chicken wrap came in first place, closely followed by the Pulled beef in Yorkshire pudding with the gravy sauce.

Look out in September for new meals!



Year 8 went first—Mrs Curry has never known them so quiet!



After a clean of the tables and chairs, year 7 came next. Due to bubbles this year it was also the first time the majority of students had eaten in the refectory area! Another taste of what life will be like in September!

Alumni update: Where are they now?



Hi everyone. I'm Francesca and I was a pupil at St. Joseph's from 2010 to 2017. I studied French, Geography, History and Textiles at GCSE and then studied French, Geography and Philosophy and Ethics at A-Level. I loved my time at school and always look back on it with fond memories.

French was always my favourite subject at school, so I went on to study this at Newcastle University. I also studied Spanish and Italian from beginner's level. I moved to Paris for my year abroad in September 2019. Living in France's capital city was such an amazing experience and something I'd dreamed about doing since school.

Of course, I was nervous about going at first, but it was such a linguistically and culturally enriching experience that I would have missed out on had I not pushed myself out of my comfort zone. While I was there, I worked for the British Council as an English Language Assistant in three primary schools.

Unfortunately, my year abroad was cut short due to the pandemic and I have just completed my final year online. I will graduate this summer and plan to work for the British Council again next year, but this time in Andalusia in Spain. My advice to students is to always try your best at school. Even if you get the answer wrong, it doesn't matter and every time you make a mistake you learn something from it. Also, be nice to everyone because when you leave school the main thing you'll remember about your classmates is whether they were friendly or not!



Homegrown Hip-Hop was an idea that Chris himself came up with, pitched to the radio station's managers and developed through to a weekly special feature.

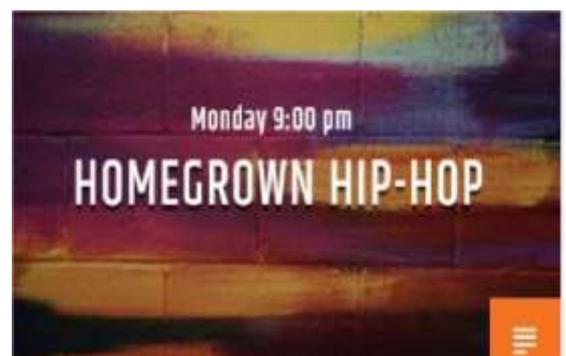
Chris has always dreamt of working in the Radio industry and has soaked up every opportunity to pursue his dream. He deserves every success.

We keep Chris in our prayers and are really proud of his fantastic achievements and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for him.

Many of you will remember the very inspirational Chris Cameron, who was a dedicated ambassador for St. Joseph's.

This year he has been working phenomenally hard on his University courses, achieving '1sts' in his modules for his Media, Television and Radio degree at Sunderland.

He has also been hosting his very own Homegrown Hip Hop show every Monday as a late-night drive-time show on Sunderland's SPARK FM.



God bless.



AWESOME ART



Every edition we feature some of the amazing work from our fantastic art department.

Below you can learn about where some of our incredibly talented art graduates have gone on to following their successful studies at St. Joseph's and you can also learn about the exciting projects they are currently involved with in their lessons. Thanks, as always, to the incredibly hardworking Team ART for inspiring our wonderful students.

The ART Department have been impressed with Year 10 artists this week.

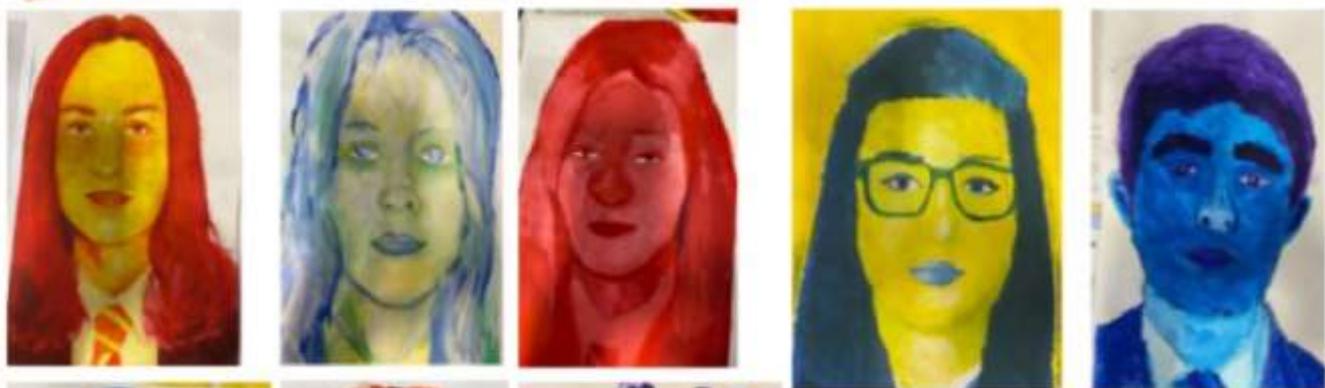


Week of the 5th July 2021



This week Mrs Crombie introduce her year 10's to acrylic paint. Focusing on blending harmonious colours to express emotion. Well done year 10 fantastic work on your 1st attempts. Some great examples of confidence control of the paint brush.

ART Week of the 12th July, Look at the progress!



Harmonious Colours



Harmonious colours sit beside each other on the colour wheel. These colours work well together and create an image which is pleasing to the eye. Harmonious colours may also be referred to as analogous colours. A harmonious colour scheme uses three to five colours that are beside each other on the colour wheel.



St. Joseph's Ethos page

Chaplain Adam's

'Thought for the Week'



Humor helps make "light" to life

I've always realized that when laughing about the silly things about ourselves or the silly things we do helps put things into perspective. Laughing about yourself can help you get through your day and make "light" about the silly side to our human nature. We can all be silly at times and should remind ourselves to not be too hard on ourselves when silly things happen to us.

Laugh about it and it will help you heal. Laugh and it will heal others. Laugh and it will help you refocus on what's more important. This is a good way to be.

We must remind ourselves that we are not perfect and it's expected to not be perfect. We will not get everything right all the time and it's expected to know that we will make a mistake at some point. Laugh about it when those moments happen. This laughter will help you tap into the "lighter" side to our situations and our lives. Give it a go.

Running with Jesus: Religious Top of the Pops to keep you praying whilst you exercise!

After the year of COVID-lockdowns I have recently taken to jogging to try and get back into better shape.

One thing I love about jogging is that it is actually a great time to pray. Not only is it good for your health and releasing endorphins, it is a great opportunity to clear your mind, enjoy the beauty of nature and God's creation and pray. Whenever I run, I love to blast my Christian tunes and you will often see me blasting the lyrics out to myself as I run. Here is a list of my top 5 Christian tunes to pop on your music playlist if you are doing any exercise this summer to infuse your exercise with prayer:

1st place: *Our God is Greater* by Shane & Shane

2nd place: *My Lighthouse* by the Rend Collective

3rd place: *The Blood Medley* by Anthem Lights

4th place: *No longer slaves* by Zach Williams

5th place: *Here I am Lord* by Chris Bray



Confirmation Launch night—10th October 2021!

Are you interested in being confirmed? Are you currently in years 8-13 and would like to take part in the amazing sacrament of confirmation? Are you from the catholic parishes of Jarrow? If so, please get in contact with either Mr. Young or Chaplain Adam for further details of the new confirmation programme that will be starting very soon.

There will be an information event for parents and young people held on Sunday 10th October 2021 at 6-7:30pm at St. Bede's RC Church in Jarrow and . If you would like more information please email YoungA@stjosephs.uk.net for further details!



Y12 Geography Fieldwork

Over two days in July the Year 12 geographers had a chance to practice their fieldwork and investigation techniques for their upcoming coursework. While our grand plans of visiting the Lake District were thwarted by rising Covid cases, we managed to safely adapt our plans to more local settings.

The weather did not cooperate with us on our first day in Newcastle but the team still managed to collect data on clone towns, microclimates and urban pollution - all the while smiling in the rain - as Alfred Wainwright once said “there is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing”!



Our second day had brilliant weather and students managed to practice their infiltration methods, environmental quality surveys



... and we also discovered some of our geographers lack a sense of direction!



Love life, love geography
Mr Simpson

Local MP visits St. Joseph's

On 1 July, the Law and Politics Department at St Joseph's was delighted to welcome our local MP, Kate Osborne, to school for a Q&A session with Year 12 students who study Law, Politics or History. Kate was elected Jarrow MP in 2019 and is excited to be visiting schools in her constituency now that COVID restrictions allow.

Kate began by explaining about her career and how she became an MP to those present, who were socially distanced and also comprised a number of students listening virtually, including students from St Wilfrid's who study Law and Politics at St Joseph's.



The Paxman-esque students were then invited to ask questions of Kate, who answered extremely candidly on topics such as local infrastructure, the recent by-election defeat in Hartlepool, the way Labour can move forward and regain power, Tony Blair, Sir Keir Starmer, the NHS, equality for women and LGBTQ+ people and Scottish independence. Mr. Mather, Head of Law and Politics, was extremely proud of the students who asked questions. They showed great maturity and knowledge of current affairs and were a credit to our school.

James Mole, a Politics student at St Joseph's, said "I enjoyed meeting Kate Osborne, she is a very interesting character and gave a good insight into her life as an MP. It's was interesting to actually get to talk to someone in that position, and see how what I learn about in A Level

Politics is applied in the actual world."

Emily Martin, a Politics student at St Joseph's, said "I thought it was super insightful to eventually hear politics from someone who is actually fully involved - rather than just through social media."

Mr. Mather, Mrs. Robson and all the students would once again like to express our huge gratitude to Kate for giving up her time for this session and, especially, for remaining beyond the scheduled time to continue the discussion with our students. It was an extremely valuable experience for all and we look forward to taking Kate up on her offer of working with her again in the future, hopefully at Westminster!



Student shout out!



Students get creative in English!

8Y3 were set a homework task to design a mask for a ball, in relation to their studies of *Romeo and Juliet*.

Tristan McDowell went above and beyond expectations by actually making this fabulous mask, using a 3D printer and finishing it off by hand.



Year 12 students receive a 'Distinction' in their: 'Laudato Si' Diploma of Ethics and Religion

In Core RE this year, all sixth form students in year 12 took part in the 'Laudato Si' Diploma of Ethics and Religion. The award required students to complete three modules looking at Ethical Business, Social Action and Digital Ethics. Students were given projects to plan, organise, deliver and present to the whole year group each module which required them to think ethically, make a significant impact on their community and reflect upon our

vocations in our communities. Joseph, Demi, Poppy and Grace were the first to receive the coveted 'Distinction' level in their year group.



Joseph, Demi, Poppy and Grace took part in three very original and exciting projects. In module 1, they set up their own ethical data company creating an outstanding presentation to their peers. In module 2 they organised a school-wide non-uniform day for Alzheimer's research, raising a whopping £422.43 for this amazing charity. In module 3 they created a modern day parable using Minecraft as part of their Digital Ethics unit. Well done and congratulations to all our Year 12 students who have massively earned these diplomas. God bless.



Student shout out!



Last week both Eleanor and Adele Fraser performed at the 'Intensive Learning Virtual Tours' nationwide festival called 'Riptide'.

The girls led a fantastic and passionate performance and had an amazing time taking part!

Well done girls—Miss. Chia.



Summer reading challenge

If you fancy a challenge this summer, why not try and read as many of the following books from the list below which are readily available in your libraries.

KS3 recommendations

KS4 recommendations

KS5 recommendations

<p><i>Where the World Turns Wild</i>, Nicola Penfold</p> <p><i>Malamander</i>, Thomas Taylor</p> <p><i>Clean Getaway</i>, Nic Stone</p> <p><i>Beverly, Right Here</i>, Kate DiCamillo</p> <p><i>Can You See Me?</i>, Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott</p> <p><i>Loser</i>, Jerry Spinelli</p> <p><i>We Were Liars</i>, E.Lockhart</p> <p><i>Rat</i>, Patrice Lawrence</p> <p><i>The Book Thief</i>, Markus Zusak</p> <p><i>Boys Don't Cry</i>, Malorie Blackman</p>	<p>Terry Pratchett Discworld novels;</p> <p><i>Flowers for Algernon</i> by Daniel Keyes;</p> <p><i>Great Expectations</i> by Charles Dickens;</p> <p><i>Emma</i> by Jane Austen</p> <p><i>The Amnesia Clinic</i> by James Scadamore</p> <p><i>Brave New World</i> by Aldous Huxley</p>	<p><i>Enduring Love</i> Ian McEwan;</p> <p><i>The Kite Runner</i> or <i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i> - Khaled Hosseini;</p> <p><i>Catch 22</i> by Joseph Heller;</p> <p><i>The Color Purple</i> by Alice Walker;</p> <p><i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> by Maya Angelou;</p> <p><i>Birdsong</i> by Sebastian Faulks</p> <p>anything by Helen Dunmore</p> <p><i>Vox</i> by Christina Dolcher</p>
---	--	--

Sonnet 118

William Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date;
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;
Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.



Riddles to entertain

Last week's answers are: 1. salt, 2. a lighthouse, 3. stairs, 4. childhood, 5. Panther, antelope, llama

This week's riddles to tease your brain:

1. I am always hungry and will die if not fed, but whatever I touch will soon turn red. What am I?
2. I go around all the places, cities, towns, and villages, but never come inside. What am I?
3. I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body but come alive with wind. What am I?
4. I am the only place in the world where today comes before yesterday. What am I?
5. People have stepped on me, but not many. I never stay full for long. I have a dark side. What am I?

Puzzle Corner

Each week you will find a new Numeracy puzzle.
The solutions will be provided in the next newsletter.

Pairing Up

The numbers 72,8,24,10,5,45,36,15

are grouped in pairs so that each pair has the same product.

Which number is paired with 10?

Last week's answer

Stamp Collecting

12 stamps



Jesus Walked on Water Spot the Differences

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 12 things that are different.



Spotlight: Extra-curricular activities



The sky is the limit for one
St. Joseph's student in year 8!



Here at St. Joseph's we are passionate about students not only developing spiritually and academically, but also taking part in a diverse range of exciting extra-curricular opportunities on offer to them. This week's extra-curricular spotlight is on James in Year 8 who dreams of becoming an RAF red arrows pilot and has begun Flight Simulator lessons.



After going on his first plane aged 7, James in year 8 has always had the aviation bug and he has finally begun being able to live out his dream by starting Flight Simulator lessons. So far James has had five hours of flight training with fully qualified commercial pilots at Icarus Training, Eden Flight Training and the Flight Sim centre in Newcastle, flying everything from Cesna Simulators, F-15 fighter simulators and this month a fully functioning B737-800 simulator.

James was given command of the B737 at the Flight Sim Centre in Brunswick, Newcastle, flying through the Austrian Alps before descending in for a steep and tense approach into one of the most challenging runways in the world, namely the terrifying landing that is Innsbruck airport.

James has been learning the fine art of navigation, ILS approaches, how to prepare for emergency situations such as bird strikes, engine failures and loss of pressure in the cockpit and is excited for his next lesson.

When James turns 14 he will begin his studying for his Private Pilots Licence (PPL). James' dream is to join the RAF and train towards becoming a Red Arrows pilot and maybe even an Astronaut like his all-time hero Colonel Chris Hadfield.

Good luck James and hopefully we will see you flying over St. Joseph's in a jet one day soon!





Sporting Super-Stars!



The Year 7 House Basketball competition was completed on Thursday 8th July . All 4 houses participated with Cuthbert the eventual winners.

The winning teams consisted of Liam McManus, Oliver Scott, Perry Boston and MVP on the evening Lewis Burgoyne. Well done to all those that came forward to take part.

