

St. Edward's NEWSLETTER

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Our School Gospel Values underpin our everyday life at St. Edward's and shape how we share and love each other. To make these more visual, we have introduced 8 new bookmarks for our children and staff to be awarded once they have displayed that particular Gospel Value. We are sure that our children will want to collect all 8 bookmarks at some stage. Posters have been placed around the school to help remind us of our values. You will see some in the Main Office reception.



Safer
Internet
Day

INTERNET SAFETY DAY

We will be celebrating internet day tomorrow and the focus will be on 'respect and relationships online.' Full story will follow in our next newsletter!

"FOLLOWING CHRIST WE REACH OUR GOALS"

St Edward's celebrated the Chinese New Year learning about Chinese traditions. Our pupils have been busy with different activities such as making chinese lanterns, tigers and lucky cats that are normally displayed during the Chinese New year celebrations. Our caterer Olive Dining also prepared a range of Chinese food for our children on the day.



"FOLLOWING CHRIST WE REACH OUR GOALS" -



St Edward's joined the mega fundraising Number day on Friday 4th of February to raise money for the NSPCC.

Not only were we raising money but we wanted to show the children how maths can be fun and creative.

Maths isn't just about calculations and getting answers right, it's about working things out, experimenting, using learnt skills and knowledge and just enjoying it. The children came to school dressed as something to do with numbers or maths. There were some very imaginative and creative outfits. The school engaged with different Maths themed activities such as:

Our Nursery children made characters out of numbers. The Reception looked at maths in nature.

Year 1 focused on shape making shapes from nets as well as cone penguins. Year 2 designed and made paper aeroplanes which they then measured the distance they flew. Year 3 looked at time challenges, predicting and measuring how long tasks took them to do. Year 4 focused on times tables by playing games and using times table sheets and TTRS. Year 5 looked at inputting data onto spreadsheets and also played a variety of maths games. Year 6 were challenged by Fibonacci sequencing.

A big thank you to all our parents for once again supporting the school. We collected a total of £119 so far.

If you haven't donated and would like to do so, we will keep the payment item in ParentPay until the end of this month to give people more time to donate to this very worthwhile cause.

Mrs Mehmet - Maths Subject Lead.



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ART WEEK

What an amazing Art Week it has been for the children at St Edward's!

The theme for the entire school was printing. Taking photos of the children focused and on task was a privilege. The concentration and enthusiasm were palpable. The children had the opportunity to research, engage and learn about particular artists and styles from different parts of the world.

These photos are from the beginning of the week.

The next newsletter will reveal photos of their final pieces of work.

Ms N Duncan - Art Lead



The children who attended our Paid Afterschool Club had the chance to experience online activities led by It's Your Mojo.

IT'S YOUR MOJO is an EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PROVIDER who are focussed on children's holistic wellbeing and creative thinking, helping children to thrive in life. For next week, half term week, activities are free all week. To register visit their website at <https://www.itsyourmojo.com/>



National
Storytelling
Week

As part of National Storytelling Week, we were very privileged on Wednesday 2nd February to have had a live storytelling session from the renowned theatre company Iroko. This storyteller kept the children entertained with a very lively, engaging story from West Africa. Alex from Iroko played his drum and encouraged the children to take part. It was an amazing experience for the children and was thoroughly enjoyed throughout the school. A big thank you to Alex from Iroko and we will look forward to more of this storytelling in the future.

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Feast Days for 2 of our house saints!

St Edward's celebrated our House Saint's Feast days on 31st January and 8th February. Our children looked in to the story of our saints. A dedication mass was held on both days and was led by Fr Angelus.

Feastday: January 31

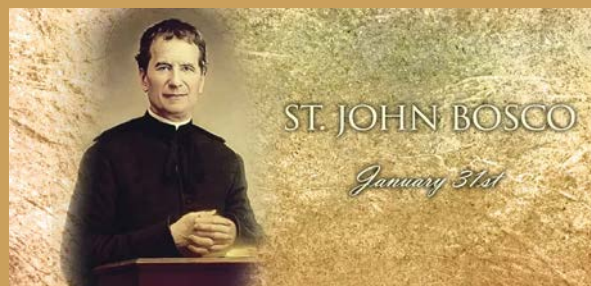
Patron: of apprentices, editors and publishers, schoolchildren, magicians, and juvenile delinquents

Birth: August 16, 1815

Death: January 31, 1888

Beatified: June 2, 1929 by Pope Pius XI

Canonised: April 1, 1934 by Pope Pius XI



John Bosco, also known as Giovanni Melchiorre Bosco and Don Bosco, was born in Becchi, Italy, on August 16, 1815. His birth came just after the end of the Napoleonic Wars which ravaged the area. Compounding the problems on his birthday, there was also a drought and a famine at the time of his birth.

At the age of two, John lost his father, leaving him and his two older brothers to be raised by his mother, Margherita. His "Mama Margherita Occhiena" would herself be declared venerable by the Church in 2006.

Raised primarily by his mother, John attended church and became very devout. When he was not in church, he helped his family grow food and raise sheep. They were very poor, but despite their poverty his mother also found enough to share with the homeless who sometimes came to the door seeking food, shelter or clothing.

When John was nine years old, he had the first of several vivid dreams that would influence his life. In his dream, he encountered a multitude of boys who swore as they played. Among these boys, he encountered a great, majestic man and woman. The man told him that in meekness and charity, he would "conquer these your friends." Then a lady, also majestic said, "Be strong, humble and robust. When the time comes, you will understand everything." This dream influenced John the rest of his life.

In 1859, Fr. Bosco established the Society of St. Francis de Sales. He organized 15 seminarians and one teenage boy into the group. Their purpose was to carry on his charitable work, helping boys with their faith formation and to stay out of trouble. The organization still exists today and continues to help people, especially children around the world.

In the years that followed, Fr. Bosco expanded his mission, which had, and still has, much work to do.

Fr. Bosco died on January 31, 1888. The call for his canonization was immediate. Pope Pius XI knew Fr. Bosco personally and agreed, declaring him blessed in 1929. St. John Bosco was canonized on Easter Sunday, 1934 and he was given the title, "Father and Teacher of Youth."

In 2002, Pope John Paul II was petitioned to declare St. John Bosco the Patron of Stage Magicians. St. Bosco had pioneered the art of what is today called "Gospel Magic," using magic and other feats to attract attention and engage the youth.

Saint John Bosco is the patron saint of apprentices, editors and publishers, schoolchildren, magicians, and juvenile delinquents. His feast day is on January 31.



**ST. JOSEPHINE
BAKHITA**

February 8th

Feastday: February 8

Patron: of Sudan

Birth: 1869

Death: February 8, 1947

Beatified: May 17, 1992 by Pope John Paul II

Canonized: October 1, 2000 by Pope John Paul II

Saint Josephine Margaret Bakhita was born around 1869 in the village of Olgossa in the Darfur region of Sudan. She was a member of the Daju people and her uncle was a tribal chief. Due to her family lineage, she grew up happy and relatively prosperous, saying that as a child, she did not know suffering.

Historians believe that sometime in February 1877, Josephine was kidnapped by Arab slave traders. Although she was just a child, she was forced to walk barefoot over 600 miles to a slave market in El Obeid. She was bought and sold at least twice during the grueling journey.

She was baptised on January 9, 1890 and took the name Josephine Margaret and Fortunata. (Fortunata is the Latin translation for her Arabic name, Bakhita). She also received the sacraments of her first holy communion and confirmation on the same day. These three sacraments are the sacraments of initiation into the Church and were always given together in the early Church. The Archbishop who gave her the sacraments was none other than Giuseppe Sarto, the Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, who would later become Pope Pius X.

Josephine became a novice with the Canossian Daughters of Charity religious order on December 7, 1893, and took her final vows on December 8, 1896. She was eventually assigned to a convent in Schio, Vicenza.

For the next 42 years of her life, she worked as a cook and a doorkeeper at the convent. She also traveled and visited other convents telling her story to other sisters and preparing them for work in Africa.

She was known for her gentle voice and smile. She was gentle and charismatic, and was often referred to lovingly as the "little brown sister" or honorably as the "black mother."

In her later years, she began to suffer physical pain and was forced to use a wheelchair. But she always remained cheerful. If anyone asked her how she was, she would reply, "As the master desires."

On the evening of February 8, 1947, Josephine spoke her last words, "Our Lady, Our Lady!" She then died. Her body lay on display for three days afterwards.

In 1958, the process of canonization began for Josephine under Pope John XXIII. On December 1st, 1978, Pope John Paul II declared her venerable. Sadly, the news of her beatification in 1992 was censored in Sudan. But just nine months later, Pope John Paul II visited Sudan and honored her publicly. He canonized her on October 1, 2000.

Saint Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of Sudan and her feast day is celebrated on February 8.

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LOCAL HEROES

Year 2 walked down to the Bobby Moore statue on the Barking Road as part of our history topic 'Local Heroes'. Children discovered why this was placed here and what significance it has for our area. They found out that the people in the statue were Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst, Martin Peters who all played for West Ham and were part of the England team that won the world cup in 1966. Mr Underwood's hero when he was a child was Bobby Moore. Plus our school records show that Bobby Moore visited our school with the world cup in 1966 to meet all the children.

Ray Wilson is also in the picture. The children were excited to discover this news, they also found out that our school used to be on Castle Street before it was relocated to the current site.

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LATE UPLOAD CHRISTMAS EVENTS

What a term it has been! We can't believe we are approaching our February Half term already. Our pupils and staff have been working so hard and we are so pleased to see everyone giving it their all as we continually go on from strength to strength. Christmas seems so far away now but we would like to take a moment to look back at all the wonderful events that took place in December. It is always a very busy month for us as we prepare for our annual Christmas carols and Nativity. The joy it brings us as we retell the story of Jesus' birth in true St Teddy's style. The Staff and Children always go above and beyond to bring you a spectacular performance even during this difficult time they were determined to give you a show you will always remember. We would like to thank Mrs Mc Mahon for directing and putting it all together. We hope you thoroughly enjoyed watching our Christmas performances and carolling.

In addition, The officials at the North Pole even gifted us our very own Surprise Santa who had a meet and greet session with the children. As Santa's elves were very busy preparing for Christmas Eve. He recruited The Friends of St Teddy's to help out in arranging the gifts for our children.

And it wouldn't be Christmas without our good old Christmas dinner by our lovely cook Ms Gill.

The children truly felt the Christmas spirit thrive throughout the school in the follow up to Christmas.

A big thank you to our PTA for all their support. We look forward to what this year will bring despite this challenging time, we believe together we will be able to make it a memorable year for our children.

Message from,
Mrs G Costales, Chair (Friends of St. Teddy's)



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NOTICE TO PARENTS

Important Dates!

Spring Half Term	14th to 18th February 2022
Easter Break	11th to 22nd April 2022 finish @1.15 PM
Bank Holiday - Labour Day	2nd May 2022
Summer Half Term	30th May to 3rd June 2022
Staff Training	School Closed for staff training
Queen's jubilee Celebration	13th June 2022
End of Academic Year	15th July 2022 finish @ 1.15 PM

Lost Property

It is the pupil's responsibility to look after their property in school.

Please remind your child/ren to ensure that they always take care of their belongings in school. If they have misplaced their items, we have a lost property area at the back of the school where children can go to. Could we also request that parents check their uniform at home to see if your child has accidentally brought someone else's uniform home?

Please liaise with your child's teacher if needed.

Thank you

School Uniform

We are noticing a high number of pupils who are not adhering to the correct school uniform/shoes. Please refer to our website ([click here](#)) for the list of uniform items that your child needs to wear in school. Your child will be given a Lunchtime exclusion if we notice that he/she is not in the correct school uniform. If you have any issues regarding obtaining a uniform please contact the school office.

Thank you.

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THE Wednesday WORD



SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

God's love is without limits. In this Sunday's Gospel, we are reminded that God's chosen people were not chosen just to enjoy God's love for themselves. They were called to be the starting point from which God's love would spread to all people. But when Jesus told people about God's love, he did not always receive a warm welcome.

God loves each one of us equally and unconditionally. His love for us is unlimited and God is forever searching

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out people to whom he can show his love. If we are willing to turn to God, to accept and experience his love, the happier we become.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's words, which are **GOD'S LOVE.**

Dom Henry Wansbrough



To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word: wednesdayword.org - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 30th January 2022



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Adapted from Luke 4:21-30
The 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in Church - all are warmly invited.

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CONNECTING HOME, SCHOOL AND PARISH THROUGH SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

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GOSPEL - LUKE 6:17, 20-26



17 Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.

20 And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

21 Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.

22 Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

23 Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

24 But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

25 Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep.

26 Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

Prayer for our children

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for your loving kindness toward us.
We pray our children would clothe themselves with
compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness and patience this year.
May they stand up against the bullies,
speaking life to each other at all times.
Guide us as their parents to encourage
kindness and patience in their hearts.
As we plant these seeds Lord make them grow!

Amen

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