



Saint Joseph's

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Dear parent/carer,

What a beautiful week – the sun is shining; the birdsong is chirping, and spring is definitely in the air!

It's also been an incredibly busy week at school with St Joseph's Day celebrations, a Year 10 trip to the theatre, Year 11 photos being taken, a celebration evening for the Wessex Archaeology project, Year 8 parents' evening, a bake sale, football house competition and all the normal lessons and clubs on top!

Sports for Champions

On Tuesday 5th April, we will have a visit from Commonwealth Games athlete Robert Mitchell representing Sports for Champions. He will be leading our pupils in lots of activities and our aim is to raise a minimum of £520 which will go towards Sports for Champions UK and anything above this amount will be split 60/40, with 60% coming back to the school sports department.

The morning visit will last from 9am – 12.30pm with each year group going through in 40 minutes intervals. Pupils will be attending school in PE kit that day and, as part of the fundraising, we're asking for a £1 for the privilege of not having to get changed from uniform into PE kit and back again! Donations can be made via the school gateway app and we'll also be collecting on the day.

House Comps

The return of House Competitions has been a joy to behold; the celebrations, the commiserations, and the pride that the pupils are showing for their houses is absolutely fantastic! Today was a brilliantly contested football competition – lots of talent on display and we're certainly looking forward to getting fixtures back up and running against other schools!

Next week sees the return of the Year 11 Dance-Off – a St Joseph's tradition and one where pupils and staff alike certainly don't take themselves too seriously!

Poem & Ukraine efforts

Today we had our bake sale as part of our fundraising efforts for the people of Ukraine. Thank you to all of you who donated a cake / baked goods – without your generosity these initiatives would not raise the desperately needed funds!



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The money we raise will go to Caritas Internationalis through CAFOD to support those in need in Ukraine. To find out more click here: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

I'd also like to share a poem written by a very talented Year 7 pupil, Beatrix James in 7T:

War Child

Dawn breaks
War child wakes
Blankets warm from morning breeze
Children laughing climbing trees
Bowls clinking
Sun twinkling
The sky beautiful blue
But knowing this is too good to be true
BANG, BANG!
Now it's time to flee
Her life's not as simple, not as free
She sits up
And heaves her aching head
To find what was her life is now a death bed

Achievement Points Race

- 1st place: Margaret with 37,796 points
- 2nd place: Vincent with 35,490 points
- 3rd place: Teresa with 34,734 points
- 4th place: Francis with 30,517 points

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Rooney