

A visit from Mr Fluffy

Last week, Year 5 had a special visitor from Professor Fluffy!

Professor Fluffy's Primary Roadshow is an exciting, classroom-based project that delivers sessions to pupils by current students and recent graduates.

The Professor Fluffy Roadshow aims to raise awareness and aspirations of university. The children got an insight into what being a student is like, what courses they can study, where they can go to university and what happens at graduation.



The children were fascinated by the concept of university and had plenty of questions to ask!

The session included resources for the children to complete including a Professor Fluffy comic

activity which helped them to understand new vocabulary such as 'seminar', 'lecture' and 'halls'.

There was also a Graduation ceremony where each child received a certificate and two lucky students were able to wear a graduation cap and gown.



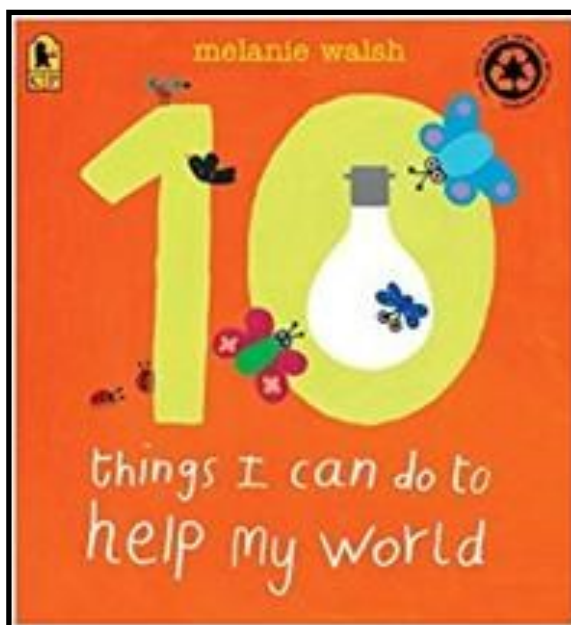
Children were also gifted some Professor Fluffy merchandise to take home and remind them they can aim higher!

If the children continue to show an interest towards higher education, please visit: <http://www.professorfluffy.co.uk/> or download the official app.

10 things I can do to help my world

We have had a great week of learning in Miss Turner's class.

In Literacy this week we have been reading 10 things I can do to help my world. The children are in the process of writing their own set of instructions on how they can look after the world. The children created lovely storyboards to retell the instructions and are in the course of using role play/actions to memorise their instructions. Year 1 has been learning about bossy verbs and we have had great fun being bossy in our English lessons!



In mathematics we have started a new topic on addition and subtraction. The class have been enjoying using number lines to calculate their number sentences. Every Thursday morning year 1 are really fortunate to welcome Mr Barnes to St Joseph's to take part in an Active Mathematics lesson. Mr Barnes incorporates P.E. alongside their current mathematics topic and we have a lot of fun playing practical games and exercises in the hall. The children are having a great time and are really inspired by him.

Survival Skills and Outdoor Fun

Year 4/5 have been very privileged to have been visited by a real-life survival and outdoors expert called Paul on several occasions over the past two months!

Paul spends lots of his free time, walking, climbing and exploring and has even spent time surviving outdoors overnight. As part of his visit, Paul taught us a wide range of things, which would help us survive outdoors with very limited equipment.

During the first session, Paul taught us how to light our own fires using flint sticks and cotton wool balls. Some of us were able to get a fire started in seconds; others would still be trying now if Mr McCann had allowed it! Afterwards, we gathered around a fire pit and toasted marshmallows, which tasted delicious!

The following week, Paul showed us the

importance of being able to tie a variety of knots. Knots can be used to secure shelters or even a person climbing or abseiling down a steep rock face. We learnt how to tie reef knots, figure-eight knots and various hitches. We then had to put our knot tying to the test in the barn!

Recently, Paul taught us how to make a shelter on the school field. We used plastic sheeting and tent pegs, secured using ropes and knots we have learnt the previous week. We then had to get under our shelter to test it against the wind and rain.

We have also developed our understanding of the weather, how to read and predict changes in weather, as well as basic map reading skills. Paul's visits have all been fantastic and have given many of us many new experiences and opportunities to try something different.



School Attendance

Attendance is good at present, well done to all who have still got 100%!

It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at **95% or above**.

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 94%

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 95%

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel or receive a home visit from our Education Social Worker, Steve Clayton.

Attendance Panels are taking place on

CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1/2 (am): Mrs Walker	92%	91%
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	94%	87%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	87%	95%
Year 1/2 : Miss Davies	93%	97%
Year 2: Miss Last	94%	98%
Year 3: Miss Lewtas	94%	97%
Year 4 Miss Finnigan	90%	93%
Year 4/5 Mr McCann	93%	94%
Year 5: Mr Clare	95%	94%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	93%	94%
Year 6: Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	91%	96%

Parish of St Joseph and St Alban



Messy Church is a fun family afternoon with drawing, painting, cookery, arts, crafts and lots more

Please join us in
St Albans Parish Centre

on

Sunday 18th March

from 3pm - 4.30pm

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult

**PTA
EASTER
BINGO**



**THURSDAY
22nd March
in the school hall
Doors open
6pm
Eyes Down
6.30pm**



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

"Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be"

Headteacher Mrs K Vernon

School Office 16th March 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Ofsted Monitoring Inspection

As you will be aware school received a Section 8 Monitoring Inspection on Tuesday 6th March. The focus of the inspection visit was to look at the progress school is making with respect to the key areas for improvement - Mathematics and Attendance – which were identified in the last Ofsted Inspection in September 2017.

Whilst at this moment in time we are not able to report the outcome of the inspection we are able to confirm that we received very positive feedback and the inspector praised the behaviour of the children saying just how much he had enjoyed the time he had spent in school. We look forward to sending you a copy of the report which we can expect to receive within 14 days of the inspection visit.

St Joseph's Feast Day

Monday is a very special day as it is the feast day of St Joseph and all the children will be going to church to celebrate mass together at 9.30. There are two feast days for St Joseph in the Church's year – The feast of "St



Golden Assembly 16th March 2018	
Mrs Walker	Isla Naylor
Miss Howard	Cameron Woods
Miss J Turner	Ethan Kendal
Mrs Hollis	Macauley Wheeler-Woodward
Miss Last	Lola Keeley & Miya Boyd
Mrs Lewtas	Dylan Howard
Miss Finnigan	Anthony McNamara-Wylde
Mr McCann	Thomas Morgan
Mr Clare	Callam Brennan
Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	Robbie Keelan
Mrs Morgan	Louis Lynchy

Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary" on March 19th and the feast day of "St Joseph the Worker" on 1st May. It is always a tradition that we ask the children to bring in a flower or flowers to place around the statue of St Joseph at Mass. If you are able to send flowers in on Monday morning we would be really grateful. We would love you to join us at Mass.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended on Parent's Evening. We hope you found the meeting informative and helpful in supporting your child. We apologise for any inconvenience that was caused in having to postpone meetings for Year 2 parents due to Miss Last being unwell. We will contact you in due course to arrange a new date.

Footwear

Please could I ask parents to ensure children wear the correct footwear at all times in school in line with our school Uniform and Behaviour Policy. Permitted footwear is sensible black shoes for boys and girls. Trainers, boots, pumps or sandals are not permitted. If there are special circumstances, such as health reasons, why your child may temporarily need to wear alternative footwear then please discuss directly with me. Behaviour sanctions will apply to pupils not wearing the correct uniform. (Our Behaviour and Uniform Policy can be found on our school website). Many thanks for your cooperation.



Holy Week Assemblies

We look forward to inviting you to our Holy Week assemblies which will be led each day of Holy Week by KS2 classes. Please see below for further details:

Week beginning 26th March. Assemblies will start at 9.30:

Year 4/5 Mc Palm Sunday Assembly
Year 5C Maundy Thursday Assembly
Year 3L Good Friday Assembly
Year 4F Easter Sunday Assembly

We would love you to come and join us to celebrate the wonderful season of Easter.

Every blessing
Mrs Vernon