

Our Lady & St Joseph Primary

Friday 7th January 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It's been wonderful to have all the children back in school and we have had a very positive and productive start to the term.

Events this week:

- Wednesday: Big Schools Bird Watch begins and Ms. Woodhouse will be setting a whole school project on this.
- Thursday: Pupils made crowns to celebrate the Epiphany Mass and we all joined the live stream and learnt that the gospel doesn't actually mention the number of Maji. If you already knew that, or like a bit of trivia, you may want to give this quiz a go: <https://www.funtrivia.com/trivia-quiz/Religion/The-Feast-of-the-Epiphany-249546.html>
- Fr. Derek and Bruno visited to bless the school and classrooms. Thank you to Fr. Derek for this lovely idea.

Events next week:

- Monday: Dental outreach for selected pupils. Curriculum newsletters to go out.

Young voices of OLSJ:

"Tired being back but happy to be here to see my friends. I like coming back to a new start and new beginning and to focus on learning. A frosty start to the new term. Some children are excited about the sewing club. A skill for life. We are wearing crowns to celebrate the Epiphany when the three Kings came. In Poland they leave a candle and Christmas tree lights on all day. My mum used to get a present a day for the twelve days of Christmas. I'm not enjoying the weather!"

"We watched a live stream mass about the Epiphany. Fr Derek blessed the school with chalk. 20+C+M+B+22. This means Christ bless this house in Latin. He then came around all the classes with his dog Bruno. Bruno tried to eat my scarf as he is still a baby."

In other news:

Congratulations to Theresa Garnett, whose granddaughter Sophie was born on December 29th. Here's a snap of her with her doting older brother.

A few parents were asking what I might do with the new office: here are two additions, one particularly useful one from my Secret Santa:



Finally, thank you to the Y3 pupil who asked if I would still be teaching. Of course, best part of the job and no one better than a pupil to carry out your first performance management in a new role. Have a lovely weekend. Aoife O'Grady