



April/May 2023



Good Luck Message for Fr Devlin

As I am sure you are all aware, Father Devlin is recuperating in Hospital after falling ill on the day of First Communion. As you can imagine, this came as a shock to us all. I knew he wasn't feeling well prior to the ceremony but was insistent that he would be the main celebrant for the mass.

I have often said it in the past. Only some of us are aware of the amount of work Fr D dedicates to this school. Not just a support to me but he cares for every single child, employee and parent. Our jobs are made easier by the fact that he is there. When preparing for the sacramental ceremonies, Fr Devlin arranges it all, makes the booklets, leads the rehearsals. On top of this he is the Parish Priest of a hugely busy parish. He also chairs the Board of Governors of St Clare's PS and St Paul's PS.

All the Parishioners know his love and belief in the power of prayer and he will be comforted in his recovery to know that so many of us are praying and thinking of him at this time. Arrangements will be sent to our P7 parents regarding the end of year Leaver's Mass in due course. For now, we just want Fr D to get better and do what he never really does, REST!!

Mr O'D

School Visit from the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI)

On the 15th May, members of the ETI visited the school. Due to industrial action across all schools, lessons were not observed so determinations could not be given. However, our Safeguarding was explored and part of this was a discussion by the Inspection Team with a selection of our P6 and P7 pupils who reported to them how happy and safe they felt in St Clare's and they knew who exactly to go to if they have any concerns. This was reported back to the Principal and the Board of Governors.

Education Cuts and Implications

Here in the Newsletter, we try to make this a publication which celebrates the achievements happening within the school. However, it is important to highlight the devastating cuts to the education budget and what that means for our parents.

Among the funding streams that have been lost includes Extended Schools which helped pay for Breakfast Club, 123 Club, after school activities such as sports and arts and of course the summer schemes. While the school has always supplemented the costs of these, the withdrawal of funding is making it impossible for us to fund these activities by ourselves.

We have given an obligation to our pupils that we will continue to fund these activities until the end of June. The management team of the school is proactively working on how some of the projects can continue. This may mean a rise in contributions for Breakfast and 123 clubs and for summer schemes. The Principal will try his best to keep costs as low as possible and supplement these schemes as much as the budget will allow.

There will be an announcement on the arrangements by the middle of the month when it is more clear to us what we can afford. As a school we are devastated at not just the loss of extended schools but engage funding also.

Book Fair

Thank you to all our parents and pupils who purchased books and literacy resources from the Book Fair this month. Over £1500 worth of stock was bought and the school now receives a substantial voucher to purchase more reading materials for across the school. Thanks Mrs Shaw for organizing.

School finishes for all pupils for the summer on Friday 30th June at 11.00am.

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Recent Rights Respecting School and Pupil of the Month Winners



Sports Day

A huge thank you to all the parents and pupils who participated in our Sports Day events at Grosvenor Leisure Centre last week. The weather Gods were shining kindly upon us and all the pupils had an absolutely fantastic time.



P7 Transition Programme

Mrs Shaw's P7 class spent a wonderful afternoon at Forthspring with their peers from our partner school Springfield PS. They took part in a range of activities including drama and art workshops. We have been so fortunate to share so many happy memories with Springfield PS and we value their friendship in all we do together.



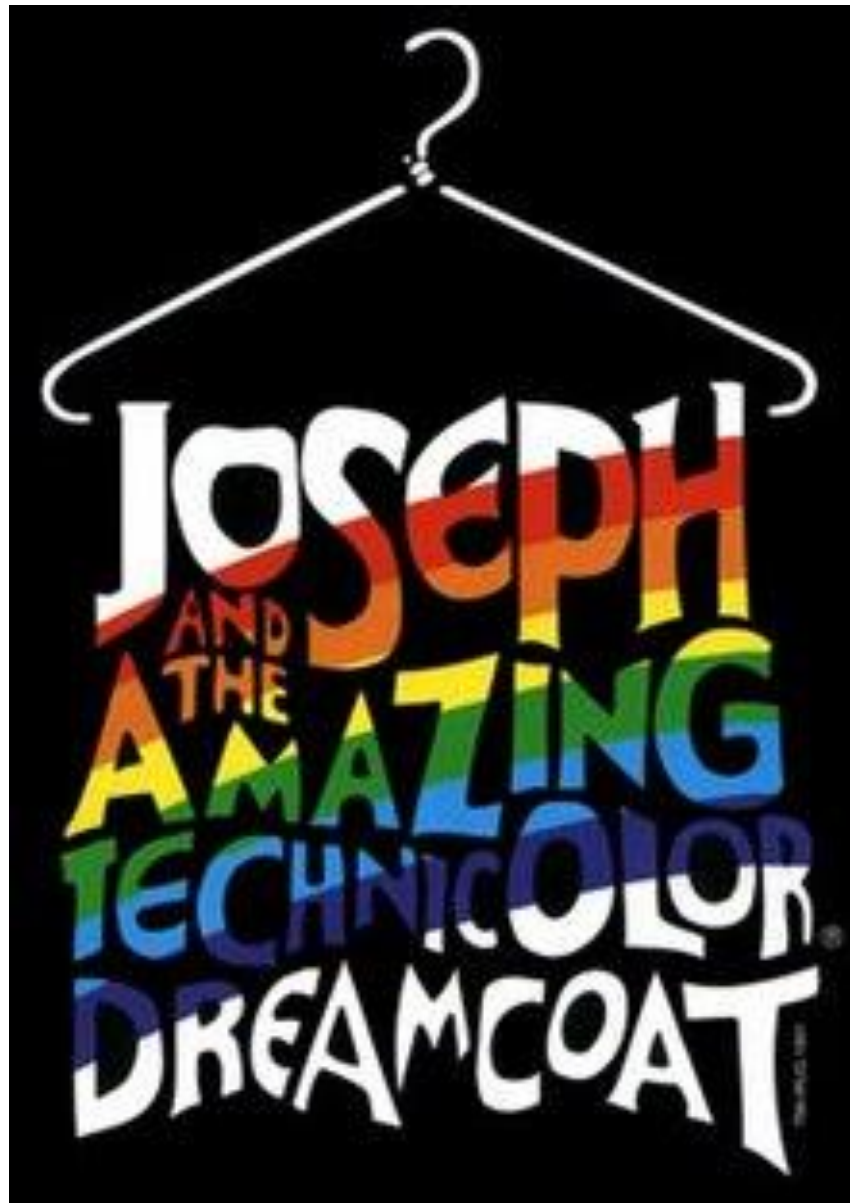
Remembrance

As a school we wish to express our deep sorrow to our colleague Mrs Logue on the death of her brother Kieran recently. Your family will remain in our thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.



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