



Friday 22nd March 2024

SJSG FRIDAY FLYER

A message from Mrs. Otter — Head Teacher

John 3:16 says, *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”*

We enter Holy Week on Sunday with the festival of Palm Sunday. As a Catholic school this is a very special time in our calendar. We have been teaching the children about the sacrifice Jesus made for his people on Good Friday at his crucifixion. The cross Jesus died on is a sign of his suffering and sacrifice, and while this can be a difficult concept for children to understand, we make sure we also celebrate the joy of His resurrection. Holy Week is a time for us to thank God for sending His son to us, and for raising Him from the dead on Easter Sunday. I wish you all a blessed and peaceful Holy Week and Easter when it arrives.

Faith Life

Last week the children took part in ‘God’s Planet’ day. This was an interactive experience for all children, where they learned about the importance of protecting the planet God created for us.

Our children showed true care, empathy and love for what is around them. They were able to articulate why we should be protecting the earth and how we must act now as Stewards, so that future generations can still live as God intends everyone to.

In the summer term, we will be focusing on Pope Francis’ book *Laudato si*. The children will learn about Pope Francis’ mission of protecting the earth, and all its beauty.

“Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.”

Curriculum

Why do we want the curriculum at SJSG to be ALIVE?

A = Autonomy

L = Language

I = Inclusion

V = Virtue

E = Experience

These are the principles we believe are of the upmost importance when enabling children to learn in all areas of life. We explicitly teach children about these principles and they are embedded in all lessons and aspects of the school day.

Ask your child about virtues!

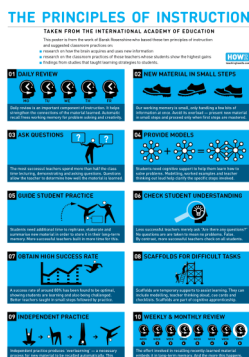
Supporting your Child

On your child’s P.E days please make sure they are not wearing any jewellery. Wearing jewellery during physical activity can cause health and safety challenges and result in injuries.

On non-PE days only stud earrings and jewellery which is worn for religious reasons may be worn by your child. If children are deemed to be wearing inappropriate jewellery, they may be asked to remove it for their safety and that of others.

Pedagogy

Did you know that at SJSG we teach your child using Rosenshine’s Principles of Instruction?



There will be more information about these principles in future Friday Flyers!

Important Dates

The Spring Term ends on **Thursday 28th March 2024. School will close at 1:30pm.**

Sunday 24th March = Palm Sunday

Thursday 28th March = Maundy Thursday

Friday 29th March = Good Friday

Saturday 30th March = Holy Saturday

Sunday 31st March = Easter Sunday