

# St. Joseph's Camberwell Catholic Schools' Federation Newsletter



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*This week's Wednesday Words are **God's love**. "Let us never lose hope! God loves us always, even with our mistakes and sins." Pope Francis*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday marked the international Holocaust Memorial Day. This is a significant day which gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect. This day we remember the millions of people who perished in the Holocaust under Nazi prosecution and in the subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

Teachers will use days like yesterday as a conversation starting point to ponder on lessons from the past and take actions for the future.

This conversation, of course, takes form in different ways as the ages of children vary. We refer to our values of Love, Forgiveness and Compassion and how to mould our lives by them. Topics of discussion vary from: So what happens if someone threatens or mistreats a child or talks badly about their families? If I witness someone hurting someone else, what can I do? What should I do? As well as many other character-building questions.

We want our children to be able to recognise injustice against themselves or others. We want to teach our children to be upstanders, not bystanders.

Our school is a place of refuge and diversity, a place where we stand shoulder to shoulder with each other. So when we look at the past and the devastation of discrimination and injustice, we learn to avoid the same mistakes and work to create a better future. We continue to celebrate our differences and share our common values.

In our conversations with children, whether this happens in class or collective worship, we discuss the devastating effect that hate crime can have, not only on the individual but also on the wider community. We learn to challenge it in an appropriate way.

It is not uncommon for children at St. Joseph's to alert the adults, parents or teachers, if another child is hurt or in distress. They look after each other and on many occasions, in their own way, they stand against inequality. They learn to grow and become responsible, respectful and active citizens with firm beliefs and ethics. It makes me so proud to see this daily and it helps me rest assured that they understand how to engage with a fairer society.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Racial Justice Sunday – We are invited to celebrate Mass with Archbishop John Wilson at St George's Cathedral. More information to follow.**

This week, as part of the National School of Formation programme I had the privilege to visit three organisations where Catholic Social Teaching Principles inspire their work.



The **Emmaus** centre providing accommodation and support to people experiencing homelessness.



**Women@thewell** working hard to ensure they provide support for all women who access their services, ensuring that everyone is safe and supported.



**Cardinal Hume Centre** – Tackling youth and family homelessness, striving towards a society where everyone has a safe place to live and the opportunity to reach their full potential.

### **Gospel Reflection – Luke 4:21-30**

Today's reading follows straight on from last week's. The people do not believe that Jesus is special.

But all people, no matter how ordinary they seem, are special. And all can do special things. God's people are unique.

Let's all try follow Jesus and to listen to him in the coming week, so that we can do special things in our lives and for each other. And let's pray for all children throughout the world, who are all special in their own ways.

**Please see the table below for the class with the highest attendance for this week of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Congratulations to 5I Class for having 100% attendance this week. Well Done!**

<b>Red</b>	<b>90.12%</b>
<b>Rainbow</b>	<b>94.27%</b>
<b>Yellow</b>	<b>96.01%</b>
<b>Blue</b>	<b>93.27%</b>
<b>Green</b>	<b>91.95%</b>
<b>Orange</b>	<b>97.22%</b>
<b>3C</b>	<b>98.0%</b>
<b>3D</b>	<b>97.14%</b>
<b>4A</b>	<b>98.15%</b>
<b>4B</b>	<b>98.52%</b>
<b>5H</b>	<b>97.5%</b>
<b>5I</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>6F</b>	<b>94.83%</b>
<b>6G</b>	<b>94.64%</b>

*Dates for your Diary: 2021-2022*

**February 2022**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** – Chinese New Year

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** –First Holy Communion Groups 3:00-3:45

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – CANDLEMAS – Year 5 Liturgy in the Hall.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** – Year 6 Quick Sticks Hockey

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – 5I Class Assembly

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Hollywood Bowl

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** - Safer Internet Day “All Fun and Games”- Parent Workshop Time TBC

**Inset Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022** STAFF INSET DAY – (School closed to pupils)

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – **Racial Justice Sunday** – We will be celebrating Mass at 10:00am with Archbishop John Wilson at St Georges Cathedral

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February** – Spring Half term School closed

**Week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – Parents evening – details to follow

**April 2022**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April** - School closes for Easter

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022** – School starts for children