

# St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

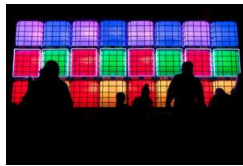
'A loving Christian family, striving to achieve excellence'

Dear Parents,

On 1 January 2022 Knowsley officially became the Liverpool City Region Borough of Culture and launched an exciting year-long programme of events. To start the year, Knowsley is hosting a series of dramatic lighting installations across the borough. The programme, entitled 'A New Dawn', will include spectacular 'moments of light' as well as the illumination of town centres, public buildings and landmarks. Here's what to expect from Knowsley's illuminating start to the year:

**Aqualux-14 to 28 Jan -Kirkby town centre**

Aqualux is a stunning light installation that will be situated in the town centre for two weeks. The artwork consists of 48 containers which can hold up to 1,000 litres of water – the average consumption of a household over a year. Coming to life after dark, the artwork will be accompanied by music to create a memorable and magical experience while raising awareness of the need to conserve and protect our fragile water supplies.



**The Magic Wood – 21, 22 and 23 Jan 2022 – Halewood**

Court Farm Woods in Halewood will be transformed into an enchanted spectacle of light, music and fiery woodland creatures.

**Gaia – 28 Jan to 17 Feb – St. Chad's Church**

Luke Jerram's 'Gaia' is an astonishing 6-metre-wide replica of the earth based on imagery and data from NASA. Suspended in the air and slowly revolving, the artwork gives people a chance to see the planet, floating in three dimensions.



**Tall Tales – 4 and 5 Feb 2022 – Stockbridge Village**

Tall Tales is a brand-new community artwork that will see a residential 16 storey tower animated and illuminated in light. The dramatic projection will be accompanied by a soundtrack, will tell the story of local communities who have shared their stories, memories, hopes and dreams about the place they call home.

**Submergence – 12 to 26 Feb – Huyton Village Centre**

Submergence is a reflective, immersive walkthrough experience that will go on display in Sherbourne Square in Huyton Village. Consisting of thousands of individual points of suspended light, visitors are encouraged to enter the artwork to experience the amazing light illusion for themselves.

**New Dawn Light Spectacular – 18 and 19 February – Knowsley Hall**

The programme will come to a spectacular climax in February. Knowsley Hall will be illuminated in a series of projections recreating a vision of a pop-up story book – a fairy-tale of lights and sound telling the stories of Knowsley.



All of these events will be free for the public to attend (although some will require tickets to be reserved in advance).



Full details of all the events happening as part of New Dawn are available on [www.cultureknowsley.co.uk](http://www.cultureknowsley.co.uk)

**And that's just the start!**

**Attendance & punctuality**

**For the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Let's look at our attendance this week

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
Rec 	98% Green
Y1	90% Amber
Y2	96% Green
Y3	93% Yellow
Y4	90% Amber
Y5	95% Yellow
Y6B 	100% Green
Y6P	88% Red
Whole school	93% Yellow

A huge well done this week to Year 6B for achieving 100% and to Year 2 and Reception for achieving Green. We have seen more cases of pupils with COVID 19 this week and this has impacted our attendance in some Year groups, please continue to be aware that COVID 19 is still transmitting within our community.



Just 2 Reception Birthdays this week!!!!

Happy Birthday Milo from Reception who is 5! 😊

Happy Birthday Roseanna from Reception who is 5 on Sunday 😊

**Week Beginning: 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1: Pizza, Wedges & Spaghetti hoops	Choice 1: Scouse & Crusty Bread	Choice 1: Meatballs & Pasta	Choice 1: Roast Beef Dinner	Choice 1: Fish fingers, Chips & Peas
Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato	Choice 2: Jacket Potato
Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich	Choice 3: Sandwich
Dessert: Cookie & Milkshake	Dessert: Sponge & Custard	Dessert: Cake	Dessert: Jelly	Dessert: Flapjack

**Term dates for this year**

**Spring Term 2022**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January (school opens) - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April (school closes)  
Half Term Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February (inclusive)

**Summer Term 2022**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April (school opens) - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July (school closes)  
Half Term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June (inclusive)

### Breakfast Club- Thankyou Father Sean

There is a Breakfast Club from 8.00am each morning. This club is available for pupils from Reception – Year 6 and must be booked in advance and the cut off for arrival is 8:30am. Father Sean has once again offered to fund the Breakfast Club until the end of term, we are so delighted that he has offered this to our school, it will make such a difference to many of our children. Please note the club is not for pupils in Nursery.

## **Curriculum Enrichment**

### Autumn Art Challenge

Last term launched our Autumn photography challenge. As part of our Art and Design curriculum we asked the children to become professional photographers and editors. Staff have been choosing their favourites from the anonymous gallery and I will announce the winners next week!

### Lego challenge

Next Friday is the international day of Lego, if you are a Lego fan I challenge you to build something marvellous and send me your creations at [mylegocreationSJW@gmail.com](mailto:mylegocreationSJW@gmail.com) I look forward to seeing what comes from your imaginations!!!

### Gaia at St Chad's

When the installation opens our Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 classes will be going to the Church to see it. The Artwork will enhance the work they are doing in class in Geography & Design Technology.

### Kirkby Gallery

Our local gallery currently has the most wonderful exhibition of the original work of Quentin Blake. Kirkby Gallery is the first venue to host the exhibition on its national tour. Some of his most famous collaborations with authors have been on poetry, from illustrating the hilarious verses of Michael Rosen to the gruesome rhymes of Roald Dahl. Our KS2 classes will all be visiting the exhibition after half term and have the opportunity to create their own characters inspired by this superb artist and illustrator.

### Head Lice

We have been informed of a couple of cases of Head lice within school. Please check your child's hair and treat them if necessary. Head lice infection may spread if individual parents/carers fail to treat their children.

Health education about head lice encourages parents/carers and children to:

- Prevent head lice by regular shampooing, conditioning and daily combing of the hair.
- Detect head lice using a fine-tooth plastic or detector comb on a weekly basis. (we have these in school if needed, just ask at the school office)
- Treat head lice as soon as an infection becomes apparent.

If your child does need treatment, it is advisable to check ALL other family members also. Please remember that whether the wet combing method or insecticide lotion/shampoo method is used, evidence of head lice AND eggs must be physically removed from the hair. To help stop the spread of Head lice all hair below shoulder length should be tied back, whilst your child is at school.

### Knowsley Mums Together

One Knowsley, who support the community and charities in the borough are bringing a 12 week program to our local area. Come along to the local community Centre, bring your friends along and connect with other mums in the area.

It will be nothing too fancy – just a chat, a cup of tea and the offer of a bit of a pamper and wellbeing support...all for FREE.

There will guests coming to hold mindfulness sessions, massage/pamper sessions, financial advice, health and wellbeing coaches. All mums of school age children are welcome so just drop the kids at school and come along for free. Knowsley Mums Together will be a Weekly Mums Get Together at Community Centres in Kirkby:

Monday: Southdene Community Centre 9:30am-11:30am

Tuesday: Westvale Community Centre 9:30am-11:30am

**If you have any questions then please call Helen on 07936926138**

### Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Camerata Orchestra with Year 4
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 CLC Computing day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Kirkby League Football Match
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2 Road Safety
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	International Lego Day
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Class visits to Gaia exhibit in St Chad's
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Chinese New Year
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Class visits to Gaia exhibit in St Chad's
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y2 Road Safety
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Charles Dickens Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Camerata Orchestra with Year 4
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 Road Safety
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 CLC Computing day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Fairtrade Fortnight
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Ash Wednesday / Start of Lent
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y3 visit to Quentin Blake exhibition
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Class & Holy Communion Photos
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 visit to Quentin Blake exhibition
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Swimming Block starts
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 CLC Computing day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 visit to Quentin Blake exhibition
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Water Day
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Camerata Orchestra with Year 4
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 visit to Quentin Blake exhibition
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery CLC Computing day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception CLC Computing day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Swimming Block starts
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Spanish day