



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Learning to Love; Loving to Learn

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Our Week

This week I have had the pleasure of helping to teach year 6 with their revision – they are focused and working so hard! Year 5 and 6 had their final learning on rivers away from the classroom yesterday. I know that they had great fun measuring them in their wellies.



Year 3 in their art history lesson

Year 3 and 4 have had a brilliant week of learning. Both year groups watched the RSC live screening of Macbeth yesterday, following some initial learning around the play that took place on Wednesday. The writing across both year groups has really impressed me this week. Year 3 have worked very hard on time too.

Year 1 have a mystery to solve....where has the gingerbread man got to?? They all baked their own on Monday but their class gingerbread man seems to have walked off...no prizes for guessing which traditional tale they are about to read?!

Year 2 have been busy with their comprehension skills and work on time in

maths this week. They are working incredibly hard and I am very proud of them.

Reception have blown me away with their writing this week on 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. It is amazing to see how much progress they have made since September.

We Welcome

We welcome Lotty and her family to our community this week. Lotty has started in Year 3 and she is already proving to be a real asset to the school. Thank you and well done to all the children, but particularly the children in Year 3 and 4 who have been so lovely and supportive to Lotty in her first week.

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 are very busy preparing for the upcoming SATs test in a few weeks time (14th – 18th May). Please can I remind ALL Year 6 parents that children must attend school for the **whole week** and must not be absent; have any appointments or be away on holiday. We will be providing a complimentary breakfast club for all Year 6 pupils during that week, so that they can come in early, settle any nerves and enjoy a hearty breakfast before the busy days ahead.

Attendance

This week's attendance is 98%

May is the Month of Mary

As we begin the month of May in a few weeks, our thoughts and our prayers turn especially to Mary our Mother in this month of dedication. On Wednesday 9th May, we will be holding our annual May Procession to pay homage to Our Lady; to think about her in our own lives and our faith. We will praise her through hymns and prayers. We hope to have the assembly outside (weather permitting). Parents are welcome to attend. This year, like last year, we are asking that the children bring in **flower bulbs or potted plants** so that day so we can adorn the shrine of Our Lady, but then, after the procession, our Eco Team will plant the flower bulbs/plants across our school site, so that every spring our school will be FULL of flowers; a much more sustainable approach than bringing in cut flowers. Thank you.

Summer Uniform

Now that we are in the Summer Term pupils are welcome to wear summer uniform if they wish. This means that in all year groups children may wear grey tailored shorts instead of trousers and girls may choose to wear a blue gingham summer dress. In addition pupils may choose to wear a blue polo shirt instead of shirt and tie. Please can all pupils ensure that they have the correct PE kit in school so that they can access the PE curriculum. I am happy for girls to wear tailored shorts and a polo shirt.

This week's special mentions

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Oscar	Sebby	Jacob W	Bethany	Naomi	Erin	Tejay

This week's attendance figures

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95%	99%	100%	100%	98%	96%	98%



The children know that they need to work hard again this year to show the value of respect. They will receive respect tokens to go towards a whole class treat once their jar is full!



*** The children know that I like shirts/polo shirts tucked in, top buttons done up, ties straight and laces tied ***

Girls Summer Uniform

- Named blue checked gingham dress or
- Named royal blue school polo shirt with crest (can be ordered from the school office) and grey skirt or shorts
- Black shoes/sandles with back on them (not boots)
- White socks

Boys Summer Uniform

- Named blue school crested polo shirt (from the office)
- Named blue shorts or trousers
- Black shoes/sandles with backs on them
- Grey socks

Our 50th Anniversary

Our Lady's is in its 50th year! We will be celebrating it over Spring 2 and the Summer and will be doing lots of lovely work and activities with the children. This will include a history week and an art week which will incorporate a day of 60s music and dance. If you know of anyone who came to the school in the past or who knows anything about the history of the school, I would be very interested in speaking with them. There will be further information to follow.

Rugby Choir Festival

This has now been rearranged. If your child was due to attend originally, they will have received a separate letter about the new date and venue. Please can I ask that you return these forms asap so that I can practice again with the children.

Alton

The third instalment was due last week. The final amount is £120, if you are paying in instalments. All payment must be received by May 18th. If you are having any difficulties with the payment, please arrange to see me to have a confidential meeting.

Sports for Champions

We are getting involved in Sports for Champions this year. It will involve the children meeting a world class athlete. She will work with all of the classes – talking about the importance of fitness and sport and her experience of being a top athlete. All the children will then have a circuit training session with her. It will be an inspiring afternoon. There is an optional sponsor form for the children to complete for the circuit training. 60% of any of the money raised will go towards us buying some new sports equipment of the children's choice. 40% will go to the Sports for Champion charity. If the children are keen to get sponsorship for the event, the letter/form enclosed will give you more information. Please note, this is optional; all the children will be taking part regardless and will all receive a sticker of recognition.

School Blazer (Year 6)

Mrs Bonsall has a new school blazer for sale:

Girls, aged 10-11 £18

Please contact her directly on: 01926 633084 if you are interested.

Quality of School Dinners

We have had complaints from parents and children about the quality, quantity and choice of the meals provided. With this in mind, Yvonne from the Catering Company will be meeting with the school council next

Wednesday, who will have collected the views of the children across the school to gain a better picture of the issues. She will bring a new menu and some different options to discuss with the children. The children are excited knowing that they are going to be listened to and that they could make some positive differences to the school lunches.



Year 6 girls having some down time after a morning of revision!

Next Week at a glance:

Monday 30th April

Mission Assembly led by the chaplaincy team

Tuesday 1st May

BIG SPELL

Wednesday 2nd May

School council meeting: school dinners

Thursday 3rd May – election day

Celebration assembly

Have a lovely weekend

Kate Madia

Think of the week:

(A beguiling question that stops you in your tracks and makes you think...)

If you read the front headline of a paper in a shop without buying it, is it stealing? What about an article? What about a whole newspaper?



AT OUR LADY'S WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN. WE EXPECT ALL STAFF, PARENTS AND VISITORS TO SHARE THIS COMMITMENT.



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