



Our Lady of Lourdes

RC Primary School

Weekly News...

20th October 2023

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of this half term. OLOL is buzzing and it is a pleasure to share some of the things that have been happening in school this week.

We were delighted to welcome prospective parents to our school over the past two weeks. It was lovely to welcome new and old faces and be able to share the wonderful work, opportunities and environment that we have at OLOL. Thank you all our parents who have recommended our school, provided positive feedback both in writing and directly to either their class teacher or to Miss Crampton and I. We always share the feedback and it does give staff a sense of pride and a much needed boost at the end of a busy half term.

Mrs Roca-Mas, Miss Crampton and I have finished our Ambassador Interviews. It is a really difficult decision for us as the children represented their year groups so well. We will be announcing our new Ambassadors immediately after half term. Thank you to everyone who encouraged their child to apply, talked to them about their interview and indeed to every pupil who took the time to write their application; we are blessed to have such committed pupils who want to make a difference.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has made a Harvest Donation. As you are aware from previous newsletters, all food will be donated to the Wanstead Tin-in-a-Bin initiative which supports local families; your contributions will make a difference.

Have a wonderful half term,

Mrs Boon

Thank you

Thank you to 6D for a wonderful assembly about our Mission Statement and how they live this in their daily lives and activities. It was an important reminder about the foundation of our school and how it links with our values and the children's lives.

Thank you also to Mrs Selner, our Forest School teacher, who shared with Reception Parents the ethos and rationale for Forest School as well as the type of activities the children will undertake. I know that staff are looking forward to the children's first session in November.

Reception Admissions for September 2024

As many of you are aware, Father Martin has recently taken up his position as Parish Priest. We want to further support our families and have agreed that in addition to the signing session on Wednesday 8th November 4.00pm to 7.00pm at Clergy House, parents may drop their unsigned forms into the school reception before **11am on Monday 11th December**. School will then arrange for them to be signed and placed with your completed applications accordingly. If you know someone

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who, is applying for a Reception school place please let them know as they may find this arrangement helpful.

Reading initiative for half term

We would love to see a picture of your child reading in an unusual place over the half term. All pictures should be emailed to the school admin address and will be printed and displayed. Please don't forget that by reading and encouraging your child to read, you are increasing their life chances, opening up their imagination and increasing their vocabulary. Children who read regularly have a significantly more developed vocabulary and therefore do better across all areas of the curriculum. We look forward to sharing your pictures. Don't forget to include your child's name and class,

Year 5 & 6 Cricket

This week Year 5 and 6 were treated to a marvellous Cricket workshop from Essex County Cricket Club. Taking inspiration from the coaches and the Cricket World Cup, the children were able to learn new skills and practice them in game based scenarios. The coaches were "bowled over" with the skills and talents on display. A great way to end the half term.

Behaviour

Behaviour at OLOL is excellent. We have had other schools visit and remark on the standard of behaviour as being exemplary. This does not happen by accident. There is consistency among the staff team in terms of expectations and strong support systems in place. As part of our high expectations we also foster a strong sense of independence. With this in mind, I would like to remind parents that only Reception and Nursery children should be accompanied to their classroom in the mornings. All other children should be dropped off at the school gate. For children in Nursery we ask that parents DO NOT bring them to school in a push chair. It will not be too long before their Forest School adventure will begin and they will be expected to walk to Tarzy Woods. Thank you for your support with this.

Black History Month

This year at Our Lady of Lourdes, we chose to celebrate and learn about 'Black Women in History' as a school.

Over the past month, the children have engaged with the opportunity to celebrate and learn about Black history, heritage and culture.

Pupils in Year Six explored poetry written by Maya Angelou and created their own poems based on breaking down prejudices and accepting others, alongside learning about colonisation and the impact this has on the world today.

Year Five are studying Katherine Johnson's life through their English work, (they will continue reading this novel after half term) learning about her positive and pivotal contribution to STEM and NASA and how she paved the way for Black men and women to follow in her path. They are reflecting on, and celebrating her amazing career and discussing some of the barriers she had to overcome in her lifetime.

Year Four discussed the importance of recognising black history and celebrated that we study a range of Black historical and modern day figures. They learned about the outstanding contributions of Ella Fitzgerald, Sharon White, Dina Asher-Smith and Dr. Anne-Marie Imafidon in their individual fields.

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Year Three learned about Ruby Bridges’ bravery and resilience when faced with unfair discrimination. They made presentations about her achievements and the difference she has made to equality for all learners. They also explored famous musicians of Black African and Black Caribbean heritage.

Within Early Years and Key Stage One, the children learned about the achievements of Black women including Mae Jemison (the first African-American woman in space) and linked this learning with our Space Week. In addition to this, and to link to our local area, the children learnt about the Notting Hill Carnival, its history and why it is important. They looked at the different foods, music and handmade costumes and then went on to create their own masks. The children discussed why it is important to celebrate Black History month.

Although this is an annual countrywide celebration of Black History, we also believe that the achievements of Black British men and women should be recognised and embedded into all areas of our curriculum. Furthermore, behind the scenes over the past year we have been working hard with all of our subject leaders to further develop our curriculum and ensure that it continues to reflect the richness and diversity of our school and wider community.

Parent Consultations

Please note bookings for the parent consultations will be released on a staggered basis as we get closer to the date for each year group.

Autumn Term workshops & trips

Enrichment activities have started for all year groups, if you have not yet made your payment please go to your ParentMail shop to settle this item. Thank you to all those who have already made their payment.

Year 6 transition to Secondary School

The deadline for all applications for Secondary School places is **11.59pm on 31 Oct 23**. Any applications received after this deadline will be classed as late and could mean a child missing out on a preferred school place: [Redbridge - Secondary school admissions](#)

PTA- Christmas Wreath Workshop- Save the date

Christmas Wreath Workshop on 7th December from 7.00 to 9.00pm
 Venue: OLOL School
 Tickets: £45.00 per person
 More information to follow

| Certificates awarded to: | | Birthday Club |
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| Name | Class | Happy Birthday To You! |
| Bella & Hector | N | Izzah |
| Charlotte & Lukas | RP | Joseph |
| Serah & Luca | RS | Hannah |
| Rohan & Roxy | IA | Vaughan |
| Athina & Erik | 1R | Benjamin |
| Ashley & Florence | 2H | Sam |
| | | Nidhi |

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| Alessio & Grace | 2HB | Daniela Halliday Nathan Marytta Arthur Gurveer Noah Isabelle Roxanne Victor Isla Rémy |
| Yesenia & Zakariya | 3D | |
| Thomas C & Sara | 3G | |
| Rhys & Lorena | 4J | |
| Shay & Ella | 4R | |
| Henri & Niko | 5F | |
| Sam & Sureena | 5FITZ | |
| Whole class | 6D | |
| Whole class | 6J | |

Attendance and Punctuality



Our attendance target at OLOL is 100%.

Our overall attendance this week at OLOL has dipped from 97.3% to 95.6%.

10 children were late for school this week.

| Class | Attendance % | Class | Attendance % |
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| 6J | 94.6 | 6D | 87.1 |
| 5F | 96.2 | 5FITZ | 98.1 |
| 4J | 94.2 | 4R | 98.0 |
| 3D | 95.4 | 3G | 96.4 |
| 2H | 96.3 | 2HB | 97.7 |
| 1R | 97.7 | 1A | 98.6 |
| RP | 96.0 | RS | 92.3 |
| N | 95.9 | | |

Please report your child's absence via ParentMail with a reason. Occasionally messages left on the voicemail are not clear.

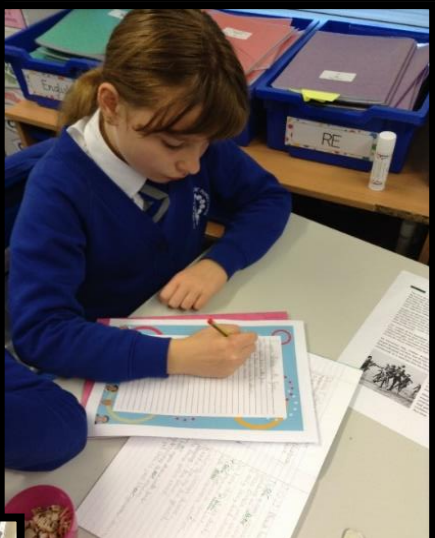
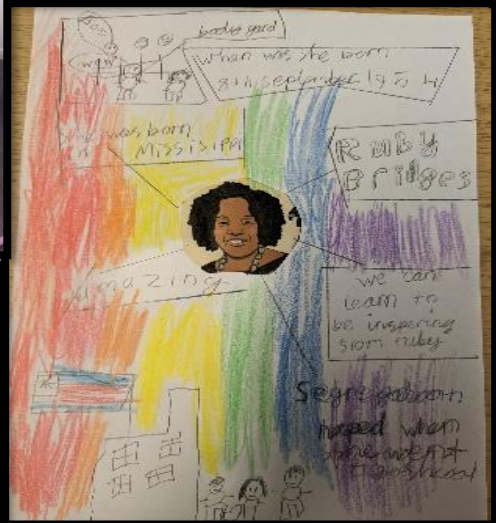
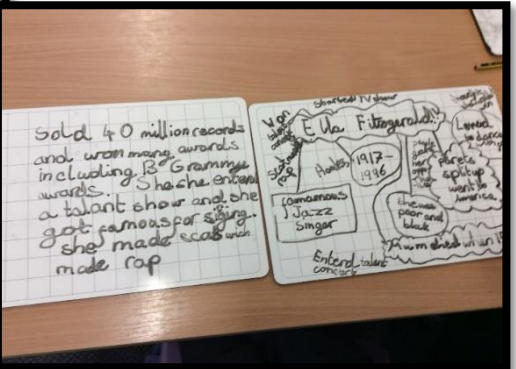


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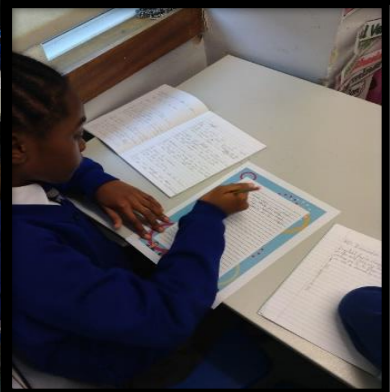
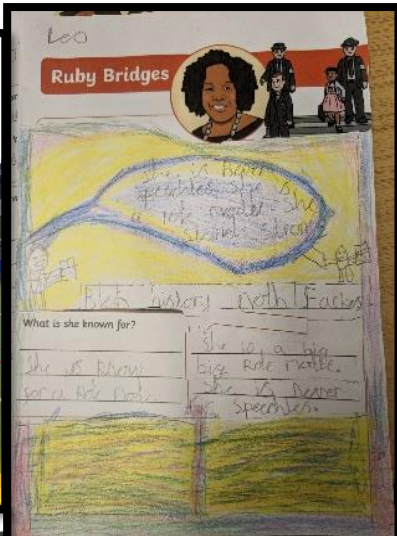
Life at OLOL this week...



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Ave Maria

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half Term Holiday Monday 23RD October to Friday 27th October 2023

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| Wednesday 1 st November | Imperial War Museum - Y6 Trip |
| Monday 6 th November | Year 4 Parent Consultations Drama Workshop - Reception - Y3 |
| Tuesday 7 th November | Year 1 Parent Consultations |
| Wednesday 8 th November | Year 3 Parent Consultations |
| Thursday 9 th November | Year 6 Parent Consultations |
| Friday 10 th November | 9.00am Remembrance Assembly 5F |
| Monday 13 th November | Year 2 Parent Consultations / Anti-Bullying Week |
| Tuesday 14 th November | Year 5 Parent Consultations |
| Thursday 16 th November | Birds of Prey Workshop - Reception - Y6 |
| Friday 17 th November | 9.00am Special Assembly 4J / Odd Socks Day |
| Monday 20 th November | RP Parent Consultations Y6 History Workshop |
| Tuesday 21 st November | Natural History Museum - Y5 Trip |
| Thursday 23 rd November | Parent Workshop via zoom KS1 Writing |
| Friday 24 th November | 9.00am Special Assembly 5Fitz |
| Saturday 25 th November | PTA Christmas Fayre |
| Tuesday 28 th November | RS Parent Consultations 1940's Homefront Workshop - Y2 |
| Thursday 30 th November | Nursery Parent Consultations |
| Friday 1 st December | Nursery Parent Consultations Science Museum - Y4 Trip |
| Monday 4 th December | Young Shakespeare Workshop- Romeo & Juliet - Y5 & Y6 |
| Tuesday 12 th December | 2.00pm Y1 Christmas Play |
| Wednesday 13 th December | 2.00pm Reception Christmas Play |
| Thursday 14 th December | 9.30am Nursery Christmas Play |
| Monday 18 th December | Ark Farm Visit - Nursery - Y2 2.30pm Y2 - Live Nativity Performance |
| Tuesday 19 th December | Skittleman |
| Wednesday 20th December - Last Day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm | |

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