



Our Lady of Lourdes

RC Primary School

Weekly News...

17th November 2023

Dear Parents,

This week has flown by and dare I say we are just starting to see the first signs of Christmas approaching! This term is always special for lots of memorable reasons so please do check the calendar dates below for updates regarding timings of events etc. We will release further information about Christmas performances nearer the time.

We celebrated our uniqueness as part of Odd Socks day and Anti-bullying Week. We also interviewed our pupils about their school experience and journey and wanted to share some of our Pupil Voice with you:

'You can talk to the Headteacher and Deputy no matter what'

Teachers are 'helpful, kind and supportive as well as friendly and inspirational'

'Our teachers help us achieve; they push us on'

We have so many opportunities'

'All the teachers know us'

'We are able to express ourselves'

The children also talked about the things that they enjoy and that support them with their learning. They included the library, ICT Suite, using iPads, OPAL, workshops, clubs and trips.

Over the past three weeks, we have benefitted from having a miniature museum in school. You will know from our previous newsletters that due to being over curious we 'accidentally' let the Broggan out. We have had a busy few weeks with things disappearing, a Broggan book nest appearing in the library etc. and we are grateful that Reception took on the responsibility of feeding the Broggan.

Sadly, this week some Magpies attacked the Broggan so after consulting the Broggan website, we decided to find a way to recapture it. I am delighted to confirm that the Broggan is safe; during

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an assembly on Thursday, we recaptured the Broggan and will be returning him to the Historical Society next week.

Thank you to all of the children (and parents) for helping with this. Particular thanks to the children who created a detective agency and kept staff updated.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Boon

Birds

On Thursday, the much-anticipated Birdman arrived for an engaging science assembly. With an impressive array of avian ambassadors, he introduced students to the fascinating world of birds. Among his entourage were a majestic hawk, a regal bald eagle, and a serene barn owl. The children learnt that the hawk, known for its keen eyesight, possesses vision up to eight times sharper than that of a human. Next came the bald eagle, a symbol of strength and freedom, boasting a wingspan that can reach up to 7 feet. Lastly, the barn owl, renowned for its exceptional hearing, can locate prey solely by sound due to its uniquely heart-shaped face that helps funnel sound to its ears. Each bird not only captivated the students but also imparted a remarkable fact, enriching their understanding of these magnificent creatures in the realm of science.

Visitor



Year 5 were tasked with researching a local sports person when the Miniature Museum arrived three weeks ago. Conor Coventry, a West Ham United player, was chosen as he attended our school as a child. The children were so excited to know that a professional, successful footballer had sat in the same classroom and dinner hall as them, and had first developed his love of football on our playground.

As a very special surprise, Conor Coventry himself returned to Our Lady of Lourdes this week to meet with the Year 5 and Key Stage 2 children. He spoke to them, which has inspired and motivated them to follow their dreams, work hard and apply a growth mind-set when times are tough.



It was a very special and exciting day for all the children as he answered their questions and gave them some top tips to succeed in all they do. Please see below pictures of some very excited children with Conor.



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Christmas Fayre

Please make a note in your diary to attend our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25th November. Staff are looking forward to welcoming you to the bottle stall and the children have a craft stall. The PTA, as well as Santa' Elves, are very hard at work. This is such an enjoyable community event, made even more special knowing that it is another opportunity for our community to come together.

Reception Admissions for September 2024 - Certificate of Practice

If you missed the signing session this week you may drop your unsigned forms into the school reception before **11am on Monday 11th December**. We will then arrange for them to be signed and placed with your completed applications accordingly. If you know someone who, is applying for a Reception school place please let them know as they may find this arrangement helpful.

Dogs

Many parents combine the school run with walking their dog. Please can I respectfully ask that parents/carers with dogs, do not bring their dog to the school gate. Several children who attend our school are very nervous of dogs. It would be helpful if you would be kind enough to wait with your dog across the road so that the children are not scared as they enter school. We appreciate your support with this request.

Non Uniform Day

Non uniform day is Friday 24th November. The PTA request a bottle donation.

Finally

As we are fast approaching Christmas and our thoughts turn to presents, decorations and family gatherings, please remember those in our community who would benefit from not worrying about having enough food. Please would you consider bring in 1-2 items for our Foodbank before the end of term. Your contribution WILL make a difference.

Certificates awarded to:		Birthday Club
Name	Class	Happy Birthday To You!
Arthur & Hayaa	N	Oscar Nathanael Grayson Mason Margaux Mia Oliver Zechariah
Abigail & Antoni	RP	
Ophelia & Iliyana	RS	
Patrick & Elise	IA	
Iris & Louis	1R	
Cormac & Eve	2H	
Amelia-Rose & Anaid	2HB	
Jude & Alexandra	3D	
Lochie & Frederika	3G	
Maya & Sidra	4J	
Noah & Eden	4R	
Ruby & Lidia	5F	

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Iris & Roisin	5FITZ
Maya & Max	6D
Jessica & Chace	6J

Attendance and Punctuality



Our attendance target at OLOL is 100%.

Overall attendance this week at OLOL has improved slightly to 96.1%

14 children were late for school this week.

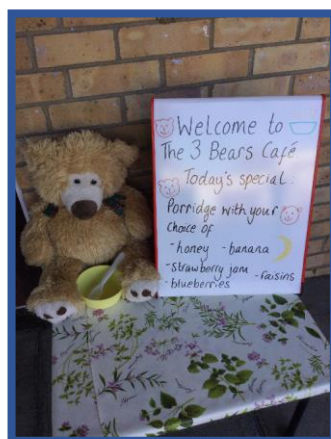
Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
6J	95.8	6D	96.1
5F	95.2	5FITZ	99.2
4J	89.7	4R	93.0
3D	99.3	3G	98.6
2H	97.7	2HB	95.7
1R	95.7	1A	96.6
RP	98.7	RS	91.7
N	99.4		

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

Life at OLOL this week...

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we read the story of Goldilocks and The Three Bears. The children tasted porridge at the Three Bears Café. It was just right!



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Reception

This week in Reception we have been counting and showing object representation. We went on a scavenger hunt around the playground to find 3 identical objects. It was a lot of fun working a one, huge team!



Year 1

This week in year one, we learnt about the artist Mondrian and began creating our own art in his style.



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Year 2

In our RHE lesson this week, we looked at the qualities of a happy friendship which linked to anti-bullying week. We thought about how we can be good friends to each other and spoke about how to seek help if we ever feel unhappy in a friendship.



Year 3

In Science, this week Year 3 looked at magnetic force. We carried out an investigation into magnetic objects, by using magnets to identify which objects around the classroom were magnetic and which objects were not.



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Year 4

This week year 4 met footballer Connor Coventry, who plays for West Ham. He used to attend Our Lady of Lourdes and came in to help year 4 practise their questioning and interview skills.



Year 5

Year 5 undertook some cross curricular learning over the last few weeks. We designed a brooch in the style of Anglo-Saxon jewellery before we went on to create our designs. Before creating the brooches, we learned about the materials available and how each brooch was handcrafted. We compared modern techniques to past techniques and discussed how each individual piece from the past would be unique.



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Year 6

In ICT this week, Year 6 have been creating a Stop-Frame Animation. Children learnt that an animation is a type of film made from lots of images joined together so it looks like they are a moving image. Exploring the five different forms of animation: traditional animation, 2D animation, 3D animation, motion graphics and stop motion, students worked independently to create a short animation on their laptops.



Birdman at OLOL



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20 th November	RP Parent Consultations Y6 History Workshop
Tuesday 21 st November	Natural History Museum - Y5 Trip Parents Healthy Eating Workshop in School Rec & Y6
Wednesday 22 nd November	4J Parent Consultations
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 Flu vaccination - 2 nd session
Wednesday 13 th December	2.00pm Reception Christmas Play
Thursday 14 th December	9.30am Nursery Christmas Play Christmas Lunch
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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