



Our Lady of Lourdes

RC Primary School

Weekly News...

10th November 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful week in school. From Assemblies to a Phileas Fogg Drama Workshop, the children have been busy living our school and Gospel Values in all that they do.

Thank you to 5F for a thought provoking assembly reminding us of the importance of Remembrance and the fact that 'All gave some and Some gave all'. I also want to thank the whole of Year 5 for leading our Remembrance Service. I was privileged to receive a beautifully handwritten invitation from Blythe to the memorial service which was led by Year 5 outside their classroom. You reminded us how the sacrifice given by so many has made a difference to us all. Both the Remembrance Service and 5F's assembly taught us that British values are for everyone; adults and children. Mutual respect and tolerance, democracy, the rule of the law and individual liberty are values we should all live by. The children shared examples of this in action at OLOL; this timely reminder to adults as well as children is hugely important at a time when there is great uncertainty in the world we live in. Please do take time to visit the Remembrance display outside the Year 5 Classrooms with your child and talk about the freedoms we have today thanks to the sacrifice of so many. Enjoy the pictures below and please encourage your child to take part in the two minutes silence this weekend.

November is a special month and a time for us all to remember the universal call to holiness. We were all made to become saints! Saint Francis de Sales says, 'The lives of the saints are nothing but the gospel put into practice.' Your children have this potential; the power to make a difference. At a time when the world is at war, the threat of nuclear 'accidents' are high and so many people are living in poverty, we need to remember our core values and support our children so that the world is a better place; we all have a role to play. In the words of Dorothy Nolte, 'Children are what they live'.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Boon
Headteacher

Broggan update

As I am sure you have heard from your children, we have had a Broggan escape in school this week. In assembly on Tuesday, the bell of the 'Miniature museum' alerted us that a Broggan was nearby. Missing items have reappeared alongside some unusual footprints all over the school. In addition to this, a nest was found in the school library with some treasures that have now been returned to their owners. The teachers and children have researched Broggans and established that they are harmless creatures however, we are eager to address this in school and will keep you updated on our progress of catching our Broggan. Please do check in with your children for daily updates.

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Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who booked an appointment and attended. We know that a few parents had technical issues and staff will be contacting you in the near future to arrange alternative appointments. Thank-you for your patience and understanding.

Parents who are involved with their children's education ensure better outcomes for their child so I would urge you to ensure that you liaise with your child's teacher if you did not attend. Regrettably we cannot run a second round of consultations but staff will always try to make themselves available to support you.

Teaching and Learning

Jacqueline Wilson wrote in the Times this week that only 43% of children read for pleasure. This comes at a time when it is reported that a third of parents are out of their depth when it comes to Maths at primary school level and a reported 34% of parents struggle with the primary curriculum. However, despite these alarming statistics we can all play a part.

Children need access to books that inspire, challenge and above all are enjoyable. As children get older it is important that adults still read with them. Children need to understand the importance of being resilient, making an effort, being adventurous (trying new things) and taking risks in their learning and in life. Everyone can help their child by encouraging and supporting, always being there at the side-lines ready to pick them up so that have another go.

School Uniform

We have taken the opportunity to remind pupils that they do need to wear a tie on a daily basis and all buttons should be done up; please support us with this as the school uniform is part of your child's identity with the OLOL Community. Our expectations can be found on our website.

Anti-Bullying Week

As part of Anti-Bullying Week we are asking all children to wear odd socks on Monday. The children will take part in a variety of activities that will encourage them to consider their behaviour, reflect on friendships and respect. Don't forget to chat with your child throughout the week about what they are learning.

Polite reminder

The school office closes at 4.15pm. Phone lines close at 4.30pm. There are no staff available after this time. If you have an urgent safeguarding issue please contact Redbridge Mash Team on 0208 708 3885.

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.

Christmas Fayre - Help Needed

Our Christmas fayre is taking place on Saturday, 25th November. Each year group has been allocated a stall/ride and your PTA reps are looking for volunteers to help cover an hourly slot. Please get in touch with your rep if you are able to help. Thank you.

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Certificates awarded to:

Birthday Club

Name	Class	Happy Birthday To You!
Thea & Coren	N	Jessica Clara Evelina Augustus Oliwier Nathania Gabriella Amelie Priya
Ami & Mohamad	RP	
Millie & Isaac	RS	
Charlotte & Amelia	IA	
Axel & Jacob	1R	
Jacob & Maisie	2H	
Ruby & Daniel	2HB	
Noel & Zoe	3D	
Saima & Miles	3G	
Lara & Chase	4J	
Amelie & Max	4R	
Felicia & Mia	5F	
Noah & Amelie	5FITZ	
Sophia & Kitty	6D	
Makio & Poppy	6J	

Attendance and Punctuality



Our attendance target at OLOL is 100%.

Overall attendance this week at OLOL has dipped slightly last week to 95.5%

18 children were late for school this week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
6J	88.1	6D	88.6
5F	98.9	5FITZ	95.4
4J	96.8	4R	94.7
3D	96.1	3G	97.5
2H	98.3	2HB	96.7
1R	97.0	1A	95.5
RP	95.7	RS	98.7
N	94.1		

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

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Remembrance at OLOL



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Life at OLOL this week...

Nursery

In Nursery this week, we have been focusing on recognising our name and mark making. We have also been painting poppies.



Reception

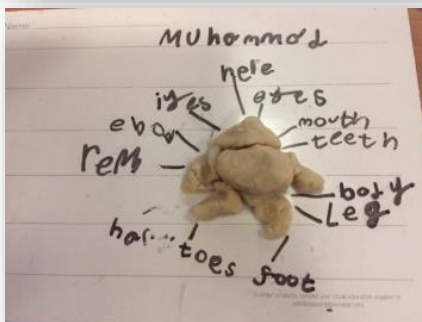
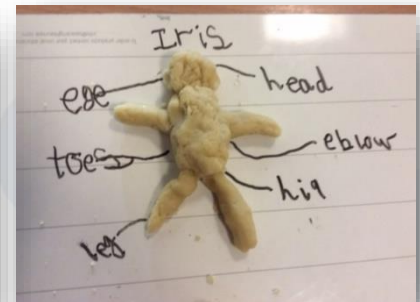
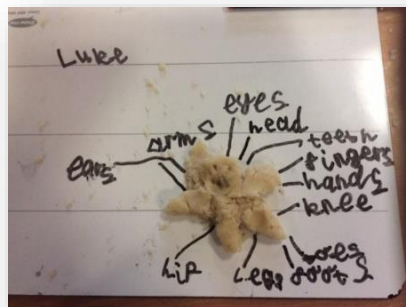
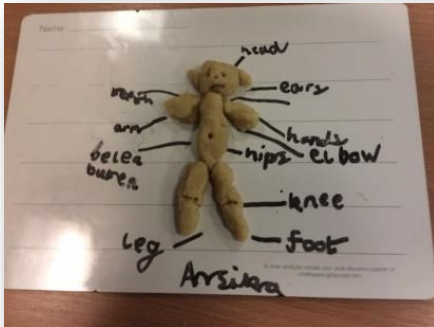
Reception have been working hard at home on a 2-week project creating shoebox stories based on traditional fairy tales. We designed our shoeboxes showcasing some of our favourite traditional tales such as Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and many more.



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Year 1

This week year 1 have reviewed their knowledge of the 5 senses. We used play dough to create our own people and label the parts we use to see, hear, touch, taste and smell. We also added labels for other body parts we know.



Year 2

This week, year 2 took part in a science investigation to find out what happens to our bodies when we exercise.



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Year 3

This week in Computing Year 3 learnt how to create 3D models by solving digital puzzles.



Year 4

This week Year 4 have been learning gymnastics. We practiced jumping in different ways and landing in a controlled way. We enjoyed giving each other advice on making our jumping (and landing) better and more precise. We also played teamwork games involving control, jumps and improving our movement.



Year 5

This week in Year 5, we had great fun making parachutes to investigate air resistance. We made predictions based on our learning then made parachutes using different materials. To test our creations, we took to the heights of the play-structure and recorded the times of descent. We then analysed our results to make a conclusion and explain what we found.



Year 6

In RE this week, Year 6 explored what a vocation is. We explored the testimony of Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink. We looked at the many different decisions that impacted his life and how he finally accepted 'being called'. We then worked in partners to create an interview role-play, as if we were Fr. Chase. Then some children hot seated, while the rest of the class were roleplaying as interviewers. This really helped us to understand the many decisions and dilemmas a man may face, before he becomes a priest.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13 th November	Year 2 Parent Consultations / Anti-Bullying Week / Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 14 th November	Year 5 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 15 th November	9.30am Maths KS1/KS2 Parent Workshop
Thursday 16 th November	Birds of Prey Workshop - Reception - Y6
Friday 17 th November	9.00am Special Assembly 4J
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
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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