



Our Lady of Lourdes

RC Primary School

Weekly News...

3rd November 2023

Dear Parents,

We all thrive on routine so for most people, returning to school on Monday gave a sense of calmness and order. Seeing the children happily chatting and resuming their routines was uplifting; observing them settle back so quickly clearly demonstrates the strong partnership that we have with our families. School is a safe space for our children and it provides a strong sense of community; our children thrive because of the partnership that we have with you.

It is noticeable that there are some changes in terms of peoples working patterns etc. post COVID and not all parents are coming into school so often. I want to re-assure you that we are always here to support you and your family within the remit of being your child's educator, investing in their nurture and development as a person. We know that with changes at home there can be a slightly different dynamic so I wanted to remind you that we operate an open door policy but in the mornings we ask that the teachers are there for the children. Meetings can be arranged before or after school and staff are usually available immediately after school if you need to discuss any matters.

As always, on behalf of the staff team, thank you for being proactive in working with us and also promoting us within our local community; it makes a real difference.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Boon
Headteacher

Miniature Museum

This week we were lucky enough to receive a Miniature Museum from 'The Historical Society'. Professor Harold Nasaf shared that this antique museum has been locked away for a number of years and OLOL is one of the first school's in a very long time to have the opportunity to benefit from this loaned item and develop a history based project around it. This week the children have begun to familiarise themselves with the contents of this museum

Keep your eyes peeled for more information over the coming weeks!

Year Six Trip

On Wednesday, Year Six enjoyed their trip to the Imperial War Museum. Prior to the children's return to school, we received an email from the Museum complimenting the children on their behaviour, attitude and quality of their questions and stating that they provided the staff with 'one of their best days working at the IWM'. Thank you to our teachers and parent helpers who made the trip such a success.

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

Music Recital

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a wonderful music recital from Redbridge Music Service. The children enjoyed listening to a variety well known songs (including ABBA!) and some were even singing along! Thank you to Mrs Coeur-De-Lion, our Music Leader, for arranging this wonderful opportunity.

Ambassadors

This year we invited pupils to apply for the position of Year Group Ambassadors. They were asked to explain and talk about their learning, how often they read at home and what they thought they could do to support their peers. It was a huge decision and Mrs Roca-Mas, Miss Crampton and I spent a lot of time discussing and deliberating who the Ambassadors should be this time. Everyone who applied was congratulated on demonstrating a desire to become a young leader. It was also explained that if they were not successful this time there would be other leadership opportunities within their school journey. We have announced our Ambassadors and look forward to their contribution over the coming months.

Governor Training

Behind the scenes at our school, there is a small group of dedicated stakeholders who work with the Leadership Team and myself to ensure that we meet the needs of our community, provide an outstanding education and that we remain true to our vision and values. This week we welcomed them into school to talk about how some of our core subjects have been developed, taught and the reason they are successful. Thank you to our Governors for their time and commitment to the children and our school community.

Governor Elections

Please check your ParentMail for an email and online form for the Parent Governor election. Voting will open today and close on Friday 17th November at 4.15pm.

Special Assemblies

To support parents who want to attend their child's class Special Assemblies but also need to get away quickly, we will be beginning them at **8.55am** with immediate effect. The change in time will enable the school day to begin quickly.

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Polite reminder - School Office

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.

Polite reminder - School lunch

Please remember to pre-order your child’s school lunch via Feeding Hungry Minds.

Polite reminder - Lost Property

Please can you make sure your child’s school uniform including their winter coat is clearly named. Please can you check if your child has inadvertently come home in someone else coat as there is a child in Year 3 with school coat , hat and gloves which has been missing since before half term.

Certificates awarded to:		Birthday Club
Name	Class	Happy Birthday To You!
Isla C & Joe	N	Alexandra Brielle
Dusty & Louis	RP	Saoirse
Zosia & Sebastian	RS	Lara
Alexander & Sara-Rosie	IA	Sophia
Muhammad & Clara	1R	Chase
Ava & Oscar	2H	Amarachukwu
Kitty & Max	2HB	Edward
Yesenia & Alexandra	3D	Vivienne
Aila & William	3G	Ava
Lucas & Lara	4J	Bella
Isabella & Eliot	4R	Siyanda
Elizabeth & Abigail P	5F	Niyah-Mae
Isabella & Antonio	5FITZ	Tobias-Jaxon
Evan & Arianna	6D	Lochlainn
Isaac & Oscar	6J	Aila
		Kayla
		Finley

Attendance and Punctuality



Our attendance target at OLOL is 100%.

Overall attendance this week at OLOL has improved slightly from last week to 95.7%

13 children were late for school this week.

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Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
6J	93.8	6D	94.3
5F	95.4	5FITZ	96.5
4J	97.4	4R	97.3
3D	96.8	3G	95.9
2H	94.3	2HB	95.7
1R	93.0	1A	97.9
RP	98.0	RS	94.3
N	94.4		

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

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



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Year 2

Year Two have begun one of our new PE topics, invasion games! This week we practiced our dribbling skills, we all worked really hard to keep the ball in our possession.



Year 3

Year 3 studied cave paintings as a way of learning about pre-history as part of our Stone Age topic. We discussed what they drew and how they made their art before trying our hand at our own Stone Age style drawings.



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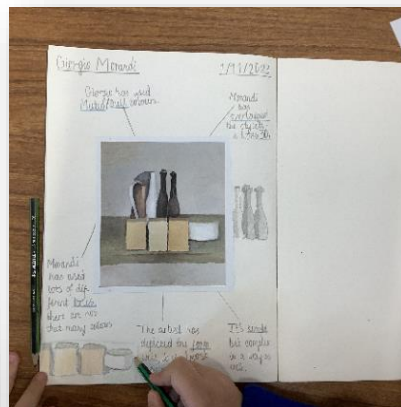
Year 4

Year 4 have been looking at African Tales of origin. We acted out stories before writing our own such as 'How the Lion got his Roar', 'How the Zebra got his Stripes'.



Year 5

This week, Year 5 began their art topic of "Still life - Objects and Form" by looking at the work of Giorgio Morandi. They analysed his paintings and drew sections of his still life works focusing on his use of colour, geometric shapes and shading.



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Year 6



In History this term, Year 6 are studying World War One and World War Two. On Wednesday they visited the Imperial War Museum where the children explored the informative exhibitions of both World Wars. They also took part in an insightful and engaging workshop called 'We Were There' in which they met an ex-soldier who had fought in Northern Ireland during the 1970's. They were given the opportunity to try on some of his army clothing, which they thoroughly enjoyed!



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Poppy Appeal



We would like to introduce ourselves to you. We are the new Rights Respecting School Ambassadors. Our job is to represent the school and support all the pupils here at Our Lady of Lourdes. One of our other roles is to raise money for charity. Our first appeal is going to be for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



Throughout next week the children will have the opportunity to buy the following items. The prices listed are suggested donations as the work of the British Legion relies heavily on charitable support. Slap bands (£2) Wrist bands (£1) Poppy zip tags (£1) Zip pulls (50p each or 2 for £1).

Traditional paper poppies will also be available for 50p.

The children can bring money to school and we will bring the items around during every afternoon next week. We will also sell some poppy items after school should we wish to purchase them yourself.

We look forward to working together this year.

The School Ambassadors

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 6 th November	4R 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 Flu immunisation Rec - Y6
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
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 / Odd Socks Day
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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