



Our Lady of Lourdes

RC Primary School

Weekly News...

13th October 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy and wonderful week at OLOL. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Key Stage Two Reading Workshop on Tuesday. Over 100 parents have attended Reading Workshops so far this term. We also held the Ambassador Interviews this week. Listening to the children talk about their learning, share the work that they are most proud of and discuss the skills that they are developing was humbling. Their love of school was delightful and seeing them place such a high value on the role shows how committed they are to our school and community. We will announce our new Ambassadors next week.

We have missed our wonderful Year 6 but have received and shared daily updates with parents. A huge thank you to our wonderful members of staff who gave up their week to support the children as part of their learning adventure.

As part of the month of October, Mrs Coeur-De-Lion invited children to pray the Rosary with her at lunchtimes this week. The calm and peaceful environment attracted so many children that Miss Crampton had to give up her seat twice. One Year 3 child commented on how soothing it was and how they wanted to return the following day.

In between all of the above, we welcomed prospective parents to our Open Afternoon. Please remember that if you know someone looking for a school place for Reception in September 2024 our next Open Day is on **Wednesday 18th October at 3.30pm. Please encourage them to bring their children to visit.**

Have a restful weekend,

Mrs Boon

World Mental Health Day

Please don't forget to make time to talk to your child. Every year group set a talking homework last week. This activity and day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health. If you or anyone you know is struggling with mental health please tell someone. Whatever you are going through, there is always help available.

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 times advertised in the Parish Newsletter to sign the Certificate of Practice, 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.

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Polite reminder

Please ensure that any creams/ medication comes via the school office. Anything in books bags can present a health risk to other pupils. Please note we can only accept prescribed medication in school. Thank you for your understanding and support to ensure all our children are safe.

Reading Task

Miss Crampton and I are the Reading leaders. We believe that reading opens the door to endless possibilities and adventures. Over half term, we are asking every child and member of staff to take a picture reading in an unusual place. These pictures will help to brighten up our reading areas. Please email your child's pictures via the school admin address. We look forward to receiving them!

Harvest

Please don't forget to send in your Harvest Donations. This year all donations will be passed to the Wanstead Tin-in-a-Bin supporting local families within our community. The last day for donations to is Friday 20th October.

Reception Forest School Meeting

There is a 10-15 minute Zoom Meeting on Tuesday 17th October at 9.30am to talk about Forest School. Mrs Selner, our Forest School Teacher, will lead the meeting. A zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting starting. We hope you are able to join us.

Breakfast & After School Club

Adults are not permitted to use the toilets when dropping off or collecting children. These toilets are for children only.

Nut free

Please be reminded this is a nut free school. Please do not include nuts or nut products in your child's packed lunch or send them as a snack.

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance this week at OLOL has improved slightly from last week to 97.3%
There were 13 children late for school this week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
6J	98.8	6D	97.1
5F	93.8	5FITZ	96.2
4J	94.2	4R	98.3
3D	98.6	3G	97.9
2H	98.3	2HB	99.0
1R	99.3	1A	96.4
RP	97.0	RS	96.7
N	97.6		

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Ave Maria

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

Birthday Club

Happy Birthday To You!

Rafferty, Catherine,
Chace, Elise, Elisa,
Xichen, Maya

Life at OLOL this week...

Nursery



This week Mrs Coeur-de-Lion came to pray the Rosary with the children. It was a very special moment.



Reception



In RE, we concluded our unit on 'Why am I precious? By thanking God and praying for each other.



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Year 1



This week Year 1 learnt about King James IV and had the opportunity to act out his life.



Year 2



This week Year 2 spent some time outside to pray and show our appreciation and love for God and his world. Some of the children shared prayers that they like from home, school and church.

Year 3

This week Year 3 have been learning about our muscles and how they help our skeleton. We began by recapping our learning and labelling the bones in our body with post it's. We then learned that muscles are fibers that pull and looked at our biceps and triceps. We used this knowledge to make a model showing how the pulling action of our muscles makes our arms move up and down. This led to some great discussions about why some muscles on our bodies are bigger and why some people have bigger muscles.



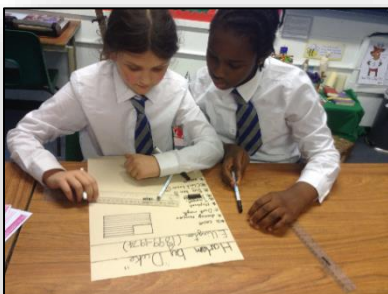


Year 4

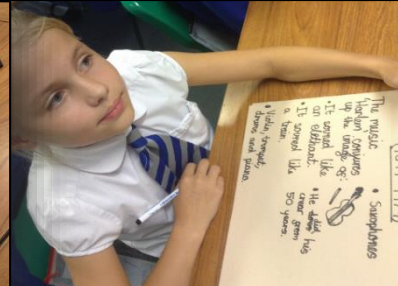
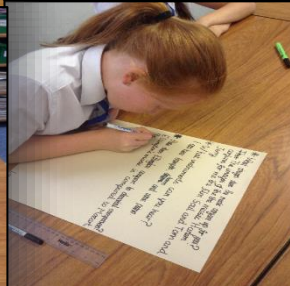
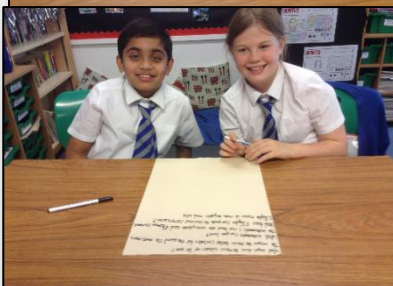
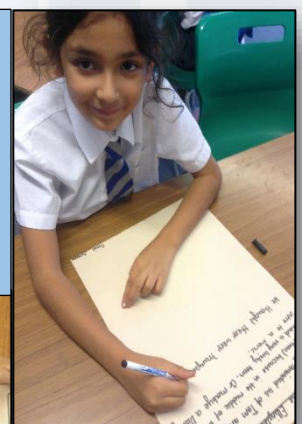


Year 4 have been learning about how sound travels, we investigated using cup and string.

Year 5



This week in music, Year 5 got a taste of Jazz by studying and discussing the music of Jazz musician, Duke Ellington. We analysed his composition 'Harlem' and compared his music to some of the classical composers we have previously listened to. We also discussed the imagery that his music created and how it made us feel





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 18 th October	1.30pm to 3pm - Prospective Parents Reception 2024 Open Afternoon
Thursday 19 th October	9.30am - Y3 - Y6 English Writing Workshop for Parents
Friday 20 th October	Essex County Cricket Workshop - Y5 & 6
Half Term Holiday Monday 23RD October to Friday 27th October 2023	
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 6 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
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	Nursery Christmas Play- Time to be confirmed
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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