



Our Lady of Lourdes

RC Primary School

Weekly News...

6th October 2023

Dear Parents,

We have definitely enjoyed what looks like the last few days of summer sun this week and the children have had fun being creative with their Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL). This week the Year Six children met their Reception Buddies and presented them with Prayer Books; they then read some of the prayers together. For some, it was a quiet time with a safe new friend, for others it was about leading and showing the children how to make the Sign of the Cross. It was humbling for us as adults to see our Year Six children assume this important mentoring role and to witness the kindness of the children as friendships began to be formed.

Thank-you to everyone who was able to attend our Reading Workshop this week. We hope it was informative and will support you in helping your child to become a lifelong lover of reading. I am always grateful to people for giving up their time to attend such meetings as I know people are busy. If you need any advice about how to help your child please do speak with your child's teacher, Miss Crampton or myself. The children have made a Phonic Video which I hope will support you.

<https://our-lady-of-lourdes-rc-primary-school-wanstead.primarysite.media/>

Once Read, Write Inc. is up and running for Reception and Nursery, we will run further sessions for parents so they can see what the reading lessons look like across the school.

Don't forget our **Key Stage Two reading workshop for parents is on Tuesday 10th October at 9.30am**. A zoom link will be sent out on the day as a reminder.

Remember, 'Reading is the mind what exercise is to the body' (Joseph Addison)

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Boon

Contacting the school via email

You may have noticed that we are transitioning from our old email address of admin.ourlady@redbridge.sch.uk to our new address as follows

admin@ourladyoflourdes.redbridge.sch.uk

We have been experiencing some technical issues with this transfer so please ensure you use the new address going forward.

The old account will be deactivated in due course, however if you do inadvertently use it you will receive a notification alerting you to resend your email.

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Year 6 Residential

The Year 6 children will be away next week on their residential trip to Grosvenor Hall, we are sure that they have a fantastic week and make lots of great memories.

Harvest donations

Please help us to help others. Sending in donations helps to teach your child that there are always other in need, others who are less fortunate and that we have a social duty to make difference. This year all donations will be made to the Wanstead Tin-in-a Bin.

World Mental Health Day Homework

All children have been set a Time to Talk homework this week in addition to their other homework. At a time when the news is so negative and for many life is challenging, please take the time to talk to your child about their achievements and things that they are proud of having done. Further guidance is available on SEESAW.

Parent Consultations

Following our recent survey, it has been decided to go with the majority vote and maintain Zoom parent consultations. In a slight change from the previous format, meetings will be available between 12pm-6pm on the dates published below in the diary section of this newsletter.

October

We have now entered the month of the Rosary. Please make some time to pray with your child and talk about the Rosary. If you are a non-Catholic member of our community perhaps you could light a candle and say a prayer together (following your own faith) or just reflect on the wonderful world we live in. As a mother of two grown up children quiet time like this as a family is special and will pass too quickly. Make time for the quiet moments and treasure them.

School Ambassadors

Interviews will begin next week. All children who applied will be able to attend an interview with Mrs Roca-Mas, Miss Crampton and myself. We look forward to introducing our new Ambassadors in the very near future.

Science Week

This week the children have enjoyed a Science Week focussing on Space. Please enjoy the pictures at the end of the newsletter from your child's week at OLOL.

Autumn Term workshops & trips

Enrichment activities have already started this week, 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](#)

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PTA

Thank-you to everyone who was able to attend the PTA AGM. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team making a difference to our children. I know that due to train issues some parents missed the meeting but on behalf of staff, Governors and myself I want to officially thank everyone for their involvement and commitment to our school and children. Please refer to the calendar below for details of our forthcoming events.

Message from committee

Many thanks to everyone who attended the PTA AGM on Tuesday evening. This year three committee members are stepping down, so we would like to say a huge thank you to Vicky Taylor, Irene Feely and Simone Clarke for all their hard work and dedication to raising funds over the years. We would also like to welcome our new committee members - Michelle Jeyes and Alex Athienitou as Co-Secretary, who are both stepping up from shadow roles, also Rezina Moran and Ross Curran who have kindly offered to fulfil the role of Co-Treasurer. We are still looking for volunteers for Shadow Committee roles (with a view to stepping up in the future), please email us on lolrcpta@gmail.com if you're interested.

Certificates awarded to:		Birthday Club
Name	Class	Happy Birthday To You!
Buckley & Trilby-Violet	N	Iliyana Emilia Eryk Louis Charlotte Carter Khachik Thomas Hugo
Douglas & Nea	RP	
Frankie & Gia	RS	
Alexander & Jude	IA	
Alice & Halliday	1R	
Arrietty & Arthur	2H	
Jessica & Leo	2HB	
Callum & Grace	3D	
Cara & George	3G	
Clara & Janaya	4J	
Erin & Finbar	4R	
James & Sophia	5F	
Blythe & Oscar	5FITZ	
Aidan & Rory	6D	
Blanka & Oliver	6J	

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Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance this week at OLOL is 97.2%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
6J	93.8	6D	95.4
5F	94.6	5FITZ	97.3
4J	97.4	4R	95.3
3D	100	3G	100
2H	100	2HB	97.7
1R	99	1A	95.1
RP	97.3	RS	99.3
N	94.9		

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...

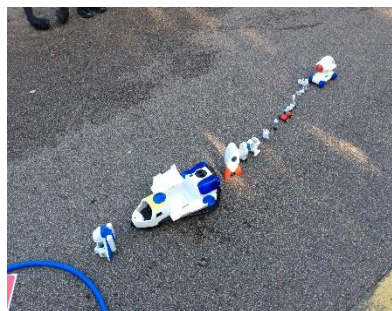
Nursery

The children in Nursery have had great fun learning about space. We recreated the solar system using hoops and took part in an exciting VR session.



Reception

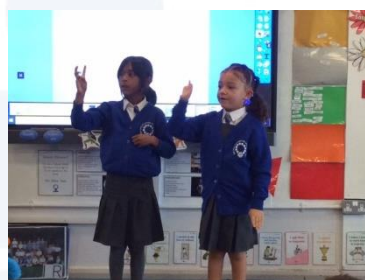
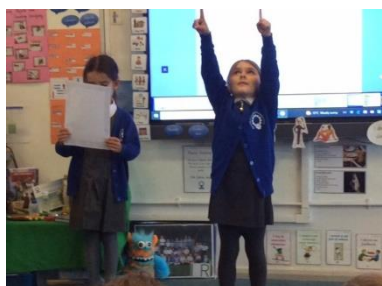
This week in Reception, we went on a counting space hunt as part of Space Week. We worked in our classes together to find as many space objects in the playground and see which class could find the most. We then practiced counting to 10 and beyond.



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Year 1

Year 1 have performed space poems using expression and adding actions to help. We wrote our own Space Acrostic Poems to share with our friends. To help us we learnt about Neil Armstrong in our history lesson this week. It was great to learn about the first man who stepped foot on the moon.



Year 2

In Year Two we celebrated Space Week! We were visited by a Virtual Reality company and had the amazing opportunity to use their headsets to explore space. For our Science lesson, we took part in an investigation to explore which paper material would make the best rocket and even got to fly them in the playground.



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Year 3

During space week, we discussed what satellites were and how we use them. We found out the satellites orbit planets or stars. We learnt that satellites help us in lots of different ways: They take pictures of the Earth, help us to predict the weather and even help us to watch T.V and use mobile phones.

We thought about the equipment that satellites need to have and a design that would be best to help them orbit. We then designed our own and tried to make a model of it. Finally we evaluated our model.



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Year 4

For space week Year 4 took part in a VR workshop where they learned about the planets within our solar system.



Year 5

Year 5 investigated planets orbital journeys during space week. The children were able to design a fair test by using a ball, string, stopwatch and chalk to record the times for each "planets" orbit and outline in chalk the path it takes. They were amazed to see the differences in distance between each planets orbital journey and recorded and discussed their result proposing what further tests they could now do.



Year 6

This week in Maths, Year 6 were exploring Roman Numerals whilst using the mathematical skill of communicating orally. The children were each given the photo of 5 different children in their class and had the task of finding out their birthday, age, and favourite number. In their books, they to write this in Roman Numerals.



Space Week Investigation

During Space Week, Year 6 explored gravity and air resistance by designing our own space parachutes. Our aim was to create the slowest possible parachute. We attempted to do this by changing one variable but keeping our test fair. We worked in groups of 4 and used a variety of mathematical and scientific skills.

Some of the skills we used were:

- Recording data in a table and a bar chart
- Measuring with precision
- Setting up a fair test



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 9 th to Friday 13 th October	Y6 Residential Trip
Tuesday 10 th October	9.30am - Y3 - Y6 Reading Workshop for Parents
Thursday 12 th October	1.30pm to 3pm - Prospective Parents Reception 2024 Open Afternoon
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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