



Our Lady of Lourdes

RC Primary School

Weekly News...

15th September 2023

Dear Parents,

It is great to be back! The last two weeks have flown by and it is clear that the children have returned rested, full of life and ready to learn - thank you.

Please ensure that you look at the Key Dates at the end of the Newsletter as there are many planned events and we would like to see you at as many of them as possible. Please make a note of them.

Last Friday, we welcomed our new Reception Parents to a coffee morning so they could get to know each other and see our community in action. A huge thank-you to our wonderful PTA for joining us. It is a pleasure to welcome you to the OLOL community and family. We are privileged to be part of your child's life and look forward to working in partnership to guide, shape and influence your child. Thank-you to all our parents for preparing your children so well. You have clearly done a great job. I look forward to working closely with you all - welcome to the OLOL family!

Earlier this week our curriculum letter and the curriculum map were sent via ParentMail for your child. The curriculum letter should help you to understand what your child is learning this term. We also have a series of parent workshops planned (details of dates and times are in the key dates section of this newsletter and on the school website).

Finally, teaching is a vocation; we are called to serve and to support, influence and prepare our children to be givers of tomorrow's society as they shape and support others and inspire society. It was lovely to see our Year 5 pupils serving their school community this week as Guardian Angels. Particular thanks go to Clara and Tilly for doing this so well and being outstanding role models.

Have a wonderful weekend and hopefully enjoy the last few days of the summer weather.

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding Officers (DSP): **Mrs. Boon and Miss Crampton**

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the DSPs to seek further advice.

Please see the attached link from Redbridge Council regarding private fostering.

Class Ambassadors 2023

Being a class ambassador is a privilege and also a way to develop citizenship and leadership skills. Miss Crampton and I will be interviewing prospective candidates for these special positions and are inviting all children from Year 2-6 to apply. We are looking for role models; pupils who understand and follow our school and class rules, pupils who want

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to make a difference and pupils who would like a challenge. Attached to our newsletter is the 'Job Description'. The teachers have spoken with the children and applications will close on Friday 22nd September. Please take the time to discuss this exciting opportunity. Children who have previously been an Ambassador are also welcome to apply.

Thank you

Thank you to Mr Johnson, Miss Deere, Miss Fanning, Mrs Davies and Mrs Harwood for organising and attending the Year Six Parent Information Meeting this week. The residential trip is a very special time for our pupils; we are one of the few schools who still attend a residential for the week. We are hugely grateful to our wonderful staff who give up their time to attend and to colleagues in school who cover and enable the trip to be successful. Thank you also to Miss Reddington, our History and Geography Leader, for organising a fantastic geography day this week and to Miss Lowe for organising our Art focus last week.

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance at OLOL this week is 97.8%
21 children were late for school this week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
6J	95.8	6D	97.4
5F	99.6	5FITZ	96.2
4J	96.2	4R	98.7
3D	99.6	3G	99.6
2H	99.0	2HB	98.7
1R	98.6	1A	96.7
RP	98.6	RS	96.3
N	94.6		

Please ensure all absences are reported via ParentMail with a reason. Occasionally messages left on the voicemail are not clear.

Certificates awarded to:		Birthday Club	
Name	Class	Happy Birthday To You!	
Hector & Mia	N	Serah	
Kiran & Xichen	RP	Isaac	
Franco & Ada	RS	Clara	
Lorcan & Liam	IA	Sophie	
Nidhi & Nathanael	1R	Serah	
Majus & Elisa	2H	Jules	
Anaiya & Thomas	2HB	Trilby Violet	
Sarita & Kian	3D	Lowri	
Zaidan & Eshaani	3G	Asad	
		Gabriel	
		Ciaran	

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Ave Maria

Maya E & Jeremiah	4J	Abigail Maia Rose Maximilian Zachary Valentina Finbar
Jasper & Eva	4R	
Clara & Matilda	5F	
Lydia & Eva	5FITZ	
Guy & Kiki	6D	
Amrai & Kayla	6J	

Life at OLOL this week...

This week...

Nursery



We have had fun this week in Nursery making new friends.

Reception



We have welcomed our new Reception children to RS and RP where they thoroughly enjoyed the last two weeks both in their classrooms and in the playground with the rest of the school!

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Year 1

The children in Year 1 have been making numbers using cubes and a ten frame during our Maths lessons. We had to count carefully to make sure we found the correct total.



Year 2



In PE this week, we developed our balancing skills using different parts of our bodies. Some balances were easier to control than others.

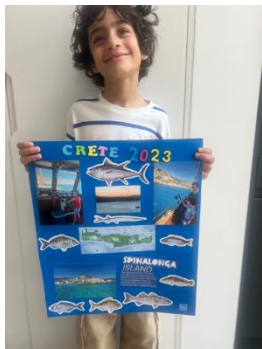
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Year 3



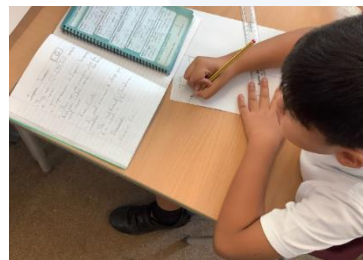
Year 3 have written a character description this week of Aunt Spiker from James and the Giant Peach. We hot seated the character and acted as Aunt Spiker to answer questions to the whole class.

Year 4



Thank you to everyone who completed the geography project over the summer! It has been fantastic to see the children's maps, pictures and videos from near and far.

In Year 4, we have been researching and studying the continent of Asia for geography day. We conducted our research in the morning and have worked to produce fact files about the continent.



All of the children have been enjoying learning about new places and cultures.



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Year 5



This week Y5 have been expanding their scientific vocabulary. They have investigated mysterious objects using their newly learnt vocabulary to describe their properties and predict their functions.

Year 5 have also been discussing Growth mindset and how it can help us on our learning journey. We created wonderful posters to help remind us of the importance of having a 'Growth mindset'



Year 6



Year 6 created an Art project based on the painting Surprised by Henri Rousseau. Inspired by how the tiger camouflages into the grassland, the children drew a glimpse of an animal, as it would appear through grass. Focusing on one section of the animal allowed them to focus on texture and the essence of that particular animal, without drawing the whole face.

In Science, Year 6 were exploring how we see things. In groups, they created a human model using wool and a torch to show the process of how light travels in straight lines, reflects and bounces off objects into our eye.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 17 th September	6.30pm Parish Celebrations for Father Adrian
Wednesday 20 th September	Individual Photographs- Winter uniform
Friday 29 th September	9.00am Special Assembly 6J
Monday 2 nd October	Space Virtual Reality Workshop - Nursey- Y2 Harvest donations
Tuesday 3 rd October	Space Virtual Reality Workshop - Y3-Y6 9.30am - Y1 & Y2 Reading Workshop for parents
Monday 9 th October 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 3.00pm - Prospective Parents for Reception Intake 2024 Open Afternoon
Thursday 19 th October	1.30pm to 3.00pm - Prospective Parents for Reception Intake 2024 Open Afternoon 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
Monday 6 th November	Drama Workshop - Reception - Y3
Thursday 16 th November	Birds of Prey Workshop -Reception - Y6
Friday 10 th November	9.00am Remembrance Assembly - 5F
Monday 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 th November	9.00am Special Assembly 4J Odd Socks Day
Monday 20 th November	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	1940's Homefront Workshop - Y2
Friday 1 st December	Science Museum - Y4 Trip
Monday 4 th December	Young Shakespeare - 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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