



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

17th May 2021

Dear Parents,

This week was the long awaited PGL trip to Liddington. The children are always extremely lucky to be able to go on this trip but probably even more so this year with the disruption that the pandemic has caused.


The children have had an absolutely brilliant time trying out new experiences which we wouldn't normally be able to provide in school. It is great seeing them push themselves to the limit. They clearly haven't let the rain stop them getting the most out of the trip. I hope you've been able to follow some of the activities on the school Instagram.

I would like to say a massive thank you to the staff. It is an enormous responsibility to take 32 children away on a residential and I know that many schools have used the pandemic as a reason not to do it. Although it is extremely tiring, I know they will have had a great time.

Finally, please keep in your prayers all the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend at St Columbas. I hope they have a fantastic day on what is the most important day of their life.

Have a lovely weekend

God bless,

M. Hold 





olscheshambois

olscheshambois Full tummies after our 7 o'clock breakfast!! Ready for an action packed day! #OLSatPGL

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olivialennon15 Thank you for the updates!

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olscheshambois Zipline, archery and giant swing on the timetable for today! #OLSatPGL

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teresawatson7

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sophiescon Oh, fun! Love these updates!

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anguria76 They all look so happy

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olscheshambois

olscheshambois Another fun-filled day for Year 6! #OLSatPGL

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teresawatson7 Looks like you are all having a great time and sunshine too in amongst the showers. 🌈☀️

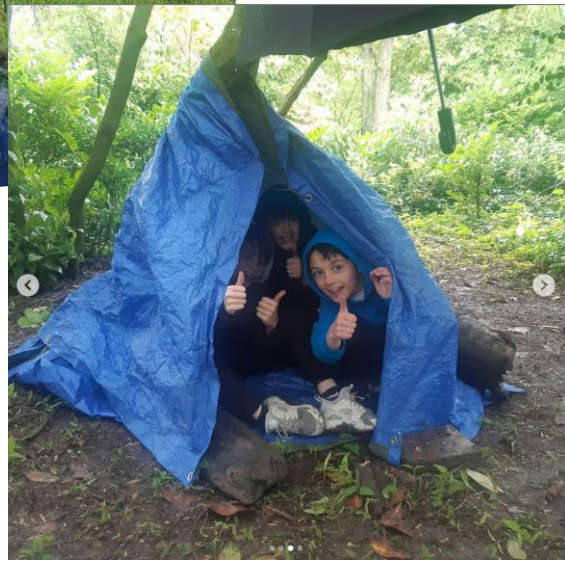
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olivialennon15 So many amazing memories being made ❤️

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olscheshambois

olscheshambois A WET but very enjoyable morning! After a big lunch, we're ready for this afternoon! #OLSatPGL

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teresawatson7

16h Reply

26 likes
19 HOURS AGO

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Parent Newsletter May 2021

May is a busy month in the Church calendar. During this month we come to the end of Eastertide, celebrate the Ascension and receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost!

The disciples no doubt experienced a whole wide range of emotions during this time, and, especially as the world starts to open up again after lockdown, it might feel like we're experiencing a rollercoaster time too. However, the predominant attitude during this season is that of celebration. In this newsletter, we share with you some resources that your children have experienced in school.

Feeling Fruitful

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." John 15:5

In the week commencing 3rd May, children learned that to produce good fruit, the branch with the grapes must be attached to the vine. If not, the grapes won't grow. They need the sap within the vine to flow up and into the branches to feed the grapes, so that the branches produce good fruit.

When Jesus says, 'remain in me', He is telling us to stay close to Him so that the Holy Spirit can grow good 'fruit' in our lives, like love and kindness.

Children watched a short video about the work of Mission Together, a charity that helps children to share love and kindness with other children around the world. This video, voiced by an actor, shows how Mission Together have helped some children in Cambodia:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>

Children learned that we can stay close to Jesus through prayer, listening to the Gospel, receiving Holy Communion and sharing what we have with others, and that we can be inspired by the good 'fruit' growing in other people's lives, e.g. Sr Eulie helping the children in Cambodia and the children here in the UK praying for the Cambodian children and raising money for their centre.

You might like to:

- **Plant some seeds with your child and discuss what they need to grow, to reinforce the message that to grow 'fruit' we need to stay close to Jesus.**
- **Discuss how 'good deeds' aren't restricted to people who believe in Jesus. Anyone can do a good thing! But Jesus promises that when people are motivated by the love of God and commit to share that love with others through their actions, He will ensure that these actions 'bear fruit'.**

“I Call You Friends”

The assembly for the week commencing 10th May explores the theme of friendship. In the Gospel for that week, Jesus says: “A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends...I call you friends.” (John 15: 9 – 17)

After discussing the key qualities of good friendships, children watched a film where a young man called George talks about his friendship with his brother Jimmy, who was tragically killed 13 years ago. George was just 8 years old at the time and he really missed the friendship he had with his brother. However, George feels that he is still being a friend to Jimmy, and that Jimmy is still being a friend to George, even though he is now in heaven. You might like to watch George’s story with your child:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>

Children learned that Jesus desperately wants to be friends with them, and that friendship with Jesus leads us to love others as He asks us to.

You might like to:

- Share about a friend you have and why they are so important to you.
- Talk with your child further about the themes raised by this film, including death and grief.

Safeguarding

I read a really interesting article this week on the BBC website about processed food. It is worth a read and although we can’t change what we do immediately it is worth considering the types of food our children are eating. I tend to see a lot of processed food in the children’s packed lunches:

[What happened when I ate ultra-processed food for a month - BBC Food](#)

Art Exhibition

Dear Parents,

The OLS Arts committee would like to invite all parents to the OLS Art Gallery which will be open next week in school. The exhibition, which is on the theme of 'Hope', will feature art work from every child in the school. You are welcome to come and see the exhibition between the following times:

Wednesday 26th May 1.45-3pm

Thursday 27th May 1.45-3pm and 3.30pm-4.30pm

You do not need to book. Just arrive between the times stated and enter the exhibition through the hall door in the KS1 playground and follow the arrows which will guide you through the exhibits. The PTA are kindly providing refreshments which will be available as you enter the exhibition. We very much look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes,

The Arts Committee.



Good News Certificates

Last week's good news certificates went to the following children:

Year 1	Jacob & Theo
Year 2	Curtis & Michael M
Year 3	Lena & Daniel
Year 4	Jack & Finley
Year 5	Charlie & Jacob
Year 6	Lauren & George

Well done everyone.

Accelerated Reader

Top readers this term

Words Read	
Year 6	4, 472, 571 words
Year 5	3, 041, 224 words
Year 4	1, 966, 399 words
Year 3	1, 472, 094 words

Children who are reading above their target and have scored above 85% in the quizzes:

Year 3

Pierce
Xavier
Ellie
Lena
Stella
Ethan
Sabrina
Emilio
Harry
Alasdair

Year 4

Finlay
Lily
Louis

Lucy
Cliff
Alex
Alina
Matthew
Pranav
Ula

Year 5

Mylee
Buddy
Charlie
Abigail
Ruby
Zara
Florence
Valeria

Year 6

Sarah
Olivia
Maria
Gabriel
Louis
Malachi
Kimberly
Aidan S
Aoife
Lucy