



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

8th February 2023

Dear Parents,

We've had a great week to end this half term. Firstly, I would like to give you the delightful news that Mr and Mrs Lally have had a beautiful baby girl weighing 5lb 7oz on Monday morning. I have passed on everyone's best wishes and we look forward to seeing the baby soon. I know the Year 2 children are really excited. We will let you know when she has a name.

Also, this week, Year 5 have been to Westcott to do some butterfly conservation work with Chiltern Forest Rangers. They have been in two groups and we have been so lucky that they have had beautiful weather on both days. The work they were doing helps some quite rare butterflies and, I have to be honest, I learned some amazing things about them. It is a bit more complicated than The Very Hungry Caterpillar, In the summer term, we are going to have butterflies as our theme for Science week and we have another class doing some more conservation work after half term.

We have also had two sporting events this week. I took eleven children to run at the Buckinghamshire Cross Country Championships at Stowe School on Wednesday. It was a tough course but the children ran brilliantly. A special mention to Esther who has only just started running and to Jack who came seventh overall even after falling over and has qualified to run for Buckinghamshire at the nationals.

Finally, yesterday was the finals of the Chiltern Touch Rugby League. We who started in a good position as we were in third place in the league. The children played some great rugby and won three games and drew one ending up second and getting themselves into the Grand Final against Hawridge. After a hard fought final, we lost narrowly by two tries but we were delighted to get our best result so far in the Chiltern Leagues.

Have a lovely weekend

God bless,

M. Howarth

Earthquake

The scenes in Turkey and Syria this week have been tragic. They are clearly in need of our prayers but also many of people are looking for ways to help practically. Thank you to Alaia in Year 5's family who have forwarded me this information about making practical donations.

Efes Tapas Bar in Little Chalfont and Historia Mezze & Grill in High Wycombe are taking donations which are being distributed in Turkey.

Items in need:

Adults and Children's winter clothing
Coats
Raincoats
Boots
Underwear
Socks
Gloves, hats, scarves

Nappies
Baby formula
Baby wipes
Sanitary towels
Hygiene products
Tinned food

Tents
Sleeping bags
Thermals
Blankets
Flash lights/torches (without batteries)

A Message from Ten Ten Resources February 2023

We begin February with the official end of Christmastide and a welcome theme of light. Just as the evenings and mornings are beginning to show signs of brightening, Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February, celebrates Jesus, the Light of the World.

In recent months, price rises have brought the cost of light and heating sharply into focus. Perhaps we've been a little more careful with our energy usage; switching off lights when leaving a room, being mindful of saving the planet and our pennies etc.

Light and salt were high-value commodities in ancient cultures, and Jesus uses these metaphors to describe the real value of our contributions to the Christian way of life. Towards the end of February, we begin the season of Lent, another opportunity to focus on our mission as followers of Jesus. By placing Jesus at the centre of our lives, we can be the valuable lights we are called to be, reflecting God's light of love through our actions.


This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout February and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Numbots

This week we have given every child in Key Stage 1 and Reception a letter with information about their numbots account. This is a great platform made by the same people who run Times Table Rockstar. It is a great website/app for helping the children develop their fluency with numbers. There are some facts that they just have to learn and there is no better way than to just practise little and often. The Key Stage 2 children also have accounts and it is really good for children who find maths a little bit difficult. It develops working memory and helps the children to memorise key facts. It would be great if they could use this app a little bit every day in the same way as they do their reading. Here is some information for parents.

[A Parents/Carers introduction to NumBots - YouTube](#)

 STORY BY THE TIME A PLAYER REACHES		 CHALLENGE THEY SHOULD BE READY FOR THIS CHALLENGE	
 SUBITISING	Iron 6	>	Subitising 0 to 5 (five frame)
	Iron 7	>	Subitising 1 to 5 (group)
	Iron 26	>	Subitising 6 to 9 (ten frame)
	Brass 29	>	Subitising 6 to 9 (group)
	Brass 37	>	Subitising 1 to 9 (ten boards)
 NUMBER BONDS	Brass 20	>	Number Bonds to 5
	Copper 72	>	Number Bonds to 10
	Tungsten 81	>	Number Bonds to 20
	Bronze 22	>	Number Bonds to 100 (tens)
	Gold 38	>	Number Bonds to 100 (all)
 ADDING 	Copper 29	>	Adding 0, 1 and 2
	Chrome 46	>	Adding within 10
	Steel 48	>	Adding doubles
	Steel 74	>	Adding near doubles
	Glass 80	>	Adding across 10
	Copper 10	>	Adding 10
	Tungsten 32	>	Adding 8 and 9
	Tungsten 60	>	Adding within 20
	Silver 49	>	Adding ones within 100
	Titanium 18	>	Adding tens to tens
	Bronze 68	>	Adding tens within 100
 SUBTRACTING 	Diamond 64	>	Adding within 100
	Copper 43	>	Subtracting 0, 1 and 2
	Aluminium 60	>	Subtracting within 10
	Kevlar 73	>	Subtracting ones within 20 (not across 10)
	Carbon Fibre 9	>	Subtracting ones within 20 (across 10)
	Silver 55	>	Subtracting ones within 100
	Bronze 46	>	Subtracting tens from tens
	Bronze 80	>	Subtracting tens within 100
	Diamond 75	>	Subtracting within 100

Packed Lunches

Please can parents only send in food that they are expecting their child to eat and make sure they don't send in too much. Sometimes, we find ourselves battling with children over food that they say they don't like. We will always assume that whatever you have sent in you are expecting them to eat. We do try and ensure that they put any food they don't eat back in their packed lunch box so you know. However, they have been known to throw the food in the bin because they don't want their parent to know they haven't eaten it.

Thank you
Mr Holdsworth

Good News Certificates




Last week's Good News certificates were:


Year 1	Martha, Senuk, Zoe
Year 2	Renske, Michael
Year 3	Karo, Theo
Year 4	Behtin, Charlie
Year 5	Bella, Leo

@OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:




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Second place. A great afternoons work
#OLSport #OLyellowsubmarine

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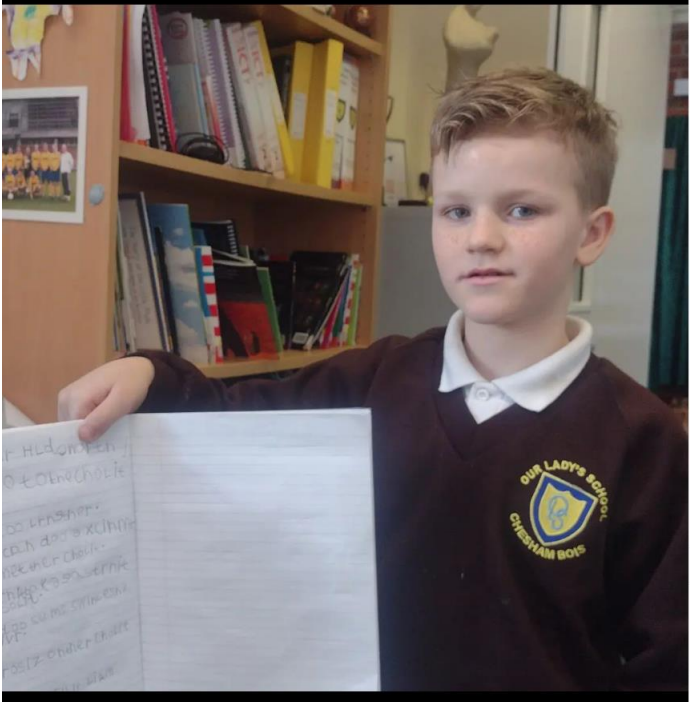
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17 HOURS AGO

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olscheshambois...



@olscheshambois

This young man has only been at OLS for a few months and I can't believe how far he has come #OLSliteracy

21h

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olscheshambois Year 6 have been making periscopes as part of their science as they learn about how light helps us to see. #OLScience #lightuptheworldtopic
1d


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1 DAY AGO



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olscheshambois
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olscheshambois And we have finished . It was a tough run but lots of fun. Well done to Jack who qualifies to run for Buckinghamshire at the nationals #OLSport
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aunt_lizzy_the_great Well done, Jack!
1d Reply


nicolabrown30 Yes Jack... well done!! And to all the runners too 🍷
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 **olscheshambois** near 6 frisbee festival in the sun #OLSport
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#OLScience
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6 DAYS AGO



Accelerated Reader

Words Read	
Year 6	12,696,009 words
Year 5	9,622,171 words
Year 4	5,846,171 words
Year 3	2,048,507 words

Millionaire Readers

Kenandra (Year 6)
Dominik (Year 4)
Ula (Year 6)

Double Millionaire Readers

Sherlyn (Year 5)

Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

Year 2

Hanisini
Cat Cat

Year 3

Evie
Dominik
Rory
Sean
Stash
Eleanor
Jude
Jacob
Erica
Theo
Thomas
Chanuga

Year 4

Leo
Mark
Mia
Archie
Ivor
Ralph
Elodie
Liam
Charlie F
Finley H
Charlie K

Michael L
Finlay M-S
Michael M
Dominik
Robert
Hannah
Louie
Joseph
Emily
Curtis

Year 5

Isabella
Xavier
Ellie
Ben
Lena
Grace
Matylda
Emilio
Franek

Year 6

Kenandra
Wiktor
Finlay
Autumn
Lucy
Cliff
Thomas

Jack
Esther