



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

17th March 2023

Dear Parents,

We have had another great week at Our Lady's with the highlight being two school trips. Firstly, Year 4 visited Amersham Museum to learn all about the Second World War. In the past, we have been to the Lincolnsfield centre in Bushey but it was actually so much better visiting our local museum because the children could recognise places in the photos and maps etc. A real success bringing local history alive.


Then yesterday, Year 2 visited Standalone Farm. I know they had a great time although I don't think they saw baby giraffes which, according to Joseph, was his highlight. I have really enjoyed hearing how enthusiastic the children were today about the visit. It is so easy to forget how much the children enjoy getting out of school.

Also over the last week, we have had quite a few sporting successes. Last week, our swimming team competed in the English Schools County Gala where they were placed second in the middle-sized schools' competition. This was an amazing achievement in an event which was predominantly independent schools who all have their own pools. The standard was extremely high but we certainly didn't look out of place.

Also, the girls have played two football matches this week. On Wednesday, they played in the district cup semi-final against Gerrards Cross School. Gerrards Cross are probably the most successful school in the areas when it comes to football but the children played fantastically. Unfortunately though, in a very tight game, we ended up losing 0-2. I think the girl's heads went down a bit after that but they bounced back on Thursday winning their next Chiltern League game 10-0 against Thomas Harding. Keep going girls it has been a great season!

Have a great weekend

God bless,

M. Hold 

Capture the Flag



Dear Key Stage 2 Parents,

We are writing to you to inform you that the Year 6 faith ambassadors are raising money for Lent by organising four capture the flag games on **Tuesday 21st March**. If you have a KS2 child at this school, please tell them to bring in their P.E. kit and £1 so they can play on the day. If your child forgets the money, don't worry just make sure that they bring it in sometime that week.

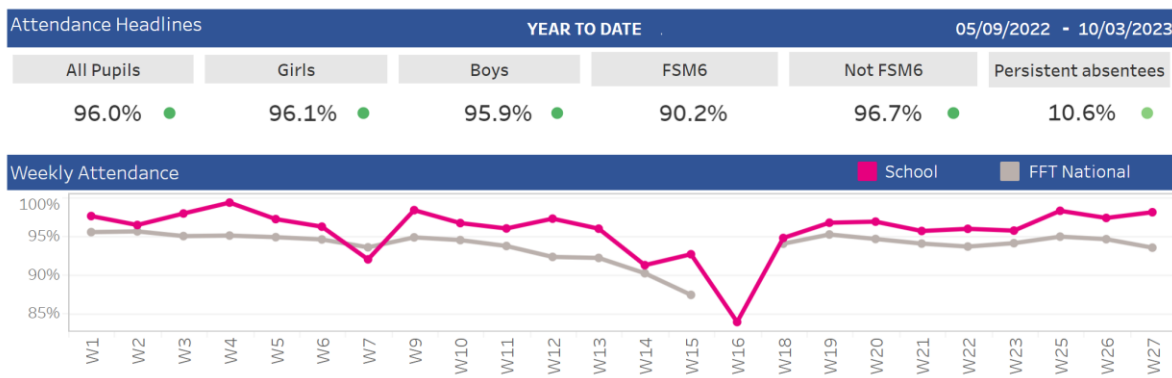
Thank you for reading our letter.

Yours Faithfully,

The Year 6 Faith Ambassadors,
Finlay, Louis, Matthew, Thomas, and Tue Nhi

Attendance

Our attendance has been really great over the last few weeks with over 98% in two out of three weeks.



I am also really pleased that we are back above 96% as a school and that our Free School Meal children's attendance is back above 90%. Keep it up everyone. It would be great to get our overall attendance above 97%.

Our Lady's Trust Fund

Thank you so much to everyone who donates to the Trust Fund. This week, we were given a cheque for just over £8000 which paid for the groundworks connected with the Key Stage 1 and Reception Playgrounds as well as the 10% contribution for some work we did over the summer. This money is invaluable to the school and the children. We are really grateful for your kind donations.

The trust have also been able to claim back about £2000 in Gift Aid over a two year period and that is with only a third of the donors having filled in a Gift Aid declaration. If you do donate to the trust, and pay tax, then please consider making a declaration with the form on our website. If everybody claimed, we would get about another £1000 a year. Just fill the form in and hand it into the office. It doesn't cost you anything!

Thank you

[Our Lady's Trust - Our Lady's Catholic Primary School \(olschesham.co.uk\)](http://olschesham.co.uk)

Passion of Christ

Dear Parents and Friends,

We would like to invite you to join us in celebrating the Passion of Jesus.

Every morning of the last week of term (27th – 31st March), the classes will be presenting the Stations of the Cross based on 'Born for This' by CJM Music.

This will take place at 9.15am and should last for approximately 20 minutes.

We look forward to seeing you.

A Message from Ten Ten Resources March 2023

Have you ever noticed how we like to characterise different months and seasons? For example, January is painted as the longest, bluest month of the year – so much so that ‘Blue Monday’ is a term coined to refer to the third Monday in January. Other months and seasons similarly characterised include February – romance and playfulness due to Valentine’s Day and being the shortest, quirkiest month; and October – pumpkin-spice and all things nice! But these characterisations don’t leave much room for nuance. Even the bluest Januarys will have some light, and the most playful of Februarys will have harder moments. And for most people, October doesn’t consist of endless pumpkin-spice lattes!

This year, the month of March is taken up wholly with the Liturgical Season of Lent. In the Church, Lent is represented by the colour purple, worn by priests and seen on the altar. Purple, like the season of Lent, symbolises a time of prayer, penance and preparation for Jesus’ death on the cross and Resurrection at Easter. It offers a chance for us to reflect on our relationship with God and make a fresh start as the Church focuses on the three pillars of Lent, almsgiving, fasting and prayer – or as children in school will know them, GIVE, ACT, PRAY:

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

But even in this somewhat austere season, there is room for nuance! On the fourth Sunday of Lent, called Laetare Sunday, Catholics are invited to celebrate! ‘Laetare’ is the Latin word for ‘rejoice’ and on this day only, the purple of Lent is swapped for rose pink, symbolising hope and a reminder of what is to come on Easter Sunday. This Sunday is also Mothering Sunday, where historically believers would return to the mother church where they received the Sacrament of Baptism.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout March and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray that your Lent will be a time of prayer, penance and preparation, but with lots of opportunities for rejoicing too!

Good News Certificates




Last week's Good News certificates were:


Year 1	Ruby, Peregrine
Year 2	Alvin, Maja
Year 3	Tamsin, Thomas
Year 4	Bea, Elodie
Year 5	Emilio, Edward
Year 6	Autumn, Louis, Wiktor

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:






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olscheshambois English Schools Swimming Association
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olscheshambois Year 4 seems to be having a great time at Amersham Museum. #OLShistory




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teresaawatson7 🇬🇧💙 Such a fun day.

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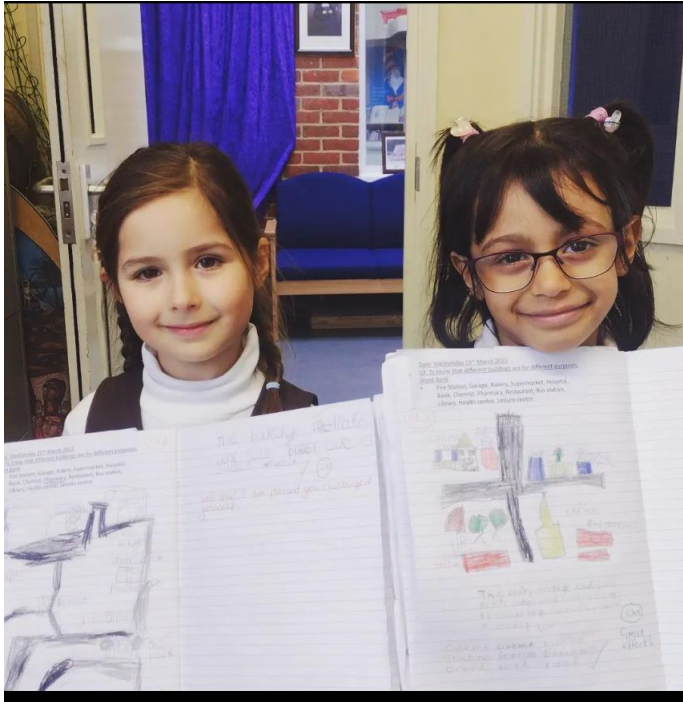


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olscheshambois I've just seen some amazing Geography work. Year 1 are learning all about different buildings #OLSGeography

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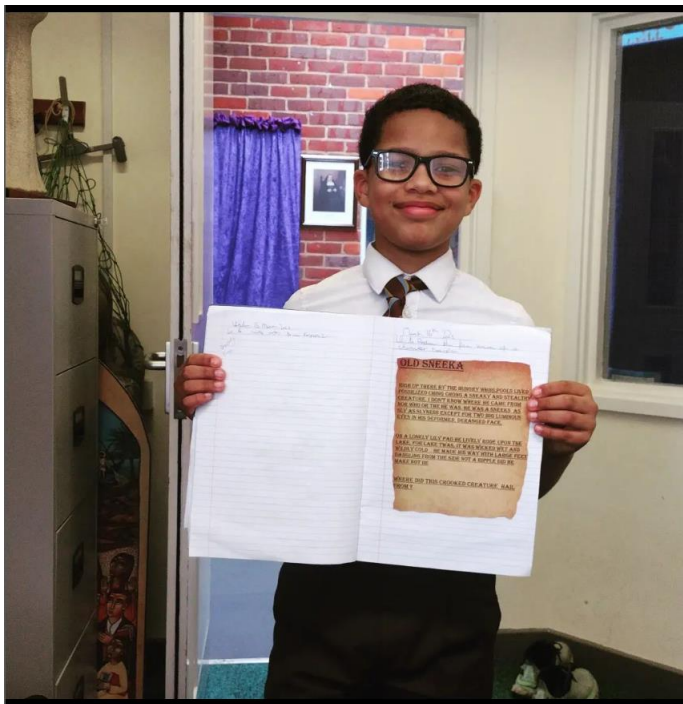


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olscheshambois Year 5 are writing descriptions based on The Hobbit by Tolkien. I am loving reading about a "deformed, deranged face" #OLSiteracy

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-  **olscheshambois** ...
-  **olscheshambois** Another win for the Yellow Submarine's in the Chiltern League #OLSport
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-  **teresawatson7** 🙌🙌🙌
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-  **olscheshambois** ...
-  **olscheshambois** Thank you so much to the PTA for organising the Mother's Day Secret Gift Room today. I hope you have a lovely day on Sunday. Dads that doesn't mean you can take it easy now on Sunday!!!! #OLSport #OLSBuildingtheKingdom
12m

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Accelerated Reader

Words Read	
Year 6	16,132,538 words
Year 5	11,668,393 words
Year 4	6,997,046 words
Year 3	2,374,473 words

Millionaire Readers

Kenandra (Year 6)
Harry (Year 5)
Pranav (Year 6)
Tue Nhi (Year 6)

Double Millionaire Readers

Dominik (Year 4)
Sherlyn (Year 5)
Ula (Year 6)

Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

Year 2

Hanisini
Cat Cat

Year 3

Sienna-Rose
Dominik
Rory
Sean
Stash
Eleanor
Jude
Arthur
Jacob
Erica
Karo
Theo
Thomas
Florence
Chanuga
Hugo

Year 4

Leo
Ivor
Ralph
Wanda
Elodie

Liam
Finley H
Charlie K
Finlay M-S
Michael M
Evelyn
Dominik
Robert
Hannah
Louie
Curtis

Year 5

Bella
Xavier
Igor
Ellie
Lena
Ethan
Luna
Franek

Year 6

Kenandra
Wiktor
Finlay
Autumn
Sophia
Lucy
Cliff
Thomas

Amelia

Jack

Esther

Pranav

Connie