



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

*"A place of learning – A community of Christ"*

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12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents,

This week has been Science week and what a great week it has been! There has been so much emphasise in schools over the last few years about curriculum and having carefully planned progression etc, which has been great but these are the weeks the children will remember. These sorts of weeks make education "an experience" and one that will stay with the children forever.

The theme for this year's science week has been butterflies. All the children have learned about different butterflies and we have been out to see them in their natural habitats. Even better than that, we have seen some real successes where we have been out earlier in the year doing some butterfly conservation work. This week, we have learnt that butterfly lifecycles are a bit more complicated than in "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", and that caterpillars are actually very fussy eaters. Over the next few weeks, we will be planting some plants in different areas which will attract different types of butterfly. It is a great way of improving the biodiversity in our environment. Hopefully, we can build this work into our curriculum in the future as it really has helped to take the science curriculum beyond primary expectations. I would like to say a massive thankyou to Mr Weatherill and Paul Stack from Chiltern Forest Rangers who have planned the whole thing. I have only heard positive things from staff and children particularly after coming back from their trips out.

Also this week, we celebrated The Ascension with Our Lady's Parish. It was a lovely Mass and several of the parishioners told me how uplifting it was to see the children there. As you can imagine, the children were impeccable. Most schools wouldn't believe that you could have Reception and Year 1 children sitting and concentrating for that amount of time. Well, at Our Lady's we can. Please pass on my thanks to your children.

God bless,

M. Holden

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## **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to all of the children who received their First Holy Communion last weekend at St Aidan's Church. They all looked absolutely fabulous, and I hope they had a day that they will remember forever. It is the most important day of their lives.



## **St Columba's Church – Youth Mass**

YOUTH MASS at St Columba's church this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6pm. Everyone is invited!!!!

## **Mind Bookathon**

Some of the Year 6 children contacted me last weekend to ask whether, as part of Mental Health Awareness week, they could raise money for Mind and whether they could lead the assembly on Monday. Well, not only do I think it is a brilliant idea, it was also great for my mental health as it was one less thing to plan on a Sunday evening. The girls have read a lot of books this week and have set up a justgiving page for anyone who would like to donate. It is a great charity so if you would like to support their work here is the link:

[Just Giving - For Mind](#)

## **A Message from Ten Ten Resources May 2023**

As May begins, we are in the full flow of Eastertide celebrations and the blossoming of Springtime flowers echoes the hope and joy of the Resurrection of Jesus. We look forward in hope and anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, marking the birthday of the Church and a renewal of our mission as followers of Jesus.

May is also traditionally the Month of Mary, with Marian feast days, May processions and a focus on the Rosary. Mary is the mother of Jesus and our mother too, and like a good mum who prays for her children, Mary prays for us. She accompanies us in our prayers and is there to walk alongside and encourage us, always leading us to her Son, Jesus.

May is a busy time in the church and it's a busy time in school too! Already children and staff will be starting to evaluate and assess the year and take the first steps to prepare for the coming of a new school year. It's certainly a time for Jesus' Easter gifts of joy, hope, peace and love!

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout May and suggests ways to support your family prayer times.

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

## Good News Certificates

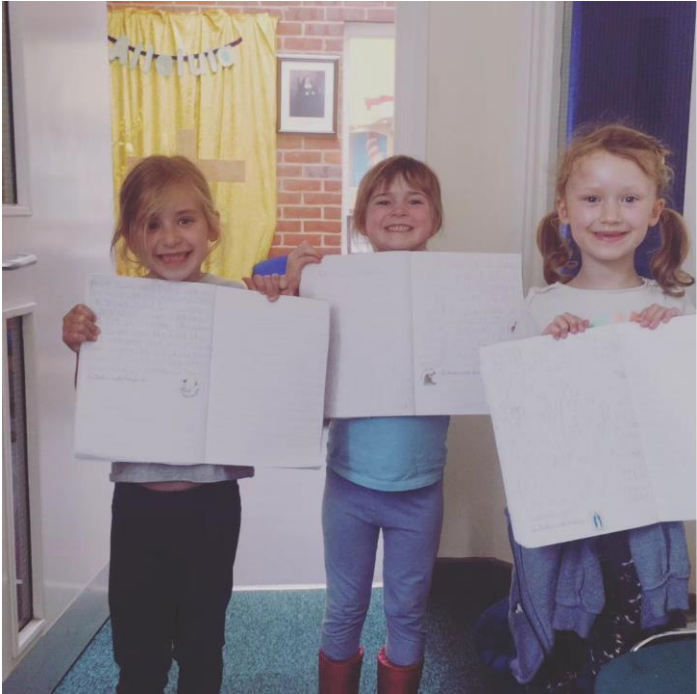



Last week's Good News certificates were:


Year 1	Josephine, Nathan
Year 2	Aoife, Isabelle
Year 3	Aliza, Dominic
Year 4	Adam, Ralph
Year 5	Matilda, Matylda, Lena
Year 6	Kenandra, Louis

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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



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 olscheshambois These three fantastic boys have chosen during their Golden Time to litter pick. Nobody asked them; they just though it was a good idea. Keep up the great work boys #OLSBuildingTheKingdom #OLScatholicssocialteaching  
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olscheshambois Have a lovely Ascension feast day everyone  
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olscheshambois At Gomms Wood searching for butterflies and  
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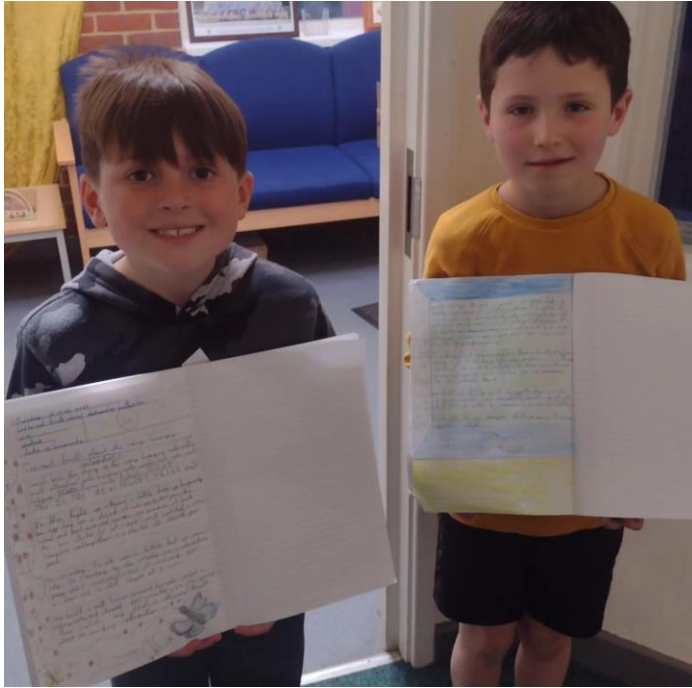


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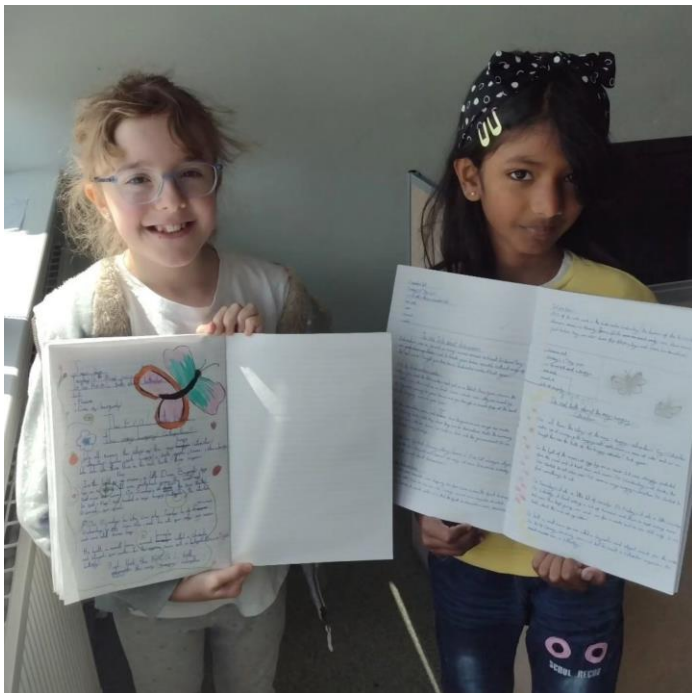
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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Sounds like the Year 2 and Year 6 children saw loads of butterflies today on their trip to see some of the conservation sites we have been working on with @chilternrangers #OLScience #OLSbuildingthekingdom Here is a Green Hairstreak

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 **olscheshambois** ...


 **olscheshambois** Year 4 have been using charcoal to draw butterflies as part of their art lesson for science week. #OLSart #OLScience

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olscheshambois Out on the bridlway this morning with the RDA. Great for my mental health.  
#OLSmmentalhealthawarenessweek

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## **Accelerated Reader**

<b>Words Read</b>	
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>17,021,158 words</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>14,560,999 words</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>9,629,445 words</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>2,932,521 words</b>

### **Millionaire Readers**

Thomas (Year 6)

Shaun (Year 5)

Harry (Year 5)

Pranav (Year 6)

Tue Nhi (Year 6)

Shrikar (Year 6)

Matilda (Year 5)

Curtis (Year 4)

Evelyn (Year 4)

Alex (Year 6)

### **Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes**

#### **Year 2**

Malwina

Klara

#### **Year 3**

Tamsin

Sienna-Rose

Donnie

Elizabeth

Sean

Eleanor

Jude

Karo

Shanaya

Thomas

Florence

Erin

Chanuga

#### **Year 4**

Leo

Ralph

Charlie K

Finlay M-S

Finn

Robert

### **Double Millionaire Readers**

Dominik (Year 4)

Sherlyn (Year 5)

Kenandra (Year 6)

### **Triple Millionaire Readers**

Ula (Year 6)

Emily

Curtis

#### **Year 5**

Leo

Pierce

Karamo

Ellie

Kome

Lena

Grace

Ethan

Sabrina

Emilio

Luna

#### **Year 6**

Wiktor

Molly

Blazej

Ewan

Lucy

Thomas

Eryk

Alex

Bella

Amelia

Matthew

Pranav