

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

21st January 2022

Dear Parents.

I can't believe that we are already coming to the end of January. As they say: time flies when you are having fun. Hopefully, those of you who are following the school Instagram will have seen lots of fun and learning going on this week.

In assembly on Monday, I was talking to the children about Sunday's readings. We talked about how we learn from the first reading (Isaiah) that God is delighted with us so we should be really HAPPY. Then in the second reading (Corinthians) we learn that the Holy Spirit has given us each our own gifts. However, the important point was that it is much easier for the Holy Spirit to work through us if we are HAPPY. So I hope you have seen lots of smiling faces this week.

We have had a fair bit of absence in school this week as a result of COVID. Unfortunately, this is inevitable as the Omicron wave moves through schools. It seems to be the case in most schools. Fortunately, however, we are clearly seeing that the classes where there were lots of COVID cases before Christmas are having very few absences. It seems that it just takes time for each class to get to that point; I suppose it is the classes version of "herd immunity". It is frustrating because we know there are children at home even though they actually don't feel that ill. However, that does highlight how important their attendance is the rest of the time as

we never know what is round the corner. Hopefully, in the next couple of weeks we will be seeing far fewer children testing positive.

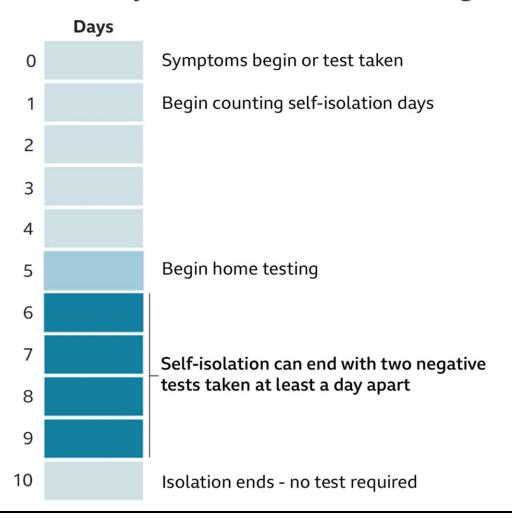
This morning we had a brilliant guitar and piano assembly. It is great for the children to be performing again in front of an audience. Thank you to Mr Sweet and the parents for all the hard work you do. The progression of the children is amazing!!!!

God bless,

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# How five-day isolation rule works in England



### NATHAN MARRIOT – MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Last weekend, one of the schools in our MAT – St Joseph's Slough – had the very sad news that one of their Year 10 pupils had died suddenly. Although we don't know Nathan personally, joining the MAT was a reminder that we are part of something bigger so I ask you to keep Nathan, his family and the community of St Joseph's in your prayers.



### Knife and Fork - We need your help

We are hoping to get people into school who can talk to the children about the process of food producation and healthy eating. If your job involves food in any way at all (field to fork!!!) and you think you would be able to talk to a class or maybe a couple of classes then please contact us. The talk can be aimed at children of any age so don't worry if you think it will be too advanced or too easy. We think this will be a great way to teach the children about where their food comes from. Also, if your job involves understanding about a healthy eating — maybe you are a scientist or doctor — then we would love to hear from you. Please can you contact Mr Holdsworth or Mrs Cid-Fuentes via the school office.

Thank you

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Here is a quick snapshot of all our learning this week:







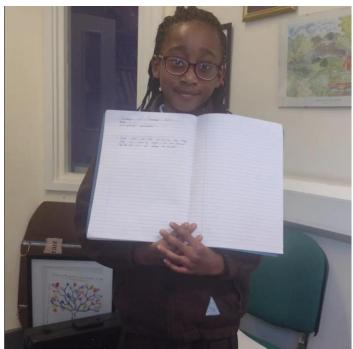
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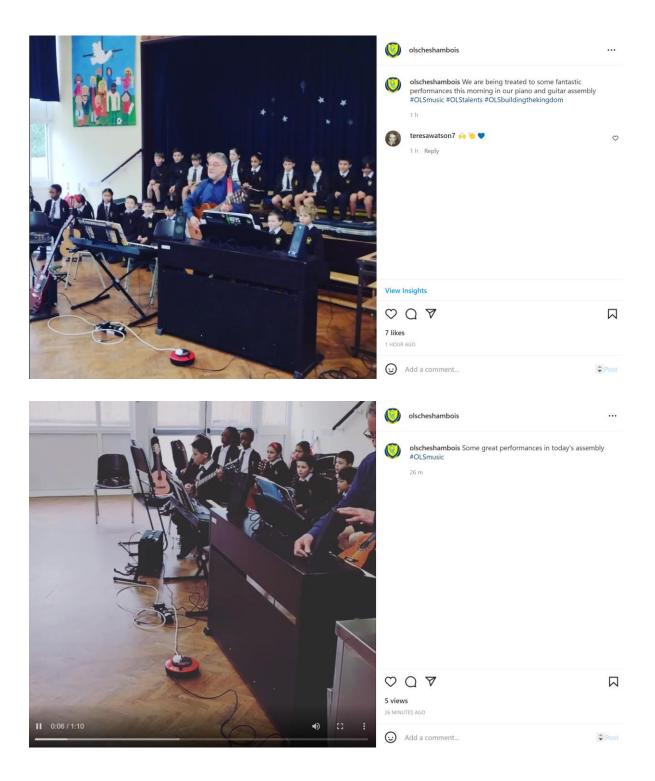
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2 DAYS AGO

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# Safeguarding

If you are looking for activities to teach your child about staying safe and how to speak out then you can sign up with the NSPCC who will send you lots of great home activities.

Activities for kids at home | NSPCC

# **Good News Certificates**

Last week's Good News certificates of the Lent Term:

Year 1	Malwina & Cat Cat
Year 2	Stash & Jacob
Year 3	Archie & Michael L & Evie
Year 4	Emilio & Jake
Year 5	Harry H & Jack
Year 6	Maya & Valeria

Well done everyone.

Pen Licences -Karo (Y2)

Fountain Pen Licence – Jack (Y5)

Headteacher's Award - Matilda (Y4) - For standing up for people if she sees an injustice.



# **Accelerated Reader**

Watch this space. The children are all doing their Star Reading Tests this week so will have new targets to work towards.

	Words Read
Year 6	<b>10,266,819</b> words
Year 5	<b>7,794,784</b> words
Year 4	<b>6,540,308</b> words
Year 3	1,709,280 words

Clara

#### **Millionaire Readers**

Kaitlyn (Year 6)

Matilda (Year 4)

Harry (Year 4)

Year 4

Emilio Alasdair

Thomas (Year 5)

Year 2	Year 5

Jude Alex Jack

Year 3 Wiktor Lucy

Ben Davis
Charlie F
Robert

Vear 6

Bella
Leo Ruby
Nathan Jessica J
Xavier Jessica L
Jordan Zara
James Kester

Ava Callen Stella Mirella Sabrina Kacper