



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

21st October 2022

Dear Parents,

Well we are already at the end of our first half term of the year. The summer holidays seem like forever ago. As usual, we have crammed loads of things into a couple of months. This week has been assessment week, which will give us some information on your children's progress which we will share with you at parents' evening after half term. However, we have still had lots of activities going on. On Tuesday, Year 2 went on a trip to the Outlook Centre where they got to do lots of amazing science-based activities.

Also, this week Year 6 have been to the Amersham School to take part in a Basketball festival. Unfortunately, the weather got the better of the Frisbee festival for Year 5 on Thursday. It is great that all the children are getting so many opportunities to compete against other schools. It is really important for them to develop their teamwork and sportsmanship.

Last weekend, the school performing arts choir took part in a charity event in St Mary's Church in Chesham. They were raising money for work with Ukrainian families in the local area. It was a beautiful event and they were performing alongside some very talented musicians including a very professional Frith choir. I might be biased but I thought we were the best and we certainly got the biggest applause. The children really did us proud.

Finally, I'm sure you will have noticed that Miss Green and Mrs Cid-Fuentes haven't been around this week. They have been visiting a school in Greece as part of the Knife and Fork European project. I think they've had some fantastic weather and, I imagine, haven't missed us one bit. It is great to meet up with other teachers and, in particular, the French teachers before Year 6 travel there in March.

I hope you have a lovely break and rest next week. Have a lovely half term.

God bless,

M. Hold



End of an Era

A massive thank you to the PTA Committee who came to the end of their term this week at the AGM. They have been an absolutely fantastic team to work with and, as well, have raised over £30000 for the school over the last 3 years (and some of this during the pandemic) they have done incredible work for the community. The money is amazing but creating the lovely community we have here at Our Lady's is even more important. Time for a well deserved rest.



I would like to welcome the new committee who were voted in at the meeting. I know they have lots of ideas and I am really looking forward to working with them.

Mr Dave Tanasescu – Chair

Mrs Tina O'Brien – Secretary

Mrs D'Souza Prabhu- Treasurer

School Football

It has been a busy week for the school football teams or the Yellow Submarines as Mr Weatherill likes to call them.

The First Team have been involved in two tournaments this week. Last Saturday, they were involved in the English Schools FA district finals tournament. It was the first time we have got to the finals in over 6 years and they played really well. They are up against much bigger schools and I have to be honest I thought they were going to be well beaten in all of their games. On the contrary, they were a whisker away from qualifying for the semi-finals and they beat Gerrard's Cross, who have won four out of the last five years, 2-0. It was a great morning and lots of fun.

They have also been involved in the Chiltern League this half term and they played really well at the finals afternoon. They played their best football of the season so far and in the end came fourth out of 8 teams.

This wasn't the only football this week with the Year 5 team playing at Great Missenden and the girls also playing in the English Schools FA qualifying tournament. We came a close second in the Year 5 game but the girls won two games and lost won. But overall, I think football has been the winner with well behaved spectators and a manager who is a much better role model than some premiership managers I could mention.

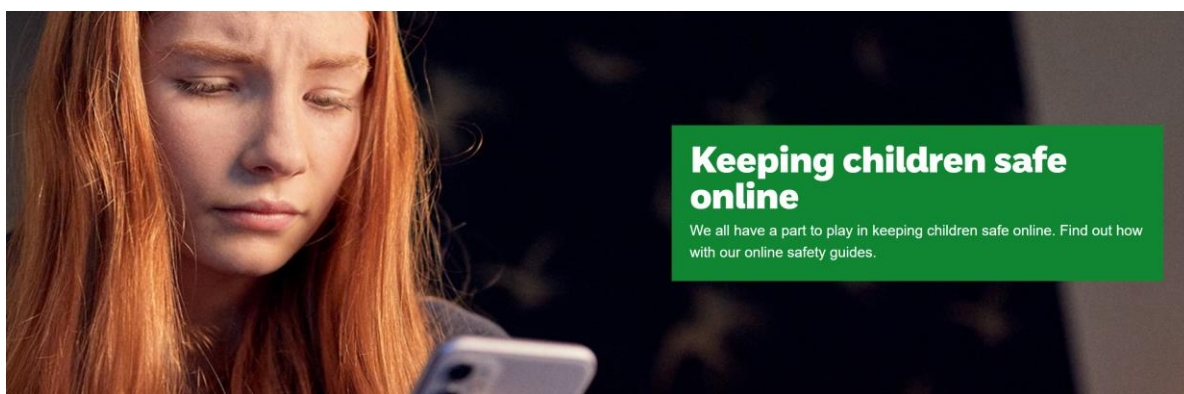


Playground

I know the children have been watching excitedly as the playground has been going up this week. Unfortunately, we've hit a slight snag with the grounds work which we are currently trying to get resolved between Cadent and Pentagon Play. Hopefully this will be resolved quite quickly but it does mean there is going to be a slight delay. We are just going to have to be a little more patient; I know the children have already been incredibly patient and flexible. It is definitely going to be worth the wait when it is done.

Safeguarding – Keeping Children Safe Online

This week, I would like to highlight some resources that the NSPCC have about keeping children safe online. This is really useful for parents of children in upper key stage 2 or even secondary school as the children start getting more freedom online.



[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Sickness Bug

We have had a sickness bug going around this week. Can I please remind parents that if your child has been sick, they need to stay off for 24 hours but then can come back as soon as they feel better.

Thank you
Mr Holdsworth

Good News Certificates



Last week's Good News certificates were:

Year 1	Peregrine, Ralph
Year 2	Joseph, Eloise
Year 3	Thomas, Bianca
Year 4	Finlay, Charlie K
Year 5	Ava, Matylda
Year 6	Connie, Thomas

A Message from Ten Ten Resources October 2022

September saw upheaval on a national scale: from the change of Prime Minister to the death of Queen Elizabeth II, to the ongoing cost of living crisis. Times of upheaval and uncertainty are understandably difficult and can take their toll on us physically, mentally and emotionally. But as Christians, we can be grateful for and find comfort in the constancy of God's love and provision.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout October and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray that, whatever is going on for you and your family at the moment, these resources will inspire you and your family to look to God.

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

Thank you to everybody who has made an extra effort with their parking this week. It is nice to get through the week without any complaints from the local residents.

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



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Original audio



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piedpiper2762 What beautiful singing! Well done! 🌟❤️
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olscheshambois Looking forward to performing in support of our friends in the Ukraine #OLSp performingarts #biglove ❤️ #OISbuildingthekingdom
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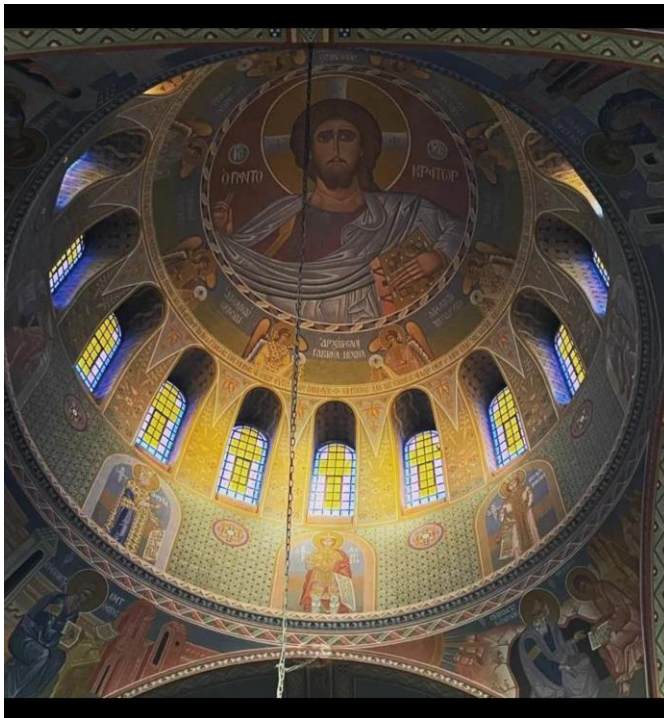
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olscheshambois In year 6 we are learning about Rosh Hashanah the Jewish New Year. We are eating honey and apples to remind us of a sweet New Year #OLSre #OLSJudaism #OLSbuildingthekingdom

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Accelerated Reader

	Words Read
Year 6	3,638,393 words
Year 5	3,218,193 words
Year 4	1,057,613 words
Year 3	161,380 words

Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

Year 3

Giovanni
Thomas
Hansika
Hugo

Year 4

Leo
Behtin
Spike
Elodie
Charlie
Evelyn
Dominik
Emily
Zuzanna

Year 5

Shaun
Karamo
Lena
Matylda
Stella
Ethan
Sabrina
Emilio

Year 6

Harry
Viktor
Louis
Molly
Cliff
Esther