



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

23rd February 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely half term. We were lucky with the weather with several beautiful sunny days.

My highlight of this week was visiting the National Gallery with Year 5. We are so lucky to be on the Metropolitan Line and to have all these experiences just on our doorstep. Before we even got there, we had the excitement of seeing Big Ben, The Houses of Parliament, Downing Street, the Cenotaph and Trafalgar Square. Such iconic places that many children around the world would love to see and which we take for granted. The National Gallery is fantastic and well worth a visit. The children particularly enjoyed our guided tour looking and learning about portraits. We spent time being detectives learning to find lots out about the people in the paintings. My favourite was a painting called The Ambassadors. If your child is in Year 5, use the link below to look at the painting with them and see if they can tell you all the things they found out:

[Hans Holbein the Younger | The Ambassadors | NG1314 | National Gallery, London](#)

This week, we also had a visit from CAFOD as we launch our Big Lent Walk as part of our Lenten Fundraising. There is more information later on in this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,

M. Howarth





CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!

This Lent our school is supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help fight poverty around the world.

To raise money, we're going to try and walk from Northampton Cathedral to Jerusalem. Altogether that is 4520km. All of the children and staff are joining in and Mr Holdsworth is trying to run 400km (10km a day)

How our fundraising will help

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working together with communities all over the world for an end to extreme poverty and global injustice.

Our fundraising will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia to feed his family for good. James now has the tools and training he asked for to fish safely and sustainably. Compasses and GPS fish-tracking systems means he can find the best fishing spots and make his way home with an even bigger catch for his family.

We have chosen to support CAFOD as a way for our pupils to put their faith into action. By raising money together, we will be supporting our brothers and sisters around the world and living out our school mission.

Today your children will be bringing home a sponsor form but it is even easier to sponsor on our just giving page:

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/our-ladys-fundraising-page>

Please share it with you friends and family

We really appreciate your support and hope that everyone has fun helping us raise money for CAFOD.

For more information about CAFOD please visit cafod.org.uk/families

Curriculum

We often concentrate on the core subjects or even knowledge-based subjects and forget the arts. This week, following on from the National Gallery trip, I thought I'd point you towards some resources to help with Art.

Firstly, the National Gallery have an excellent website where you can see the whole collection. After all, as our guide told us in the week, they do belong to us. If you go onto the collection you can see all the paintings and even zoom into the detail.

[Search the collection | Paintings | National Gallery, London](#)

Or to see the highlights:

[Highlights from the collection \(nationalgallery.org.uk\)](#)

Also there are lots of youtube channels where people model drawing and the children just copy. Here is an American one that I found but there are lots more:

[Art for Kids Hub - YouTube](#)

Ten-Ten PSRE

You should have received a letter about PSRE. All of the resources can be found on the Ten-Ten website:

[Life to the Full Plus - Ten Ten Resources](#)

The username and password are as follows:

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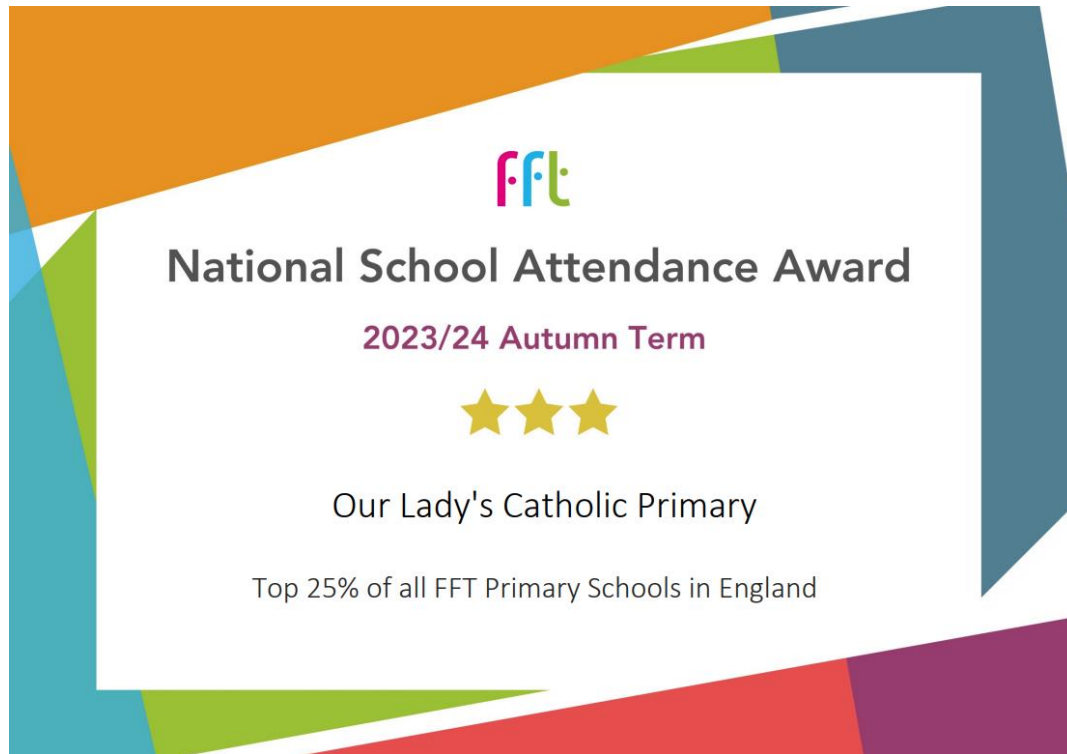
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If you have any questions, then please feel free to ask your teacher or arrange to see Mr Holdsworth.

Thank you

Attendance

On a positive note, we have been awarded a Fisher-Family Trust Certificate as our attendance is in the top 25% of schools last term. We just need to make sure we get it back up into the top 10% again this term.



Remember, it doesn't matter how good a school is if the children aren't there. Going to school when you don't feel 100% is a habit which makes your child more employable. The teachers and staff are often in when they don't feel 100% because they know how important every lesson is to your children.

Safeguarding

We were forwarded the following information from Bucks Safeguarding team. Clearly, it is not an issue yet for our children but many of you will have older children so I just wanted to pass it on.

There have been reports of vape liquids & pens containing very strong synthetic cannabinoids 'spice' which are likely being sold as THC vapes. These are causing unintended effects in those who use them.

Here4YOUth, Buckinghamshire commissioned young people drug/alcohol harm reduction service has prepared a harm reduction information about contaminated vapes.
[Drug Alert - Contaminated Vapes - Cranstoun](#)

Good News Certificates

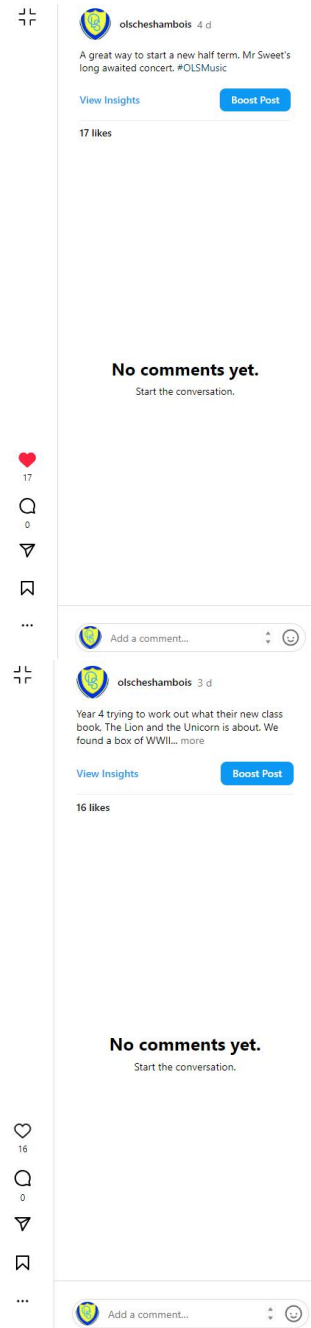
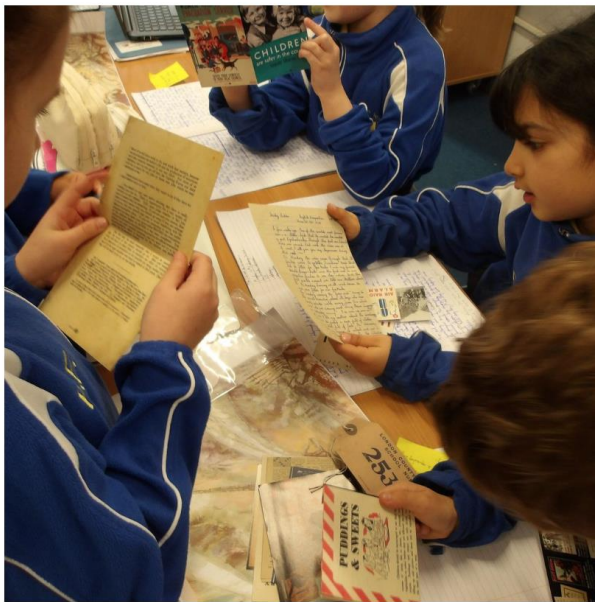


Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Tiernan, Reuben
Year 2	Eugenie, Arthur
Year 3	Cuthbert, Joseph, Nikolay
Year 4	Jude, Sienna-Rose, Tamsin
Year 5	Ivor, Leo, Spike
Year 6	Jake, Igor

#OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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This young man was athlete of the day at Kudos last night. Another bidding Olympian in our midst. #OLSport #OLYear1

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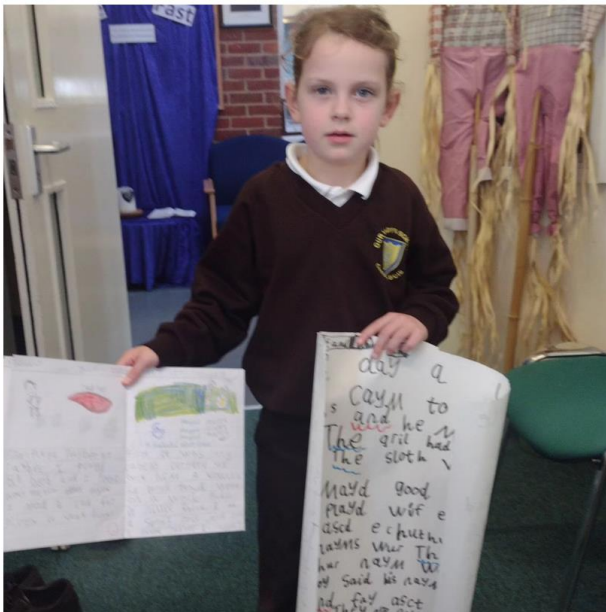
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On our guided tour learning all about portraits
#OLSArt #OLSYear5

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This morning we are hearing all about @caford
and how we can support through The Big Lent
Walk #OLSBUILDINGTHEKINGDOM

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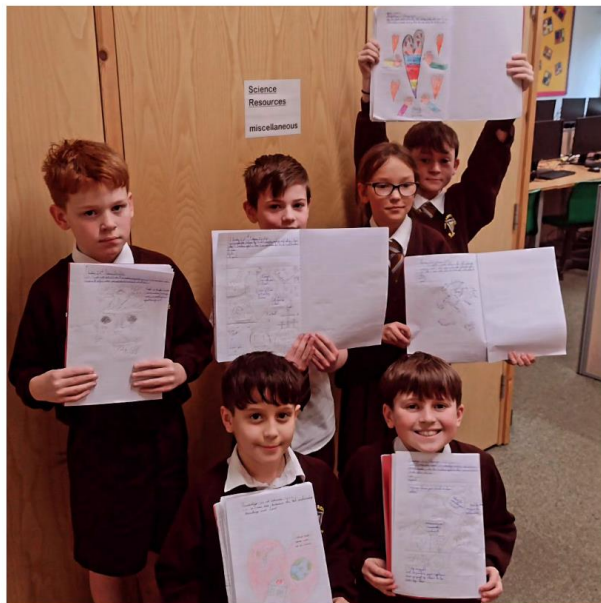
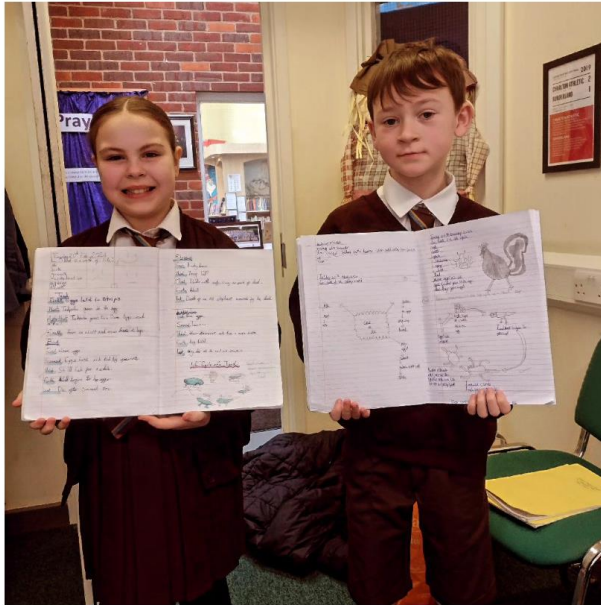


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Year 5 are leaning all about life cycles
#OLSYear5 #OLSScience

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Year 5 have been learning all about being
ambassadors for Christ - God's Marketing Team
(Corinthians 5) #OISRE... more

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World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls worldwide that has taken place on every 22 February since 1926... [more](#)

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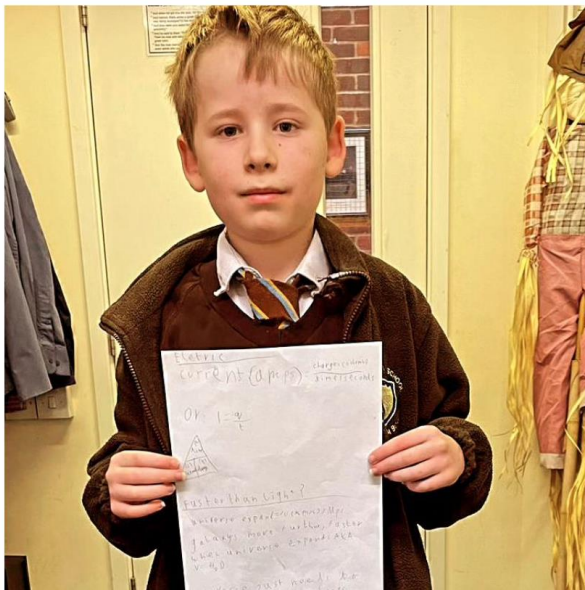
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Amazing research and level of understanding about the galaxies. Great home learning #OLScience #OLSYear4 Edited

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piedpiper2762 · 9 h

Well done young man! 🍌 🍌 🍌



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February 2024

As we move into February, Spring is in the air and there are just a couple of weeks to catch our breath before Lent begins. We're well and truly into the new year!

If you have the feeling that you're constantly trying to juggle the needs of your family and having to prioritise an ever-increasing list of must-dos, take comfort in the Gospel for the week commencing 4th February – Jesus knew what it was like to be busy and He took time away to reset.

But despite His busyness, Jesus prioritised prayer – it's always possible to find time for the things we value. As this is a special Year of Prayer (a time of preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2025 - more on that later in the year!), perhaps this is an opportunity to try to prioritise prayer time in your family life.

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. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Accelerated Reader

The children who are already above their target and are higher than 85% in their quizzes are:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Amelie	Tamsin	Rio	Pierce
James	Elizabeth	Ralph	Nathan
Aoife	Simeon	Spike	Shaun
Renske	Jude	Wanda	Marieke
Joseph	Jaeda	Charlie K	Grace
Mason	Lorcan	Michael L	Jordan
Misha	Hansika	Michael M	Stella
Cat Cat	Florence	Finn	Sabrina
Xavier	Erin	Joseph	Hannah
	Hugo	Adam	
		Curtis	
		Zuzzana	

Millionaire Readers

Arthur – Year 4

Matilda – Year 6

Double Millionaire Readers

Harry – Year 6

