



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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

24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely half term. We have come back to an incredibly busy week. On Tuesday, the OLS parliament with the help of Miss Green organised our Mardi Gras Carnival day. They led an assembly at the start of the day and then the children were involved in lots of activities in preparation for our Carnival in the afternoon. During the break, our Outreach committee, with the help of Mrs Burke organised a pancake for every child with the money being raised going to CAFOD. Thank you to the PTA who had the mammoth task of getting all those pancakes!! We finished the day with a Carnival parade around the playgrounds which was great fun. Next year, I think we can try and parade around the block and see if we can get some of the local residents involved.

This was followed by Ash Wednesday which is a complete contrast. Time for us to reflect and think about ways that we can live better lives and turn back to God. Maybe doing something good, or giving up something not so good but whatever we do it is really important that we pray more. The children were brilliant during the liturgy. Father Dave is really impressed with their behaviour which is always nice to hear.

Finally, today Year 1 are visiting Woburn Safari park to meet the Rothschild's giraffe herd up close and learn all about this fascinating species. It looks like they have had some lovely weather so I look forward to hearing all about it.

God bless,

M. Howarth



## PTA



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

We begin February with the official end of Christmastide and a welcome theme of light. Just as the evenings and mornings are beginning to show signs of brightening, Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February, celebrates Jesus, the Light of the World.

In recent months, price rises have brought the cost of light and heating sharply into focus. Perhaps we've been a little more careful with our energy usage; switching off lights when leaving a room, being mindful of saving the planet and our pennies etc.

Light and salt were high-value commodities in ancient cultures, and Jesus uses these metaphors to describe the real value of our contributions to the Christian way of life. Towards the end of February, we begin the season of Lent, another opportunity to focus on our mission as followers of Jesus. By placing Jesus at the centre of our lives, we can be the valuable lights we are called to be, reflecting God's light of love through our actions.









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.

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

## Numbots

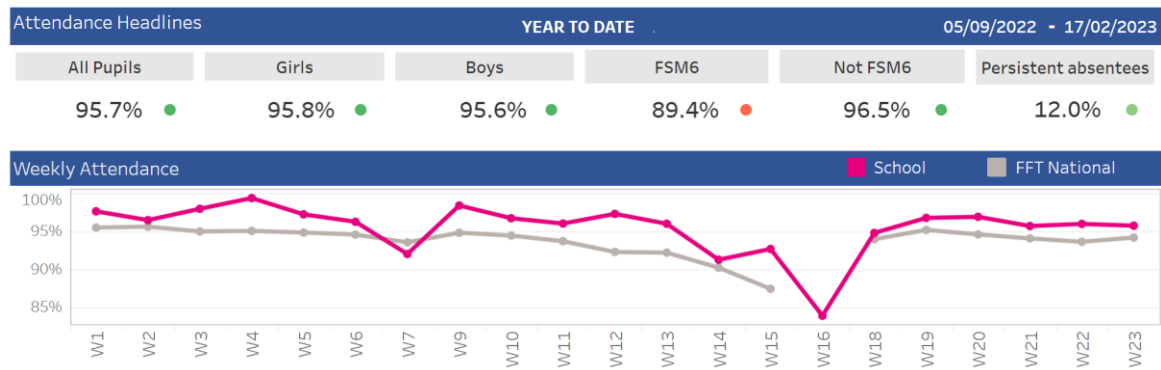
We hope the children have been enjoying Numbots. Remember a little bit and often is best. It is really good for the children's number agility and fluency. Lots and lots of overlearning! Here is some information for parents.

### [A Parents/Carers introduction to NumBots - YouTube](#)

 <b>STORY</b> BY THE TIME A PLAYER REACHES		 <b>CHALLENGE</b> THEY SHOULD BE READY FOR THIS CHALLENGE	
 <b>SUBITISING</b>	Iron 6	>	Subitising 0 to 5 (five frame)
	Iron 7	>	Subitising 1 to 5 (group)
	Iron 26	>	Subitising 6 to 9 (ten frame)
	Brass 29	>	Subitising 6 to 9 (group)
	Brass 37	>	Subitising 1 to 9 (ten boards)
 <b>NUMBER BONDS</b>	Brass 20	>	Number Bonds to 5
	Copper 72	>	Number Bonds to 10
	Tungsten 81	>	Number Bonds to 20
	Bronze 22	>	Number Bonds to 100 (tens)
	Gold 38	>	Number Bonds to 100 (all)
 <b>ADDING</b> 	Copper 29	>	Adding 0, 1 and 2
	Chrome 46	>	Adding within 10
	Steel 48	>	Adding doubles
	Steel 74	>	Adding near doubles
	Glass 80	>	Adding across 10
	Copper 10	>	Adding 10
	Tungsten 32	>	Adding 8 and 9
	Tungsten 60	>	Adding within 20
	Silver 49	>	Adding ones within 100
	Titanium 18	>	Adding tens to tens
 <b>SUBTRACTING</b> 	Bronze 68	>	Adding tens within 100
	Diamond 64	>	Adding within 100
	Copper 43	>	Subtracting 0, 1 and 2
	Aluminium 60	>	Subtracting within 10
	Kevlar 73	>	Subtracting ones within 20 (not across 10)
	Carbon Fibre 9	>	Subtracting ones within 20 (across 10)
	Silver 55	>	Subtracting ones within 100
	Bronze 46	>	Subtracting tens from tens
	Bronze 80	>	Subtracting tens within 100
	Diamond 75	>	Subtracting within 100

## Absence and Lateness

These are the latest absence figures for school. Slowly, but surely, they are nudging upwards. There are quite a few children on the cusp of 90% so hopefully the number of persistent absentees will come down soon. If your child's absence is regularly below 90%, then they are on track to miss over a year and a half of school by the time they leave secondary school.



Also, a quick reminder that although the children don't need to be in school until 8.55am we have a soft start so the children can come in from 8.45am. Please make sure your child is in by 8.55am because children really don't like being late and it isn't fair that children get in trouble for something that isn't their fault.



## Good News Certificates



Last week's Good News certificates were:

Year 1	Evie, Francesca
Year 2	Clara, Malwina
Year 3	Lorcan, Olive
Year 4	Finn, Michael L
Year 5	Karamo, Sean
Year 6	Amelia, Finley, Pranav, Sukanth

## @OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



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olscheshambois Today is Mardi Gras. A day to let our hair down before the season of Lent. The children look great. We are starting our carnival with an assembly led by the OLS primary minister and deputy primary minister. #OLSbuildingthekingdom #OLSparliament.

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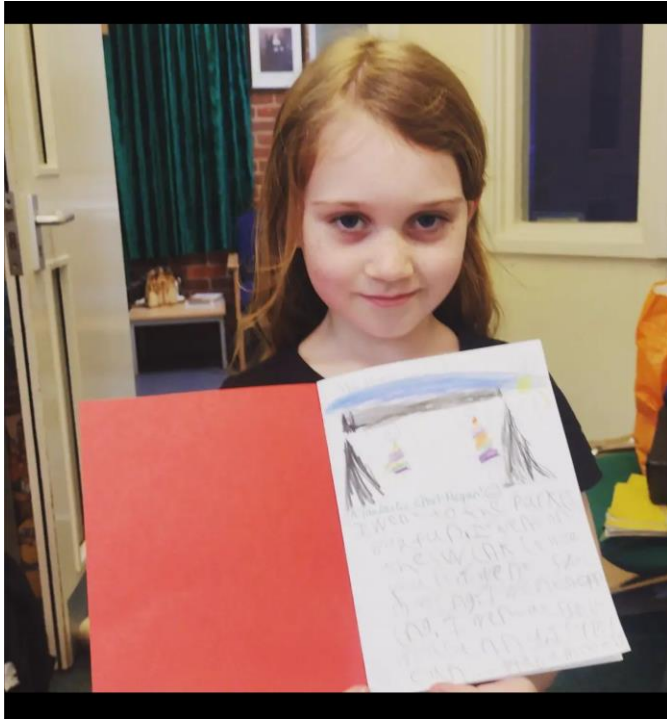
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## **Accelerated Reader**

<b>Words Read</b>	
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>13,539,720 words</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>10,669,855 words</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>6,353,037 words</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>2,191,457 words</b>

### **Millionaire Readers**

Kenandra (Year 6)

Ula (Year 6)

Harry (Year 5)

Pranav (Year 6)

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

#### **Year 2**

Malwina

Hanisini

Cat Cat

#### **Year 3**

Evie

Dominik

Rory

Sean

Stash

Eleanor

Jude

Arthur

Jacob

Erica

Theo

Thomas

Florence

Chanuga

#### **Year 4**

Leo

Mark

Mia

Archie

Ivor

Ralph

Wanda

### **Double Millionaire Readers**

Dominik (Year 4)

Sherlyn (Year 5)

Elodie

Liam

Charlie F

Finley H

Charlie K

Michael L

Finlay M-S

Michael M

Dominik

Robert

Hannah

Louie

Joseph

Emily

Curtis

#### **Year 5**

Bella

Xavier

Igor

Ellie

Lena

Sabrina

Emilio

Franek

#### **Year 6**

Kenandra

Wiktor

Finlay

Autumn

Sophia

Lucy  
Cliff  
Thomas  
Jack  
Esther  
Pranav