

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

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

25th March 2022

Dear Parents,

The world seems so much better when the sun is shining and we have had plenty of that this week. We started off the week thinking about how we can cut back on things to help us grow, reflecting on last week's Gospel – the parable of the fig tree (**Luke 13: 1 – 9**). This Lent, we have been thinking about fasting from things which are bad for us and feasting on the things that are good for us.

This week the children have really been enjoying the sunshine. Year 1 and Year 2 have been to forest schools, Year 3 and Year 4 have been to dance and handball sports festivals, and the teachers have generally been trying to get the children outside.

Last Friday, I had a lovely message from the school in Poland:


***Hello Mark. The parcel has arrived! Thank you again for your good hearts and solidarity. We will sort those items on Monday. The first Ukrainian mother has already come and taken some products. We will distribute it among refugees in our area. Thanks a million.***

I am so pleased that "the plan" has worked and that the things they need have got there. I am hoping to do another collection after Easter as we still have enough money to get some more donations out there. This time, I think we will be able to be a bit more precise by identifying the things they are short of most. Thank you so much for all your generosity.

Finally, I just want to wish Jack and Albert in Year 5 the best of luck this weekend as they are running for Buckinghamshire Schools at the national championships. This is the first time we have had children competing at this level and I look forward to hearing great things about them.

Have a great weekend.

God bless,

M. Hold 





Ten:Ten resources have produced their usual monthly newsletter but also a resource that might help families to talk and pray about the war in Ukraine.

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

## #Pray4Ukraine

News of war in Europe is everywhere, and children and young people have access to more news streams than ever before. In response to the ongoing situation in Ukraine, we have created a prayer resource freely available for use in primary schools across the country, linked at the bottom of the page.

Save the Children have produced some useful guidance on 'How to Talk with Children About the Conflict in Ukraine' (<https://www.savethechildren.org/us/charity-stories/how-to-explain-conflict-ukraine-to-children>), as they realise that 'children around the world might not fully understand what is happening in Ukraine and may have questions about the images, stories and conversations they are exposed to.' This is a really helpful resource for parents, to enable them to support and engage honestly with their children about current events.

Time and time again in the Bible we are called on to pray. Jesus models this through His life and teachings. Paul consolidates this in his letters, including this to the Church in Philippi:

*'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'* (Philippians 4: 6 - 7)

Therefore, we have produced a prayer resource which aims, in a primary age appropriate way, to inform children about what is happening both in Russia and Ukraine, validates any feelings of uncertainty and encourages children to speak out about these, reassures children that world leaders are working hard to resolve the situation, and enables children to channel their thoughts and feelings into prayer.

**Please be aware that the situation is constantly evolving, so some elements of this resource might become outdated before we're able to address them.**

As such, you might wish to adapt/expand upon and/or offer updates to this content as appropriate for the age and stage of the children in your class. BBC's Newsround (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>) is a good place to read about updates in a child friendly way, particularly if children are feeling upset by the news (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>).

If you plan to adapt content, you might prefer to use the Early Years Foundation Stage version of these prayers, which offers focus images on screen with text in the Speaker Notes which can be adapted as desired.

If this resource proves helpful to you in discussing and praying about the situation in Ukraine with your school, please do share it across your networks.

**EYFS:** <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/other-resources/pray-for-ukraine-eyfs/>

**KS1 and KS2:** <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/pray-for-ukraine-ks1-ks2/>

## **Wednesday Whole School Prayer**

During this week's Whole School Prayer on Wednesday everybody tried to sit for between 1 and 2 minutes in silence to give us the chance to reflect and listen to what Jesus wants us to do. Maybe you could try this at home!


## **@OLScheshambois**

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





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 **olscheshambois** Year ones diary writing is really coming on #OLSliteracy

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Well done to the winners of our Science poster curriculum and in particular the girls in Reception who won their category across the whole of STCAT #OLSScience

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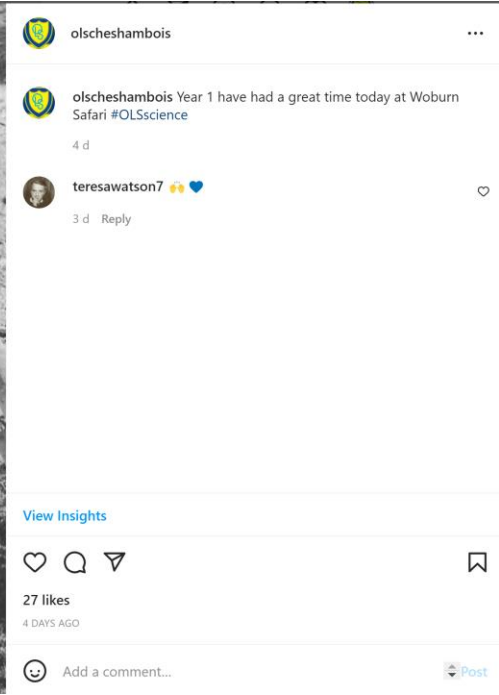
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## Science Week 2022

Last week was Science Week. The children did all sorts of fun exciting things. The children have been growing plants, visiting Woburn Safari Park and interviewing people from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. We also had a Science Week Poster Competition with the following winners in each class:

Rec - **Sofia, Eugenie, Juno**

Y1 - Victoria, Isabell

Y2 - Aliza, Elanor

Y3 - Charlie, Alma

Y4 - **Harry**, Ben

Y5 - Florence, Autumn

Y6 - George, Charlie

On top of that, Sofia, Eugenie and Juno in Reception and Harry in Year 4 were all awarded prizes across the St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust. Well done everyone!!!

## Good News Certificates

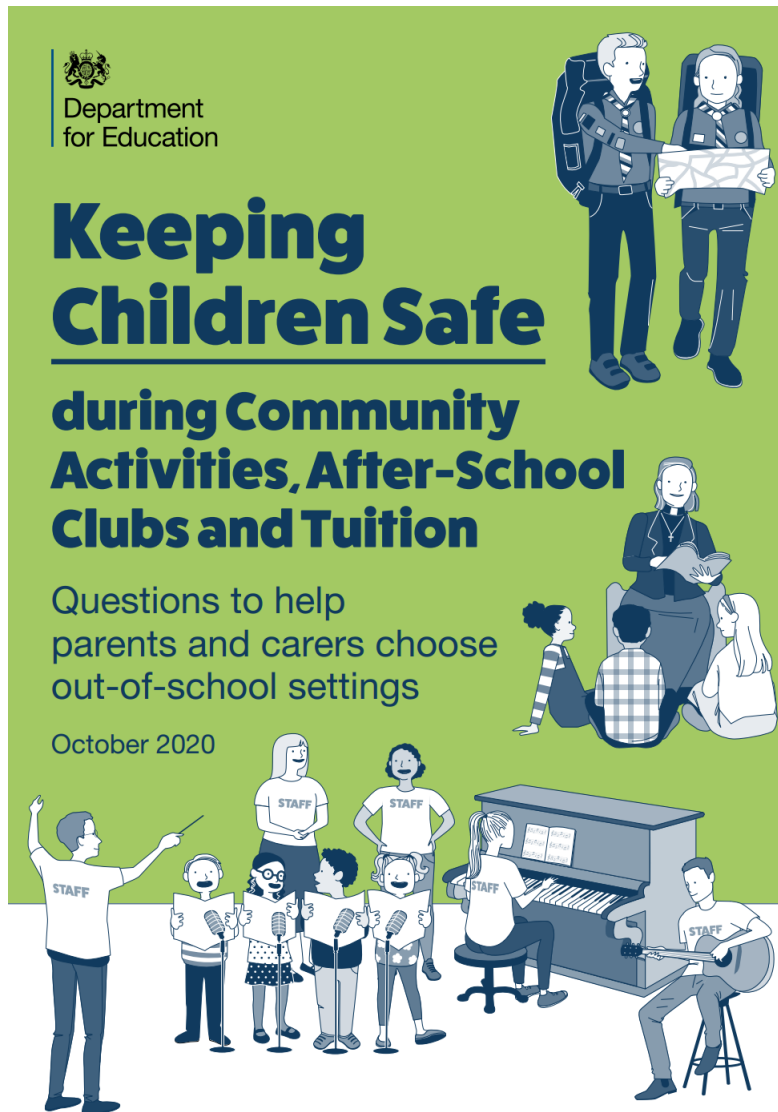
Last week's Good News certificates were:

Year 2	<b>Elizabeth, Lorcan</b>
Year 3	<b>Bea, Adam</b>
Year 4	<b>Xavier, Alaia</b>
Year 5	<b>Sophia, Alina</b>
Year 6	<b>Zara, Ben</b>

## Safeguarding

The DFE have produced a document for parents about keeping their children safe outside of school. Our children are so lucky to be doing so many amazing activities outside of school so I thought it might be useful. I've uploaded it to our website

[Keeping Children Safe: Parental Guidance \(olschesham.co.uk\)](https://www.olschesham.co.uk)



## Accelerated Reader

<b>Words Read</b>	
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>18,502,126</b> words
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>14,290,824</b> words
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>11,690,275</b> words
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>3,054,78</b> words

## Millionaire Readers

Thomas (Year 5)  
Ben (Year 6)  
Abigail (Year 6)  
Alex (Year 5)  
Wiktor (Year 5)  
Ula (Year 5)

Constance (Year 5)  
Robert (Year 6)  
Charlie (Year 6)  
Michael (Year 6)  
Mirella (Year 6)  
Bella (Year 6)

## Double Millionaire Readers

Matilda (Year 4)  
Harry (Year 4)  
Kenandra (Year 5)  
Kaitlyn (Year 6)

## Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

### Year 2

Tamsin  
Jude  
Arthur  
Jacob  
Erin

Ellie  
Ben  
Jordan  
James  
Ava  
Stella  
Ethan  
Sabrina  
Luna  
Hannah

### Year 3

Ben  
Archie  
Spike  
Elodie  
Alma  
Charlie F  
Charles K  
Finn  
Hannah  
Zuzanna

### Year 5

Wiktor  
Finlay  
Lucy  
Sukanth  
Nuala  
Pranav  
Ula

### Year 4

Leo  
Pierce  
Freya  
Xavier

### Year 6

Clara  
Harrison  
Jimi  
Jessica J

Jessica L  
Zara  
Kester  
Robert

Callen  
Mirella  
Jacob