



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

28th April 2023

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

Dear Parents,

Happy Easter – I realise that I didn't manage to get a newsletter out last week as I was sorting out the slight accommodation crisis for the Irish and French children.

I would just really like to say thank you to the whole school community for helping make a real success of the last week. One of The Poor Servants of the Mother of God's values is hospitality and, believe me, they would be very proud of what we have pulled off. I am extremely grateful and a very proud headteacher.

Firstly, I want to say thank you to Mrs Cid-Fuentes who organised the day of activities and visits etc etc. She really is going to sleep well this weekend. I also want to say a big thank you to all of the staff. They always work well as a team but this week they have been exceptional.

I'd like to thank Jen Smyth from PS Theatre who was a co-ordinating wizard on the activity day. She is one of those people who is so good at what they are doing that you don't really notice them but believe me if she wasn't there we would know.

I also want to thank Gita Cassidy and her cake-making crew for making such a lovely quintessential afternoon tea for all of our guests. It was absolutely fabulous. I never thought we'd be able to make English food look so good.

Next, I'd like to thank Mrs Burke, who helped with organising food not only at lunch but also for the hog roast in the evening. She always has the back of those children who are vegetarian or have allergies.

The penultimate thank you is to you as parents who really have been amazing and so supportive. We could not have had any more sleeping bags, blankets, hot water bottles etc etc. You have been absolutely amazing! It really does show what great families we work with. We are really, really lucky.

Finally, I want to thank all the children. If I had a pound for every time a visitor comes to this school and compliments on how polite, happy and confident they are, I would have retired a long time ago. The teachers really were very complimentary indeed. Working with children is the best job in the world, but working with these children is out of this world! I look forward to seeing lots of them on Monday at the disco.

Have a great weekend

God bless,

M. Hold

Congratulations Mr Barber

A massive congratulations to Mr Barber who has won a Coronation Champion award. This is so well deserved as he is one of the most generous people I know giving so much of his time to so many organisations. You can read more information in The Bucks Herald.

[Coronation Champion Award for Aylesbury Vale charity volunteer | Bucks Herald](#)

Well done Dave!!!!!!!!



Wow – What a time

Paul Stack, who you may not know but the children will know well as the person who delivers Forest Schools for us, ran the London Marathon last week. He ran it in **02:57:46** which is absolutely amazing.

His brother-in-law Ben, was diagnosed with Myeloma earlier this year and Paul is running for Myeloma UK to help raise funding for research on treatments and early diagnosis.

He is also hoping to raise awareness of this blood cancer as it can so often be misdiagnosed and Mary's story tells the tale of her journey. Link below.

There is a long way to go to 'Make Myeloma History' and Paul would be grateful for any donation however small. Donations are through JustGiving which is simple, fast and totally secure. The link for Paul's JustGiving page is below or click on our link tree in our bio.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Paul-Stack4>

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/.../aching-joints-blamed-on-age.../>



Attendance

Last year, the Department for Education produced guidance for schools on attendance which included the following fact.

‘at Key Stage 2, pupils not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate of 4.7%, compared to 3.5% among those meeting the expected standard.’

(DfE ‘Working Together to Improve School Attendance’ 2022)

This shows why, as a school, we put so much emphasise on the children’s attendance. Here is this week’s information:



A Message from Ten Ten Resources April 2023

Easter Sunday brought the **joy** that Christ is risen, and as we rejoice with renewed **hope**, Jesus brings us the gifts of **peace** and **love** to share with others. As Fr Paschal Uche said in his final Lenten message for children, we don't just stop all our Lenten practices at the end of Lent: with Jesus at our centre, we find our reason to be. Eastertide brings a renewed vision, and the risen Christ is ready to greet us just where we are.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout April and suggests ways to support your family prayer times. We wish you abundant Easter blessings of joy, hope, peace and love for you and your family.

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

Good News Certificates

Last week's Good News certificates were:


Year 1	Emily, Arthur
Year 2	Amelie, Harley
Year 3	Erin, Donnie
Year 4	Archie, Charlie K
Year 5	James, Jake
Year 6	Connie, Eryk


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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:









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olscheshambois Baking scones and they came out pretty well
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olscheshambois Thank you to Gita and team for putting an amazing afternoon tea on for the French and Irish teachers.
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 **olscheshambois** An early lunch #OLSerasmus #OLSknifeandfork
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 **olscheshambois** Darvell's - The best doughnuts in Europe. It is official @darvellandsons
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 **darvellandsons** Wow! Thankyou 🍩 ...

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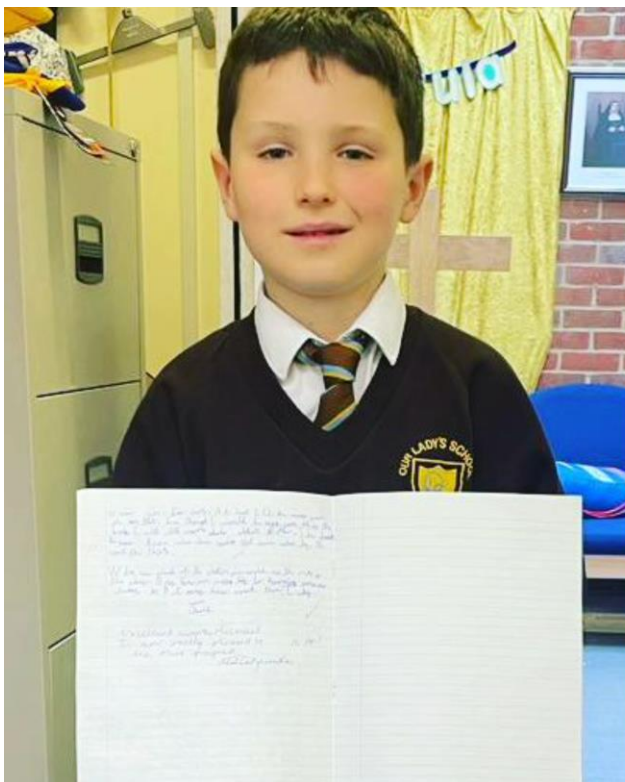
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Friend or Foe. #OLSLiteracy
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Accelerated Reader

	Words Read
Year 6	17,021,158 words
Year 5	12,590,700 words
Year 4	7,654,791 words
Year 3	2,612,283 words

Millionaire Readers

Harry (Year 5)
 Pranav (Year 6)
 Tue Nhi (Year 6)
 Shrikar (Year 6)
 Matilda (Year 5)

Double Millionaire Readers

Dominik (Year 4)
 Sherlyn (Year 5)
 Ula (Year 6)
 Kenandra (Year 6)