



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

31st March 2023

Dear families,

It has been another very busy week here, starting with Year 6's eventful departure to France on Monday morning, and culminating in the great OLS Easter Egg Raffle at the end of Friday morning. There have been many sporting, learning, and fund-raising highlights throughout the week, some of which I have shared with you below.

Stations of the Cross

Each morning has started reverently and solemnly with Stations of the Cross in the school hall, which has been led by a different class each day. It has been very lovely to see so many parents and grandparents attending, and we are very grateful that you have been able to give up your time, and juggle your schedules, in order to do this.



CAFOD Fundraising and Preparations for Easter

The first charity event of the week was the brilliantly organised 'OLS's Got Talent' extravaganza on Tuesday afternoon, thank you to the Year 4 Faith Ambassadors Team for putting this so seamlessly together. Acts included a comedian, a poet, 2 singers, some football-inspired clowns and 2 very accomplished magicians. Wednesday afternoon saw the Year 5 led-Board Games afternoon, where great fun was had by all. Friday has been an egg-cellent day all round, with the traditional OLS Easter egg hunt, led by the outreach committee and

the Easter Egg raffle led by Year 3. Other fundraising events that have taken place this week include the Year 1 Sponsored Litter pick and the Year 2 Sponsored Silence! All these events have been organised by our children to raise money for CAFOD and we are very grateful for the donations you have all made.

In preparation for Easter, Father David at St Columba's Parish invited OLS children to enter for a poster competition, focusing on the true meaning of Easter. There were many stunning entries from OLS, which are now on display at St Columba's church. Huge congratulations to Stella Newbould from Year 5, who won 1st prize in the Primary school category! Stella was presented with a lovely prize in our celebration assembly today. Well done Stella!



Learning Ici et là

News from France has been extremely positive. As you will see from Mr Holdsworth's post on Instagram, the Year 6 children have been having a wonderful time on their 5-day trip. We are very fortunate to have had the opportunity to send the children over on this Erasmus adventure. We look forward to returning the hospitality when we host over 100 French and Irish children, here at OLS, at the end of April.

On the home front, we have also been keeping our heads down and getting lots of work done, despite the egg-citement of the Charity events and the proximity to the Easter holidays. Highlights include; an Easter Garden creation in Reception class, a Science day in Year 1, Felt-making in Year 4 and a PSHRE focus in Year 5, where we used drama and discussion to explore the theme of Keeping Safe.



This week in Sports...

Last Friday, 4 children from Year 5, Luna, Stella, Harry and Pierce represented the school at the first Chiltern League Swimming Gala at Chesham Leisure Centre. Despite being up against some other skilful swimmers from local schools, many of whom were Year 6 children, the children held their own, getting into the finals of multiple races and coming home with a batch of medals. As usual, the OLS children behaved beautifully, advising each other, cheering each other on and displaying a superb sporting attitude.

On Monday afternoon, Year 4 made the short trip to the Amersham School for a cricket festival. The children had lots of fun playing diamond cricket and had a fantastic introduction to the game, preparing them well for their new Summer PE topic!

On Thursday, Year 3 attended a Tri-Golf festival at the Misbourne school. They spent the afternoon learning new skills, such as chipping and putting and avoiding the rain. After just one afternoon, many of the children had proved they were more talented with a golf club than Mr Holdsworth and Mr S!



Hot off the press!! Yesterday afternoon, OLS girls football team (AKA The Yellow Submarines) were crowned champions of the Chiltern League! An incredible achievement, conceding no goals throughout the whole season! Finals day took place yesterday at Chesham United FC and our girls played three matches. They beat Ivingswood school 1-0, drew with Brushwood 0-0 and won against Hawridge and Cholesbury 4-0. Adding all the points from the season together, the girls finished top of the league, which earned them a final game against Chartridge. The team pulled together brilliantly, worked their shin pads off and won 1-0! CHAMPIONNEES!!! A big thank you to Mr Weatherill who coolly and calmly coached them to victory. We are very proud of the girls' superb playing, sporting behaviour and fabulous team spirit. Well done **OLioneSses!**



A message re parking

Unfortunately, we have had another complaint from a neighbour in Clifton Road who is rightly concerned about the dangerous parking at drop off and pick up. Please take time to read what she has said and consider whether you may be able to help us improve the situation, by altering your own routine.

"Myself and members of my family are continually prevented from leaving Clifton Road safely because of the appalling parking. Cars are often parked on the double yellow lines close to the junction with the main road, meaning that cars leaving and entering Clifton Road are forced into a head on position, as there is no space for 2 cars. Cars are continually double parked and pavements are blocked. Only this morning I was forced out into the road with my dog, as a parent was completely blocking the pavement. I asked her if she realised she was blocking the pavement and explained that there were plenty of safe parking spaces further along the road. She said that she didn't have time to drive along the road to park more safely. It seems there unless this problem is addressed there is a strong possibility of an accident happening."

I fully understand that getting children up and out in the morning is not easy, but it would help enormously if older children could be dropped off in Clifton Road just before 8.30am. They can walk round with you, or with friends if you feel they are responsible enough, and play in the playground from 8.30am, which would allow Clifton Road to be clearer for the younger years.

We have a similar problem with parents trying to park in the staff car park and, as school SENCO, I would appeal to you not to do this. There are some children with disabilities who need to park in the school car park. Unfortunately, there have been several occasions recently where these children have not been able to park in the car park as the spaces have been taken by others who do not have any reason to be there.

All the staff wish you a happy and relaxing Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Monday April 17th.

Thank you.

Mrs Cid-Fuentes

Good News Certificates

Last week's Good News certificates were:

Year 1	Eugenie, Ralph
Year 2	Michael, Mason
Year 3	Bianca, AJ
Year 4	Michael, Spike
Year 5	Jordan, Nathan
Year 6	Esther, Finlay

Accelerated Reader

Year 2

Renske

Hansini

Year 3

Tamsin

Sienna-Rose

Donnie

Dominik

Rory

Sean

Stanislaw

Eleanor

Jude

Arthur

Jacob

Erica

Karo

Theo

Aliza

Thomas

Florence

Erin

Chanuga

Hugo

Year 4

Leo

Mark

Mia

Ivor

Ralph

Spike

Wanda

Elodie

Liam

Finley H

Charlie K

Finlay M-S

Michael M

Dominik

Robert

Hannah

Louie
Joseph
Curtis
Zuzanna

Year 5

Isabella
Xavier
Igor
Ellie
Lena
Ethan
Luna
Franek

Year 6

Kenandra
Wiktor
Finlay
Autumn
Sophia
Lucy
Cliff
Thomas
Tue Nhi
Amelia
Jack
Pranav
Constance

Millionaires

Harry (Y5)
Matilda (Y5)
Pranav (Y6)
Shrikar (Y6)
Tue Nhi (Y6)

Double Millionaires

Dominik (Y4)
Sherlyn (Y5)
Ula (Y6)
Kenandra (Y6)

New Category - Top 10 Quizzes passed

1. Mark (Y4) - 55
2. Sherlyn (Y5) - 48
3. Dominik (Y4) - 46
4. Curtis (Y4) - 43
5. Jude (Y3) - 40
6. Charlie F (Y4) - 38
7. Zuzanna (Y4) - 38
8. Archie (Y4) - 34
9. Ethan (&5) - 33
10. Shrikar (Y6) - 32

Change of diary dates

Please note these changes to the school diary dates.

Leavers' Assembly is now on 19th July at 10.30am.

Leavers' Mass is now on 19th July at 2pm.

Please note, Monday 24th April is an inset day

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)

Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

Year 2

Hanisini
Cat Cat

Year 3

Sienna-Rose
Donnie
Dominik
Rory
Sean
Stash
Eleanor
Jude
Arthur
Jacob
Erica
Karo
Theo
Aliza
Thomas
Florence
Chanuga
Hugo

Year 4

Leo
Ivor

Ralph
Wanda
Elodie
Liam
Finley H
Charlie K
Finlay M-S
Michael M
Evelyn
Dominik
Robert
Hannah
Louie
Joseph
Curtis

Year 5

Bella
Xavier
Igor
Ellie
Lena
Ethan
Luna
Franek

Year 6

Kenandra
Wiktor
Finlay
Autumn

Sophia

Lucy

Cliff

Thomas

Amelia

Jack

Pranav

Connie