



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

3rd February 2023

Dear Parents,

Well the most exciting news this week has been the long overdue completion of the Reception playground. I am sure you will all agree it looks fantastic and I can tell you the children are really enjoying playing on it. Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your patience as it has dragged on much longer than we expected. I also want to thank the PTA for all of their hard work fundraising for the new playgrounds. Without their work, we really wouldn't have been able to get the work done. Also, a big thank you to the Our Lady's Trust Fund, and all the people who contribute, as they funded the final ground work which we needed to get it over the line. I know where I can go now if I need cheering up as there is nothing better than seeing the children having fun.

There have also been several sporting events this week as Year 2 have had a skipping festival, Year 3 a tag rugby festival and today Reception are going to a dance festival. The children love going to these festivals and it is great that they all get the chance to take part in some competitive sport. We also took part in a tag rugby match in the Chiltern League. We knew it was going to be a tough match as Brushwood had won all of their previous matches, and I have to be honest, after a pretty woeful first half, I thought we were going to lose being 8-4 down. However after the Mr Holdsworth, Alex Ferguson style "hairdryer" half time team talk we turned it around fantastically in the second half and won 16-14. Great job team! We are looking forward to the finals tournament next week.

Have a lovely weekend

God bless,

M. Holdsworth



Safeguarding

This week, Miss Green has had to deal with some children in Year 6 not being very kind on WhatsApp. WhatsApp requires a minimum age of 16 but relies on the honesty of the child and family to adhere to the age restrictions. If you have decided together with your child that they can begin to use it, then it is important that you support them to do so safely and that you monitor it. There is some useful information on the Safer Internet website:



[Helping your child with WhatsApp - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

These things don't happen very often at Our Lady's but we are relying on everybody monitoring their child's devices.

St Columba's Youth Mass

YOUTH MASS at St Columba's on Sunday 5th February at 6pm (**Please bring along a torch**). They need it for a procession at the beginning of Mass as we sing. Music practice for anyone wanting to be part of the choir will be on Saturday 6-7pm in church.

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/>

PTA NEWS

We had a great PTA extra-ordinary meeting yesterday evening where we voted in a new Chair. Congratulations and a massive thank you to Laura who was unanimously appointed. It was a great meeting with lots of energy and lots of ideas. It feels a bit like the changing of the guard; I'm delighted that we have a team of people who will continue to help build a fabulous community. So here is your team:



Laura Kriesel – Francesca Year 1
Jessica Roberts – Amelie Reception
Tina O'Brien – Eoin Reception
Sheena D'Souza – Prabhu – Ilyana Reception

Good News Certificates

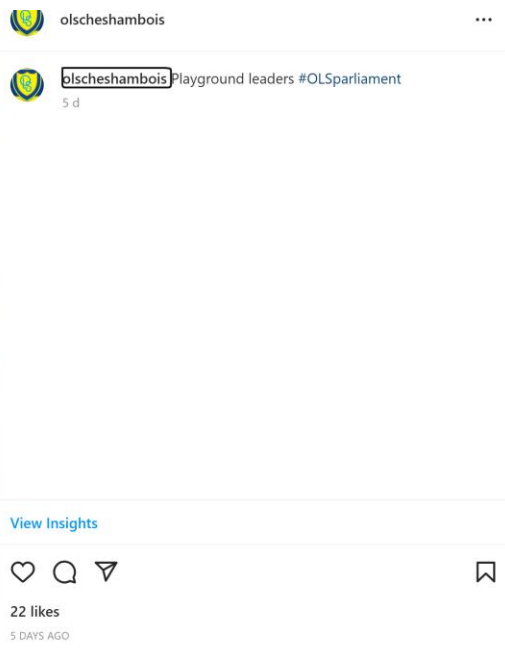


Last week's Good News certificates were:


Year 1	Martha, Niamh, Evie, Daisy
Year 2	Annie, Cuthbert
Year 3	Jacob, Rory
Year 4	Finlay, Joseph
Year 5	Ava, Ben
Year 6	Alex, Lucy


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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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 **olscheshambois** Lunchtime fencing club #OLSSport
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 **olscheshambois** It time for Wednesday Prayer. Each class has 10 minutes of pupil led prayer #OLSBUILDINGTHEKINGDOM
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olscheshambois Year 2 had great fun at the skipping festival on Monday #OLSsport

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olscheshambois It is here at last. Thank you for everyone's patience and most of all thank you to the PTA for funding this project. Just needs some children now.

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julezvern10 Wow, that looks brilliant. The children are going to love it! Makes all the fundraising worthwhile 🥰



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olscheshambois Well done to the tag rugby team winning 16 - 13 against Brushwood #OLSsport

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Accelerated Reader

Words Read	
Year 6	8,655,828 words
Year 5	8,464,918 words
Year 4	4,679,174 words
Year 3	1,595,239 words

Millionaire Readers

Dominik (Year 4)
Ula (Year 6)

Double Millionaire Readers

Sherlyn (Year 5)

Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

Year 2

Hanisini
Cat Cat

Year 3

Evie
Dominik
Rory
Sean
Eleanor
Jude
Erica
Theo
Chanuga

Year 4

Leo
Behtin
Mark
Mia
Archie
Ralph
Elodie
Liam
Charlie F
Finley H
Charlie K
Finlay M-S
Michael M
Dominik

Hannah

Louie
Joseph
Emily
Curtis

Year 5

Isabella
Xavier
Ellie
Ben
Lena
Grace
Matylda
Emilio
Franek

Year 6

Kenandra
Wiktor
Finlay
Autumn
Lucy
Cliff
Thomas
Jack
Esther