



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

7th October 2022

Dear Parents,

We've had another great week in school this week. A month into the school year and the children have really got used to their new classes. This term is so important as it is the one where children often make the most progress. They're still fresh after the summer holidays, so now is the time for parents and teachers to make sure every child is working hard. Please monitor your children's homework. It really helps us if you ensure they are reading, practising their spellings and doing their Century Nuggets.



This week we've had several sporting festivals, with year one taking part in an outdoor activities festival and year three taking part in a circuits festival. It is a great chance for all the children to be to get outside and compete with other schools. Well done to the girls' football team who won in the first round of the cup 1-0 on Tuesday evening.

The highlight for me this week was taking some of our Year 6 faith ambassadors to the Diocesan Mass today. It is always a wonderful occasion and a reminder that we're part of something much bigger. All of our faith ambassadors have received a letter from Bishop David commissioning them in their roles. Mrs Gardner is over the moon to have over 30 "young missionaries" apply this year. They will be working closely with Father Roy and Father David helping to enrich the Catholic life of the school.

Also, today has been CAFOD family fast day. Thank you to all those children who took part in our simple soup lunch to raise money for CAFOD. And also thank you to everybody who brought in a can for the local food bank. We are overwhelmed by your generosity once again.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

M. Holden

Catholic Social Teaching

Advent Term 1

**The Dignity of the Human
Person**



Genesis 1:26-31

God created all people in his image.

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

God loves the orphan, the widow, and the stranger.

Psalms 139:13-16

God knows us intimately.

Proverbs 22:2

The Lord is the creator of both rich and poor

Luke 10:25-37

The Good Samaritan recognised a brother

Romans 12: 9-18

Love one another, share with those in need, live in peace.

Galatians 2:27-28

We are one in Christ Jesus

Playground Installation

Last weekend, Cadent finished the groundworks for our new playgrounds. Next week, Pentagon are coming in to start the installation. Exciting times! A massive thank you to Sharon Dodd who has done a lot of the co-ordination with Cadent, to Dave Barber who as usual has just been amazing managing the whole project and even getting his hands dirty and finally to the PTA for raising enough money to allow this to happen.

It is going to be great seeing this develop over the next few weeks.



Safeguarding - Attendance

This week, as part of my safeguarding messaging, I am just reminding parents about attendance. All the evidence is that children who are more vulnerable tend to have poorer attendance, which is why we are required to monitor it so carefully. The table below shows how many lessons children miss even if they have relatively good attendance. We normally start getting concerned if your child's attendance drops below 90% but as you can see they will already have missed 100 lessons.

| If your child's attendance during the school year is | Your child would have lost approximately | Or they would have missed approximately |
|---|---|--|
| 95% | 9 days | 50 lessons |
| 90% | 19 days | 100 lessons |
| 85% | 29 days | 150 lessons |
| 80% | 38 days | 200 lessons |
| 75% | 48 days | 250 lessons |
| 70% | 57 days | 290 lessons |

It is really important, as parents, to remember that children never get those lessons back. Every time they are off they are disadvantaged compared to their peers, so they should only be absent if it is completely unavoidable.

Youth Mass

This Sunday at 6.00pm is Father David's first Youth Mass at St Columba's. It would be lovely to see lots of children from that Parish there.

Good News Certificates



Last week's Good News certificates were:

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| Year 1 | Daisy, Emily |
| Year 2 | Klara, Alvin |
| Year 3 | Elizabeth, Stanislaw |
| Year 4 | Isabella, Joseph |
| Year 5 | Leo, Ellie |
| Year 6 | Blazej, Harry H, Kenandra |

Parking

Thank you to everybody who has made an extra effort with their parking this week. It is nice to get through the week without any complaints from the local residents.



OLS PTA COFFEE MORNING

Friday 14th October
9-10.30am in the school hall
Hot drinks and cakes

Meet the PTA
and find out
what we do!

Come and
chat to other
parents



CAKES AVAILABLE FROM
3.15-3.45PM ON THE TOP PLAYGROUND

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@OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



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olscheshambois This young lady has been doing some extra jobs around the house and raised £8.31 for @cafod. What a great idea. It's a win win. The children help people in need and we get lots of jobs done at home 🙌 #OLSbuildingthekingdom

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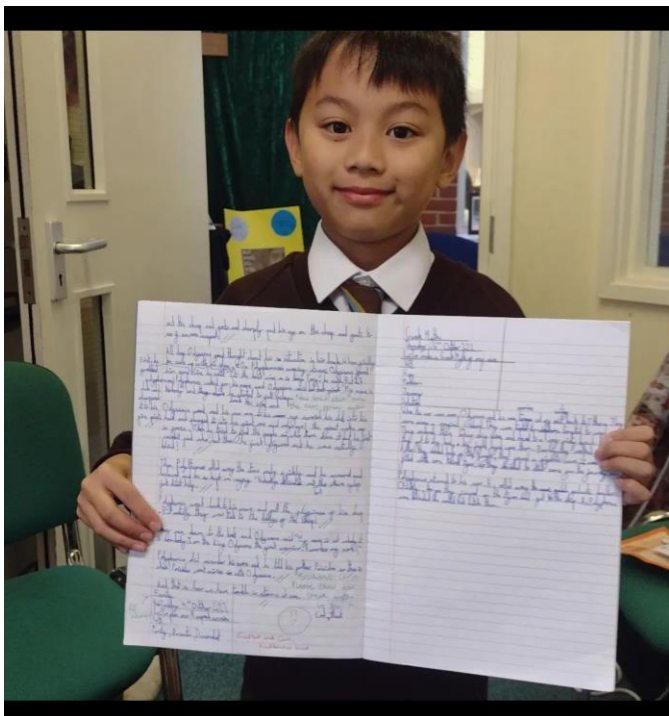


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olscheshambois An amazing retelling of a Greek Myth. The first Headteacher award of the year. Great work #OLSliteracy #OLSheadteachersaward

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olscheshambois More Our Lady's superstars talking to the parents about chaplaincy #OLSbuildingthekingdom

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laurawhysall Well sone boys! 🙌🙌🙌❤️

16h Reply



piedpiper2762 Well done lads! 🙌🙌🙌

17h Reply



meganbuckley17 They were brilliant! 🙌❤️

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flobeamay ❤️❤️

17h 1 like Reply



sugusitazul Well done boys!

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Look who I bumped into. He's only been at St Joan of Arc for 4 weeks and he is already talking to a hall full of prospective parents. Amazing! #OLSbuildingthekingdom
19h

 **_rosiewalker** Proud of you Buddy 🥰❤️
13h Reply

 **laurawhysall** Go on Buddy! 🙌🙌❤️
16h Reply

 **meganbuckley17** Buddy did so well!! 🙌❤️
17h 1 like Reply

 **sugusitazul** Well done B!
18h Reply ...

 **abbie_camidge** Well done Buddy 🙌❤️🙌
18h 3 likes Reply


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 **olscheshambois** ...



 **olscheshambois** What an experience. Riding with the RDA in Ashley Green
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 **sharondodd** Anne and her team are amazing! I hope the horses were treated to some carrots 🥕 and polo mints?
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 **olscheshambois** ...


 **olscheshambois** School lunch will be a simple tomato soup on Friday with the money for your meal being donated to @cafod


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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Well done to the girls football team. 1-0 winners today and into the next round of the cup #OLSsport

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A Message from Ten Ten Resources October 2022

September saw upheaval on a national scale: from the change of Prime Minister to the death of Queen Elizabeth II, to the ongoing cost of living crisis. Times of upheaval and uncertainty are understandably difficult and can take their toll on us physically, mentally and emotionally. But as Christians, we can be grateful for and find comfort in the constancy of God's love and provision.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout October and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray that, whatever is going on for you and your family at the moment, these resources will inspire you and your family to look to God.

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