



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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

9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents,

I have to be honest, it is a long time since I've been in a school which has felt so Christmassy two and a half weeks before the holidays. I am sure that has been down partly to the fantastic efforts of parents and staff decorating the school last weekend. There is nowhere more magical than a school at this time of year and it was just lovely for the children to come in on Monday with the whole school transformed.

This week we also had our Christmas lunch. It really is a massive task to set the hall up and then serve all the children at their table. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Burke and her team who keep the whole thing running so smoothly not only on that day but all year round. Once again, I also want to say a really big thank you to all the parents who came in to help.

Finally, yesterday was the Feast of the Immaculate Conception which is our Feast day. We had a lovely day and finished with a beautiful mass. At the end of Mass the children were given three gifts: a rosary from the parish; a lollipop from school; and a bible for each family from The Biju family (Elizabeth in year 3). I am sure they were more excited about the lollipop but hopefully the bible and rosary are things that they will cherish forever. Starting on Monday, I will send out via Instagram a short reading for each day that you could maybe read as a family.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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## Fundraising for the Poor Servants of the Mother of God (Kenya)

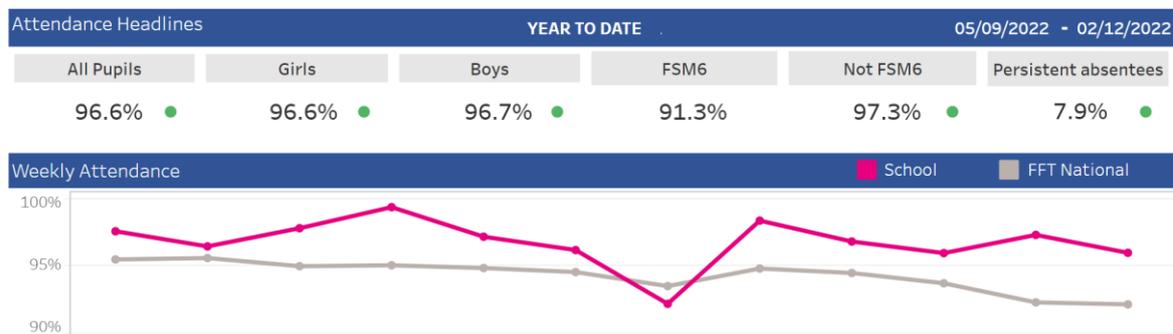
On Monday during assembly, I shared with the children some photos of the work the sisters are doing in Kenya. We are raising money for the work they are doing in the Frances Taylor Family Learning Centre. Here are a couple of photos:



I thought I'd include a running total of the events we have run and how much money we have raised during Advent:

Break the Rules Day	£264.30
Toy Sale	£121.68
Christmas Jumper Dar	£149.67
Total	£535.65

## Absence



These are our latest attendance figures. The good news is that we have slightly less children with persistent absence and the attendance of children on Free School Meals has improved slightly. I know this is the time of year that lots of bugs go round but this does give our children the chance to build up some immunity.

## A Message from Ten Ten Resources December 2022

As December arrives, we find ourselves already in the second week of Advent - our time of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Amidst all the busyness of getting ready for nativity plays and carol services, the fun of decorating trees, wrapping gifts, and no doubt plenty of pre-Christmas celebrating, Advent is a time to pause, reflect and get ready to welcome Jesus into our hearts.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout December and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray for blessings for you and your family as you prepare together for Jesus' coming at Christmas

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

## Good News Certificates

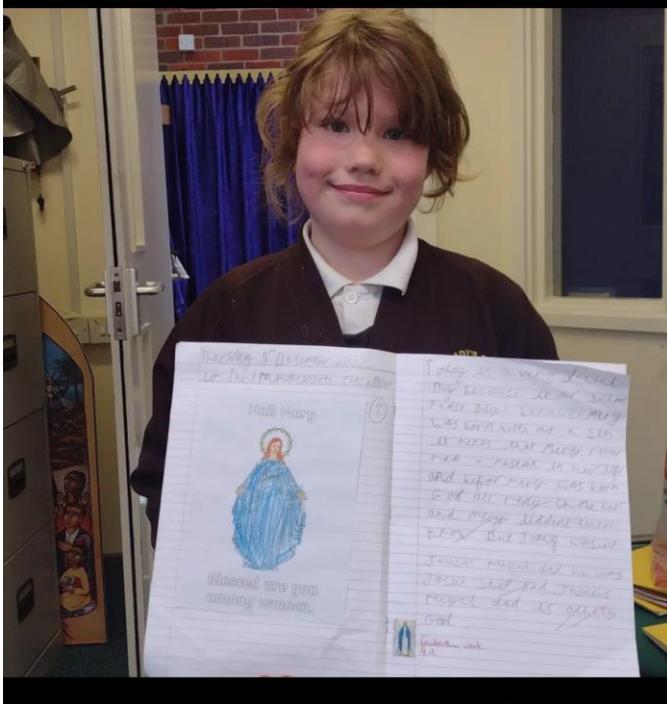


Last week's Good News certificates were:

Year 1	Josephine, Ruby
Year 2	Hansini, Isabelle
Year 3	Lorcan Mills, A.J. Fenwick
Year 4	Elodie, Spike
Year 5	Kome, Matilda G, Alaia
Year 6	Harry H, Molly

# @OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Thank you to Elizabeth's family for buying each family a Bible #OISbuildingthekingdom  
2 h

 **marycmd14** Such a lovely thoughtful gift, thank you from our Family 🙏  
1 h Reply

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14 likes  
2 HOURS AGO

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** I've just seen a much better explanation of the Immaculate Conception than I could have given #OISRE  
5 h

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11 likes  
5 HOURS AGO

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** What a treat for a Thursday morning. Our end of term violin assembly #OLSmusic  
8 h

 **ewatymancsiba** 🇪🇺  
7 h Reply

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18 likes  
8 HOURS AGO

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Thank you to our fantastic midday supervisors and to all the parent helpers who have given the children the best Christmas lunch ever!!!! 🍷🍷  
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 **laurawhysall** Thank you! 🍷❤️🍷  
18 h Reply

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olscheshambois It's Christmas!!! 🎄🎅🎁🎊

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olscheshambois It is lovely to have Pat from the SVP in today. She is going to work with our Mini-Vinnies #OISbuildingthekingdom

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lollimot Recognise a few of those faces! 😊



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olscheshambois



olscheshambois Year 2 and Year 3 have had great fun building fires and toasting marshmallows today. Thank you @chilternrangers #OLSforestschool

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teresawatson7 🍌💙



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olscheshambois Year 6 have been baking their showstopper today. The standard was the highest ever #OLSdt

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olscheshambois We are having great fun horse riding. These children have come on so far in just half a term.

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olscheshambois Year 5 are baking biscuits from a traditional French recipe #OLSknifeandfork #OLSmfl #OLSdt

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3 DAYS AGO



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## Accelerated Reader

<b>Words Read</b>	
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>7,432,649</b> words
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>6,534,873</b> words
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>3,343,302</b> words
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>1,144,925</b> words

### Millionaire

Dominik (Y4)

Sherlyn (Y5)

Ula (Y6)

### Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

#### Year 3

Tamsin  
Sienna-Rose  
Donnie  
Dominik  
Simeon  
Jude  
Arthur  
Jacob  
Lorcan  
Thomas  
Hansika  
Florence

Robert  
Hannah  
Louis  
Emily  
Isabella  
Curtis  
Zuzanna

#### Year 5

Bella  
Edward  
Karamo  
Lena  
Ava  
Matylda  
Stella  
Ethan  
Sabrina

#### Year 4

Leo  
Behtin  
Mark  
Archie  
Ivor  
Ralph  
Spike  
Wanda  
Elodie  
Charlie F  
Finn M-S  
Michael M  
Bea  
Evelyn  
Joseph  
Dominik

#### Year 6

Wiktor  
Finlay  
Louis  
Blazej  
Lucy  
Cliff  
Amelia  
Esther  
Prana  
Ula