

Special Edition OLS Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This is a special edition of OLS newsletter that has been written entirely by Year 5. The roving reporters were sent out around the school, armed with some special questions that they had prepared for staff and children. They wanted to unearth the truth about how hard the children and staff had been working, the highs and lows, and everything in between! Read on to find out what they found out!

Four intrepid reporters stepped into the wonderful world of Reception to find out what adventures they'd been on over the past five days and discovered that they had had an outstanding week. The news team were flabbergasted by the young children's knowledge of pirates and by their seaside knowledge! Highlights mentioned by the children were building things together with bricks, helping each other tidy up, and baking cheerful, smiley-face cookies together. These choices demonstrated to our team that Reception class already know how to work together for the Common Good - an important theme of Catholic Social Teaching. Impressive!

The team dispatched to Year 1 were similarly amazed by what they witnessed. One of the highlights of the week was a Forest school session on Tuesday where they were building shelters and spotting the first signs of Summer's arrival. They loved the LAMDA assembly, which several Year ones proudly performed in. It was also time to say goodbye to Mrs. Pannell who has been on teaching practice this term in the class. Thank you, Mrs. Pannell for all your hard work and we wish you luck with your new job.



When the team arrived to interview Year 2, they discovered that they had been extremely busy and were blown away by the learning that had taken place. Comparing natural and man-made features of beaches as well as how to successfully plant a sunflower were just two of this week's topics. Our reporters also discovered

that there have been some recent Pen Licences issued in Year 2 to Francesca and Allison. Well Done to you!

Year 3 had a very interesting week and had plenty to say! In Geography, the intrigued interviewers discovered that Rivers are all the rage in Year 3 and that they have been learning about the upper and lower courses of rivers. In Science, the focus has been on fascinating fossils and children have been examining some that Mrs. Gardner had sourced for them. Other highlights include going swimming and starting their new book - 'Jim, A Cautionary Tale'. They also loved sewing their pencil cases with Mrs. McNaughton. Overall, the team were flabbergasted by their knowledge and how well they explained their learning. Their love for literacy shone through! Well done Year 3!



This week, Year 4 has had plenty to do, too. The cunning correspondents found out that Tuesday was an eventful and fun-filled day as the class took a DT focused trip to Bekonscot Model Village. They were amazed by the miniature models which inspired them to make some of their own back in class. Will the trip have lit a spark for any future architects? If so, the Area topic Year 4 have been learning about in Maths will be very helpful!

The Year 5 roving reporters turned the spotlight on themselves next to discuss the week's highlights and decided that their Literacy work on Anne Frank's Diary was top of the list. Year 5 have been writing diary entries and newspaper articles inspired by the story and exploring the Catholic Social Teaching themes of Human Dignity and Rights and Responsibilities. The number of children gaining a Fountain Pen Licence in Year 5 is steadily rising, and Louie is the latest boy to be granted his Licence by Mr. Holdsworth. The class have also had some great Sports Leadership training from Mrs. Lally in preparation for Sports day, which is coming up on June 12th. Not long now!

In Year 6, children have been eagerly preparing for their upcoming play. The music has been reverberating around the corridors as they have been practising their songs and that has been a lot of laughter as they practice saying their lines. The set is coming along well, thanks to some of our present and past Year 6 designers and we can't wait to see the results of all their hard work



in a couple of weeks. In the calmer moments, they have been doing a lot of PSHRE, learning about how their bodies change over the years and becoming a teenager. They have also had a transition workshop to help them get ready for Secondary school. One of the other highlights of the week was working together in solidarity to make shelters at Forest School.

Our talented Year 5 team did not stop short at classroom visits, they also ventured into the engine rooms of OLS – the school kitchen and school office - to find out how the week has been for the staff working in these vital areas. Miss Mansfield said she has had a happy week, welcoming some new families into our community. When lunch time staff were interviewed, they divulged that there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes and that this week has been particularly eventful. Apparently, there was one day when the food had not arrived at the usual time and staff were fearful that, for the first time ever, there were going to be a lot of hungry children with nothing to give them! Imagine that! However, the crisis was averted at the last minute and lunch appeared, just in the nick of time. Phew! OLS is very lucky to have such a dedicated team of office

and lunchtime staff, who push on through, come rain or shine, to get the job done and get OLS fed!



Finally, it was wonderful to see three more members of our school making their First Holy Communions this week. Congratulations to Liam, Rio and Michael. It was great that so many OLS pupils could be at both Masses to witness the joyful event. They all looked so smart and happy and did their families and schools proud.



We hope you have enjoyed reading this Special Edition OLS Newsletter as much as the Year 5 news team have enjoyed writing it. We wish you a happy weekend and hope you all have a great rest!

Best Wishes,

The Year 5 News Teams