Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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5th October

Dear parents,

Today's Mass was a wonderful celebration of the Harvest gifts so generously donated by our school community. Thank you to everyone who contributed, and to our Mini Vinnies for collecting the donations. A special thank you to Year 5 for their readings, our altar servers, and Mrs Poterachi for leading the music and preparing the children so beautifully for their singing. Fr Gerard spoke to us about St John Henry Newman, whose feast day is today. You can find out more about this saint later in the newsletter.

The link for booking Parents' Evening appointments went live this week. Please make sure you book an appointment, as these meetings are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

You will have received an email earlier this week regarding driving on Boston Park Road. Since then, I have been made aware that some vehicles have been travelling the wrong way down the road to exit onto Windmill Road. This is extremely dangerous and puts our children, pedestrians and other road users at significant risk. Please ensure that you follow the one-way system at all times. The local Police team have been made aware of this issue.

I would also like to remind parents and children that scooters should not be ridden up and down the school pathway. Please ensure that children walk with their scooters along the path, being mindful of others and taking care around younger children and families. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in helping us to keep our school community safe.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, **Mrs Kelliher**

Stars of the Week

Rec: **Markos & Emilia**
Yr1: **Camila & Frank**
Yr2: **Ryan & Szofia**
Yr3: **Modupeola & Jayden**
Yr4: **Dawid & Isla**
Yr5 **Francis & Aatifah**
Yr6: **Albie & Jaxon**



Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's designated safeguarding officer: Mrs Kelliher or in her absence the deputy safeguarding officer Mrs Sheehan. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with their line manager, Mrs Kelliher to seek further advice.

We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies of some pupils and staff, please ensure no nut or peanut products are brought into school.

Congratulations to the children in St. Patrick's who received the most house points over the last week.

The children in St. Patrick 's will receive 15 minutes of extra play in Key stage 1.

The children in St. Patrick's in Key stage 2 will receive a Homework pass for this weeks' homework.

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	136
St Andrew	104
St George	94
St David	125
St John	93
Overall Winner	St Patrick

Important Dates

Wednesday 14th October

9:00 Nursery/Reception 2027 Prospective Parent Tour

Friday 16th October

9:00 Year 4 Class Mass (parents welcome)

Tuesday 20th October

Parents evening Rec-Yr6

Wednesday 21st October

Parents evening Nursery-Yr6

Friday 23rd October

2.40pm Year 2 Celebration Service (parents welcome)

End of Autumn 1 half term

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%
1st	3	100
2nd	6	98.8
3rd	1	98.7
4th	4	98.1
5th	Nur	97.9
6th	2	97.6
7th	5	97.3
8th	Rec	96.2

Excellent attendance from Reception to Year 6 last week. If they all achieve over 96% they get extra playtime. Well done everyone.

Congratulations to our Superstar swimmers this week.



Mini Vinnies



50 To Read



EYFS and KS1 English Workshop
Colourful Semantics



Thank you to all the parents who attended our Colourful Semantics workshop. We hope you found it helpful and informative.

Colourful Semantics is a visual approach that uses colours to help children develop their understanding of language, build sentences and express themselves more confidently. It helps children understand who is doing what, to whom and where, supporting their communication and language development.

Each week, we will share a simple example for you to explore and discuss with your child at home. These activities will help you become more familiar with the approach and support your child's language development and sentence structure.



RE and Catholic Life News

The Holy Rosary

During the month of October we focus on prayer with the Holy Rosary. Yesterday, we had our second week of praying a decade of The Rosary together joined by parents. This will continue next Thursday at 8.50am and parents are most welcome to join us. Please send your child into school with their Rosary beads.



Our younger children are joining in the Mark 10 Mission Rosary Challenge.

www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge

which is for schools all over the country to pray the rosary. It would be lovely, if as a family, you could keep this going over in the evenings or over weekend too. It would become a really powerful prayer time across our community.

Black History Month





The National theme for this year's Black History Month is *'Honouring Our Communities'.* The focus is to recognise everyday individuals, networks and unseen contributions that shape British life and work-places.

This week in school, Years 1-6 attended the *'Great Big Live Assembly'*, where they found out about Black and Asian individuals, from various generations and professions.

Next week, all classes will learn about and produce work about an inspirational person. They include: a poet, TV presenter, singer songwriter, musician/ composer, writer and broadcaster, film director and artist.



RE and Catholic Life News

In our Harvest Mass today. Father Gerard reminded us how we should love one another, just as Jesus loved us.

This week, the current Mini Vinnies have been very busy collecting food for Ealing Food Bank.
Thank you for your generous donations, that will make a huge difference to the lives of those in need. All of our actions, have shown great love for one another.

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." (John 15:1)



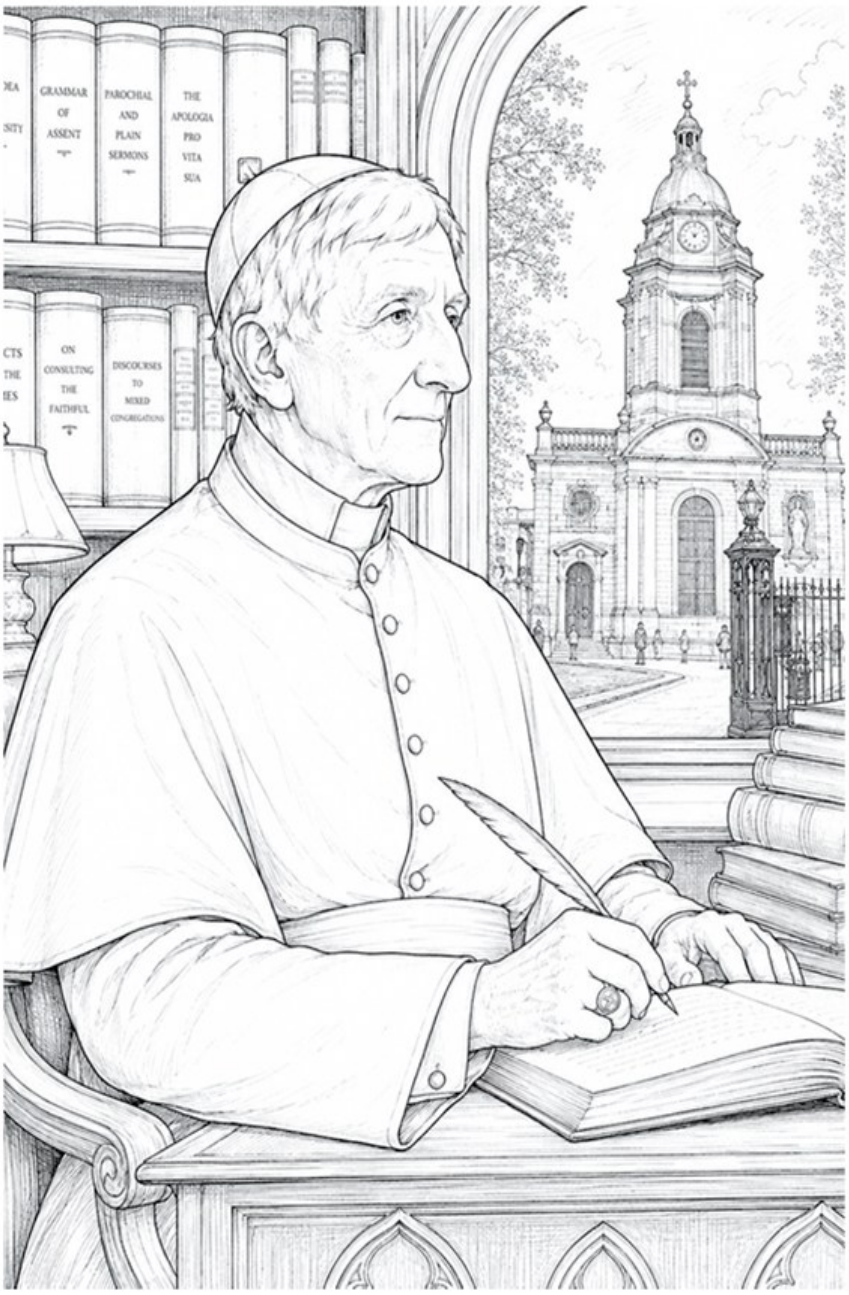


SAINT OF THE WEEK

DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

FEAST
OCTOBER 9TH



WHO IS HE?

St John Henry was born in London, in 1801 and lived until 1890, becoming one of the great teachers and defenders of the Catholic faith. As a young man, he searched for the truth and eventually came to believe that Jesus was calling him into the Catholic Church, which he entered in 1845. He became a Catholic priest, founded the Birmingham Oratory, and had a deep love for Jesus truly present in the Eucharist, writing hymns such as Soul of My Saviour. He was made a cardinal and, in 2019, was declared a Doctor of the Church, a title given to saints whose teaching has made an outstanding contribution to the life and faith of the Church.

ST JOHN HENRY PRAYER

Dear Jesus.
Help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly, that my life may only be a radiance of Yours. Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus! Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine, so to shine as to be a light to others; The light, O Jesus will be all from You; none of it will be mine; It will be you shining on others through me.
Amen.

SAINT MISSION

St John Henry wrote:
"God has created me to do Him some definite service."

Your mission is to find a quiet place, sit with Jesus and ask:
"Jesus, what are you calling me to do?"

You may sense Jesus inviting you to do something specific that day. Perhaps though, Jesus will have something more significant to tell you about what He wants you to do with your life.

PTA PRESENTS

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION



Send a picture of your carved pumpkin

Send your photo to
ptaolsj@gmail.com
with your child's name and year

21 OCT

Add photos in by
21st October

3 winners per year

£2
pay via ParentMail

Winners get a complimentary ticket to a private screening at **EVERYMAN**

Get creative, have fun and show us your pumpkins!



Dear parents,

At OLSJ we use a platform/app called Google classroom to set homework, send pictures and to send messages/reminders to parents/carers.

You can access Google Classroom on your phone and/or a laptop/chrome book.

Once you have downloaded the app or searched for the website, you will be asked to login.

All children have a login for Google classroom - it will look something like this:

email: tfrmt671.313@gs.stjohnrc.hounslow.sch.uk

password: flower4

Children in Years 1-6 will have this login & password stuck into their reading record books. Children in Nursery & Reception will be given their login details from their class teacher.

Once you have logged in you will be asked to join or decline your child's class dashboard. Here you will see messages on the stream tab and homework instructions on the classwork tab.

Homework will be completed in your child's homework book

If you are having problems logging into Google classroom or you are experiencing any problems please let me know or speak with your child's class teacher.

Regards

Mrs. Sheehan