Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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14th September

Dear parents,

Thank you to the parents who have been able to attend the Meet the Teacher meetings this week (Year 5 and Year 2 next week). The excellent attendance from parents really shows how much you support your child's learning and our school. If you were not able to attend all the slides have been posted on Google Classroom so please let us know if you have any issues accessing these.

Our Year 6 pupils have shown great patience as they have waited for their new roles and it was a real pleasure to award them their badges today. These roles are an important opportunity for our Year 6 pupils to demonstrate leadership, responsibility and care for others across our school community. I wish them all the very best as they take on these responsibilities, and I know that the whole school community joins me in wishing them well. We are incredibly proud of them and have every confidence that they will be amazing role models and leaders for our school.

The staff received Anaphylaxis and Asthma training this week to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils. This training is particularly important as we begin working within the new requirements introduced through Benedict's Law. We would like to remind all parents and carers that **it is extremely important that you inform the school of any allergies, asthma or other medical conditions** your child has, as well as keeping us updated about any changes to their condition or medication.

Have a wonderful weekend, **Mrs Kelliher**

Important Dates

Monday 21st September
- **Book fair all week**
- **8:50** Yr5 Meet the teacher meeting
- Yr6 Height & weight checks

Tuesday 22nd September
8:50 Yr2 Meet the teacher meeting

Wednesday 23rd September
8:50 Reception Reading & Phonics Workshop

Friday 25th September
- **Languages Day**

Tuesday 29th September
9:00 Nursery/Reception 2027 Prospective Parent Tour
2:30 RSE Parent Information Meeting

Wednesday 30th September
8:50 Y1 Reading & Phonics Workshop

Tuesday 6th October
8:50 Early Years and KS1 English Workshop

Friday 9th October
9:00 Harvest Mass (parents welcome)

Wednesday 14th October
9:00 Nursery/Reception 2027 Prospective Parent Tour

Friday 16th October
9:00 Year 4 Class Mass (parents welcome)

Safeguarding: The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff.
Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's well-being, 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.

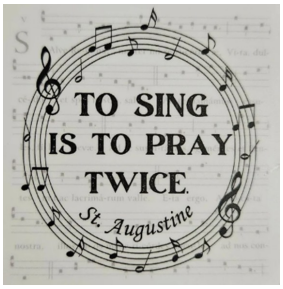
We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL

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

RE and Catholic Life News

Prayer through Song

Every Wednesday morning, Mrs Poterachi leads the children in singing worship which we call Prayer through Song. It has been wonderful hearing the children sing so beautifully and using this time to strengthen their worship and relationship with God.



Our Lady of Sorrows—Tuesday 15th September

On Tuesday we celebrated Our Lady of Sorrows by sharing this prayer:

"O Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, you stood by Jesus with great love and courage.
Please stay close to us when we feel sad, worried, or lonely.
Help us to be brave, to care for others, and to trust in God everyday.
Lead us always closer to your Son, Jesus.
Amen"



We Need Mini Vinnies

Dear Parents,

Mini Vinnies is part of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), an international Christian voluntary organisation. It gives children a practical way to live out their Catholic faith. Guided by the motto **"See, Think, Do"**, the children spot needs in our school, local area, the wider world and then take action.

What will Mini Vinnies do?

- Meet regularly - during lunchtime - to pray and plan projects.
- Help local charities and food banks.
- Lead prayers, support school liturgies and fundraising events.

Why join?

- Helps children grow in confidence, empathy, and leadership.
- Connects their Gospel values with real service.

Gives them their own official membership pledge, prayer, and badge.

If your child would like to be a member of this worthy and rewarding group, please send their completed letter of application into school (addressed to Ms Grimshaw) by **Friday 2nd October,** stating why they want to join the group and the difference they can make.

All applicants will be invited to meet with me to discuss their application. Successful applicants will be notified before the October half term. I very much look forward in continuing to support this group, as well as working alongside the children.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Grimshaw

Year 6 Roles & Responsibilities

Head Boy: Artin **Head Girl: Sophie M**

Deputy Head boy: Frank **Deputy Head Girl: Emily**

Prefects: Ethan N, Albert, Chloe, Amelia M, Amelia D, Emma, Amelia H, Albie

House Captains: Maria, Helena, Sophie, Iza, Matilda, Victoria, Laura, Kikiyrah, Gabriella

Sports Captains: Szymon, Ethan M, Jas, Vinnie, Jaxon, Mads, Julia, Vivien, Stella

Head Boy & Girl
Deputy Head Boy & Girl



Prefects



Sports Captains



House Captains



New Musical instruments

In July, OLSJ held a French day to celebrate French language and culture. All children in Key Stage Two have weekly French lessons so it was a wonderful opportunity to explore cross=curricular learning.

Additionally, it was a fundraising opportunity for musical instruments for our EYFS children an I am delighted to say that we have been able to purchase a class set of wooden percussive instruments. Our new Reception children are really enjoying using them and exploring rhythm and sound.

A big thank you for all your support for French day and helping us to buy vital resources for our music curriculum in the school.

Mrs Poteratchi









Curriculum Meetings

The Curriculum meetings for each class will take place over the next couple of weeks. This will enable you to see your child's classroom, meet your child's new teacher and hear about the curriculum they will be following.

Please see diary dates for timings.

All information will be uploaded to Google Classroom.

European Languages Day at OLSJ

We will be celebrating European Languages day on

Friday 25th September.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for our children to explore the diverse range of countries, cultures and languages in Europe.

Each class will look at a specific country and will take part in a variety of activities to celebrate its language and culture. They will also enjoy a French breakfast.

Children will be invited to come to school dressed in the colours of the country that their class will be studying.

We ask for a contribution of £2.50 to be made via Parentmail. Funds raised will go towards musical instruments for the nursery and storage for new instruments which have been ordered for Key Stages 1 and 2.

The countries for the different year groups are as follows:

Nursery and Reception	Ireland	
Year 1	Spain	
Year 2	Portugal	
Year 3	Greece	
Year 4 and 5	Sweden	
Year 6	British Sign Language	



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