Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This is a very hard newsletter to write. To say 'thank you' does not cover my feelings as I come to the end of my time at OLSJ. It has been an absolute privilege to have been headteacher of such an amazing community. I have been blessed with an incredible staff who have supported me so well in everything I have asked of them, and parents who have supported both our vision and ethos, and of course the children, each of whom will always have a special place in my heart. I wish you all the very best for the future and I know OLSJ will continue to go from strength to strength.

Goodbye and good luck to Year 6

You have been an incredible class; it has been a privilege to get to know such a talented and hardworking group of children and I am sure that you will all go on to great things. You did so well in your SATs: 100% secure or above in reading, 100% secure or above in maths and 90% secure or above in writing, spelling and grammar - you should all be so proud of yourselves! Amazing results that show the hard work you put into them. The leaver's mass and presentation was a wonderful occasion and a testament to the professionalism and maturity of you all. It was lovely to be able to celebrate with your parents – not a dry eye in sight! Year 6, you have been a fantastic class and you will be missed. Go and fulfil your dreams!

Have a wonderful summer everyone, you are an amazing community who will remain with me forever.

God bless,

Mrs. Cunningham

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 Cunningham 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 Cunningham to seek further advice.

End of an Era

A fond farewell to a number of families who are leaving the school after many years.

Thank you for your continued support and the memories made throughout your children's time at OLSJ:

Baltazar
Banasiak
Cardoso
Cuddihy
Gonzalez
Greca Sinani
Hansen
Henderson
Hubka
Lytton
Napolitano
Ortu
Plowiec
Regan
Rogoz
Senu
Waghorne
Wilinska
Wilkins
Yankson



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

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

The children in St Andrew's 's in Key stage 2 will receive extra play this week

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	74
St Andrew	107
St George	106
St David	80
St John	90
Winners	St Andrew's

House point winners for this term

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	839
St Andrew	890
St George	860
St David	875
St John	882
Winners	St Andrew's



Punctuality & Attendance



POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	2	99.2	1
2nd	3	99	3
3rd	5	97.8	2
4th	6	97.3	1
5th	Nur	95.7	0
6th	Rec	95.6	1
7th	1	94.5	5
8th	4	94.4	1

Congratulations to Year 2 on their attendance! They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

House point winners

Congratulations to St Andrew's who had the most house points this week and this term

To celebrate they came in to school in their own clothes on Thursday.

Important Dates : September

Monday 1st September

- INSET—School closed

Tuesday 2nd September

- School starts for Autumn term

24-25, Best year ever!!

What a year we have enjoyed. Some incredible efforts in a variety of different sports, some great learning experiences and who can forget a record amount of silverware.

This year we have been borough champions on 6 occasions in athletics, tennis and hockey. We have also won a boys football competition, an athletics cluster event, along with finishing 2nd in the borough on 4 occasions. Not bad at all for a one form entry school. All of our teams have been unbelievable with so many of our students showcasing their talents across several different sports, it is rare to find as much consistency as we have.

I think its safe to say that we dominated Hounslow quad kids with all 3 championships coming to us. First place in the year 1-2 bracket, 1st in years 3-4 and 1st in years 5-6. Our year 3-4 B team came second. We have also taken home both tennis competition trophies for year 3-4 and 5-6. Hockey again is such a strong sport for us and we were once again borough champions which is the third time in 4 years.

However, some of the highlights for me have come at the festivals, where there are no winners, but a great day out to compete with other schools in various competitions. For the first time we took part in a badminton festival for years 3-4 which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We showed progress from our lunch time practices and were also awarded the most fun team by the sports leaders on the day. The festivals offer opportunities to play for some of our future stars that are new and enthusiastic about a sport. We have taken part in football, badminton and multi-sports festivals this year and hope to enter more next time around.

Cricket and tag rugby continue to evade us but hopefully this is a good target we can attempt to better next year as we show lots of promise in these sports, hopefully continued enthusiasm as well.

We are always competitive in every football competition, both girls and boys. This year our girls' teams made it through to the semi- finals in their borough tournaments and the boys got to the quarter finals in their competitions. Once again failing to get through penalty shoot-outs but that's something we can get a lot of practice in for next year. Our year 3 and 4 boys' team did win the Springwell tournament which is our first boys football competition win in at least 10 years.

Possibly my favourite competitions are the sports hall contests where we need a minimum of 12 boys and 12 girls. This shows real ability in individual events but also a consistency across the school as we continue to be one of the top challenging schools in Hounslow. We finished 2nd in both the year 3-4 and the year 5-6 tournaments this year, but we have plenty of talent to once again go for the top spot next year.

Once again we are borough champions in hockey. Another unbelievable show case of skills from both our teams as our B team came third in the borough while our A team retained the title. A very difficult sport to master but somehow we continue to thrive. We also set a school record performance from our A team winning a match 19-0 in roughly 8 minutes.

We were unlucky in the netball competition as even though we dominated nearly every match, we seemed to only win 1-0. However, this got us all the way into the final. 2nd place is a great achievement for an all year 5 team playing against a lot of children who were a year older. Some shooting practice is definitely needed but we are on the right path to contesting for gold next time around especially with a very strong year 4 class coming up.

A great way to end the year was with tennis, where across all year groups we looked in control of all of our games. Its amazing how many of our children play outside of school and make my job so easy. In so many games I am able to sit back and relax which doesn't happen very often, but the level of skill and control our athletes have are unbelievable.

Lastly for years 1 – year 5, I would like to say well done, you have been outstanding this year and I can't wait to go again in September and attempt to better our best year ever! I am hoping to have more children trying out for our already outstanding teams as well as trying to get so many trophies, we need a bigger cabinet.

To year 6, I would like to echo what I have said above but also follow it up with a massive thank you and good luck. It has been a pleasure teaching you this year. You have helped create a competitive and enthusiastic atmosphere all year round, you have helped raise the confidence levels and spirits of your fellow class mates and also lead by example. Good luck to all of you, I am sure many of you will be representing your high schools in not just sports, but in drama, music and academically.

Thank you.
Mr. Bovington

24-25, Best year ever!!

OLSJ COMPETITION PLACEMENTS

Year 5/6 girls football festival	n/a
3-4 badminton festival n/a	
3-6 cross country	3-4 girls 5,7,23,30 – 3-4 boys 12,15,28,51,67 – 5-6 girls 16,41,42,43,51 – 5-6 boys 22,29,31,99
3-4 girls football	**semi final**
5-6 sports hall cluster	**1st**
5-6 sports hall final	**2nd**
5-6 pokemon boys football cup	quarter final
5-6 pokemon girls football cup	**2nd**
3-4 sports hall	**2nd**
5-6 best football	quarter final and group
5-6 girls football	**semi final** and knockout
3-4 springwell football	**1st**
5-6 basketball	quarter final and group
5-6 netball	**2nd**
3-4 best football	quarter final
3-4 multiskills festival	n/a
5-6 tag rugby	group stage
5-6 hockey	**1st**
5-6 quad kids	**1st**
5-6 girls cricket	group stage
5-6 boys cricket	group stage
5-6 west London hockey finals	5th
5-6 west London quad kids finals	11th
5-6 tennis	**1st**
1-2 quad kids	**1st**
3-4 quad kids	**1st & 2nd**
3-4 tennis	**1st**



SCHOOL GAMES

GOLD

2024/25

Our Lady & St John's primary school

has achieved the Gold School Games Mark award for their commitment, engagement in the School Games for 2024/25.

TEAM GB

ParalympicsGB

Department for Culture, Media & Sport

Department of Health & Social Care

SPORT ENGLAND

YOUTH SPORT TRUST

Care home

On Monday 14th July, members of Year 5 were invited to Torkington House Residential Home for a very special and important birthday party. One resident, Norbert, was celebrating his 101st birthday and Anastasia was celebrating her 89th! We were privileged to be invited to sing a selection of party songs to the residents of the home and to the families of Norbert and Anastasia- culminating in 'Happy birthday' and some birthday cheers! It was such a special occasion to make links with our local community and to share how music can bring people together across generations. A big 'thank you' to Margaret and all the staff at Torkington House for making us so welcome and to Mrs Waghorne for accompanying us on the trip.

Mrs Poteratchi







School Council

A huge thank you to the School Council for all their dedication, hard work and commitment this year– they have been an amazing group of children to work with. A great big thank you also to Miss Ryan for all she does to support the School Council too.

The children have achieved so much this year:
They have raised money for Children in Need, Red Nose Day, Pyjama day and held a 'No Work Day.' They have had cake sales, ice lolly sales and mufti days to raise money for school resources.

The money they have raised has gone towards purchasing equipment and resources for the school.

The children have been a joy to work with and have given up a lot of their time to run cakes sales, homework clubs, make posters, count money and attend school council meetings. We thank them very much for all their help and hard work.

Welcome Back

It was lovely to welcome back past pupils on work experience.

It was a pleasure to host Julia, Sophie, Bobby, Kuba & John who spent the week at our school supporting the teaching and learning.

The children were extremely professional and worked very hard.

We wish them success as they embark on their final year of GCSE's Good luck!

Thank you also to Abigail Sheehan who was also on work experience.

We too wish her luck in her A levels.

Year 6 Mass & Presentation service

Thank you to Fr Gerard for leading the Year 6 leavers mass on Tuesday. This was followed by a presentation service, where the children were presented with their leavers books (kindly funded by The Friends) a cross, blessed by Fr Gerard and the children's Bible, which the children have had since they began in the juniors.

When we thought we had dried all our tears, Mrs. McMahon prepared a montage of photos of the children throughout the years.



Achievement awards

	Achievement	Effort	R.E
Rec	Soliana	Ryan	Thomas
Yr1	Anna K	Gabi	Franek
Yr2	Ray	Diana	Igor
Yr3	Katia	Oscar	Yana
Yr4	Maria	Stella	Laura
Yr5	Ahmed	Annie	Shalom
Yr6	Joseph	Matthew	Mason



Playground design winners

Congratulations to Kian, Vinnie & Wanda.

These children were chosen by the school councillors for their wonderful designs for the Y1 playground.

The school councillors decided that we would use ideas from each of these children to create a playground for Y1.

When the playground is finished we will put a plaque up with these children's names on, as a thank you for their ideas. JC's name will also be added to this, as he has raised a lot of money to go towards this idea.

Watch this space as we start the next part of this project, which will involve some fund raising.



Congratulations to all our 100% attendance winners.

These children have been in school all year!

What an achievement!

