Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This week Year 4 & Year 5 performed a beautiful Lent service. The singing, readings and acting were fantastic! My thanks to Mrs. Poteratchi for teaching the children the songs and playing during the service and to Miss Grimshaw and Mrs. Waghorne for their hard work preparing the children. Thank you to all the parents who came to support their children.

On Wednesday we had our Achievement assembly – a truly beautiful celebration of achievement and of how supportive the children are to each other.

The whole school celebrated our Lenten Mass at church on Thursday. My thanks to Y6 for their beautiful reading, to all our altar servers and to the rest of Year 6 for being such amazing 'buddies' to our Reception children – they really showed them how to pray and join in at Mass. Thank you also to Fr. Gerard and Mrs. O'Connor for her help with the music.

Yesterday the children went home with an Easter egg! This is thanks to the scaffolding company, Equans, at the paragon site. They wanted to say thank you to us for any disruption whilst they are working.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy and prayerful Easter and look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 22nd April.** Pupils can wear either winter or summer uniform.

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
31st March 2025

Rec:	**Szymon & Lea**
Yr1:	**Cleo & Zainab**
Yr2:	**Naod & Posy**
Yr3:	**Dawid & Alex**
Yr4	**Matilda & Maria**
Yr5:	**Fred & Julieta**
Yr6:	**Dawid & Naana**





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.



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.

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	210
St Andrew	143
St George	153
St David	189
St John	178
Overall Winner	St Patrick's

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.





House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	1117
St Andrew	954
St George	933
St David	1032
St John	1004
Overall Winner	St Patrick's

Congratulations to all of the children in St Patrick's

They were invited to come into school today, in their own clothes ,wearing a symbol of green.





Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	2	98.5	1
2nd	4	98	2
3rd	1	96.4	1
4th	6	96	2
5th	Nur	95.6	2
6th	Rec	95.3	2
7th	5	95	2
8th	3	93.3	2

Congratulations to Y2 on their 98.5 % attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play

Achievement awards

	Achievement	Effort	R.E
Rec	Matteo	Leonardo	Dana
Yr	Anna N	Mia	Delilah
Yr2	Eli	Ralph	Hanora
Yr3	Ziva	Natan	Wanda
Yr4	Chloe	Amelia D	Emma
Yr5	George	Sofie	Emily Rose
Yr6	Tymek	Francis R	Julia

Congratulations to the children who received their award this morning.



Easter eggs

A huge thank you to 'Equans', the building firm working on the flats and college outside our school. They donated an Easter egg to every child in school!



Important Dates: April /May

Monday 21st April
- Easter holiday

Tuesday 22nd April
- Summer term begins

Thursday 24th April
9:00 Beginning of term mass—all parents welcome

Friday 25th April
- Mini Vinnies to St Michael & Martins to view the Carlos Acutis exhibition
- **Easter disco**

Monday 28th April
9:00 Y6 Kingswood meeting for parents

Wednesday 30th April
8:30 School Council meeting

Thursday 1st May
- EYFS cake sale

Friday 2nd May
- INSET DAY

Sunday 4th May
- 1st Holy Communion

Monday 5th May
- Bank holiday

Wednesday 7th May
- Class photos

Friday 9th May
8:50 Yr5 assembly

Sunday 11th May
- 1st Holy Communion

Monday 12th May
- Y6 SATS begin

6:00 GB meeting

Tuesday 13th May
- Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Park

Friday 16th May
- Y6 residential trip

Monday 19th May
- Y6 residential trip returns
- Walk to school week

Thursday 22nd May
- Science projects begin for Key stage 2

Friday 23rd May
8:50 Y4 assembly
- End of 1/2 term

Writers of he Month March





Rec:	Mabel
Yr1:	Jayden
Yr2:	Igor
Yr3:	Bella
Yr4	Ameilia H
Yr5:	Reina
Yr6:	Joseph

Congratulations to Tom, Ziva & Pharez in Yr3 & Maria in Y4 on receiving their pen licences.



Congratulations to Eliora on her Sports leaders award



Lenten Service

This week, years 4 & 5 led a beautiful Lenten Service through prayer, drama and song, which depicted Jesus' journey to Calvary.

14 captivating tableaus, of the Stations of the Cross, reminded us of the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us and inspired us to reflect on our own actions.

The heartfelt singing, added to this reflective and thought-provoking service.

Thank you to all those who helped prepare and support the children.



Y3/4 Multi skills

On Thursday 27th March we attended the year 3 and 4 multi-sport festival. Unfortunately 2 of our participants couldn't make it but we still took a very eager 8, most of whom hadn't competed for us in any previous competitions. This was supposed to be about giving people an opportunity to represent their school in a fun environment where you try to complete each game as many times as you can in your team.

The events had aiming and dribbling as their main focuses comprising of events where you had to travel around a cone and back while controlling a football or basketball. There were events where we had a target to hit or a pass to make such as rolling a ball at skittles or passing a netball in a zig zag shape.

Our children were brilliant all day. They had great fun with the activities, they supported and cheered each other on but also laughed when they missed instead of getting worked up. It was great to see such a positive attitude to al the events.

Even though it wasn't supposed to be a competitive event, the leaders were counting how many times we completed each game. Out of the 24 schools in attendance we came 6th! A really impressive result and hopefully our team will continue their confidence in their pe lessons.

Well done to everyone and thanks to the parents that helped with travel and support.







Tag Rugby

On Friday 31st March we competed in the year 5 and 6 Hounslow borough tag rugby competition. Both of our teams were showing great enthusiasm in the warm up although for some reason they were forgetting that they weren't allowed to pass forwards.

Both teams didn't get off to the best of starts as they lost their opening matches. Nerves had unfortunately kicked in and we were rushing passes as well as not holding our defensive line. We began to be little braver in the following matches attempting to run past our opponents a lot more and gaining a lot more success. As we were still missing passes we decided to make a rule where the teams couldn't pass other than after they were tagged, thus forcing them to take on the other team. Both teams won their third matches doing this. They defended better as a team, were braver in running and tagging which made our results and attitude so much better.

Even with our new found confidence we made a couple more mistakes, the main one being running past the scoring zone and off the pitch – not our proudest moment but one they all found funny afterwards.

I can't fault the effort they put in on the day, they all worked really hard. One of the coaches their told me that the Hounslow champions usually come first or second in the London games, so we were definitely competing at a high level. Both teams finished 4th in their group and got to play one more game against each other – this one they really enjoyed and were laughing and joking while trying to win. Well done to everyone who took part and thanks to the parents who helped with travel and support.

Tries were scored by, Victoria- 2, Tymek, Mason, Shalom, Arabella, George, Sheena, Ellie, Theo.





Yr1 playground competition

Thanks to the generous fundraising from JC in Year 3, raising £5660 and his generous donation of Disney on Ice tickets resulting in £1750 being raised. We have a total of £7410 to spend.

In consultation with the School Council we have decided to run a competition to design a playground for Yr1.

The School Council has asked the children to design a playground that they think would be suitable for Yr1.

All entries need to be on an A4 or A3 piece of paper and handed to **Mrs Sheehan** by **Friday 25th April.**

The winner will have their picture taken next to the new playground and also have their name inscribed on the equipment.



As a thank you to JC for his amazing fundraising he too will have an inscription on the climbing frame



Good luck everybody

To all our parents,
grandparents and carers.

We really need your help.

With the increasing demands on the curriculum, we are finding it more and more difficult to provide 1-1 reading for our children.

Although this is not an expectation of the curriculum, it is something that we have always valued in the hope that it provides children with a love of reading from an early age.

So, if you can spare an hour or two every week (or more) to hear children read, please let me know, we would be eternally grateful.

This support is invaluable to both the teachers and the children.

Thank you in advance
Mrs Sheehan

Homework club

Mrs. Sheehan & the School council will be running a homework club for the juniors in the ICT suite.

Monday & Tuesdays

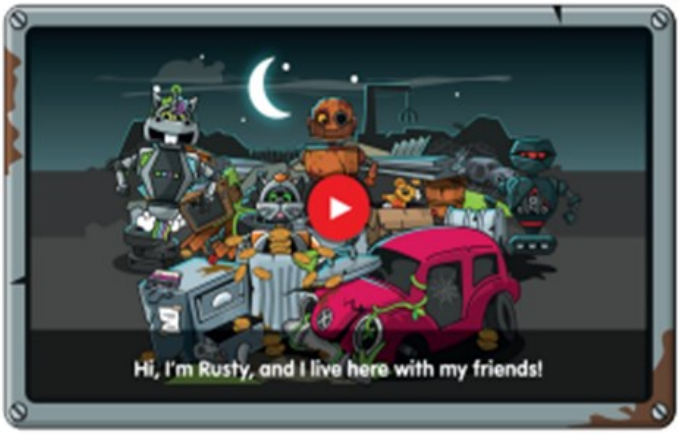
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HOW THE GAME WORKS

Numbots

BEFORE THE GAME

Children are welcomed to the game with an opening video, where they are introduced to the central character, "Rusty". In the video, Rusty asks for help in his quest to find new parts to upgrade him to a diamond robot, so he can "shine inside and out, like a Diamond". Next, the child will be able to choose a bot name they will play under, as well as their own robot character.



PLAYING THE GAME: STORY MODE

The game starts in 'Story Mode'. There are 18 stages - from Rust to Diamond - and each stage is made up of a number of levels. Players start at Rust level 1 and, to unlock the next level, they need to earn at least 2 out of 3 stars.

To earn the 2 or 3 stars required to pass the level, children must demonstrate a level of fluency when answering the questions. This means they must be accurate and timely with their answers; if children get 0 or 1 stars they need to answer more quickly. The game ensures that learners don't move on to the next level until they show they are prepared for it.

Story Mode starts with very basic maths (subitising numbers) and progresses steadily and rigorously to addition and subtraction of double-digit numbers.



PLAYING THE GAME: CHALLENGE MODE

When players complete Stage 3 (Tin): Level 35 in Story Mode, they will unlock Challenge Mode. Here they can race the clock to test themselves on how many questions they can answer correctly in one minute. There are 20 different challenges to choose from; each challenge testing a different skill, for example number bonds to 10, adding single digits or subtracting double digits.



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Numbots

THE CUSTOM SHACK

For every maths question answered correctly, the child will receive coins to spend in the Custom Shack. Here, they are able to purchase new parts to upgrade and personalise their own robot character. As well as earning coins, children are kept motivated throughout their NumBots journey by collecting badges and winning trophies to reward their achievements.



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

We recommend children get 3 minutes a day four or five times a week. There will be times when they need your help understanding what to do (to help with that, there is an info slide before each level begins) or even with typing in the answers. They may need encouragement from time to time and they may benefit from being reminded that making mistakes is something perfectly natural.

They could also reach a point in the maths that is beyond their reach for now; if it feels like they've reached a blocker, we'd recommended returning to earlier levels and trying to complete them with 3 stars. If they are regularly struggling to achieve 2 stars, it may be worth speaking to their teacher abour possible strategies and asking them to change the Story Controls for your child, which will give them longer to pass each level.

