Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From the smell of bread making in Year 5, the excitement of kite-making in Year 1 and the sound of rehearsing in the hall with Years 4 & 5 it has been another busy week at OLSJ! We are over half way through Lent and have been reflecting in our assemblies on the ways we can show forgiveness to others and truly live out our Lent promises.

Year 3 performed a lovely class celebration service on the stations of the cross. Thank you to Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Bresciani for preparing the children and to Father Gerard for his help with the service. A huge 'congratulations' to Year 3 for such a confident, prayerful service – the singing in particular was amazing!

The weather continues to be unpredictable at the moment. Please ensure all children have their coats with them and that these have their name in them. After the Easter break pupils can wear either the summer uniform or continue with the winter uniform depending on the weather.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
24th March 2025

Rec: Samuel & Lilian
Yr1: Gabi & Sofia
Yr2: Diana & Igor
Yr3: Bella & Ziva
Yr4 Helena & Otto
Yr5: Julia & Reina
Yr6: Libby & Louie



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.

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

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

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

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	171
St Andrew	133
St George	217
St David	152
St John	146
Overall Winner	St George's



Important Dates February/March

Monday 31st March
- Y5&6 Tag rugby

Tuesday 1st April
9:00 Y4&5 Lenten service to parents

Wednesday 2nd April
8:50 Achievement assembly

Thursday 3rd April
9:00 End of term mass—all parents welcome

Friday 4th April
1:00 End of term

Congratulations to Wanda on receiving her pen licence



Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	6	100	1
2nd	4	97.4	0
3rd	3	97.3	1
4th	2	96.3	2
5th	Nur	95.5	2
6th	Rec	94.6	2
7th	5	92.1	4
8th	1	91.2	1

Congratulations to Y6 on their 100 % attendance!
They will receive 10 minutes extra play





Red Nose day

Once again a huge thank you for all your support for Red Nose day.
Our final amount raised is an amazing
£492.10

Road safety



On Friday the 21st of March 2025 , the Year 6 pupils took part in 'Be Bright, Travel Right' theatre performance.
This fun and engaging presentation was designed to help students understand the potential dangers of being unsafe whilst using the road network . It was aimed to empower children to travel to school safely and with confidence.





Y3/4 Best Football

On Friday 21st March we competed in the Hounslow borough year 3 and 4 football competition. There were over 30 teams in attendance some boasting academy players.

We took both a boys and a girls team. The previous day to the tournament, our teams played a lunch time training match against groups of year 6s and both won!! We were hoping to show the same level of tenacity and clinical finishing on tournament day. Both teams got off to losing starts appearing a little nervous. The boys didn't get the ball moving and the girls weren't closing down their opponents like they had the day before.

But luckily we used this as a wake up call. The boys went on to win all of their next group games scoring some fantastic goals and keeping clean sheets along the way. The girls battled a lot harder and were a nightmare for other teams to get through. Some amazing tackles and some close chances made.
The boys made it out of the group stage to the knockout round edging a 1-0 win. On to the quarter final where we couldn't get going for the first couple of minutes, but took over the game soon after. We eventually got a well-deserved goal on a break-away attack but conceded soon after. Yet again, we went out on penalties. The team that beat us on penalties lost the final 1-0 which just shows how close we are to being the top team in the borough.

The girls went on to a different group stage where the games were a lot closer and they came up against another all girls team. They won their next game 2-0 with goals from Laura and Vivien. Hopefully this experience will be really valuable to them as next year as most of them will be playing against players a year older than them.

Well done to everyone, some really tough matches but they worked so hard. Big shout out to Sophie as her desire and bravery had her protecting our goal, she won so many tackles to keep us in games. Syzmon showed a lot more confidence and got rewarded with a few goals.







Year 3 trip to Gunnersbury Museum for the Romans workshop.

Year 3 had a great time on their trip where they were able to bring to life all their learning on the Romans. We had Ziva as a very convincing Boudica and Dawid as a Roman soldier even giving orders in Latin! All the children were able to look at primary artefacts from the Roman time and decide what they were made of and what there purpose was. They learnt just how difficult it is to write on a wax tablet and many other activities. A very successful day. Thank you to the parents who came enabling us to do this trip.













School Council assembly

A huge thank you to the School Council who led this mornings assembly.

As a result of raising over £7000 from the Disney on Ice raffle, the School Council has 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 there picture taken next to the new playgroud and also have their name inscribed on the equipment.



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

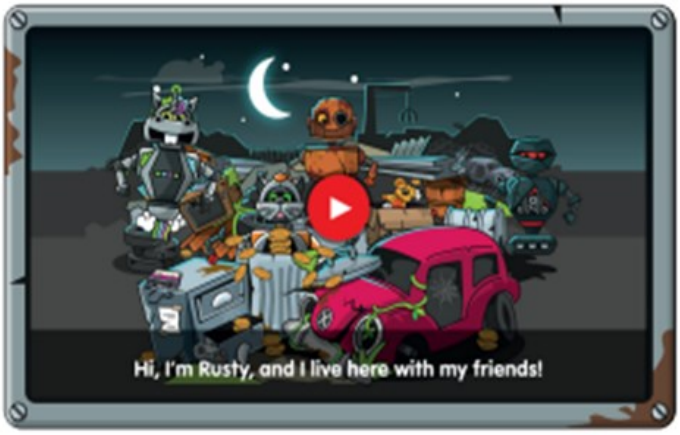
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HOW THE GAME WORKS

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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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.

