Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Last Saturday we had our 'summer/autumn' fete. It was an amazing day, with families both old and new and many families from the Brentford community. The weather held out and it was a lovely way to start our new school year! A huge 'thank-you' to Sofia and her team of parents for all their hard work, both before and during the day. The Friends raised £3,469.34 for the school—thank you so much for your generosity. There are more events planned this term, including a Halloween disco, movie night and Christmas fair.

We had a wonderful 'European Day' today, with a French breakfast and then activities to develop children's knowledge of another European country. My thanks to Mrs. Poteratchi for organising such a lovely day.

Today we had an assembly from a helper from Ealing Foodbank to explain about the work they do and how we can help. Our new Mini-Vinnies received their badges and they will be helping collect food next week. They will have a special blessing at our Harvest mass next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week

23rd September 2024

Yr1: Zainab & Delilah
Yr2: Bruno & Helena
Yr3: Alex & Tiffany
Yr4: Albert & Gabriella
Yr5: Liwia & Emmanuel
Yr6: Arabella & Molly



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.



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. John's who received the most house points over the last week.

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

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

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	276
St Andrew	236
St George	239
St David	224
St John	284
Overall Winner	St John



Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	1	100	3
2nd	4	99.3	2
2nd	5	99.3	1
3rd	3	98.6	4
3rd	6	98.6	2
4th	Nur	97.3	3
5th	Rec	97	2
6th	2	95.8	2

Important Dates

September

October

Black History month

Friday 4th October
9:00 Family fast day - Harvest mass in church (Y1-6) **Parents welcome**

Thursday 10th October
2:45 Yr2 Celebration service

Thursday 17th October
- Yr4 Pedestrian skills

Friday 18th October
9:00 Yr6 Class mass
2:45 Yr3 Celebration service

Monday 21st October
3:30-6:30 Nursery—Yr6 parents evening

Wednesday 23rd October
3:30-6:30 Nursery—Yr6 parents evening
- Yr6 Sky studios

Friday 25th October
- End of term—normal time finish







Congratulations to Yr1 on their 100% attendance!
They will receive 10 minutes extra play next week!

School Councillors

A huge congratulations to the newly appointed School Councillors.

A lot of applications were received from each year group. Thank you to everyone who applied. Each child made a great presentation to their class.

The children voted on the two children they wanted to represent them at School Council.

Well done to:

Yr3: JC & Alexa

Yr4: Amelia M & Sophie M

Yr5: Bella & James

Yr6: Alys & Arabella

Plus our Head & Deputy head boys and Head & Deputy head girls: Franky, Joseph, Naana & Libby

Miss Ryan & I look forward to working with you this year.

Mrs. Sheehan



We had our first school council meeting on Tuesday, where we welcomed all the class councillors.

We discussed the different jobs that they will need to apply for, as part of the school council.

The children will also write a person spec introducing themselves - these will be available, alongside their photos, to read in the

Congratulations to our new..

Librarians



Mini Vinnies



Yr2 History workshop

On Wednesday, children in Year 2 participated in a drama workshop run by Perform. Children discussed & re-enacted key events from The Gunpowder Plot. The children enjoyed the workshop very much, which included: playing games, going back in time in an imaginary time machine, role playing and exploring higher order thinking through discussing questions like, *'Is it ever OK to hurt people because you disagree, or because they won't listen to your viewpoint?'*

Thank you to parents who have made their financial contribution to the workshop, allowing us to utilise these fantastic opportunities across the curriculum.



Year 4 History Workshop

Earlier this week, year 4 participated in a drama-based workshop, related to our History topic - Ancient Egypt. They enjoyed activities such as: freeze frames and even sang a rap with actions. After, they reflected on what they had explored, discovered and enjoyed.









Yr5 History workshop

On Wednesday, Year 5 took part in an interactive drama workshop to support their History topic of World War One. The children were very engaged and showed great enthusiasm as they role played the different countries in the Triple Alliance and the Triple Entente deciding whether or not to enter the war. Next, they gave an interview as the Prime Minister of Great Britain, announcing that Britain had indeed entered the war and how life may change. Finally, the children created their own propaganda campaign to encourage men to join up. It was a very engaging workshop and it brought the History to life for Year 5.







Languages Day

On Friday, we celebrated European Languages Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for the school community promote diversity, intercultural understanding and tolerance for others, whilst learning about another language. Each class focussed on a different language and came to school dressed in colours associated with the country. They had a French breakfast and took part in a variety of language learning and cultural activities. Additionally, we raised **£410.00** for Music, Art and French resources across the school and we thank everyone for their contributions.











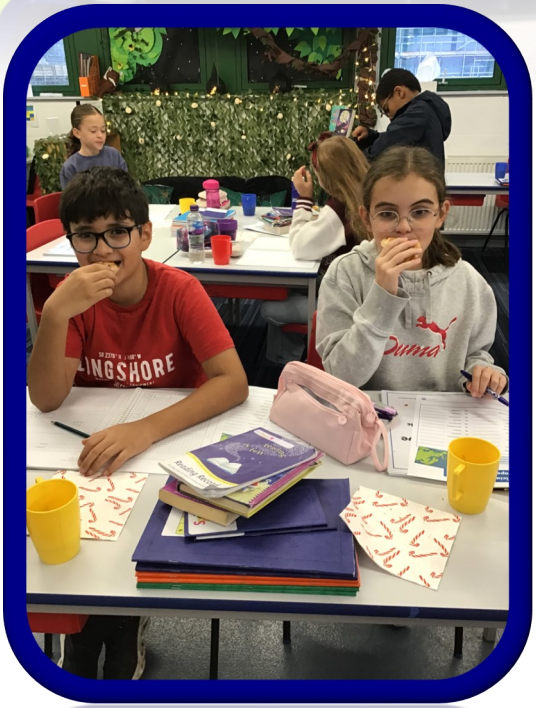
Languages Day













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



Dear parents,

At OLSJ we use a platform/app called Google classroom. This app, you can download on to your phone and/or a laptop/chrome book.

Teachers use Google classroom to send messages and to set homework. 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.

We ask you to download this app so that you know what homework your child has and to keep up to date with messages from your child's class teacher.
All logins have been set up and activated.
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

Homework club

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

Monday & Tuesdays

12:15-1:00