Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

It is after a week like this that we realise what a privilege it is to work at OLSJ.

We started the week with our Sports day, held again at Gunnersbury school sports ground. A huge 'thank you' to Mrs. Sheehan and Mr. Bovington for organising the day, to our Year 9 helpers and teacher from Gunnersbury, to the Friends for bringing along the gazebos and to all the parents who came to help and support! It was a fantastic day. Reception and nursery will have their sports day on Monday 8th July.

The children's reports went home on Thursday and we held our open morning today - thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. Next week we have our transition morning where the children meet their new teacher.

Year 1 & Year 2 went out on a trip to Boston Manor Park this week and were involved in a variety of activities from survival skill training to using the environment to make 3D sculptures.

On Wednesday year 3 celebrated their class assembly. The children read and sang beautifully and it was lovely to see them all dressed up for the occasion! My thanks to Mrs. Poteratchi for preparing the children and to year 3— you were all amazing!

Finally, we received our Ofsted report this week and in the words of the report: 'Pupils are rightly proud of their school.' A sentiment shared by us all! Again, a huge 'thank you' to all the positive comments from parents.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week

24th June 2024

Reception: Bianca & Alexander
Yr1: Rebecca & Eleanor
Yr2: Yana & Tiffany
Yr3: Jas & Julia
Yr4: James & George
Yr5: Joseph & Louie
Yr6: Annalisse & Dion





Year 3 Assembly

We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies of some pupils and staff, please ensure

Important Dates – July

Monday 1st July
9:00am Mrs O'Connor's piano assembly

Tuesday 2nd July
9:00-10:00 Transition morning

Wednesday 3rd July
8:50 Nursey assembly
- Yr3 Boston Manor Park
- Yr4 Quicksticks competition

Friday 5th July
- Yr6 Transition festival

Monday 8th July
9:00am Nursery & Reception Sports day

Wednesday 10th July
9:00am Yr4 Kingswood meeting
6:30 Yr6 Production

Thursday 11th July
- Yr6 Hogarth House

Friday 12th July
- Bastille day

Monday 15th July
6:00 GB meeting

Tuesday 16th July
1:30 Yr6 Mass/Presentation followed by drinks/snacks

Wednesday 17th July
8:50 Achievement assembly

Friday 19th July
1:30 End of term

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

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	169
St Andrew	194
St George	137
St David	164
St John	219
Winners	St John's

Congratulations to Year's 5 & 6 on their 99.3% attendance! They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

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.

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	5	99.3	2
1st	6	99.3	7
2nd	I	99	0
3rd	Nur	97.9	4
3rd	4	97.2	I
4th	2	97.2	6
5th	Rec	96.8	8
6th	3	95.6	6

Pen licence

Frankie & Otto



Sports Leaders Award

Ziva & Francis Joseph



Yr1 Boston Manor Park

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Boston Manor Park on Tuesday. We had glorious weather to enjoy the outdoors and we learnt how to survive if lost in the woods. There was den building, hanging a hammock, lighting a flint and learning which bugs we could eat! After that we were definitely glad we had a tasty lunch to eat and we had a picnic outside. In the afternoon we made clay bugs using leaves and twigs and other natural resources to make it. We learnt about so many trees and plants and also how the swans in the park were rescued from the motorway and now have their cygnets in a safe place.









Sports Day 2024

What a wonderful, successful Sports Day/Picnic we had. We were incredibly fortunate to avail of the sports facilities at Boston Manor playing fields and we were lucky to have gazebos too!

The day was separated into different events and age groups throughout the morning. It was a joy to see how children from every year group were able to enjoy and succeed at a range of activities, including track and field events. All children competed superbly and continued to improve with every attempt and event they took part in and with a smile on their faces. The level of sportsmanship, support and encouragement children showed each other was outstanding and a pleasure to witness.

Congratulation to St George's who won.

A massive thank you to everyone who made the day possible; all parents who helped walk children to and from school, the parents who helped to put up and take down the gazebos, the Gunnersbury boys who supervised each event so superbly and Mr. Bovington for running a fantastic sports day for everyone in OLSJ!

Please log onto Google classroom to view more pictures of Sports Day









Yr2 Boston Manor Park

On Wednesday 26th June, Year 2 visited Boston Manor Park. There, we took part in 2 workshops: one on trees and one on using nature to create art as part of our learning in Science this term.
The children learned about conservation, food chains, with a significance placed upon primary consumers (insects), and the benefits of trees and how they can help us. It was really interesting!
In the afternoon, the children made 'tree biscuits', working on their knowledge of age-ing trees, and created 3D models of insects and arachnids using clay and other natural resources. The park has a lot to offer. Sign up to the newsletter and check out their summer holiday workshops!
https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20168/parks_and_open_spaces/2331/reconnecting_boston_manor_park

Thank you to the parents who helped by accompanying us on the trip.

Your support is very much appreciated.









Yr1&2 Quicksticks

Year 1 and 2 Quad kids

On Thursday 27th June we took a year 2 team to the quad kid's borough finals. We have some amazing ability across year 2 and took a very strong team where all of our athletes had to be able to compete at 4 events, each a different style of athletics.

The boys started with the 50 meter sprints where they all placed high showing great speed. The girls began with the vortex through where they were setting some really high scores throwing 5-10 meters further than the other 4 schools in our pool. A great start. Our team swapped events and were consistently strong again.

After that the boys moved to the 300 meter run while the girls went to the long jump. Our boys were a little too eager to win their race and sprinted off at the start forcing them to slow down as they got tired – luckily their stamina was good enough to finish in high places each race. The girls 300 meters was very controlled as they paced themselves at the start and made their way through the pack all into top 4 finishes – we were really impressed with the intelligence shown. All of our long jumps were fantastic, with most of our children setting new personal bests.

Unfortunately we have no idea what position we finished in yet as the results are still being counted. There were a total of 4 pools with 5 schools in each so it is very hard to guess how well we did – but they definitely all performed incredibly well and we are really proud of them all.

Well done year 2, fingers crossed for the results! A big thanks to Hunter's and Wanda's parents for helping take the children and supporting the event.









Yr5 Roadwatch

On Thursday, year 5 went out on a walk with PC Lynch and his colleagues from the Metropolitan Police.
They gave a very important talk about road safety: cross the road safely, using a crossing, always wear a seatbelt and drive within the speed limit.

After that, PC Lynch used a speed gun to measure the speed cars were driving at on Windmill Road. One driver, who PC Lynch thought was exceeding the speed limit – on a 20 mph road was speeding at 26 mph. We interviewed him, by asking him a series of questions. We all reminded him about the importance of driving safely, within the speed limit and that we all use this road when we come to school. He understood and said that, in the future, he will drive, according to the speed limit.

Before the end of this wonderful experience, some of us got to sit in the police van. It was an amazing trip!







Nursery & Reception Sports Day

Nursery & Reception Sports day will be in the school playground on

Monday 8th July from 9:00am

We look forward to welcoming you all to cheer your children on.

Please bring the children into school in a pair of shorts, t-shirt and trainers.

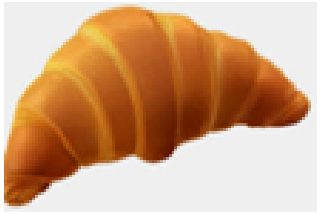
They can wear this for the whole day.

Celebrate Bastille Day at OLSJ!

At OLSJ, we will be celebrating French National day or Bastille Day on Friday 12th July. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the French culture, language and traditions. Our school focuses on teaching French to all Key Stage Two children, therefore we have decided to celebrate Bastille day.

On Friday 12th July, children from all year groups will be invited to wear red, white and blue clothes to school. They will also have an opportunity to practise their language skills as they enjoy a French breakfast in their classes and listen to some French music. In class, the children will take part in a range of activities to promote the French language and culture.

We are asking for a £2.50 contribution per child to be paid via ParentMail. Funds raised from Bastille day will go to French, Music and Art resources across the school.



Bon appétit!

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