Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Another busy week at Our Lady & St. John's and we finally have some warm weather. The office still have a few more sun hats if your child needs one. Please ensure that all uniform has a name in it as we have a growing pile of unidentified jumpers and cardigans.

We have moved to a new uniform provider – PMG Schoolwear who are based in Hanwell (Broadway Buildings, 13 Boston Rd, London W7 3TT)

https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/

PMG are cheaper than our previous provider and closer to school. The uniform remains the same.

This week Year 1 had their class Assembly. The children said their lines and sang beautifully and they were all so confident – well done! Thank you to Mrs. Aston and Mrs. Gunn for preparing the children.

Our week finished with a world music day celebration – Years 3, 4 and 5 each sang a gospel song and we finished with a quiz - what a wonderful way to finish our week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week

17th June 2024

Reception: Carlota & Modupeola
Yr1: Posy & Ray
Yr2: Richard & Elijah
Yr3: Sophie & Szymon
Yr4: Ahmed & Obafemi
Yr5: Dawid & Maja
Yr6: Kuba & Laurie



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. George's who received the most house points 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 week's

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	187
St Andrew	206
St George	213
St David	198
St John	207
Winners	St George's

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	Nur	99.4	3
2nd	6	99	11
3rd	2	97.2	2
4th	3	96.6	9
5th	4	96.5	1
6th	5	96.3	1
7th	1	95.7	1
8th	Rec	90.4	3

Congratulations to Nursery on their 99.4% 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.

Important Dates –June & July

Monday 24th June
- Infants & Juniors Sports day

Tuesday 25th June
- Yr1 Boston Manor Park

Wednesday 26th June
- Yr2 Boston Manor Park
- Yr3 assembly

Thursday 27th June
- Children's reports go home
- Yr1/2 Quicksticks competition
- Yr5 Junior roadwatch

Friday 28th June
9:00-10:00am Open Day

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

OLSJ Sports Day



We are really excited to announce that we will be holding this years' Sports Day on

Monday 24th June

@

Boston Manor Playing Fields
Boston Gardens
TW8 9LR.

The programme for the day will be as follows **(approximate timings):**

8:45 Walk juniors to the playing fields
9:15-11:15 Junior Sports Day
10:30 Walk Infants to the playing fields
11:15-12:15 Infants Sports Day
12:30 Picnic
1:00 Walk the children back to school

Just a few house-keeping rules to help the day run smoothly and to keep the children safe:

- Families are all welcome to come and support their children and join us for the whole school picnic afterwards **(please bring rugs for your own comfort)**
- **Children will need to come to school in their PE kit. They do not require any school bags, just their packed lunch/hat/sunscreen/water.**
- All children will remain with their class during sports day and for the picnic. During the picnic, you are welcome to come and sit with your child.
- If you are able to help walk the children to the venue next Monday, either at **8:45** or **10:30** please can you let your class teacher or Mrs Sheehan know
- Please keep an eye on the weather. Sunscreen/hats need to be applied/worn if it's a hot day
- Please also provide your child with an extra water bottle
- We ask that parents do not enter the sports area where the children will be taking part in their activities. All water bottles, hands, sunscreen need to be given to the children when you drop them at school.



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.

Juniors Science Projects

Last week we celebrated science week in school. Whilst the children in Key Stage 1 and Early Years carried out STEM activities throughout the week, children in Key Stage 2 have worked very hard on their science projects. The classrooms were full of activity and rather messy, but it was wonderful to see the excitement, enthusiasm and learning happening in classrooms. This year, the projects were of an extremely high standard – the best yet in fact. A big thank you to parents for all of their help with re-sourcing projects. It is greatly appreciated and we hope it has been a good opportunity to get involved and share your expertise! Last Friday, many of the parents came in to school to see their child's project and listen to presentations. Once again, a big thank you for your time and interest. Congratulations to all the project winners, I know that for many teachers it was not an easy decision to make!



Yr5/6 Tennis tournament

On Friday 14th June, we competed in the year 5 and 6 borough tennis finals. After a tough trial with lots of children keen to represent us, we took 2 teams of 4 to the event.

Each game only lasted for 8 minutes and was split into 4 rounds so we had to make our points count.

The weather was very unpredictable on the day and we were constantly going from being rained on and having a slippery surface to it being really sunny and having to wear hats! Most of our players are used to the courts being twice the size so there was a lot of adapting for us. We began against a couple of very strong schools whose first boy had amazing serves which were very hard to return. It took a bit of time to get into our rhythm going but when the girls took over, it kick-started our team's morale and they began to relax and perform really well.

We won most rounds either 3-1 or 4-0 showcasing our consistency across all of our players. Some of the rallies were fantastic and some of our players became a lot braver, approaching the net to smash some shots on a small court, some adding spin and all getting their serves in which caused our opponents a lot of trouble.

We came second in each group meaning both teams progressed to the semi-finals where unfortunately they had to play against each other. All matches were extremely hard fought and they probably played their best tennis against their friends. The winning team moved on to the final where their games were decided by 1 point in each match.

We came second in the end, but another amazing achievement for our school! Well done to everyone that competed for us and thank you to Mrs. Brice for helping with transport.



Yr6
Horrible histories

On the afternoon of Monday 17th June, Year 6 went to the Live Room at Twickenham Stadium to meet Martin Brown, the illustrator of the Horrible History books. The event was provided free of charge by the Barnes Children's Literature Festival which will be on Barnes Green this weekend. Martin regaled us with stories from the Horrible History books and gave the children a quiz about some of the more gruesome stories, which they really enjoyed. He then showed us how we could design and draw characters and explained that the only way to get better at something is to regularly practice. It was a lovely afternoon and the children had a great time.





https://www.barneskidslitfest.org/

Yr6—Synagogue

Year 6 were invited along to the Jewish Living Experience in Chiswick Town Hall this year. They were able to explore the displays and handle artefacts linked to the Jewish faith. There was information on Kosher food, the Hebrew alphabet, clothing, festivals and games played and wedding traditions. The children asked lots of questions which were answered by three lovely volunteers. It was a really informative and interactive trip.









World Music Day

On Friday, OLSJ celebrated World Music Day with a spectacular concert. Years 3, 4 and 5 performed a selection of Gospel songs that they have been learning throughout the year in a special showcase to the school. I was so proud of every single child; from the start of the year, they have grown in self-confidence, resilience and their musicality has gone from strength to strength. All of their hard work culminated in a brilliant performance that they should be so proud of. It has been a real pleasure and privilege to have been their music teacher this year.

Children then took part in a special quiz, where they were played a short music clip, and they had to guess which teacher had chosen it as their favourite song. A great day was had by all and well done once again to all the wonderful singers in years 3,4 and 5!

Mrs. Poteratchi







Healthy schools

Our Lady and St John had been chosen to take part in a short film about Healthy Schools. Having achieved the Gold award this year the local authority wanted to show other schools our good example. There are many activities we do to keep our children healthy in mind and body but we chose the gardening club, playground sports leaders, our class worry boxes and our ELSA TA's. The children taking part had a great time being filmed and we hope it convinces more schools in Hounslow to follow our lead.





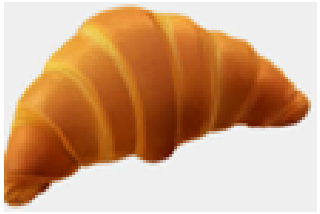


Celebrate Bastille Day at OLSJ!

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