Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We had a fantastic day on Thursday for World Book Day, with all the pupils looking amazing dressed as a character from their favourite book! My thanks to Mrs. McMahon for organising the day – further details below.

As part of our 'World book day' activities we had an author/illustrator visit – Zehra Hicks She entertained the whole school in a special assembly and then visited classes. She then signed copies of her books at the end of the day – a wonderful way to promote reading.

The Book fair was postponed to next week and will be in the drama room from Monday to Friday.

A huge 'thank you' to Sofia and her team for organising the Mother's day gifts – the children were thrilled with their choices and we are sure all you Mums will be too!

Happy mother's day and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week

4th March 2024

Reception: Ava & Alexander
Yr1: Ralph & Hanora
Yr2: JC & Katia
Yr3: Chloe & Jaxon
Yr4: Bella & Emmanuel
Yr5: Molly & Stafro
Yr6: Abigail & Cadwick



Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on ***Friday 15th March***.
We are asking ALL the children to come to school dressed in **'Red'**

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 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 homework.

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	249
St Andrew	239
St George	184
St David	199
St John	297
Winners	St John

Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	4	99.3	4
2nd	6	98.6	6
3rd	3	97.3	2
4th	5	97.3	2
5th	Nur	96.8	0
6th	1	93.9	2
7th	Rec	93.5	2
8th	2	93.1	1







Congratulations to Year 4 on their 99.3% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

Important Dates - March

Monday 11th March
- Walk to school week

Tuesday 12th March
Yr6 Transition presentation '**Be Bright travel right**'

Thursday 14th March
2:45 Yr3 Celebration service

Friday 15th March
- Red Nose day

Monday 18th March
6:00 GB meeting

Thursday 21st March
9:00 Yr4 & Yr5 Lenten service
2.45 Yr1 Celebration service

Friday 22nd March
- Yr3&4 Hampton Court

Monday 25th March
- Yr5&6 Egyptian history workshop

Tuesday 26th March
9:00 End of term mass in church

Wednesday 27th March
8:50 Achievement assembly

Thursday 28th March
1:30 End of term

Pen Licence

Sophie (Y3)



Writers of the month

4th March 2024

Reception: Gabriella
Yr1: Igor
Yr2: Pharez
Yr3: Albert
Yr4: James
Yr5: Arabella
Yr6: Pola



Sports Leaders

Every week, at celebration assembly, our Sports leaders will be awarding two Stars of the Week.

These stars will be chosen as a result of their contribution, enthusiasm and participation during the activities that the Sports leaders are providing during lunch time play.

This week the winners were

Helena & Kacper



Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on **Friday 15th March** and we have asked the children to come to school dressed in **'Red'**

To raise money for this worthwile event, we thought that we would hold a cake sale.

We are asking everyone to bring in cake donations (we know we have some great bakers—so if you are able to make your own that woud be great, if not shop bought is good too)

The children will also be enjoying activities, organised by the School Council to raise awareness of Red Nose day for people less fortunate than ourselves in this country and all over the world.

School Council

World book day & Author visit

What a fantastic week we have had at OLSJ!
Our World Book Day, on Thursday, was a great success with an amazing array of colourful costumes. The children enjoyed walking the catwalk and looking at all the different book characters on display. It was immensely difficult to choose two winners from each class.

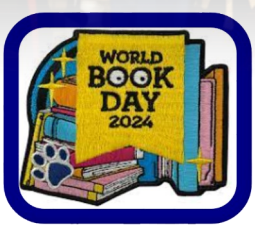
Friday saw us welcoming Zehra Hicks to the school who is an author and illustrator. She gave a lovely assembly explaining how she conceives her ideas to write and then came to classes 1-6 to do a selection of activities from draw-along sessions to creating comics. At the end of the day she stayed to do a book signing.



Please log onto google classroom for more pictures from World Book day







Year 5 and 6 Basketball competition

On Friday 1st March we competed at the Hounslow borough basketball finals. This competition was only played 3 vs 3 with both teams attacking the same hoop, so it was an incredibly fast competition. Each match lasted 8 minutes so we had to be as direct as possible when playing.

We got off to a slightly nervous start, narrowly losing 2-1 to our first opponents. But we soon got going and became incredibly hard to beat in our 1v1 battles. Some amazing interceptions and steals made it hard work for all our opponents after that who became increasingly frustrated with our tenacity.
We won 2 of our group games scoring a total of 11 baskets, every one of team scored at least twice which was amazing to see. Their team work and ability was fantastic to watch as their confidence grew and we became more and more of a threat. There were some incredibly tall players against us and some who clearly played a lot of basketball, but we matched their levels and proved to be as tough as any team there.

Our closest game was a 3-2 defeat which could have gone either way, the team that beat us went on to win the whole competition including a 5-1 win in the final. So looking back, even though we finished 3rd in our group, we definitely had the best teams to compete against in our side of the competition. Some of the boys showed great game management when they noticed how long was left on the clock and took the ball as far away to protect it and to be honest, waste time! The other teams failed to get it off us and we also managed to sneak a couple of extra attacks or passes round our opponents.
Great work from all and thank you to Gabby's mum for helping with transport.



