Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at OLSJ and I am sure we are all looking forward to half term. Many thanks to all the parents who attended our parent evenings this week. Once again our Year 6's did a great job at organising the evening – thank you!

This week Year 6 celebrated their class mass. The theme centred around St. Josephine Bakhita, reflecting on her work against slavery and her compassion for others. This was a fitting end to our racial justice week. Year 2 also had their class celebration service; they were extremely confident with their speaking and singing. Thank you to Mrs. Chalker-Hayes, Mrs. Bresciani and Mrs. O'Connor for preparing the children and to Father Gerard for his help with the service. A huge 'congratulations' to Year 2 for such a confident prayerful service.

We have had several sporting events this week – details below. Again, thanks to Mr. Bovington, Mrs. Sheehan and all the parents who have helped with these events.

Nursery Applications for September 2024

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, they can start in the nursery class in September 2024. To apply for a place please download an application form from the school website. Please post or email completed forms to the school office. We have both 15 hour and 30 places. Tell all your friends and relations about our wonderful school nursery!

Please note that the closing date for Nursery applications is **10th March 2024.**

Have a restful half term,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
5th February 2024

Reception: Gloria & Vespyr
Yr1: Jackson & Igor
Yr2: Alex & Elijah
Yr3: Maria & Mads
Yr4: Livia & Emily-Rose
Yr5: Sheena & Francis Joseph
Yr6: Jayden & Vanessa



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. Patrick's who received the most house points last week.

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

The children in St. Patrick's in Key stage 2 will receive a Homework pass for the first weeks' homework after half term.

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	227
St Andrew	162
St George	100
St David	126
St John	142
Overall Winner	St Patrick's

House point winners for this half term

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	936
St Andrew	957
St George	632
St David	875
St John	827
Overall Winner	St Andrews

Congratulations to all of the children in St Andrew's.

They were invited to come into school today wearing their own clothes wearing a symbol of blue

Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	3	98	6
1st	6	97.7	6
2nd	5	97.3	3
3rd	4	96.5	2
4th	2	94.3	4
5th	Rec	92.1	4
6th	1	90.3	5
7th	Nur	83.3	4







Pen Licence

Congratulations to Helena & Iza on receiving their pen licence.



Congratulations to Year 3 on their 98% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

Yr2 cake sale

A big thank you to the children in Yr2 who brought cakes in to sell at their cake sale. The children have managed to raise £153.90. Thank you to everyone who also brought in money to spend.

Important Dates February & March

Friday 23rd February
5:00-7:00 Valentines disco

Monday 26th February
- Yr1&2 Great fire of London workshop

Thursday 29th February
2:45 Yr1 Celebration service

Monday 4th - Friday 8th March
- Book fair

Thursday 7th March
- World book day

Friday 8th March
- Author visit

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

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

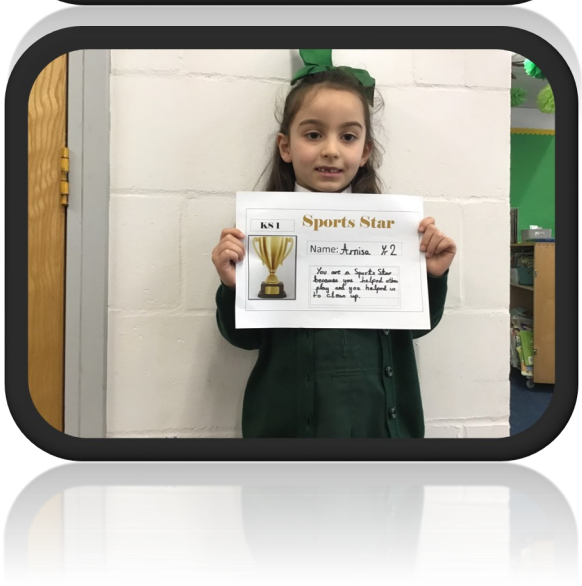
Sports Leaders

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
Arnisa & Kacper





Yr5&6 Best football

On Friday 2nd February we competed in the year 5 and 6 best football competition held at Gunnersbury sports hub. There were a total of 47 teams in attendance from over 30 different schools! We took 2 teams to represent our school, all of whom were very excited and shrugged off all nerves as they took to the pitch.
After a very fast paced warm up, we were ready. Our green team played first and were unfortunate to lose 1-0 as they dominated the ball, created lots of chances but just couldn't seem to find the finish. Throughout their matches they performed some amazing tackles, showcased brave defending, some outstanding saves from the goal keeper, fantastic passes and powerful shots. We were unlucky not to progress to the next stage, coming so close with some of our chances. However, we got another friendly match after which we won.

Our white team were unbelievable in the group stage winning 5 out 5 matches scoring 18 goals and only conceding 2. The most impressive thing was the teamwork, the willingness to help and support each other which complimented how easily they passed the ball around. Every match they dominated the ball and controlled the match, it was great to watch – I didn't really have to coach. We progressed to the knock out round against a strong team from Victoria and drew 0-0. Unfortunately, we lost on penalties but the team was a credit to our school.
Goals from the day came from, Babatunde 2, Kaydene 5, Max 4, Olivier 2, Jayden 3, Laurie 1, Tony 1, Milo 1, Ellis 1.

Well done to everyone and big thanks to all the parents who helped with transport and support on the day.



NSPCC number day

Thank you to everyone who donated to the NSPCC number day.

We raised **£260** through our **Just Giving** page
&
£310.55 in our **cake sales**

Giving us a grand total of **£570.55.**

Amazing!
Once again thank you for your generosity.

Nursery & Reception Springtime Ball

Cinderella's Ball - Reception and Nursery classes enjoyed a special dress up day to celebrate the end of their topic (traditional stories). All the children looked fantastic in their outfits and they enjoyed their special day. They danced, made crowns, partied with balloons and had a special tea party at snack time. The children have learned about different traditional stories: Cinderella, The Three Little Pigs and the Gingerbread Man. The EYFS curriculum has been explored through the stories with art and craft, role play, Maths, speaking and listening

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Parents evening

A huge thank you to all the chidden in year 6 that helped out at parents evening on Monday and Wednesday. The children were extremely

efficient and professional in their roles, this made the evening run very smoothly for both parents and teachers

Thank you so much!

Yr5&6 Netball tournament

On Tuesday 6th February, Zuzanna, Maya, Laurie, Jayden, Ellis, Victoria & Arabella were invited to participate in a borough-wide netball tournament at Heathlands school. Twenty schools participated, making it a large event.

The first round of the tournament the children played four games. The first game was against Lionel (our arch rivals), with two goals from Ellis and 1 goal from Maya, we secured a well deserved 2-1 victory. With a little bit of time to talk tactics and swap positions, we were ready for our next game against Strand on the Green. The children played so well as a team, setting up Victoria for 3 amazing goals securing another 3-0 victory. Our next game was against Chatsworth. The children were really getting into a good rhythm of passing, we had some great defending from Laurie and Jayden, as a result they set up Zuzanna and Arabella to score a goal each. Our final game was against Cranford, this was a tough game, we had lots of chances at shooting, but struggled to get the ball in the net. Unfortunately, Cranford had one chance at scoring and they secured a goal. Our first loss 1-0.

Winning 3 out of the 4 games in our group meant the team qualified for the semi finals, where they met Fairholme. Another tough game, where once again we had lots of chances to score, thankfully Ellis managed to put a goal in the net. Our lead was short lived as Fairholme in the last few minutes got a goal. This meant we had to play extra time, the first team to score goes through, we just couldn't get the ball in the net, despite our chances, disappointingly they pipped us to the post with a golden goal at extra time and winning 2-1.

Having lost in the semi final we played Cranford again in the play offs for third and fourth place. Another tough game, that saw no goal at full time. Once again we had to play on until one team scored. Skill and determination played a great part in us scoring the winning goal, great goal Jayden.

Congratulations to the team on coming third in the borough, such an accomplishment, they should be very proud of themselves. They played exceptionally well, working extremely well as a team.— in my opinion they were the winning team!

A big thank you to Mr Bovington for preparing the children so well. Special thanks to Mrs Hubka and Mrs Forest for supporting the team.



West London Sportshall final

On Thursday 9th February we competed in the west London sports hall athletics finals. After being crowned champions of Hounslow, we now had to take on the top schools from 7 other boroughs.

Our athletes were raring to go and began their warm up practicing their agility and relay changeovers. The first event was the obstacle course race, as fast and agile as our team was, we managed 4th place, which was where we finished in most races as the speed of the schools against us was incredible.

We knew that we were stronger at the field events and sent our first group across to compete. Our jumpers were outstanding, setting some of the highest scores and most reaching a personal best score. Some of triple jumpers cleared 6 meters! Our speed bouncers were lightning quick, scoring over 50 jumps in 20 seconds – that's over 2 and a half jumps a second! Our throwers scores were all fantastic and were again close to the highest distances recorded. Each group that followed kept up that high standard and performed brilliantly.

The results were in. We finished 5th!! This is only the second time we have won our borough competition and gone on to the west London sports hall finals. The standard was so high, the organiser said that the London scores are higher than all other counties in the country. But we were more than capable of competing at that level and should be proud of how well we did. A big thank you to Mrs. Waghorne who helped with transport and supported us at all 3 sports hall rounds, and another thank you to the parents who also helped transport and stayed to support.

