Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 5 and 6 choir to the Young Voices concert at Wembley Arena on Thursday. What a fabulous evening of entertainment of song and dance. The pupils were fantastic and the parents in the audience managed to 'get in the groove' too with some great moves to music from the 90s! A huge thank you to Mrs. Poteratchi for all her hard work with the choir and for organising the trip. Also thank you to the parents who accompanied us, Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. Redman and Ms. Henderson who were such a great help. Finally thank you to all the parents who came to support their child at the concert.

Our mini-Vinnies led an assembly this week on racial justice. They reminded us all of how we are all unique and made in God's love to love one another. Each class will be reflecting on this message in different ways.

Next week we have our mid-term parents evening. Thank you for signing up for a slot – please remember that we are unable to provide child-care. Thank you in advance.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
29th January 2024

Reception: Sophia K & Delilah
Yr1: Dawid & Leen
Yr2: Grace & Oscar
Yr3: Ethan N & Szymon
Yr4: Obafemi 7 Bronagh
Yr5: Matthew & Arabella
Yr6: Annalise & Milo



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

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

The children in St. Andrew'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	240
St Andrew	275
St George	145
St David	194
St John	195
Overall Winner	St Andrew

Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	6	99.3	7
1st	5	99.3	0
2nd	1	98.9	0
3rd	4	97.5	4
4th	3	97.3	0
5th	2	96	0
6th	Nur	92.3	0
7th	Rec	90.4	0







Congratulations to Years 6 & 5 on their 99.3% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

Important Dates January

Monday 5th February
3:30-6:30 Parents evening

Tuesday 6th February
9:30 School tour for prospective nursery parents

Wednesday 7th February
3:30-6:30 Parents evening
- Yr2 Cake sale
- Yr5/6 Netball tournament

Thursday 8th February
9:00 Yr6 class mass
2;45 Yr2 Celebration service

Friday 9th February
- End of half term

Writer of the month January

Reception: Franek
Yr1: Pola
Yr2: Finlay
Yr3: Matilda
Yr4: Lily
Yr5: Joseph
Yr6: Sasha



Yr2 Sportshall athletics



On Monday 29th January, for the first time ever we attended the year 1 and 2 sports hall competition. We took 11 of our enthusiastic students to Osterley sports centre to compete in running, jumping and throwing competitions. Some of the events weren't scored as we had things like a leaping race, even the javelin throw which we excelled at. However it got a bit more serious at the standing long jump, where all of our athletes cleared the 1 metre mark, some getting around 1.4 metres - which is massive! Our chest pushes got better each attempt and some real strength was on show as we almost hit some of the sports leaders judging the scores! Our relay races were fantastic. We were clearly ahead in several races, so much so that some of our athletes began celebrating before they had crossed the finish line, 1 even began waving to their team mates mid race! Overall the children were brilliant and show a lot of potential for future competitions. We finished in second place!!! Some very happy faces when collecting their medals.

Well done to everyone and a big thank you all the parents that helped on the day.

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
Kian & Ethan M.

Pen Licence

Congratulations to Giorgio on receiving his pen licence.



Young Voices

On Thursday 1st February, the OLSJ choir had the amazing opportunity to sing in the OVO Wembley arena as part of the Young Voices choir. This was a phenomenal opportunity; our children joined almost 5000 others from schools all across the country in one of the largest children's choir events in the world.

I would like to thank each and every one of the children for all their dedication and perseverance in our rehearsals and truly all your hard work paid off in a spectacular performance. Your singing was wonderful, the dance moves were brilliant and even your parents had a go at singing and dancing with you! I was so proud of the confidence and self-belief each and every one of you showed.

A huge thank you to the parents for all their support throughout the year and to Mrs Cunningham and all our parent helpers for coming on the trip and making it possible.





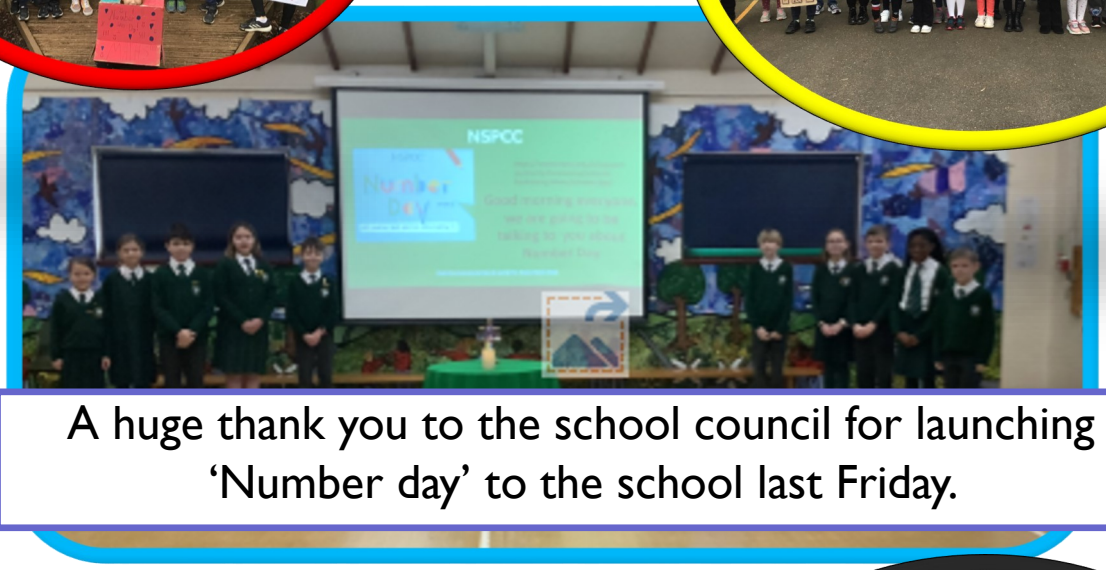




Number day







A huge thank you to the school council for launching 'Number day' to the school last Friday.













Number day cake sale

A big thank you to everyone who brought cakes in to sell at the NSPCC cake sale. Your generosity never seems to amaze us. The children have managed to raise £310 so far. Thank you to everyone who also brought in money to spend.



Total raised so far for the NSPCC is **£480**



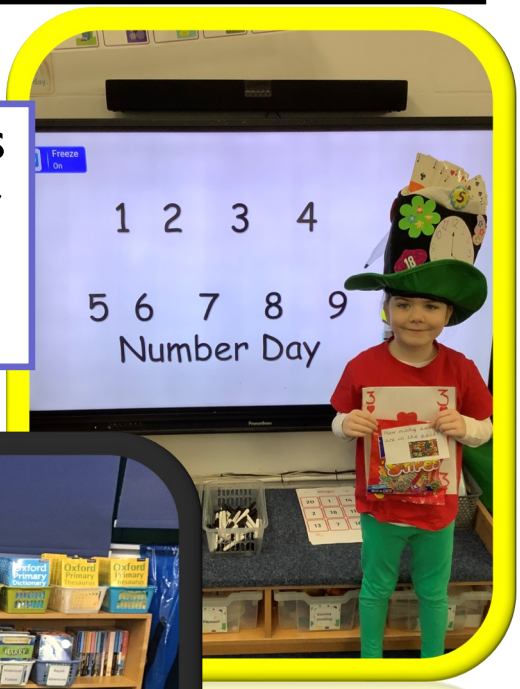




Number day winners

Congratulations to our Number day winners







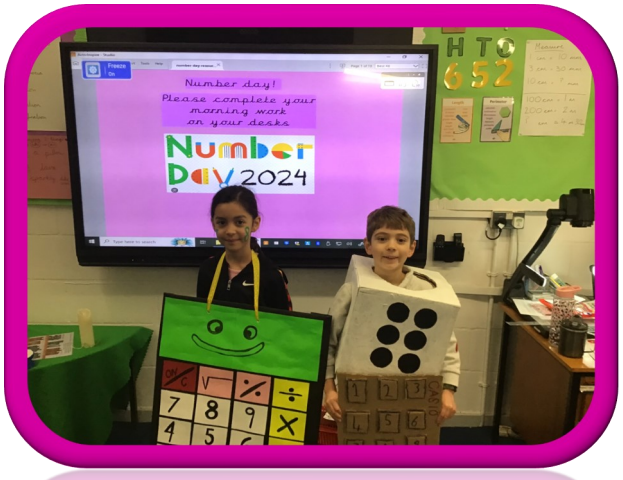






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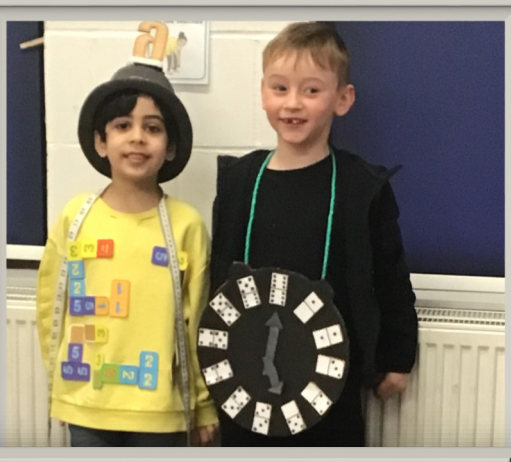


What an amazing Number Day we had today. A huge thank you to all the children and parents for making such amazing efforts with number day costumes—the children looked superb!

A huge shout out to all the teachers for preparing such engaging activities for the children. Our focus this year was on problem solving. The children were kept busy with; Snakes and ladders, Napier's bones, Tangrams, Pumpkin Pi problem, Mathopoly, Numicon, counting beads, making 3D shapes out of marshmallows and spaghetti, noticing vertices, edges, faces. The children really had a fab day.

The school council would like to thank everyone for their contributions on our Just Giving page, so far we have raised **£170**—thank you.


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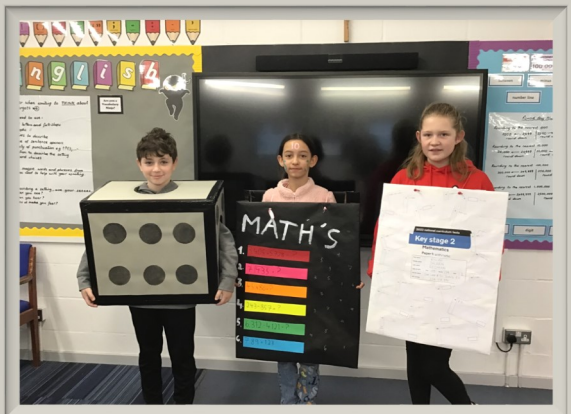



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