



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024
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Go shine in
the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been learning about staying safe online this week. After half term, we have more lessons planned on this topic for each year group for 'Keeping Safe Studies'. Do talk to your child about the important messages shared. See overleaf for some next steps for you to consider.

Wishing you a safe and restful half term. We look forward to welcoming you and your children back on Monday 19th February.

With Best Wishes, Ms Toop (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Attendance Superstars!

A massive congratulations to these children who have a very impressive **100% attendance** so far this academic year: **Rafael, Gracie, Cecena, Efrata, Athiei, Safia, Tamara, Junior, Charley, Jeanelle, Ellie, Qeynan, Linna, Naomi, Sava, Michel, Samiyah and Siem!**

Please find information attached to the newsletter about our new school attendance officer, Alison Ellis, who will be visiting us next half term.

It is never too late to benefit from good attendance.



I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 09.02.2024

Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

Important dates for your diary...



Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024— Half term. School is closed.

Friday 23rd February 2024 – Academic Review Day (Children not in school, only for your appointment with the class teacher)

Friday 1st March 2024— Non-Uniform Day

Thursday 7th March 2024— Word Aware Day

Friday 22nd March 2024— Non-Uniform Day

Thursday 28th March 2024— Last day of term (3.30pm finish as usual)

Friday 29th March 2024— Friday 12th April Easter holidays. School is closed.

Monday 15th April 2024— Children back in school. First day of Summer term



Monday 6th May 2024— May Day Bank Holiday. School is closed.

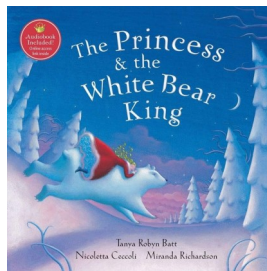
Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May 2024— May Half Term Holiday. School is closed.

Monday 3rd May 2024— Children are back in school

Monday 3rd June 2024— Wednesday 5th June— Year 6 PGL trip

Work of the Week!

Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office). **This week, Rayyan Chowdhury from Year 2 has been chosen for his wonderful writing in English.**



As part of Year 2's English curriculum, they have been reading 'The Princess and the White Bear King' by Tanya Robyn Batt. Rayyan has written a superb diary entry from the evil Troll Queen's point of view. He has included exciting similes and written in character to show her anger towards the princess and the prince.

Well done Rayyan! We are so proud of you and your beautiful writing!



A Prayer for Lent

(This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 this year, and runs until March 28, the day before Good Friday)

God our Father,
Every year we have the forty days of Lent to come closer to you. Help us to thank you and live more like you every day of Lent.



Amen.

Safer Internet Day 2024

Tuesday 6th February was Safer Internet Day this week. Here are some extra tips for you to consider:

- Does your child know about the safety and privacy features of the apps they're using? Such as privacy settings. Are their accounts public or private?
- Does your child know how to block and report? Are those features available?

•Can you turn features off, such as chat and in-app purchases?



•Does your child know what personal and private information is, and what is and is not appropriate to share online?

•What are your child's profiles on their games and apps? What does the profile say about them? What does the image or avatar say about them?

Parents must also be responsible for monitoring behaviour online (as well as phones), including when and how children have access.

For more information and useful resources for parents, see: www.saferinternetday.org

Attendance...

I am pleased to announce that Year 4 has the best attendance this week with 94%. As a reward, you will receive some extra play time next week.



Please make sure your child is in school every single day unless they are too unwell to come to school. Every day counts and children who miss school do fall behind in their learning.



Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Miss Toop, Miss Fearon or Mr Withers.



School Inclusion Support Officers

Over the last few months, you may have seen information about the importance of good attendance on social media, on TV and in newspapers. There have been posters in bus shelters in Camden and the government has launched its 'Moments Matter Attendance counts' campaign this month. The government is very concerned about the number of pupils who are missing school, and they are asking council's attendance services and schools to help support children return to school.

Camden council has appointed three new School Inclusion Support Officers to help support schools improve attendance and reduce suspensions / exclusions by ensuring children and young people who are absent from education or at risk of suspension/exclusion receive appropriate interventions and support to enable them to achieve positive educational outcomes.

Our School Inclusion Support officer is Ms. Alison Ellis, and she will be visiting us in the coming weeks. Some parents may be invited to meet with the School Inclusion Support Officer to discuss the reason for poor attendance and what we can do to help your child to return to school.

We know that children who attend school regularly and on time are more able to access their learning, get support in subjects they may struggle with and pass their exams.

We know as a parent you also worry about your child's future, and we want to work with you to ensure every pupil at Our Lady's has a full-time education to maximise opportunities for everyone to realise their potential.

Being a parent is not easy. If you need talk to someone about your child's attendance, please contact Alison on:

alison.ellis@camden.gov.uk

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