



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024  
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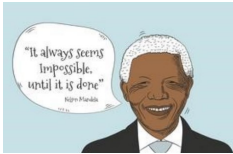
Go shine  
in the world



## Dear parents and carers,

This week the children focused on **Equality Studies** at Our Lady's. The children had a fantastic time learning about many of the important issues surrounding **Equality, Social Justice (including votes for women and the Suffragette movement) and British Values**. Equality Studies is about getting the children to think and talk about these issues and about inspirational people who 'live, love and learn through Jesus', including Rosa Parks, Malala Yousafzal, Martin Luther King, and Nelson Mandela.

**With best wishes, Mrs. O'Reilly and Ms. Richardson**



**Year 6 have been learning about** Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi, talking about the main events of their lives, how they were inspirational in working for equality and unity and reflected on their key qualities. They also learnt to explain tolerance, determination, peace and forgiveness in relation to Nelson Mandela and Jesus Christ.



**Year 5 have been learning about** Emmeline Pankhurst. They developed an understanding of how voting works and that sometimes you might not get your way. They also learnt about protests and that you may have to fight to get what is right. Year 5 found out that Emmeline Pankhurst demanded equality for women, by persuading the government to allow women to vote. They also produced some outstanding biographies about Emmeline's life.

**Year 4 have been learning about** the social activist Martin Luther King, who tirelessly fought and campaigned for equal rights. They used his example as one where they too can, 'Shine in the World', linking his determination, bravery and courage to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes. The children looked at themselves, and society, reflecting on how God created us all in His image and loves everyone equally. The children wrote their own, 'I have a dream' speech, based on the inspirational example presented in 1963 by Martin Luther King.



**Year 3 have been learning about** gender equality. They focused on the life and contributions of Malala Yousafzay. They discussed gender inequality in her life and how she was treated unfairly because she was a girl. Children discussed how they are all different, but all equally valuable in the world, no matter if they are a boy or girl. They discovered the similarities and differences between our school and a school in Islamabad. They also made links between Malala's values for forgiveness and those of Jesus.

**Year 2 have been learning about** the life of Rosa Parks. Rosa fought for the rights of black people in America, refusing to give up her seat on the bus to a white man and arguing for equality. Her actions, as well as the actions of many others, led to changed laws and more equal treatment of black people in America.



**Year 1** were given mirrors to study their facial features. They discussed with their partner their different eye colours, hair colours and skin colours in class. They spoke about how unique they are and that everyone looks different. Using this information, they created self-portraits of themselves. Afterwards they celebrated their differences by talking about the unique features each child has.



**Reception and Nursery children learned about** gender equality. The children sorted a box of toys, using two labels, 'toys for boys' and 'toys for girls'. As they were sorting, they found they played with the same toys. They decided that toys can be for everyone because they have the choice to play with whatever they want. The class also explored photos of different jobs and were asked to sort them into 'jobs for girls' and 'jobs for boys'. The girls did not think it was fair because they wanted to be fire fighters and police officers too. The children chose to re-sort the photos because boys and girls are equal.

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 08.11.2024

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Important dates for your diary...

**WB 11th November** - Anti-bullying Week

**WB 11th November** - Year 6 booster classes begin

**Tuesday 12th November** - Partnership Football Tournament

**Wednesday 20th November** - Harvest Festival assembly

**Friday 22nd November** - Parents working alongside Children - Year 1

**Monday 25th November** - Children begin to take Travelling Crib home

**Friday 29th November** - Non-Uniform day

**Friday 29th November** - Parents working alongside Children in Reception

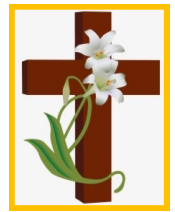


## Our Prayer

**Jesus,**

Help us to make our actions speak louder than our words, so that others will see that we belong to Christ  
And may believe in you.

**Amen**



## Best Attendance this week...

For children to learn well and make good progress, it is vital that they attend school every day.

Congratulations to **Year 5** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week - **98.12%**

**Year 5** really showed the Christian value of **Community** by helping their class to have the best attendance this week.

**Please make sure your child is in school every single day.**

**Thank you for your help with this :)**



The winner of the Friday newsletter slip

prize this week is **Ayyub** in **Year 2**.

**Ayyub** has won a £5 gift voucher to spend in Waterstones.



## Harvest Festival Collection

On **Wednesday 20th November** the children will be sharing what they have learnt about Harvest and Harvest Festivals around the world. As part of this celebration, and our continued charitable giving at Our Lady's, we are asking for donations of the following items: tinned food, dried goods (pasta, cereal, noodles etc.) and toiletries (toothbrush, deodorant, soap, shower gel) to donate to members of our community, who are in need. There is a basket in the lobby for items.



Every week, one person from each class is chosen to be '**Person of the week.**' They are chosen due to their excellent attitude and learning behaviour, and for the fantastic work they are producing in class.

## Person of the Week last week was!

Reception - Demi  
Year 1 - Kaiah  
Year 2 - Tamara  
Year 3 - Maaliki  
Year 4 - Amanuel  
Year 5 - Hanifa  
Year 6A - Vivien  
Year 6B - Lucas



## Work of the Week!

**Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).**

Year 6 have been learning about Nelson Mandela and his fight against apartheid in South Africa, as part of Equality Studies.

**Nicolas** has created an informative fact file about Nelson Mandela following his steps to success: He has ensured that it is factual, in chronological order with accurate dates and used relative clause to add extra information where necessary. Nicolas's fact file is both informative and interesting to read.



## 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, Mr Withers or Mrs O'Reilly.

**We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.**

