



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2024  
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Go shine  
in the world



## Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, Our Lady's is part of a very successful partnership of four Catholic primary schools. Last week, our Year 5 class welcomed the year 5 children from St Patrick's and St Joseph's to join them in their History learning. It was lovely to see all our children so welcoming to their fellow Year 5s, and see all the children, from three of our schools, working collaboratively.

**Best wishes, Mrs O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)**

## Year 5 History off the page - Viking Day

The children spent the morning learning all about Viking life and who the Vikings were. They saw how the Vikings lived, how they cooked their food and lit their homes, and the children made candles of their own! The children also learnt how to make jewellery like the Vikings, how to make medicine for different illnesses and injuries, and were taught how to weave like a Viking! Finally, they wrote a letter, using ancient Norse Runes, and became archaeologists, digging for Viking artefacts in the afternoon!



## Introducing our School Chaplains at Our Lady's...

**Congratulations to the following children, chosen as School Chaplains this year:**

Tyler and Khloe (Y6A), Ciara and Khalil (Y6B), Harvey and Chiara (Y5), Evalyn and Ange-Michel (Y4), Hailey and Francis (Y3), Gracie and Kyle (Y2) and Kayden and Laura (Y1)

These children were voted for by their class mates, as good role models who follow our **Christian Values** of compassion, community, determination, excellence, friendship, honesty, inspiration, integrity and respect.

**The aims of the Chaplaincy Team are to:**

- Help the school to grow as a community of faith,
- Encourage the children to live their faith in their daily lives,
- To support Liturgy, prayer and the spiritual life of the school,
- To continue to involve pupils in fund-raising for charities,
- To continue to develop strong links with our school parish and Fr Mark,
- To support the school community to live the virtues and themes of Catholic Social Teaching.

These children will have meetings with Ms Twomey to help them meet these goals.

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 04.10.2024

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...

**Friday 11th October** - Parents working alongside children in Year 5

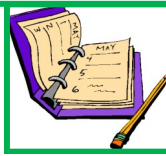
**Friday 18th October** - Parents working alongside children in Year 4

**Friday 18th October** - Family Fancy Dress Disco

**Friday 25th October** - Parents working alongside children in Year 3

**Friday 25th October** - Non Uniform Day

**Half Term** - 28th October - 1st November



## Our Prayer

**Lord Jesus**, friend of little children, you are always ready to listen to what we have to say, and to take care of us in the grown-up world. As we grow older, help the special trust and friendship we shared with you as little children grow within us, and draw us ever closer to you. **Amen**



The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is **Inaaya** in **Year 3**.

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



## 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%** **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 :)**



## Punctuality Matters...

Please help the school day run smoothly by ensuring that your child is in school on time **by 8.55am**, and **ready for learning at 9:00am**.



The gates open at 8.45am to enable the children to come in calmly and safely.

Children get embarrassed, and sometimes upset, if they are late going into class. The children are either reading with an adult or starting their Maths or English lessons at 9am. It's the time of day when the children's minds are least tired and so they get straight into learning.

Don't let your child be the one who is missing out. Thank you for your help with this.

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 - Libby  
Year 1 - Marvin  
Year 2 - Harper  
Year 3 - Joshua  
Year 4 - Mahira  
Year 5 - Tiana  
Year 6A - Tyler  
Year 6B - Luana



## Work of the Week!

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



**Year 3** have been learning about Place Value in Maths. The children learned to partition numbers into hundreds, tens and ones. They explored how to partition numbers using Dienes blocks, counters, and boxes of colouring pencils grouped into 100s, 10s and 1s. They then partitioned numbers from 100-999 using a place value grid.

**Manha** was able to partition numbers with confidence. She completed a fantastic piece of work partitioning numbers using a place value grid.

**Well done Manha!**

100s	10s	1s
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## 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.**



# Our Lady's Family Fancy Dress Disco

Friday 18th October 6-8pm  
in the school hall

Fun, family-friendly costumes!  
No scary costumes, please!



Disco tickets:

£4.00 per adult (with a free hot dog and soft drink)

£3.00 per child (with a free hot dog and soft drink)



The tickets will be on sale in the office from  
**Tuesday 8th October.**

Tickets are not available on the night.



**There will be no admittance for children without a supervising adult.**

We are limited in the number of tickets we can sell for this event due to fire safety regulations. If anyone is unable to buy tickets who would like to, we will put you on the waiting list for our next disco and make sure you get offered a ticket first.

**Admittance to pupils of the school and their parents only.**

If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please pop it into the office. All donations are gratefully received.

If you know someone who owns or manages a business, please ask them if they would be able to make a donation, the vouchers for a meal or movie are always a big treat as a prize.

Thank-you for your help with this.