

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way



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Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford

HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

First of all I need to let you know some sad news. On the 14th June we will be saying a goodbye to Melissa Pearce who is moving to her dream job as a paramedic. This is something Melissa has always wanted to do and she will find it hard to leave OLSP. However we will be making the most of the last few weeks we have with her and know you will all support us with wishing her well. Melissa has been an incredible support to the school and we will miss her greatly

We have reached the end of Summer 1 and what an incredibly busy time it has been. We are extremely proud of the results of recent inspections and I must say a massive thank you to all the parents that have taken time to not only complete surveys, but to write so many wonderfully positive comments.

We feel the opening to the report sums us up nicely 'Pupils enjoy being part of this joyful, supportive school community. They express pride in the school mission statement, 'Living, loving and learning together in God's way' and can explain how it guides them in all aspects of school life. Pupils behave well, feel valued, safe and cared for by staff and show respect for others'.

Next week is half term and I hope you have a lovely week, full of fun and sunshine. Please remember that the 3rd June is an inset day and therefore the first day back for the children is Tuesday 4th June.

God bless to you all

Mrs Cathy Blatchford, Executive Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL



CRISIS GRANTS

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth can provide crisis grants to people in need who are facing a situation of unusual hardship.

The application must come via the school and be signed off by the head teacher.

This can be used to purchase one-off items or supermarket vouchers where the need is urgent and would show benefit to the individual or family.

If you know of a family within the Diocese of Plymouth who is in urgent need, please contact caritas@prcdtr.org.uk for an application form.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth
Registered Charity Number: 1205486
St Boniface House, Ashburton, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ13 7JL Tel (01364) 645360
Email: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk Website: <https://www.plymouth.diocese.org.uk/caritas-2>



Pentecost

We celebrated a wonderful Mass together last Friday to mark Pentecost. Thank you to the Parents and Carers that joined us and well done to all of the children who participated beautifully.

SUMMER 2 CLUBS:

These clubs are running after half term;

Please use this link to sign your child up (copy and paste into a browser)



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4wmFcd92WSYlC8o9yUyOltCZgwUOfPil5EeNmXOqUZk4-0g/viewform?usp=pp_url

- Carnival Club Mondays 3:15 - 4:15pm
- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4pm
- Girls football (Year 1 and upwards) Wednesday 3:15 - 4:15pm Mr Stamp
- Boys Football Club with Mr Mason (Year 1 and upwards) Wednesdays - 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Gardening club with Miss Wathen and Mrs O'Sullivan Thursdays 3:15pm - 4:00pm (Years 4, 5 & 6)
- Yr1 - 6 Badminton Fridays 3:15pm - 4:30pm (Premier Sport)



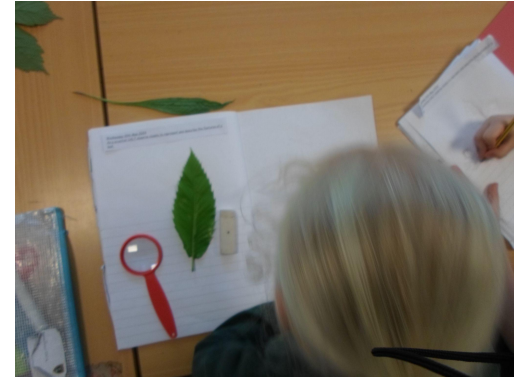
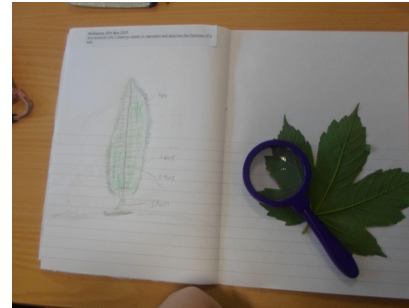
EARLY YEARS

The children have loved working out the mystery of who broke baby bears' chair. They have made posters of the possible suspect and have written letters to baby bear to let him know who did it. They also wrote thank you letters to Jack and the Giant who kindly fixed the chair for baby bear.



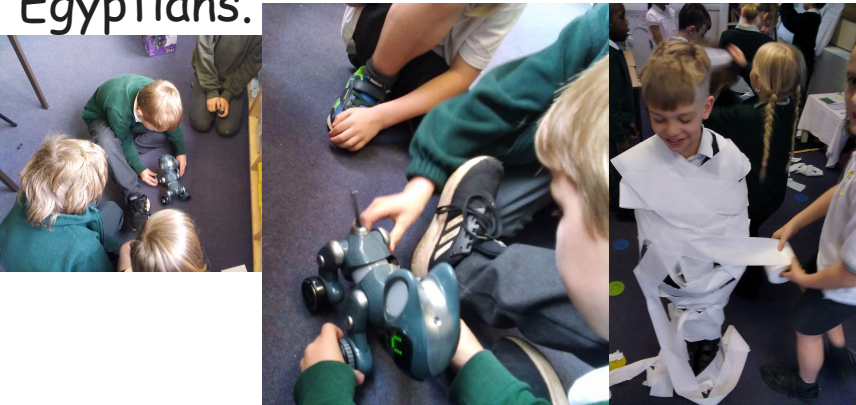
YEAR 1 & 2

We have been busy this week observing leaves closely and drawing their features in detail. The children thoroughly enjoyed using the magnifying glasses to look scientifically.



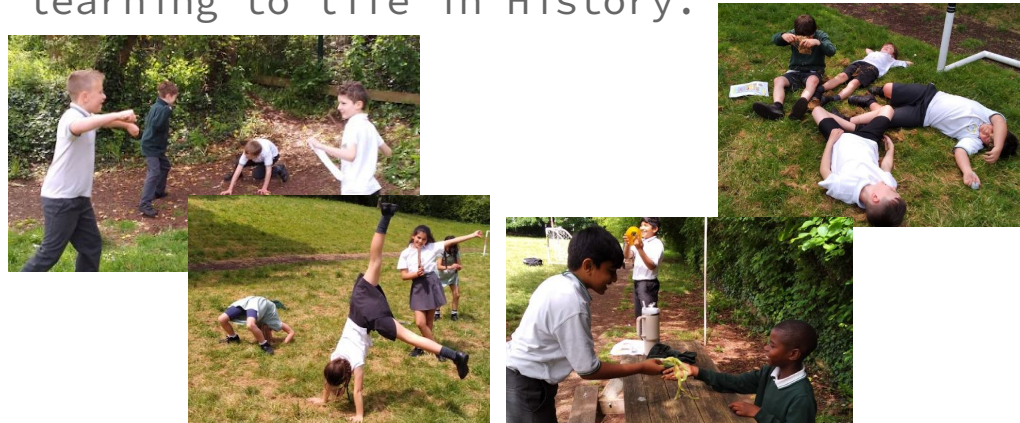
YEAR 3

This week the children have been practicing their programming and coding but on actual robots. We've had lots of fun with Pyxel our robot dog making him do tricks and commands. We also made mummies for History as we looked at the afterlife of Ancient Egyptians.



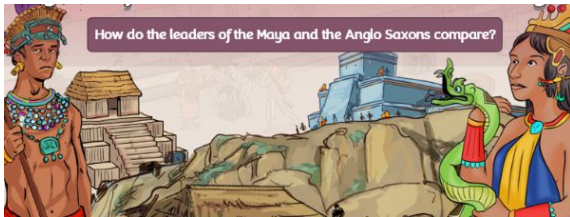
YEAR 4

Throughout our History unit, Saturn class have been learning about 'The Romans' and their way of life. Last week, pupils were trying to act out different aspects of life which was important during Roman times. Some children were pretending to be in the theatre, being in a Roman bath and even acting as a Roman farmer. This was a great, creative way to bring learning to life in History.



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been working really hard over the last two weeks completing their maths unit, all making excellent progress in their understanding of geometry (shapes, lines and angles). We have finished our unit on the Maya and compared them to the Anglo Saxons linking time and place across continents.



The year 6s experienced the best maths lesson ever. They took part in the 'Snow Party'. The snow was created by ripped up practice SATs papers from the academic year! They loved it! Well done year 6!

YEAR 6



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	13.05.24	20.05.24
	Charity	Prudence
Early Years	Kaleb	Seb
Y1 & Y2	Isla-Rose	Oliver
Y3	Estrella	Grisha
Y4	Hollie	Ossie
Y5	Ada	Laila
Y6	Gracie	Lucas

STAR OF THE WEEK

	13.05.24	20.05.24
Early Years	Ellis	Great
Y1 & 2	Raffy	Arthur T
Y3	Muno	Eliza
Y4	Beloved	Jayden
Y5	Archie B	Kody
Y6	Celia	Thelma



13th May - 24th May	
Reception	94.92%
Year 1/2	97.63%
Year 3	91.39%
Year 4	96.77%
Year 5	97.33%
Year 6	92.62%

Well done to Neptune for achieving 100% last week!
Congratulations to Mars class for coming 1st over the fortnight!

Is your child too poorly for School?

If you are unsure about your child's symptoms and whether to send them to school, the following link is very informative

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

A Message from Steph, our Attendance and Welfare Officer

Holidays in term time

To request that your child is absent from school for a holiday, please complete an S2 form, these can be picked up from the school office. Ensure that you specify any exceptional circumstances. You will receive confirmation of whether the absence will be authorised or not. If you take your child out for a holiday during term time that has not been previously authorised, you make yourselves **liable to receiving a Penalty Notice per parent/carer, per child. Also please note that the Local Authority will only issue 1 Penalty Notice in any 2 year period so a second holiday in that time would result in a Court Summons.**

If you have any questions, please leave a message for me in the office and I will contact you.

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR					
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR 190 days for your child's education	10 days absence 180 Days of Education	19 days absence 171 Days of Education	29 days absence A term missed 161 Days of Education	38 days absence 152 Days of Education	47 days absence 143 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!	



Diary Dates

27th May	Half Term Holiday	1st July	Tempest taking Class Photographs
3rd June	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)	2 July	Plymouth CAST leavers mass for Year 6 (Blessed Sacrament, Exeter)
4th - 6th June	KS2 Swimming Lessons at Teignmouth Lido	4th July	Year 1/2 attending Mass at Shaldon Church
5th June	Trail Art Workshops	5th July	2pm - 3pm Whole School Music Celebration (more info to follow nearer the date)
10th June	Trail Art project - Y6 only 2.40pm Year 6 Class	8th July	Samba music workshops
11th June	Body image workshop for Years 5 and 6	19th July	3.30pm - 8.30pm School Barbecue
12th June	Year 4 Rearranged Exeter Museum trip	24th July	9am End of Year Mass
17th - 20th June	KS2 Swimming lessons at Teignmouth Lido	25th July	Last day of Summer Term

Friends of OLSP Summer Events

- Wednesday 22nd May- Cake Sale Class 1/2 to bring in cake donations.
- Ice pop Fridays - Every Friday after half term.
- Thursday 13th June - Fathers Day gift shop.
- Ground Force Day - Sunday 23rd June from 11 am.
- Friday 5th July - Non uniform day for raffle and tombola prizes.
- Tuesday 9TH July - Sports day, The Friends will be selling cream teas.
- Friday 19TH July 3:15pm - SUMMER BBQ! Children can come into school in non uniform today.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

FATHER'S DAY

Gift Shop

THURSDAY 13TH JUNE

TICKETS £2.50
EACH

Dad, Step-Dad, Grandad, Superhero.

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED VIA
PARENT PAY

The Friends of OLSP

ICE POP FRIDAY'S

From 50p each

We are looking to buy new recycled plastic picnic benches for the school. All money raised from Ice pop Fridays will go towards the new benches.

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th June
5th, 12th, 25th July
Weather dependant.

Non Uniform Day Friday 5th July

Come to school dressed in your best summer holiday outfit.

- Do you have any unwanted Teddy's?
- Unused gifts or toiletries?
- Bottles or Confectionery?

Instead of donations of money, we are asking for donations towards our tombola or raffle fir this years SUMMER BBQ.

Please keep in mind the school rules.
Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe.

Please ensure that any donations are within their used by date and are sealed. We cannot accept items that have been opened or are out of date.

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes to this weeks sale, we raised £78.55 over the 2 days!

We have lots of fun and exciting thing coming up after half term. If you are able to help at any of our events please let us know via friends@olsp.uk or message us on our Facebook page. We cannot hold these events without volunteers.

We are excited to plan this years summer BBQ, if you can spare 30 minutes of your evening to help on a stall, we would be so grateful.



"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall."-
Roald Dahl



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To carry on your quest and unlock the next zone, visit your local library. As a library member, a child can sign up to receive their **free** pack, including stickers to collect along the way, puzzles to solve, certificates and a finisher's prize too.

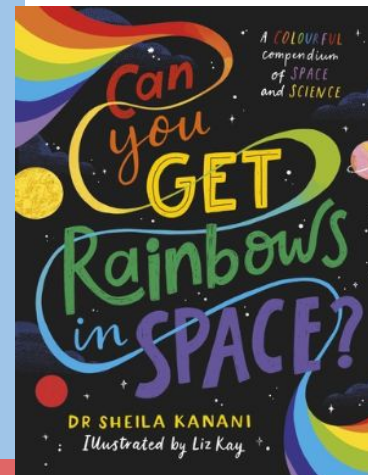


Head to www.tsbq.co.uk
or your local library to begin your adventure!

THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

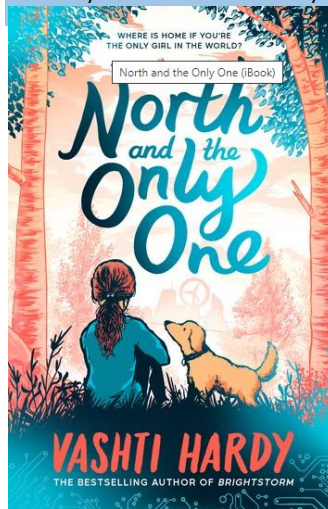
Can You Get Rainbows in Space? By Dr Sheila Kanani

Why is blood red? Why are carrots orange? Who invented the lightbulb? Why is the world 'going green'? Is the sky really blue? And what is ultraviolet light? You'll discover the answers to these questions - and many more - in this incredible collection of scientific facts about colour. We'll talk about light (the most important thing) and waves (not the kind you see at the beach - though you will learn why the sea looks blue!). You'll find out how some animals are able to glow in the dark and how others change their colours to hide from predators. Keep reading to discover why leaves change colour in the autumn, why your veins look blue but your blood is red, and why the language we use shapes the colours we see . . . And you'll learn exactly how to make a rainbow - in space.



North and the Only One by Vashti Hardy

Twelve-year-old Rose can't remember anything before last week. The only thing she recognized when she woke up was her puppy, North. Mother tells her not to stray beyond the garden out into the city of Luminelle, but Rose can't shake the feeling that something, or everything, isn't right. When Rose flees to the outside world with North it quickly becomes clear that she is not only different, but she's dangerous. This powerful and original new story is set in a surprising world filled with action, adventure and big questions about family and what it means to be human. Vashti Hardy's writing is full of warmth and humour and Rose's journey of discovery about herself will expand reader's hearts and minds.



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(**Apple**) or **Google Play (Android)**



Free behaviour support resources for schools and families

Have you heard of **My Family Coach**? It's an incredible free platform for schools and families for help and support with all areas of behaviour, school and family life.

The platform includes **over 50 hours of free support content** from the experienced team here at Team Teach. There's **articles, podcasts, videos, ebooks and quarterly online parent classes** that you and the families you support can attend and watch on-demand as well.

The resources and support cover a huge variety of topics and we're always adding more: Relationships, Communication, Mental wellbeing, Friendships, Bullying, Calming down, School life, Healthy living, At risk behaviour, Screen time.

And for this time of year, families might find articles on **understanding behaviour, managing changes to routines, how to enjoy a family Christmas, using family support for childcare in the holidays, supporting your child through the holidays** or **why self care isn't selfish** helpful.

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SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding at OLSP is always a priority. Should you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact our Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection: Miss Wathen, or Deputies: Mrs Blatchford or Mrs Emmerton on 01626 773905 Our named governor for child protection is Mrs Lorraine Coulter

WELFARE

Our Family Support Worker is Rachel Ripley. Please let us know if you would like her to contact you for ANY support. Everyone needs a Rachel in their lives!

ATTENDANCE

Hi, my name is Steph, I'm the Attendance and Welfare Officer here at OLSP. I monitor attendance regularly to ensure that, where possible, every child is in school on time every day. If you have any concerns around your child's attendance, please leave a message with the office and I will contact you.



CPOMS and Operation encompass

At OLSP we use CPOMs as our system for recording information that we consider to be safeguarding information. As a parent you are entitled to see this information and may request to do so.

Further information about the programme can be found [here](#) -

<https://www.cpoms.co.uk/privacy-statement/>

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.