

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



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Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way



Newsletter: 14th June 2024

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford

HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

Today has been a sad day as we have said 'goodbye' to Mrs Pearce. We have been so lucky to have had her support and commitment over the past few years and wish her all the best on her next journey.

We are sure you will not have escaped this week without seeing our Ofsted inspection report. I am so proud of our team, especially our children. The comments written are wonderful to hear, but there will be no sitting back for us. Onwards and upwards!

Please can I ask our families to really consider their availability on the 23rd June for our Ground Force Day. You may have noticed our school grounds are looking 'wild'. The company we used for maintaining our grounds have folded and we have been left in a difficult position. We are liaising with alternative companies, but meanwhile the beautiful nature around our school continues to grow. We would really appreciate any help we can, even if it is only for half an hour.

This is an incredibly busy term and there is a lot in the diary. Please do keep an eye on these dates. It is going to be a fun term!

Have a lovely weekend

God bless

Mrs Cathy Blatchford, Executive Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

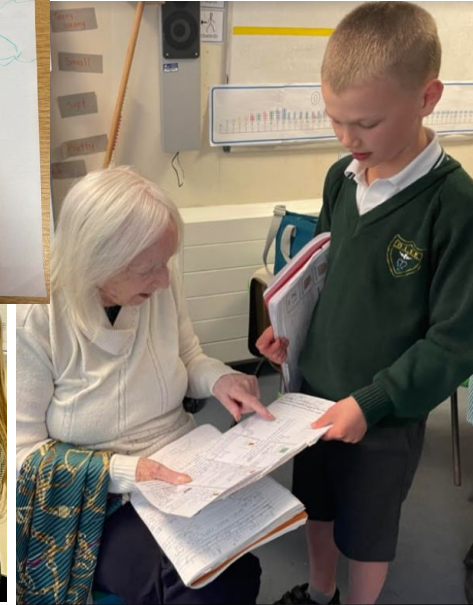
A Very Special Guest

After a couple of postponements, Year 4 finally had their visit from Joan, a resident of The White House care home in Teignmouth. As part of the "Just one wish" campaign, Joan very much wanted to return to the classroom to revisit her teaching days. The children prepared questions for Joan and listened intently to her responses. They shared their work with Joan and after the visit, they made a beautiful card and sent flowers to say thank you for the visit. Joan was overwhelmed and commented on the children's wonderful nature and behaviour.



Pictured left. The Chaplains have been making cards to wish our First Holy Communion children well, now that they have

finished preparations and will be making their First Holy Communion next weekend.



SUMMER 2 CLUBS:

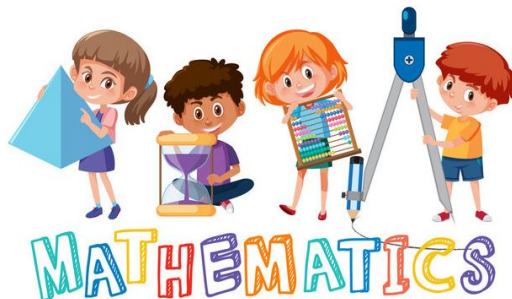
These clubs are running this half term;

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



- 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

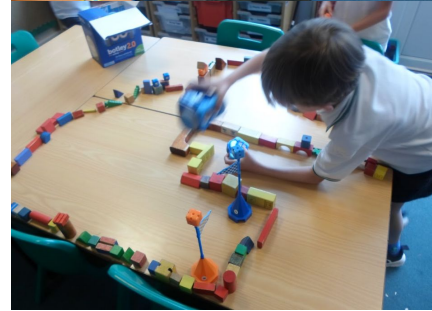


The children in Stars and Moons have had a special delivery to class in the form of 5 very wriggly caterpillars. They have really enjoyed observing them and watching them grow.



YEAR 1 & 2

The children in Mars class have thoroughly enjoyed continuing our STEM project this half-term. Last week, they were making mazes for their robots to navigate. They enjoyed writing algorithms to get their robots to the end!



YEAR 3 & 4

This week at OLSP, pupils from Class 3 & 4 participated in a Trail Art workshop where they learned about how they can transform recycled materials into pieces of art. The children were keen artists and extremely creative in their designs.



YEAR 5

We have had a great return to school and generally the weather has been better! Swimming was very successful last week and we are all looking forward to our final stint next week.

We are starting a new topic for humanities - Climate. We are growing tomatoes outside our class and hope to get some soon.



YEAR 6

The year 6s were lucky enough to spend a second day with the Trail Art artist and create a final piece for Teignmouth seafront. They learnt how they can transform recycled materials into pieces of art.

DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	3.06.24	10.06.24
	Faith	Fortitude
Early Years	Ivy	Florence
Y1 & Y2	Jayden	Arthur S
Y3	Muno	Paddy
Y4	Kamran	Ava
Y5	Archie B	Daniel
Y6	Willow	Thelma

STAR OF THE WEEK

	3.06.24	10.06.24
Early Years	Lumen	Emily V
Y1 & 2	Hattie	Vlad
Y3	Dorothy	Albie
Y4	Darcie W	Zach
Y5	Theo W	Billie-Jo
Y6	Julianna	Marnie



3rd - 14th June	
Reception	93.33%
Year 1/2	96.48%
Year 3	95.06%
Year 4	99.28%
Year 5	90.71%
Year 6	90.21%

Well done to Saturn! Also, well done to Mars for achieving 100% last week.

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 <small>190 days for your child's education</small>	<small>10 days absence</small> 180 Days of Education	<small>19 days absence</small> 171 Days of Education	<small>29 days absence A term missed</small> 161 Days of Education	<small>38 days absence</small> 152 Days of Education	<small>47 days absence</small> 143 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good <small>Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start</small>		Worrying <small>Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress</small>		Serious Concern <small>Not fair on your child. Court action!</small>	



Diary Dates

2nd July

Plymouth CAST leavers mass for Year 6 (Blessed Sacrament, Exeter)
Body Image workshops Years 5 and 6

17th - 20th June

KS2 Swimming lessons at Teignmouth Lido

4th July

Year 1/2 attending Mass at Shaldon Church

17th July

'Touch of the Wild' visit in school - KS1

5th July

2pm - 3pm Whole School Music Celebration
(more info to follow nearer the date)

18th June

Dartmoor 3Ball Competition (select pupils only)

8th July

Samba music workshops

20th June

Y1/2 Signs of summer Nature Reserve Walk

19th July

3.30pm - 8.30pm School Barbecue

21st June

Wear Yellow, White and Blue for St Aloysius and the Catholic Children's society
9.30am Swimming Gala Trinity School (select pupils only)

24th July

9am End of Year Mass

23rd June

11am OLSP Ground Force Day. All welcome

25th July

Last day of Summer Term

25th June

Faith Cultural Champions Workshops

25th September 2024

"Winston's Wish" - Wear your Wellies to School Day

1st July

Tempest taking Class Photographs

31st March 2024

Y6 residential to Barton Hall

YEAR 3/4 DARTMOOR 3BALL TEAM



On Tuesday the Year 3/4's participated in the Dartmoor schools Partnership in the annual local Dartmoor 3ball. After some hard fought games against other local schools, I'm proud to say we finished 3rd and have been invited to the Dartmoor Schools Finals. Big well done to our team and massive thank you to our new sponsor Nick Osborne and Plectrumb for our great new look. Can't wait to see OLSP teams in it more often.

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.

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.

We have lots of fun and exciting thing coming up this 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.

GROUND FORCE DAY

FROM 11AM SUNDAY 23RD JUNE.
WE WILL BE REPLACING THE HAND RAIL RUNNING DOWN THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY. IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO TO LEND A HAND WE WOULD BE SO GRATEFUL. IF YOU CANNOT JOIN US BUT HAVE A SANDER THAT WE COULD BORROW, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THAT TOO!

THERE WILL ALSO BE GENERAL WEEDING AND TIDYING TO DO.

Thank you!

Djembe/Hand Drum
Workshops
now offered at
School
with Justin



DRUM CLUB



Non-Uniform
next Friday!

To sign up, or for
more info contact
Devon Drum School:
devondrumschool@gmail.com
07966 488481

Non uniform day in support of
Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

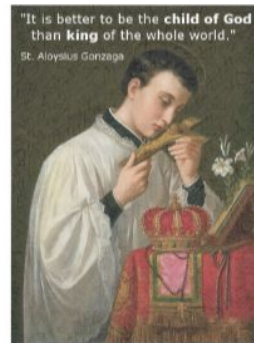
St Aloysius Day

FRIDAY, 21 JUNE 2024

Small donation to wear yellow, blue & white

St Aloysius is the patron
saint of Christian Youth
and Young Students. He
served the sick and
cared for those who
were poorly.

Please support CCSP to
help us to help local
children in need.



Please make a small donation in aid of the CATHOLIC
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Charity no. 282803



Catholic Children's Society
(Plymouth)

"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



**JOIN PIP, ZENA AND LIBRO
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The Secret Book Quest digital platform is quick and easy to sign up to online, where you can join Zena, Pip and Libro the cat on an exciting reading adventure. Signing up online will unlock access to The Secret Book Quest story, online games and downloadable activities!

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



There's a Tiger on the Train

Mariesa Dulak
Rebecca Cobb

There's a Tiger on the Train by Mariesa Dulak

On an extraordinary journey to the sea, a tiger boards the train, along with a jungle of other animals - all without Dad even looking up from his phone! *You'll never guess what happened, On our trip down to the sea . . . , A tiger in a top hat, Came and sat right next to me!* Off to the seaside they go on a rather . . . EXTRAORDINARY train journey. But will Dad ever look up from his phone? A boy and his dad board the train. Dad is stuck into his phone and misses the fact that a tiger boards the train too . . . and so does a family of hippos, and a band of crocs, and a mum with her piglets, and a pug in a boa - or two . . . On the way to the seaside pandemonium ensues, and then the tiger roars . . . Has he finally had enough? And what will Dad say? Will he even notice?

Scrap by Guy Bass

The year was Something Something. Humans had spread like peanut butter across the galaxy, looking for new planets to call Somewhere. One of those planets was Somewhere Five One Three. When the humans arrive on Somewhere 513, they discover that the robots sent to prepare the planet for Humanity's arrival have chosen to keep it for themselves. Only one robot remains loyal – K1-NG, aka King of the Robots. But even with the most powerful robot on their side, the outlawed humans don't stand a chance. Ten years on, Gnat and her sister Paige are the only humans left and have spent their lives hidden underground. Now they must venture out in search of the one robot that stood by the humans. There's just one problem – the once mighty K1-NG has vowed never to help another human for as long as he lives... The first in a hugely original and entertaining new trilogy



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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.

It's all available 24/7 and completely free! To access the platform as a parent or a school, simply visit the **My Family Coach website** and create an account.

Are you missing out?

More money for your school!



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Check your eligibility today for Free School Meals

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE



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.