

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



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Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way



Newsletter: 10th May 2024

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford

HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

I hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend and managed to find some sunshine. First of all a massive thank you to all of those who completed the school survey for our canonical inspection. Our inspectors were very impressed with the positivity and the obvious wonderful community surrounding our school. We are expecting the report back within three weeks and can't wait to show you what has been said about our lovely school.

We have again been impressed this year with the quality of the Junior Speaks entrants. Year on year the numbers increase and more and more children are attempting the public speaking competition. We are very proud of each and every one of them and were highly entertained during the finals on Wednesday. Congratulations to all our winners that received WHSmiths vouchers and well done to all who took part.

The weather is warming up and therefore please do ensure your child is sun safe for the day. Sun cream before school and a cap/sun hat to wear out at break time is advisable. We will be encouraging the children to drink plenty of water.

God Bless to you all.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford
Executive Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Pentecost

We will be celebrating Pentecost as a school during a Mass on Friday 17th May. Parents and Carers are warmly invited to attend to mark this special day with us. Mass will start at 10am.



Ascension Mass

A parishioner has written to the school to say that she attended Ascension day mass in Shaldon yesterday and just wanted to say how wonderful the children were. "It was such a pleasure to see them there."
Well done Year 3!

Our Laudato Si' Award

14th March 2024

Dear Mrs Blatchford,

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth is a charity which is under the direction of the Diocese of Plymouth. Our role is to be a witness to the Gospel by encouraging and supporting Catholic social action and integrating it into the structures of the Church.

We like to recognise and share the great work taking place in our parishes and schools, responding to Jesus' example and teaching by reaching out to the most poor and vulnerable.

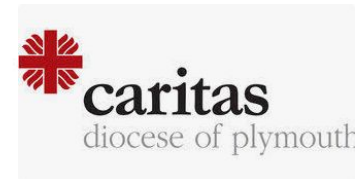
We have been very impressed by the work of your School Chaplains and the tremendous effort by them and your staff to be of service to our global family, through your Fairtrade week.

We would like to offer a Laudato Si' certificate of thanks to your school as a recognition of your work. Please pass on our appreciation to all your staff and pupils for showing us faith in action.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Deeny".

Canon John Deeny
Chair Caritas Diocese of Plymouth



SUMMER 1 CLUBS:

These clubs are running this half term;

Please use this link to sign your child up



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8W1lqk0M3BC_Nx-UZbUMqmDZcys6sIeZwwwsldllUZnZcCQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

- Carnival Club Mondays 3:15 - 4:15pm (starts 22nd April)
- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4pm
- KS2 Girls Football Club Wednesdays - 3:15pm - 4:15pm (Mr Stamp)
- KS2 Boys Football Club Wednesdays - 3:15pm - 4:15pm (Mr Mason)
- Lego club Thursday 3:15 - 4:15pm (Miss Humphrey)
- Yr1 - 6 Badminton Fridays 3:15pm - 4:30pm (Premier Sport)



You are invited...



to Premier Education's extracurricular activities!



Here's what's on near you...

Our Lady St Patricks Primary School Afterschool Club

Friday's : Badminton

Cost: 0

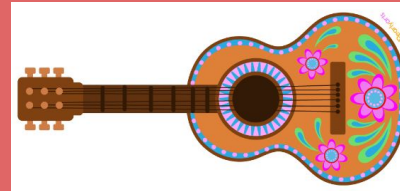
Time: 15:15 - 16:30 Age: 5-11

Dates: Friday 19th April - Friday 24th May



Thursday 16th May Menu Change

The kitchen will be holding a mexican themed menu next Thursday. The mains will be as listed on the poster opposite. There will still be Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches and Tomato Pasta alongside these options. Please share these choices with your children before Thursday morning.



EARLY YEARS

The children have enjoyed the good weather this week with lots of opportunities to be outside.



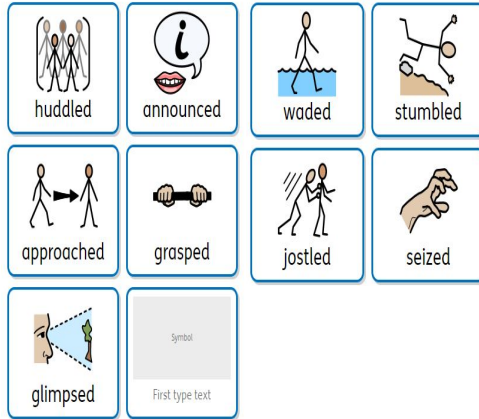
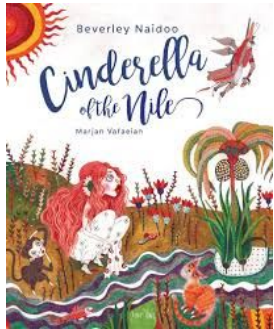
YEAR 1 & 2

The children in years 1 and 2 have been learning about how hospitals and healthcare have changed throughout time. They were particularly interested in finding out how Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell helped improve hospitals so many years ago. This week, they looked at events in the past and had to order them in chronological order to make a timeline. They also loved looking at the timeline on the way up to school.



YEAR 3

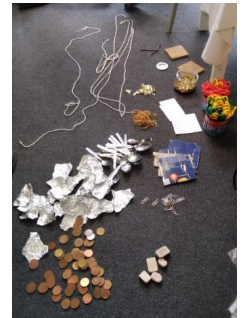
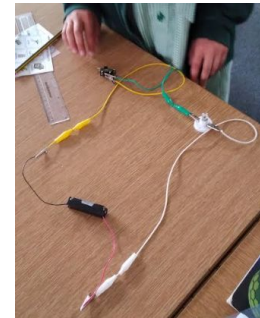
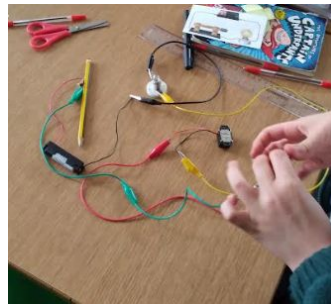
This week the children have been looking at a new story for our writing unit. Cinderella of the Nile. We have picked it apart for some vocabulary and then acted out some of the parts.



YEAR 4

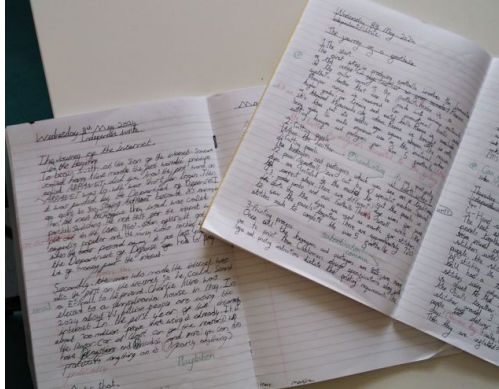
Class 4 continue to learn about electricity with regards to experimenting with simple electrical circuits. Recently, the children learnt about the role of conductors and insulators and thought about what else they could add to a circuit for it to work.

Pupils used a range of different materials and pieces of equipment to see if it will power their circuit.



YEAR 5

Year 5 are working hard in maths and english. We are mastering the use of protractors and writing about the journey of ordinary things. Some excellent work is being created. Well done Year 5.



YEAR 6

Deacon Anthony visited class 6 to help them understand the role of a deacon in the church. In their RE lesson, The children had learnt about Stephen, the first Deacon.

He explained what he did and the children were engaged with questions they wanted to ask him.

Thank you Deacon Anthony for visiting class 6.





Thank you for being a

SCHOOL FOR NATURE

Awarded to

Our Lady and St Patrick's School

By making your school a little wilder,
you are helping to bring back nature.

David Attenborough
Sir David Attenborough

SAVE OUR
WILD ISLES



School For Nature Award

Earlier in the year, the children participated in the National RSPB Bird Watch. We submitted our data online to be part of the UK data.

Yesterday (on David Attenborough's birthday!) we received this certificate and a special message acknowledging the children's effort and contribution. Well done to all the children that took part and thank you to Mrs Emmerton for arranging this.

DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	29.04.24	06.05.24
	love	peace
Early Years	Evie	Nate
Y1 & Y2	Steffan	Sarah-Anne
Y3	Emilia	Fitzgerald
Y4	Caitlyn	Hrishwin
Y5	Sebastian	Paris
Y6	Rosie	Julianna

STAR OF THE WEEK

	29.04.24	06.05.24
Early Years	Audrey	Billy
Y1 & 2	Sophie	Daisy
Y3	Izzy	Jake
Y4	Molly	Joey
Y5	Elsa	Kody
Y6	Ava	Archie



29th April - 10th May	
Reception	96.43%
Year 1/2	96.55%
Year 3	95.42%
Year 4	97.59%
Year 5	97.04%
Year 6	82.80%

Well done to Saturn class !

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

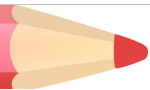
To request that your child is absent from school for a holiday, please complete an S2 form, these can be picked up from the school office. Ensure that you specify any exceptional circumstances. You will receive confirmation of whether the absence will be authorised or not. If you take your child out 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



10th June

Trail Art project - Y6 only

2.40pm Year 6 Class

WB 13th May

SATS week for Year 6

12th June

Year 4 Rearranged Exeter Museum trip

13th May

2.40pm Year 4 Class Liturgy (Parents/Carers invited)

1st July

Tempest taking Class Photographs

16th May

School dinner Mexican theme day "Fiesta Fun"

2 July

Plymouth CAST leavers mass for Year 6 (Blessed Sacrament, Exeter)

17th May

10am Mass for Pentecost (Parents/Carers invited)

4th July

Year 1/2 attending Mass at Shaldon Church

19th May

Pentecost

5th July

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

20th May

2.40pm Year 5 Class Liturgy (Parents/Carers invited)
NO CARNIVAL CLUB AFTER SCHOOL TODAY

8th July

Samba music workshops

27th May

Half Term Holiday

19th July

3.30pm - 8.30pm School Barbecue

3rd June

INSET Day (Non-Pupil)

24th July

9am End of Year Mass

5th June

Trail Art Workshops

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.

Friends News!

We have lots of exciting things coming up during the summer term.

If you can help at any of our events please get in touch via our email friends@olsp.uk or via our Facebook page.

We are looking for helpers from class ½ to help with our cake sale on 22nd May.



Friends of OLSP

CAKE SALE

Friday 22nd May
3:15pm

Sugar and spice and everything nice.

Bake it or buy it, it will still fetch a good price.

Whatever you give us, would be very kind, for the new equipment we have in mind.

We are asking for cake donations
from class 1/2 please.

"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
ON THEIR NEW ONLINE ADVENTURE

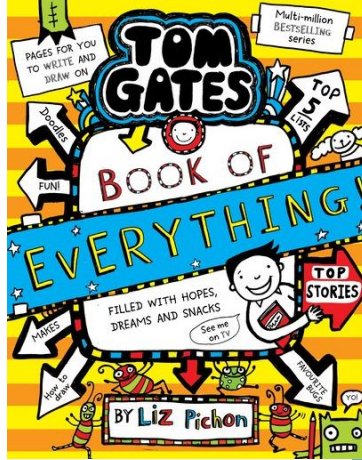
The Secret Book Quest digital platform is quick and easy to sign up to online, where you can join Zena, Pip and Libro the cat on an exciting reading adventure. Signing up online will unlock access to The Secret Book Quest story, online games and downloadable activities!

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

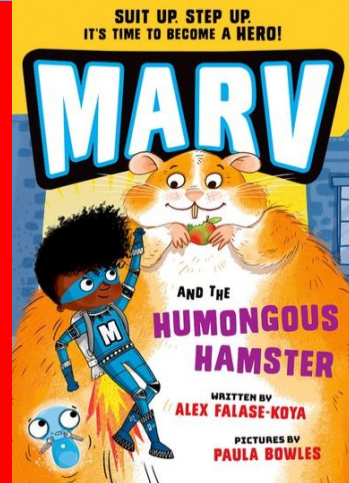


Tom Gates Book of Everything by Liz Pichon

This must-have journal for all Tom Gates fans is packed full of brand-new activities, creative makes, and original stories. Includes pages for recording words that make you laugh, sticking photos of your friends pulling funny faces, making a Christmas decoration, summer reading lists and much, much more! Leave boredom behind in the honest, silly and laugh-out-loud funny world of Tom Gates. The Book of Everything provides endless hours of doodling fun and is full of brilliant activities to fill in all year round. Author Liz Pichon has won countless children's book prizes for the Tom Gates series and this latest interactive instalment is no exception. Perfect for reluctant readers, fans of Roald Dahl or David Walliams, and any boys & girls who love to laugh themselves silly.

Marv and the Humongous Hamster by Alex Falase-Koya

In this new instalment of Marv's adventures disaster strikes when Dr Boom shows up with his latest invention, accidentally making Nibbles, the classroom hamster, HUMONGOUS! It's time for Marvin to get in his super-suit and become Marv-unstoppable! Can he put an end to Dr Boom's mischief and rescue Nibbles? The Marv series is perfect for children just starting their independent reading journey, with two-colour illustrations that make the story more accessible and engaging. With plenty of other stories in the series, children can join Marv as he overcomes a number challenges, learning about friendship, courage, resilience and much more along the way!"



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Times: 09:00AM - 03:30PM

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Ages: 5 - 12 Years Old

Additional info:

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Suitable clothing
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School Website Free App

Parents and Carers have access to a free app, linking you to our School Website. If you download the app, you will receive a notification every time information is added or updated on our website. This is a very useful tool that we are hoping as many Parents and Carers will make use of as possible. Please use the qr code below to access the download. Or search for “eSchools Lite” in the **App Store**

(**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.

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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.