

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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HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

We are quickly coming to the end of January and already so much has been packed in. We do seem to have a few families that are not quite getting to school on time and are delaying the start of lessons. Please do remember the school gates should be locked at 8:45am as this is the time that lessons start. If your child is regularly late, they not only miss out on valuable learning, but disrupt the learning of others as the teacher will need to revisit information with them.

Please do remember that curriculum information for each class is updated half termly on our website on the class pages: http://www.olsp-rc.com/web/class_pages If there is something more you wish to know, just ask!

There are also many posts uploaded to our facebook page to help you see the kind of thing our children are getting involved in. Please do follow our page and we would love to have some positive reviews: <https://www.facebook.com/olsp.uk>

The clubs for the next half term are added on to this newsletter. Do take a look.

Have a lovely weekend
God Bless

Mrs Cathy Blatchford
Executive Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

This week, the pupil chaplains are preparing for a Fair trade assembly next Tuesday 30th January. They will be giving an outline of what Fair Trade is and are also hoping to run a Fair Trade tuck shop in a couple of weeks depending on if they can obtain supplies for this.

Fair Trade means that we are good stewards of the planet by protecting both God's people and the planet through our economic choices. Our faith calls us to demonstrate special concern for the most vulnerable members of our human family, and take concrete actions on their behalf.



Fair trade allows us to exercise a preference for the poor every day through the choices we make about what we eat, drink and buy.

SPRING 1 TERM CLUBS:

So far, these clubs are confirmed to be running after the half term holiday.

(Google form will be sent out when all clubs are confirmed)

- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4pm
- Multi-Sports Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (Year 1/2/3 only)
- Year 3/4 Gardening Club (First-come, first-served as places are limited)
- Maths SATS booster club (year 6). Thursday 3.15pm-4pm.
- Lacrosse - Premier Sport Fridays 3:15 - 4:30pm



EARLY YEARS

Stars and Moons having been learning about Jesus' miracles this week we have been looking at the story of how Jesus fed the 5000 with only 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. We looked at the process of making bread and the children were shocked at how long it took with even a bread machine. But safe to say the children have been enjoying their bread at snack time.



YEAR 1 & 2

Mars class went on a fabulous 'Winter walk' last week to the Nature Reserve. In Science, we are learning about the four seasons. During our walk we were hunting for signs of winter. We found lots of evidence that we are in winter.



YEAR 3

This week year 3 have been working really hard on our reading and learning our text 'Where the Wild Things are.' So for our VIPERS we role played the story and inferred how Max was feeling so we had many 'Wild Things' in the classroom. But all of them learnt their lesson and still had a warm dinner when they got home.



YEAR 4

Throughout this term, Class have been learning about the Romans about their different jobs and what daily life was like as a Roman. For our history lesson this week, the children had thought about how the Romans had lived with what they used for entertainment, food, technology and hygiene.



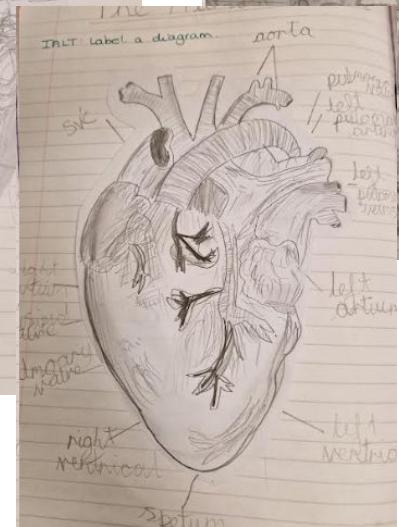
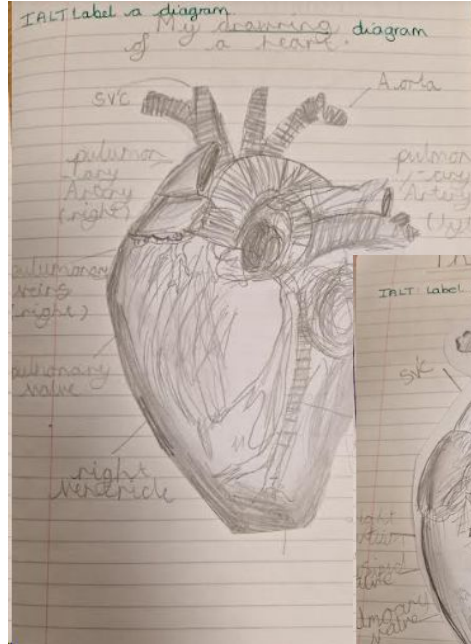
YEAR 5

Year 5 are developing their artistic skills learning about Viking art. We have some great examples. We had a lovely morning celebrating Mass with Father Mark. A big thank you to Zach and Patrick who read beautifully in front of the whole congregation. Well done.



YEAR 6

Year 6 are really enjoying science this academic year. I wanted to demonstrate some of their amazing scientific drawings of the human heart.



PROUD AT OLSP

Celia qualified for, and this weekend swam in, the Devon County swimming championships at Plymouth life centre for her 200m freestyle ! She was very brave!

We are all very proud of you from OLSP!





PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP EVERY MONDAY

From Monday 26th February, we are holding a Parent and Toddler Group in our Nursery, from 8.45am until 10am. This group is open to all and you are very welcome! Please come along and bring your friends who have little ones too! We would love to meet them and show them our lovely Early Years Foundation Stage.



parent and Toddler Group



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	15.1.24	22.1.24
	Tolerance	Integrity
Early Years	Emily	Polly
Y1 & Y2	Ted	Eleanor
Y3	Jake	Eliza
Y4	Darcie W	Oscar Sum
Y5	Zach	George
Y6	Riley	Mia

STAR OF THE WEEK

	15.1.24	22.1.24
Early Years	Ivy	Rune
Y1 & 2	Arthur S	Florence
Y3	Max	Sonny
Y4	Zach	Indya
Y5	Theo Wrey	Ada
Y6	Charly	Namatirayi



3rd January - 12th January	
Reception	97.73%
Year 1/2	95.27%
Year 3	95.76%
Year 4	97.93%
Year 5	96.25%
Year 6	85.10%

Well done to Saturn!

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

It's coming up to the time of year when you may be thinking about going on holiday. 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>	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 <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>	

		1st March	St David's Day 3pm Friends Cake Sale (Years 3 and 4)
2nd February	Numbers day. Wear numbers or dress as a number. Please bring a £1 donation for NSPCC 3pm Friends Cake Sale (Year 5 and 6) Candlemas	15th March	10am Mass for St Patrick in School 5pm - 7.15pm Friends St Patrick's Day Disco
5th-11th February	Children's Mental Health Week	28th March	Last day of Spring Term Friends Easter Non-Uniform and Easter Bonnet Competition
6th February	Safer Internet Day	15th April	Summer Term Starts
7th February	Friends "Break the Rules Day"	15th - 19th April	Y6 Residential
10th - 24th February	Chinese New Year	6th May	May Day bank holiday
12th February	Half Term Holiday	7th May	10am Mass for Pentecost in School
14th February	Ash Wednesday and St Valentine's Day	9th May	Year 3 attending Mass at Shaldon Church
19th February	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)	WB 13th May	SATS week for Year 6
24th February	Stand up to bullying	27th May	Half Term Holiday
March	Women's History Month	3rd June	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)
1st March	St David's Day	4th July	Year 1/2 attending Mass at Shaldon Church
4th - 17th March	Fair trade Fortnight	5th July	2pm - 3pm Whole School Music Celebration
6th March	World Book Day (children to dress as a page , or a character from their favourite type of book)	24th July	9am End of Year Mass
7th March	Year 4 attending Mass at Shaldon Church	25th July	Last day of Summer Term

Friends News!

Friends of OLSP

CAKE Sale

a fundraiser for the school
playground



Don't Miss It

FRIDAY 2ND FEB
YEARS 5&6 TO
BRING IN CAKE
DONATIONS
PLEASE.

SUGGESTED RULES THAT CAN BE BROKEN!

- WEAR TRAINERS INSTEAD OF SCHOOL SHOES.
- HAVE WILD/COLOURFUL HAIR.
- EAT YOUR PUDDING FIRST AT LUNCH TIME.
- WEAR NAIL POLISH.
- WEAR A NON SCHOOL UNIFORM JUMPER.
- HAVE A TEMPORARY TATTOO.
- WEAR THE WRONG TROUSERS.

RULES THAT CANNOT BE BROKEN.

- BE READY
- BE RESPECTFUL
- BE SAFE

SUGGESTED
DONATION OF 50P
PER BROKEN RULE.

OLSP BREAK THE RULES DAY! 7TH FEB 2024



All funds raised go
towards much needed
improvements to the
school grounds.

The Friends of OLSP

Cake Sale

Friday 1st March

Years 3&4 to bring in cake donations please.



A fundraiser for the school playground

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.

Are you missing out?

More money for your school!



Nutritious meal every day!



Access to free holiday clubs!



More teachers, trips, and activities!



Check your eligibility today for Free School Meals

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



Autism Empowerment Webinar

This one-hour lunchtime webinar is a brief exploration of how Autism can present, the history of Autism, diagnosis as well as differences in communication and social interaction. We will also be looking at how the environment can impact on someone with sensory processing challenges.

The main aim of this webinar is to focus on the many strengths autistic individuals have and how we can increase understanding and Neuro-inclusivity through education and raising awareness.

"For every person who understands Autism better, another Autistic person will be happier."

Libby Scott, Autistic Author (at age 11)



Webinars are held on Zoom on the following dates:

Thursday 29th February 12:30 to 13:30

Friday 29th March 12:30 to 13:30

Friday 26th April 12:30 to 13:30

At the end of the webinar, you will receive a certificate of attendance that will be emailed to your given email address.

The cost of this one-hour webinar is only £5.50!

To book your place on the webinar please either scan the QR code below or go to: www.theautismtrainingnetwork.com/training



"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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Teignmouth Library
£2

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FLYING WITH STRINGS

With artists Sarah Vigers and Louis Bingham

Flying with Strings is a theatre collaboration between puppeteer Sarah Vigers and musician Louis Bingham. Join them for a spectacular puppet show performance and an accompanying marionette making workshop.

Inspired by the avian world of Britain, Europe and Africa, this interactive show features intricate string puppetry and live music. See the puppets in action and learn about the world of birds. Find out how we can protect our native bird life, for a better tomorrow!

Get tickets at Eventbrite or by
contacting Teignmouth library
Suitable for ages 5 -11



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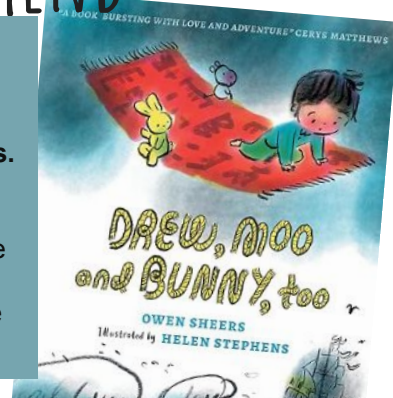


EXETER
LIVE BETTER

THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

Drew, Moo and Bunny, too by Owen Sheers

A beautiful, lyrical story of a little boy and his two best friends, told in enchanting verse by renowned poet Owen Sheers and magnificently illustrated by award-winning artist Helen Stephens. Poet Owen Sheers and award-winning illustrator Helen Stephens have beautifully imagined the story of a little boy named Drew who sets off on an adventure with his best friends, Bunny and Moo. As the three fly around the world on a magic rug, powered by the friendship they share, they run into pirates and trouble on the dark sea. Can the three best friends find what they need to return home?



Have You Seen Mikki Olsen? By Alex MacDonald

This heartwarming story about a missing toy will amuse and comfort your little one. Read at bedtime for a soothing sendoff. Penguin has a favourite teddy called Mikki Olsen. Whatever Penguin does, wherever Penguin goes, Mikki is always right there next to him. After a very tiring day, Penguin rushes to bed. When he wakes up, Mikki has vanished! But **can you spot** where he might be? A calming, reassuring story about **lost things hiding right under your nose**. *Have You Seen Mikki Olsen?* teaches your child key skills and helps with their development by: Providing sensory stimulation with colourful illustrations by fine artist Alex Macdonald, teaching them to quickly find things on a page, introducing arctic climates, demonstrating the shared love of a favourite toy, reassuring them about missing items, keeping the mind sharp with small details to spot on each read, cute and colourful, this book is a joyous read for toddlers. Inspire giggles and calm from your child as they gleefully point out the bright pink toy on each page.

HAVE YOU SEEN MIKKI OLSEN?



ALEX MACDONALD





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 new Attendance and Welfare Officer here at OLSP. I will be monitoring 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.