

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

OLSP is as busy as ever and there has been lots going on as usual. Our welcome mass was beautiful and we were so proud of our children. Even our 4 year olds sat and reflected with reverence and respect.

We also welcomed our first ever magician to the school and fun was had by all that attended.

We have made great headway with the next steps agreed with Ofsted and our Early Years team have been amazing us with the revamped curriculum. I can not believe how much our little ones have been writing in their school books already.

We hope you are liking the new focus on positive Dojo points. All children have been working hard to get as many points as they can. I am sure it will not be long until certificates are being handed out. Our Pupil Leadership Team are putting together a shop of ideas for how the Dojo points can be spent. Watch this space!

Finally we mentioned in the last newsletter that we are holding a Poetry Slam on the 11th October at 2pm. Children from Year 1-6 will be performing a poem with their class, but are also invited to do a group or individual entry. Please help them practice at home. We still have some small space for a few parents. If you would like to join us, please let the office know.

Have a lovely weekend and God bless to you all.

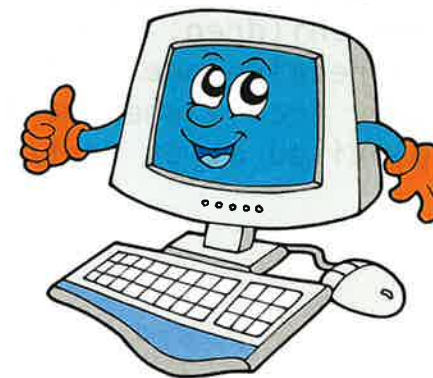
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Executive Head Teacher

AUTUMN 1 TERM CLUBS:



So far this term, the following clubs will be running.

- Multi - Sports Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (Year 5 and 6 only)
- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4pm
- Drama Club Thursdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (This club is now full but please contact school office if your child would like to join and we will start a waiting list)
- Coding Club Fridays 3:15 - 4:15pm (This club is now full but please contact school office if your child would like to join and we will start a waiting list)
- Fencing with Premier Sport Fridays 3:15 - 4:30pm



EARLY YEARS

The children have loved using the new and re-vamped outside area and equipment. We have a new sensory space, chalk boards and as you will have noticed a new larger water area. We have been exploring how we can get the water to 'travel' from one area to another.



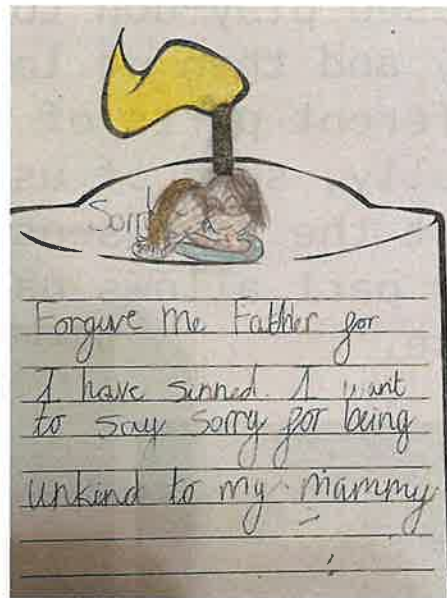
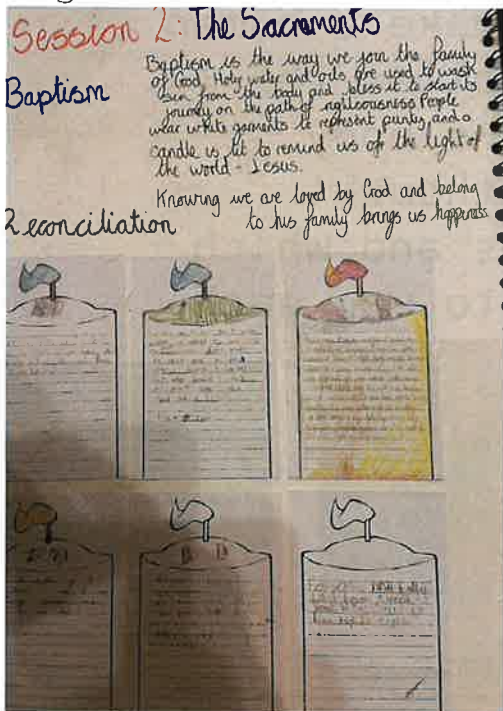
YEAR 1 & 2

In Mars class we have been learning about the human body. We began singing, 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes' which we all knew really well! Next, we used play-doh to make a human body and then we labelled the different parts of the body. Finally, some of us thought about the five senses and which body part allows us to use each sense.



YEAR 3

This week we have been looking at reconciliation and baptism as part of our PSHE unit. We looked at why people get baptised and what happens when people go to confession. We all wrote our own confession candles praying to God about what we are sorry for and asking God for forgiveness.



YEAR 4

In Saturn, the children have been decorating functional art pieces using natural materials from the school's playground and field. The children had a choice on choosing which functional form they could decorate.

All of the children had fantastic, innovative ideas which was great to see how they decorated a functional form.



YEAR 5

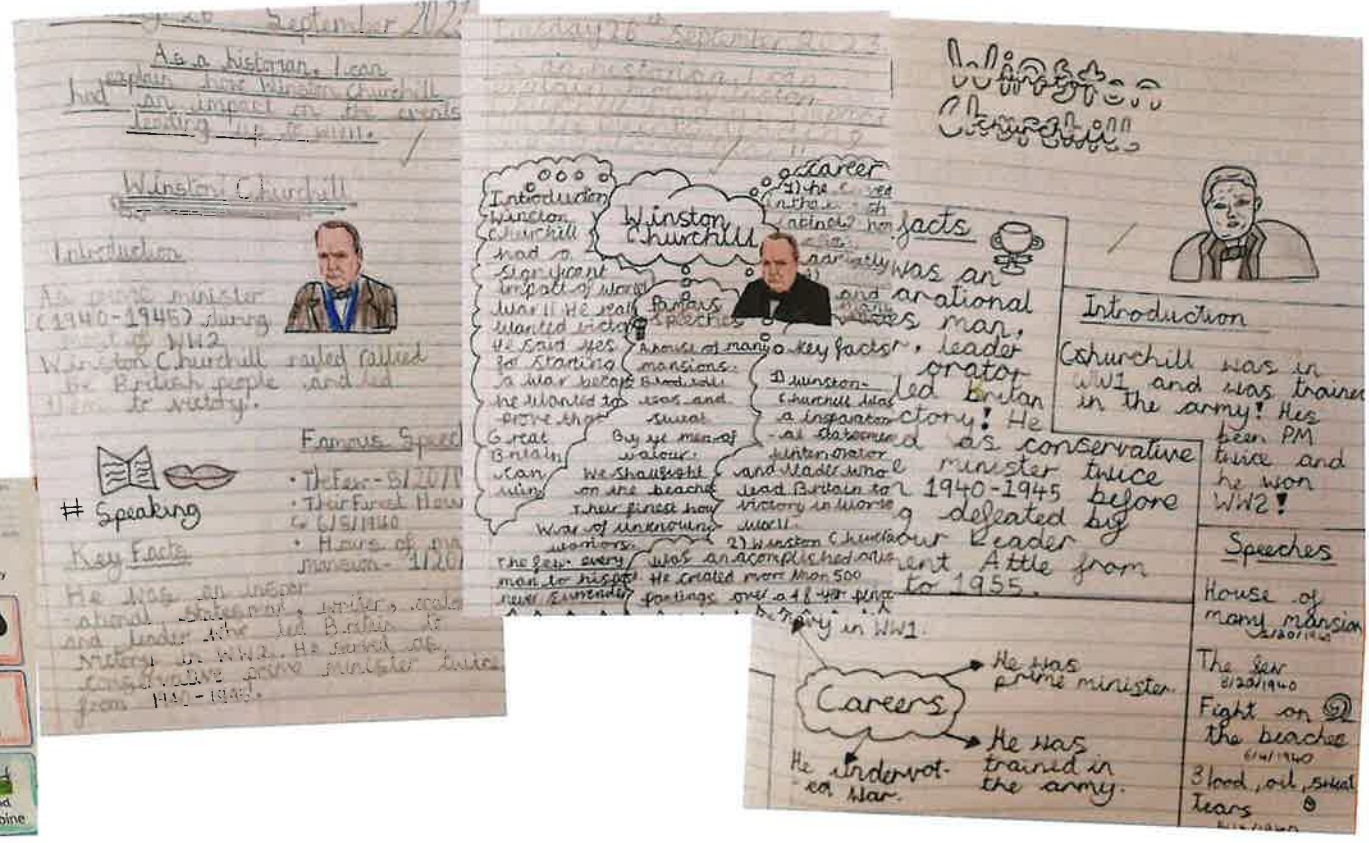
YEAR 6

For the past two weeks we have been learning about world trade with a focus on the trade between the USA and the UK. We looked in detail at what we export and import.

We have finished our English unit referencing Kensuke's Kingdom where year 5 have been learning to show emotions, feelings and atmosphere by showing not telling. We also played our first touch rugby game in PE. Year 5 are a competitive class demonstrating good teamwork.



Year 6 have been learning lots about World War II, with a focus on how the war began. They have learnt about the prime ministers; Neville Chamberlain and Winston Churchill. The children completed some learning about the impact Winston Churchill had on World War II. They created non-chronological reports about Winston Churchill. Here are some fabulous examples below.



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

| | 18.9.23 | 25.9.23 |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| | Peace | Tolerance |
| Early Years | Hughie | Miles |
| Y1 & 2 | Evelyn | Patrick |
| Y3 | Paddy | Josh R |
| Y4 | Darcey F | Ossie |
| Y5 | Theo F | Freddie G |
| Y6 | Clarke | Rosie |



STAR OF THE WEEK

| | 18.9.23 | 25.9.23 |
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| Early Years | Henry | Rune |
| Y1 & 2 | Ted | Scarlett |
| Y3 | Sonny | Dorothy |
| Y4 | Ivie | Kamran |
| Y5 | Achie B | Mia |
| Y6 | Riley | Clarke |



'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

THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

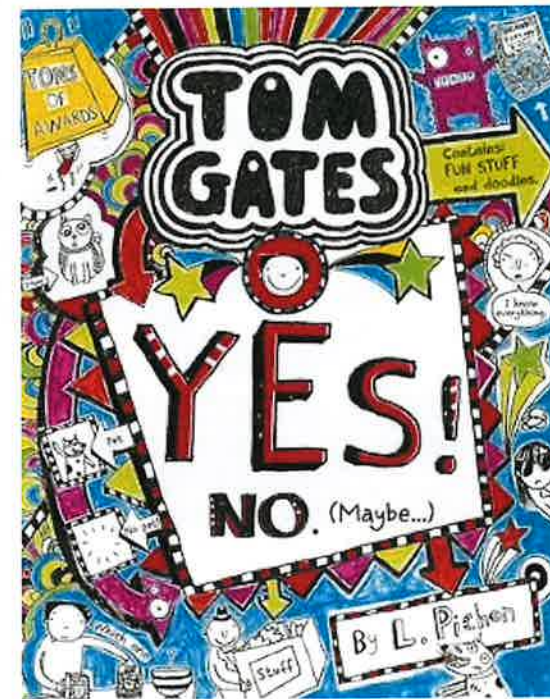
Tom Gates; Yes, No, Maybe by L Pichen

From the winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, the Best Book for Younger Readers - Red House Children's Book Award, the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 5 - 12 year-olds and the Blue Peter Best Story Book Award 2013, comes the eighth amazing instalment of this brilliant series!

Congratulations and Well Done!

It was so lovely to hear that many of our children took place in the local Library's Summer Reading Challenge to read at least 6 books over the summer. The children listed completed the challenge; how nice to see such a broad spectrum of age groups taking part.

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| Jacob | Nursery | Lyra | Year 4 |
| Rune | Reception | Oscar | Year 4 |
| Sarah-Anne | Year 1 | Zach | Year 4 |
| Evelyn | Year 1 | Olivia | Year 4 |
| Raphael | Year 2 | Grace | Year 4 |
| Estrella | Year 3 | Jasmine | Year 4 |
| Eliza | Year 3 | Stephanie | Year 4 |
| Kaya | Year 4 | Freddie | Year 5 |
| | | Juliana | Year 6 |



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More money for your school!

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Contact: 0345 155 1019

Have Fun!

Wild CATS
GIRLS FOOTBALL

The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football

TIME AND DATE
09:00 SATURDAY'S

LOCATION
TEIGNMOUTH

PLEASE CONTACT THE TEAM ON: 07966 055740

NEXT STEPS
Head to www.englandfootball.com/WeetabixWildcats to book your first session, or contact us to find out more INFO@SELECTSOCCER.CO.UK

Libraries Unlimited

GREAT BIG CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE!

FRIDAY 6TH & SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER
Teignmouth Library

Come and see what wonderful children's books we have for sale - all proceeds go to the Libraries Unlimited Charity who run your lovely Library.

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Chess Club

MONDAYS 15:30 - 17:30

DROP IN SESSION - ALL WELCOME
AT TEIGNMOUTH LIBRARY

Libraries Unlimited

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Diary Dates

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| 29th September | 3pm - 4pm EYFS Bake Sale | 3rd January 2024 | Spring Term Starts |
| 3rd October | Parents' Evening (more info to follow) | 18th January 2024 | Year 6 KS2 Explore the Orchestra Concert - Exeter 2024 |
| 4th October | 3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents Evening for 1/2 as can't do Thursday | 12th February 2024 | Half Term Holiday |
| 5th October National Poetry Day | Parents' Evening Out of this world school lunch theme day (change to usual menu choices- menu will be emailed next week) | 19th February 2024 | INSET Day (Non-Pupil) |
| 6th October | TCS Q and A session with year 6 | 28th March 2024 | Last day of Spring Term |
| 11th October | 1:30pm Poetry slam in the school hall for Year 1-Year 6. We will have a small amount of space for any parents that want to join us, but please let the school office know if you would like to come as there will not be much room. Parents that themselves are happy to share a poem will be most warmly welcomed. | 15th April 2024 | Summer Term Starts |
| 18th October | 1pm - 2pm South West Water visit for Class 6 - linked to climate change | 29th April to 3rd May 2024 | Y6 Residential |
| 19th October | 3:30pm – 4:30pm Friends' Colour Run | 6th May 2024 | May Day bank holiday |
| 23rd October | Half Term Holiday | WB 13th May | SATS week for Year 6 |
| 30th October | INSET Day (Non-pupil) All staff will be revisiting their ReadWriteInc training | 27th May 2024 | Half Term Holiday |
| 10th November | 3pm - 4pm EYFS Bake Sale | 3rd June 2024 | INSET Day (Non-Pupil) |
| 12th December | 2pm EY & KS1 Nativity (Information will be sent home nearer the time) | 5th July 2024 | 2pm - 3pm Whole School Music Celebration (more info to follow nearer the date) |
| 15th December | Last day of Autumn Term | 25th July 2024 | Last day of Summer Term |



**Friends of
OLSP
Autumn/Winter
events**

- Thursday 19th October - Colour Run.
- Saturday 22nd October - Ground Force Day.
- Saturday 25th November - Winter Wonderland Christmas Market.
- Tuesday 5th December - Christmas Gift Shop
- Thursday 7th December - Christmas Craft Sessions In School.

If you can help at any of these events please let us know. We really appreciate any help you can give.



**Ground
Force Day
Sunday 22nd October
From 11am**

Can you help?

Weeding, planting, painting and sweeping.

Let's show our school some love.

The school's tight budget doesn't always go round, so let's see what we can do. After the building workings over the holiday they need our help.

**JOIN US
FOR OUR**

Colour Run



**Thursday 19th October 2023
3:30pm at Our Lady and St
Patrick's School.**

**Collect your sponsor form
from the school office or
email friends@olsp.uk
Entry £2.50**



A Message from Steph, our Attendance and Welfare Officer

| 18th September - 29th September | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Reception | 95.69% |
| Year 1/2 | 96.83% |
| Year 3 | 97.78% |
| Year 4 | 95.74% |
| Year 5 | 93.33% |
| Year 6 | 94.50% |

Well done to Year 3!

“Please can I remind everyone that the school gates are open from 8:30am. All pupils are expected to be in their classrooms, ready to learn by 8:45am. The gates will be shut at 8:45am, arriving after this time will mean your child will get a late code in the register. I will be monitoring lates this term and will contact you if your child accrues 5 or more to see whether I can support you with this. “

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 | | | | | |
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| 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>23 days absence</small> 152 Days of Education | <small>27 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> | |

ASTHMA AWARENESS

Asthma affects more than 300 million people worldwide including 11.6% of children aged 6 to 7 years. In the UK, over 8 million people, or approximately 12% of the population, have been diagnosed with asthma.



- 1 million children in the UK are receiving treatment for asthma.
- Less than 25% of children with asthma have a personalised asthma action plan (PAAP).
- Nearly half have had an asthma attack in the previous year.
- 30% have had daytime symptoms in the previous week

Please make the school aware if your child has asthma or symptoms of asthma. We ask that 2 reliever inhalers are provided to school, one to be kept in the classroom and 1 in the school office. If you have any issues getting an inhaler due to supply issues please let us know.

If you would like to discuss your child's health needs please make an appointment with Mrs O'Sullivan or Mrs Emmerton via the school office.
Always inform the school office of any changes to conditions or medication.

Any children in school with known medical conditions or allergies have their own Health Care Plan drawn up alongside parents and other professionals. Which details the risks and what to do in an emergency. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/asthma/>



SAFEGUARDING

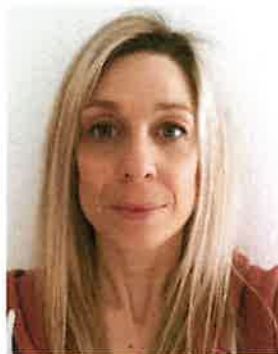
Safeguarding at OLSP is always a priority. Should you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact our Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection: Miss Wathen, or Deputies: Mrs Blatchford or Mrs Emmerton on 01626 773905 Our named governor for child protection is Mrs Lorraine Coulter

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.

