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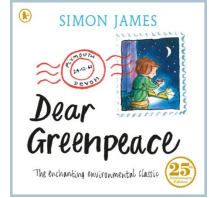
Newsletter: 1st March 2024

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford

HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

It seems like all our classes are going robot mad! What great fun our children have been having. Thank you for all your support providing junk for the modelling. What a great start to our project.

We were thrilled to welcome Simon James into our school on Wednesday. He has written many books, but one many of us already know is Dear Greenpeace. It is always exciting for the children to meet a real live author and Simon did not disappoint. His drawings were delightful. Several managed to purchase signed copies of his books too.



If anyone would like to tune in to Radio Devon on Sunday morning at around 8am you might just hear me talking about the work we are doing to raise money for CAFOD and our Big Lent Walks. Our Year 3 and 4 have started doing their mile a day to raise money and are clocking up their mileage. A special thank you to Nama, Willow, Rosie and Gracie who have had their opinions recorded ready for the show. If you haven't done so already, please do donate to our Just Giving page.

Don't forget it is parents evenings next week. Children love for their parents to see what goes on in their classroom and talk about how well they are doing and what their next steps are. Please make sure you have made an appointment through the office.

And finally, please do complete our parent survey. We have had some great feedback so far. Do keep responses constructive as it helps us to shape our next steps.

Have a lovely weekend and God bless to you all

Mrs Cathy Blatchford
Executive Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

CAFOD
Just one world



Big Lent Walk

We are so excited about our Big Lent Walk that we are doing for Lent this year. We are confident that we will meet the target of at least 200 km (collectively) over the lenten period and hope to raise money for CAFOD.

Our Year 5s and 6s will be doing a long distance walk from school to Dawlish on 20th March. They will be accompanied by some parishioners also, after having a quick lunch in the parish rooms.

Please tell your friends and extended family that all are very welcome to join us too!

Our Year 3 and 4 will be using our 'Mile a Day' initiative to clock up as many miles as they can across the 24 days at school during lent, starting on Monday 26th February.

Our Early Years and KS1 children will also be doing a one off walk on the 25th March, the details of which will be confirmed soon.

We are therefore asking parents, carers, parishioners and their extended families to do what they can to collect donations. Your donations can change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

We have created a Justgiving page and ask that you donate generously to see what we as a school community can do to support such a worthy cause.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/olsps-fundraising-page>

Let's see what a difference we as a community can make to this worthy cause.

Fair trade tuck shop

Our pupil chaplains worked tirelessly, preparing and running the Fair trade tuck shop this week. It proved so popular, the children were queuing through the corridor and stocks sold out in 2 days!

They raised £30 in profits which will also be given to CAFOD. Well done to the chaplains!

SPRING 2 TERM CLUBS:

These clubs will be running this half term

Please use this link to sign your child up

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-88w7mIMT6TVxRj6x2D5LGH8A5LJnboMFleJnCyZrKq2Vrw/viewform?usp=sf_link



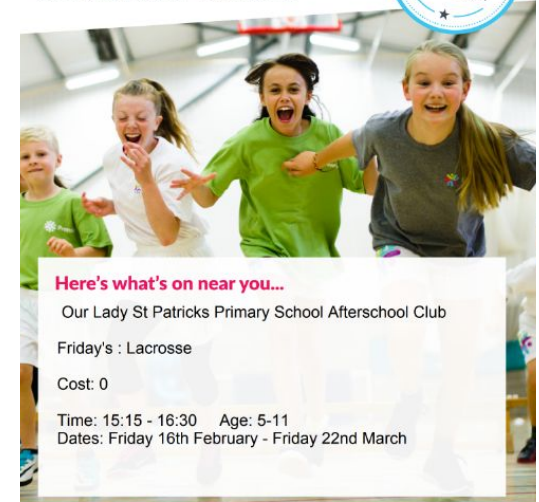
- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4pm
- Multi-Sports Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (Year 1/2/3 only)
- Year 3/4 Gardening Club Fridays 3.15pm - 4pm (First-come, first-served as places are limited)
- Maths SATS booster club (Year 6). Thursday 3.15pm-4pm.
- Lacrosse - Premier Sport Fridays 3:15 - 4:30pm



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 : Lacrosse

Cost: 0

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

Dates: Friday 16th February - Friday 22nd March

To discover the activities available and to book today, visit premier-education.com

EARLY YEARS



The children in Stars and Moons thoroughly enjoyed our author visit with Simon James. He was so inspiring that the children came back to class and went straight to the writing and drawing tables to be just like him.

Thank you to the friends for helping with the visit.

Also, a special thanks to everyone who has donated to the collection point for the food bank. It is still available if you are able to donate.

YEAR 1 & 2



The children in Mars Class loved the launch of our STEM project. They had a fantastic afternoon designing and making robots!



YEAR 3

Jupiter have started our dance unit this week. The theme is robots to go with our STEM project. The children were learning to move in unison and came up with a routine to simulate a robot in pairs.



YEAR 4

Saturn class produced some excellent robot designs when they were junk modelling for the launch of our STEM project. The children were really creative in what they produced!



YEAR 5

Year 5 went on a litter pick in the local community as part of our mini police unit. They collected 6 bags of rubbish!



YEAR 6

Year 6 produced some excellent robot designs when they were junk modelling for the launch of our STEM project. The children were really creative!



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	20.2.24	26.2.24
	Hope	Fortitude
Early Years	Chloe	Rune
Y1 & Y2	Poppy	Arlo
Y3	Izzy	Callum
Y4	Kamran	Teddy
Y5	Kody	Elsa
Y6	Archie	Gracie

STAR OF THE WEEK

	20.2.24	26.2.24
Early Years	Hughie	Lumen
Y1 & 2	Isla-Rose	Ellie
Y3	Di-anne	Fitzgerald
Y4	Olivia	Jasmine
Y5	Theo F	Zach
Y6	Marnie	Celia



20th February - 1st March	
Reception	95.35%
Year 1/2	98.08%
Year 3	90.20%
Year 4	97.89%
Year 5	95.93%
Year 6	89.42%

Well done once again to Mars !

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

Illness

Just a reminder that if your child is not going to be in school due to illness, please contact the school by 9.30am by leaving a message on the absence line or emailing the school office.

Please provide a specific reason for absence and ensure that you call the school every day that your child will not be attending.

If we do not have contact from you, the office will call all other phone numbers and a member of staff may visit your home. The absence will be unauthorised.

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

		6th May	May Day bank holiday
5th March	3.30-6.30pm OLSP parents evenings - all classes	7th May	10am Mass for Pentecost in School
6th March	World Book Day (children to dress as a page , or a character from their favourite type of book) 3.30-6.30pm Parent consultation evenings Y1, 2 and 6	9th May	Year 3 attending Mass at Shaldon Church
7th March	Year 4 attending Mass at Shaldon Church World Book Day theme dinner menu (change to usual menu) 3.30 - 6.30pm Parent consultation evenings: Early years, Year 3, 4 and 5	WB 13th May	SATS week for Year 6
8th March	9:45am - 11:15am Year 4 - Football Festival	27th May	Half Term Holiday
15th March	10am Mass for St Patrick in School 5pm - 7.15pm Friends St Patrick's Day Party	3rd June	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)
17th March	St Patrick's Day	4th July	Year 1/2 attending Mass at Shaldon Church
26th March	4:30pm Year 5/6 Dawlish Water Rotary Club Primary Schools Quiz Challenge	5th July	2pm - 3pm Whole School Music Celebration (more info to follow nearer the date)
28th March	Last day of Spring Term Friends Easter Non-Uniform and Easter Bonnet Competition Fire safety talks for Years 1/2 and 5	19th July	3.30pm - 8.30pm School Barbecue
15th April	Summer Term Starts	24th July	9am End of Year Mass
15th - 19th April	Y6 Residential	25th July	Last day of Summer Term
23rd April	St George's Day		

A vibrant green and orange poster for a Saint Patrick's Day party. At the top, a leprechaun with a red beard and a green top hat is surrounded by a banner with white shamrocks on a green and orange background. The main text is in a playful, green, hand-drawn font. The poster is decorated with illustrations of shamrocks, two glasses of beer, and two green top hats. The background is a bright orange color with green streamers and small party hats scattered around.

COME AND JOIN US FOR A
FUN AND SPECTACULAR

Saint patrick's Day party

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH
IN THE SCHOOL HALL.
KS1 5-6PM
KS2 6:15-715PM

TICKETS £2.50 EACH TO INCLUDE ENTRY,
FACE PAINT AND UNLIMITED SQUASH
VIA OUR PTA EVENTS WEBSITE.
SWEETS, DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.

A light blue poster for an Easter Bonnet Competition. At the top, a banner with colorful triangles (green, yellow, orange, pink) features icons of Easter eggs, flowers, and hearts. The title is in a large, purple, cursive font. The text is in a clean, black, sans-serif font. The background is decorated with illustrations of two white rabbits with pink ears, two bees with black and yellow stripes, and several colorful Easter eggs (purple, pink, blue, yellow) with various patterns like polka dots and stripes, all set against a background of green grass.

THE FRIENDS OF OLSP

Easter Bonnet Competition

On Friday 28th March we are inviting all the children to come into school in non uniform for a suggested donation of £1.

We would also like the children to each create an Easter Bonnet to wear. These will be sent home next week with all the information.

There will be a competition for the best Bonnet from each class. 🏆

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofolsp/>

"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



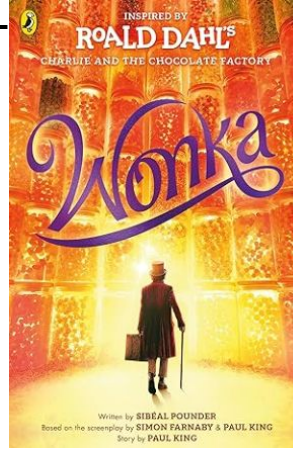
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ON THEIR NEW ONLINE ADVENTURE

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

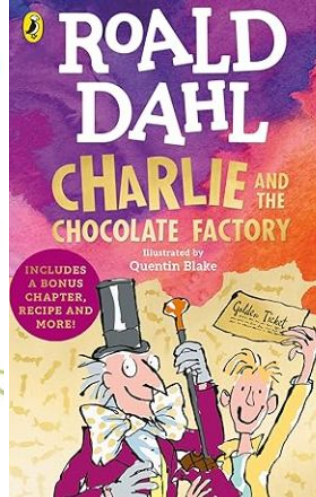


Wonka by Sibeal Pounder

Before Charlie, before the Chocolate Factory, comes a story of invention and imagination . . .

Ever since he was a child, Willy Wonka had dreamed of making chocolate and sharing it with the world. As a young man, he arrives at the world-famous Galleries Gourmet, determined to change the world one delectable bite at a time. But hounded by a trio of jealous chocolatiers, and tricked into a lifetime of washhouse drudgery, Wonka will need a little luck and a whole lot of magic – along with some help from a few friends – to fulfil his destiny. Because if you're lucky enough to meet Willy Wonka, anything is possible.

This delicious tale of dreams, friendship and chocolate is based on the major motion picture, *Wonka*.



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

"Greetings to you, the lucky finder of this Gold Ticket from Mr Willy Wonka! Tremendous things are in store for you!". Charlie Bucket's life is about to change forever, thanks to one miraculous moment! Willy Wonka, chocolate maker extraordinaire, has hidden five golden tickets in five ordinary bars of chocolate, and any child who finds one will get the chance to visit his incredible factory. And Charlie has found one . . .

But so have . . . Augustus Gloop - a glutton for chocolate, Veruca Salt - a spoiled and selfish brat, Violet Beauregarde - a repulsive gum-chewer and Mike Teavee - a television fiend. With a chocolate river, delectable confectionery and mysterious Oompa Loompas, Mr Wonka's factory is the most wondrous place Charlie has ever seen.



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Venue: Our Lady and St Patricks Primary School

Dates: 2nd April - 12th April

Times: 09:00AM - 15:30PM

Price: £20.02

Ages: 5 - 12 year olds

Additional Info:

Please visit our website to book your child's place www.premier-education.com/parent-search Our lady and St Patricks

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Our Activity Professionals have been undergoing additional training in order to provide the best care to the children under their supervision, specifically the Transcend Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

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Family Events Spring 2024



Peppa Pig Cinema Party!



Come on everybody it's time for Peppa's Cinema Party! This year Peppa Pig celebrates her 20th anniversary and to mark it- the **MOST EPIC PARTY EVER.**

Friday 16th February 11.00am & 2.00pm
£7.00 Adult, £5.00 child

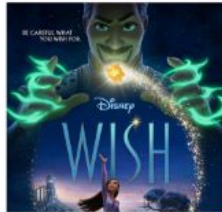
Craft Workshops



Make your own model of the Owl and the Pussycat in their iconic Pea-Green boat. Or make a mask of your favourite woodland animal.

Monday 12th February &
Monday 8th April.
10.30am-12.30pm
£15.00 per child
see website for further details

Disney's Wish



Young Asha makes a wish so powerful that it's answered by a cosmic force, a little ball of boundless energy called Star

Monday 12th February
11.00am & 2.00pm
Adults: £7.00 Children: £5.00

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Family Theatre Spring 2024



Sam O'Shanty



A nautically comic show for all the family, crammed with Fact - Farce & Fantasy, in which storytelling, Puppetry & the singing of shanties will entertain, enthral & delight..... **HUZZAR!**

Saturday 2nd March, 2.00pm
£8.00 Adult, £10.00 child

The Witch & The Egg



Witch does what witches do best... fly around scaring people and eating biscuits. The last thing she wants in her life is an **EGG!**

Should she have it for breakfast or hatch it? This show is an adaptation of the book 'The Witch's Egg' by Madeleine Edmondson.

Wednesday 14th February, 2.00pm
£8.00 Adult, £10.00 child

Laura Wall's Goose



This forty five minute interactive production brings Teignmouth's very own Laura Wall's laugh out loud illustrations and loveable characters to life. 'Goose' is an instant favourite with young and old.

Saturday 30th March 1.00pm & 3.00pm
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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.

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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 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.