

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 nearing the end of our first half term, and what a busy time we have had!

Please remember that for KS2 (Years 3-4), it is winter uniform after half term which means shirt and ties for all.

We had great fun at our poetry slam on Wednesday, with class, group, individual child and adult performances. Thank you to the parents who joined us. The children unanimously said they can't wait for another one.

The end of this term involves some sad goodbyes for three of our well loved teaching assistants. When we return after half term, we will no longer have Mrs West, Mrs Gibson and Miss Miles as they are moving on to different opportunities. We wish them well on their journeys and know they keep OLSP in their hearts. This does mean that we have vacancies for the roles. Do contact the school office if you would like more information.

Finally, the changing wet to warm weather has meant the wildlife in and around the school has blossomed. However this is not helping to keep the well maintained grounds we hope for. If you have an hour or so spare on Sunday 22nd October, please do join our Friends who are yet again giving up some precious time to carry out a Ground Force Day.

Have a lovely weekend and God bless to you all.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford
Executive Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

First Holy Communion

Just a reminder, if your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to prepare for their first reconciliation and holy communion, you can now enrol them. Please collect a form from Our Lady and St Patrick's Church. The first meeting is at Church on 7th November at 6pm.



Faith Filled Fridays

Our Chaplains have been busy promoting Faith Filled Fridays! Spreading rays of sunshine, love and kindness every Friday lunch time from 12.30 - 1pm in the School Library. All children in Year 2 and above are welcome to join them so please ask your child to come along for fun activities with the Chaplains!



"Multiplying hope" in Our Schools and World with CAFOD

In Pope Francis' message to charities, and NGOs and their volunteers, he said:

"The world needs volunteers and organisations committed to seeking the common good... being a volunteer who helps others is a choice that makes us free, it opens us to other people's needs, to the demands of justice, the defence of the poor and to the care of creation. It means being artisans of mercy. By working together, [NGOs and their volunteers] do their best to make the miracle of the multiplication of hope a reality. We have a great need to multiply hope!"

CAFOD is the Church's very special humanitarian and development charity and our support for it not only helps to transform communities around the world but helps transform our own community too.

CAFOD is currently looking to recruit **School Volunteers** for the Torbay Deanery area to accompany our children in our wonderful Catholic Schools on a voyage of transformation using CAFOD's award winning resources, assemblies and workshops.

A background in education is not necessary, but we hope to recruit people from all ages and backgrounds who have a passion for a fairer world and a deep desire to multiply hope in our work and our community here! Full support, resources and regular training are provided.

With a small amount of action together we can contribute to making a huge difference to our sisters and brothers around the world.

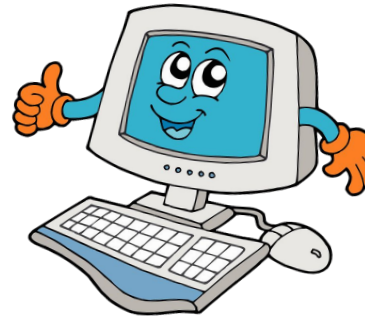
For more information, please contact Simon on tel: 01752 268768 or email: plymouth@cafod.org.uk

AUTUMN 2 TERM CLUBS:



After the half term holiday, the following clubs will be running.

- Multi - Sports Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (Year 1 / 2 only)
- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4pm
- Lego Club Fridays 3:15 - 4:15pm (Year 1 and up. Places will be limited and offered on a first come, first served basis)
- Archery 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 Roman Catholic Primary School Afterschool Club

Friday's: Archery

Cost: £0

Time: 15:15 - 16:30 Age: from 5 - 11 year olds

Dates: Friday 3rd November - Friday 15th December

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

YR 5/6 MULTI - SPORTS CLUB

The year 5 and 6's have been playing lots of different invasion sports over the last 2 weeks. We had a little game of benchball the other night which was brilliant. It was lovely to see them utilise their netball skills to attack and defend.

If you are year 5 or 6, feel free to come along on a Wednesday night 3:15-4:15pm.



EARLY YEARS



In Science EYFS have been learning about healthy choices. We discussed how good exercise is for us. The children were then challenged to create a fitness circuit.



YEAR 1 & 2

The children in Mars Class thoroughly enjoyed their Art day last week. They were working with clay. To begin, they learnt how to manipulate the clay using their hands. They then made coils to create the first letter of their name. Next, they used different classroom resources to make imprints by pushing items into the clay. To finish, they used all of their new skills to create their own leaf by imprinting a real leaf. We had so much fun!



YEAR 3

Year 3 have been loving our history topic. This week we junk modeled some roundhouses and made our own OLSP hill fort on the top of our field.



YEAR 4

In Class 4, the children were incredibly excited to find out the results from the egg experiment. The children were predicting about what would happen to the egg shell with being in a jar with different liquids for a whole week.

Pupils were able to correctly predict about what would happen with the water and milk. However, the orange juice and vinegar caused a lot of damage and surprise.

This was a great reminder to the children that if we are drinking these drinks, we need to be sure that we are brushing our teeth regularly!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been learning the poem SICK by Shel Silverstein. They performed brilliantly on the day with some notable students excelling. Well done to all but especially Paris, Theo F, Kody and Billie Jo..

Well done year 5.



YEAR 6

Year 6 really enjoyed designing and crafting their own clay pot inspired by greek pottery. The children have used the traditional shape but engraved modern day themes.



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	2.10.23	9.10.23
	Justice	Compassion
Early Years	Ellis	Ivy
Y1 & 2	Noah	Issac
Y3	Eliza	Estrella
Y4	Jayden	Grace
Y5	Archie A	Harrison
Y6	Marnie	Lucas



STAR OF THE WEEK

	2.10.23	9.10.23
Early Years	Chloe	Polly
Y1 & 2	Eleanor	Robert
Y3	Jay	Izzy
Y4	Stephanie	Marylou
Y5	Elsa C	Zach
Y6	Kamila	Willow



A Message from Steph, our Attendance and Welfare Officer

School refusal

If your child has school anxiety or is refusing to go to school, it can be a worrying time for you as a parent. It's likely you will want to get them back to school as soon as possible and get back to your normal routine. The most important thing is to make sure your child feels supported so that you can build on a plan to get back to school.

It is important that you let the school know what is happening so that we can support you and your child.

If you think your child is feeling anxious about coming into school or has been refusing to come in you can speak to our Attendance Officer, Family Support Worker or class teacher.

There are also some great resources online to help you to discuss any issues with your child.

2nd October - 13th October	
Reception	97.41%
Year 1/2	97.17%
Year 3	96.94%
Year 4	97.82%
Year 5	95.88%
Year 6	94.00%

Well done to Year 4 once again!

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	58 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!	

DYSLEXIA

The 2nd to the 8th of October was Dyslexia Awareness Week.

Ten percent of the population are believed to be dyslexic, but it is still often poorly understood. With the right support, the strengths and talents of dyslexic people can really shine.

Dyslexia is a specific learning difficulty which primarily affects reading and writing skills. However, it does not only affect these skills. Dyslexia is actually about information processing. Dyslexic people may have difficulty processing and remembering information they see and hear, which can affect learning and the acquisition of literacy skills. Dyslexia can also impact on other areas such as organisational skills.

It is important to remember that there are positives to thinking differently. Many dyslexic people show strengths in areas such as reasoning and in visual and creative fields



If you would like to discuss your child's SEN needs please ask to speak to Mrs O'Sullivan via the school office.

Dyslexia can be diagnosed by an Educational Psychologist, we have screeners in school that give an indication of dyslexia but we cannot diagnose.

Diary Dates



18th October	1pm - 2pm South West Water visit for Class 6 - linked to climate change	10th December	Second Sunday of Advent
19th October	3:30pm – 4:30pm Friends' Colour Run 3pm - 3.15pm Mars Class Art Gallery (Parent's invited to view childrens' art)	12th December	2pm EY & KS1 Nativity (Information will be sent home nearer the time)
20th October	DSSP PE Impact Day 1 (more information to follow)	15th December	Last day of Autumn Term
22nd October	Ground Force Day at OLSP School	17th December	Third Sunday of Advent
23rd October	Half Term Holiday	3rd January 2024	Spring Term Starts
30th October	INSET Day (Non-pupil)	18th January 2024	Year 6 KS2 Explore the Orchestra Concert - Exeter 2024
1st November	All Saints Day	12th February 2024	Half Term Holiday
5th November	Bonfire Night	19th February 2024	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)
6th November	Uk Parliament week	28th March 2024	Last day of Spring Term
10th November	3pm - 4pm EYFS Bake Sale	15th April 2024	Summer Term Starts
11th November	Remembrance	29th April to 3rd May 2024	Y6 Residential
13th November	Anti-bullying week	6th May 2024	May Day bank holiday
19th November	Road Safety Week	WB 13th May	SATS week for Year 6
20th November	European week for waste reduction World children's day	27th May 2024	Half Term Holiday
26th November	Feast of Christ the King	3rd June 2024	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)
30th November	St Andrew's Day	5th July 2024	2pm - 3pm Whole School Music Celebration (more info to follow nearer the date)
3rd December	First Sunday of Advent	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

JOIN US FOR A

BABY AND TODDLER STAY AND PLAY

8:45-9:45am

School Hall

9th Oct, 13th Nov, 11th Dec, 8th Jan.

Sit and have a nice warm drink and
catch up with other
parents.

Children's Autumn Event

Friday 27th Oct -2-5pm

@theCastle

Homeyards Botanical
Gardens

TQ14 0BH

Art Storm Craft Tables.

The Barn Owl Trust.

Teignbridge Ranger. Making from Nature.

The Hope Coffee Van (cash/card)

Scavenger Hunt Plant Bulbs.

Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon
£10/12/2020

See our Facebook page for further details
Free entry and activities.

All proceeds will be used to support the garden.

www.homeyardsgardens.org.uk

A Message from Devon School Admissions for Parents and Carers of Year 6 Children

The deadline for making applications to secondary school is approaching. Here is the link to the online application page www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. The easiest way for families to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. If families don't wish to or can't apply online, they can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2023.

A lot of secondary schools in Devon are under pressure with space due to local growth, so it is essential that we get as many applicants applying on-time as possible. Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is vital parents make an on time application to give themselves the best chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools.

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)**



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

"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

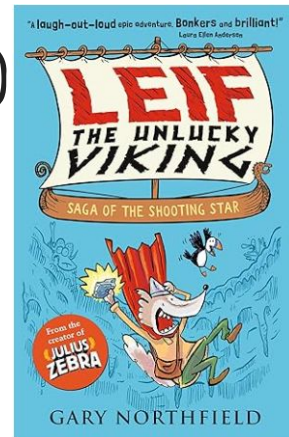
THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

Leif The Unlucky Viking: Saga of the Shooting Star
By Gary Northfield

Both recommended titles are in our School Library Now!

A hilarious new illustrated chapter book series featuring the hapless adventures of Leif the Unlucky Viking wolf pup, from the creator of the hugely popular Julius Zebra books!

Leif is *not* unlucky. Yes, he does split his trousers at least once a week. And yes, he's always tripping up and falling down a hole. But he's determined to become a true Viking hero, just like his dad. Can he unravel the riddles of a witch to find a magical shard of rock that has fallen from a shooting star and wield its mystical powers? He will have to journey deep into the heart of polar bear country, outwitting all kinds of mythological creatures along the way. Thankfully, he has Olaf, the annoying duck, Toki, the nincompoop Puffin, and Flora, the incredibly smelly Muskoxx, for company. He's going to need all the luck he can get!



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6th December



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Monday 23rd October at 11am
Teignmouth Library

Join author Anne Parsons as she reads from her latest book *Archie, Go!* followed by themed crafts. This is the third and final instalment in the Archie series



Anne will also be selling signed copies of her book if you would like to take one home!

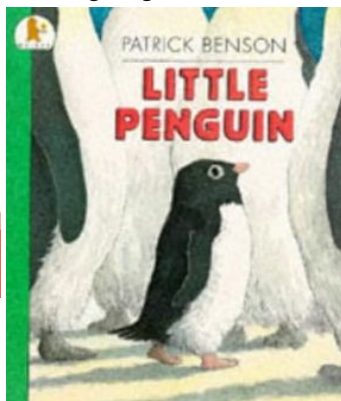
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Little Penguin by Patrick Benson

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Age group 3 plus.



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.